

# NARFE CHAPTER 1192 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

## May 7, 2019

President Lorie Bennett called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m., Zintel Creek Golf Club, Kennewick, Wash., and then led the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present: Lorie; Mary Binder; Liz Bowers; Johanna Caylor; John Cavanaugh; Nancy Crosby; Bob Stewart; Pat Turner; Faye Vlieger; Darleen Wall; Larry Williams.

### **President: Lorie Bennett**

- Board position descriptions – Mary recapped the discussion at the April board meeting. She said she still needs some input from several board members.
- Speaker requests –
  - United Way – Pat reported that she received an email from Brian Stickney, a United Way board member (and DOE employee). He saw Pat's name on the chapter's website and noted there were chapter meeting program vacancies for both September and October. He offered to have Dr. LoAnn Ayers, local United Way president, speak at one of the meetings about what nonprofits are doing in our community. The board concurred having her for October but requested that Pat emphasize that the focus be on what nonprofits are doing in our community vs. soliciting for United Way donations. Pat will follow up.
  - Blue Cross/Blue Shield – Johanna reported that she received an email from Mary Lynn Schmid, account executive, BCBS Federal Employee Program, offering to speak at a chapter meeting about BCBS and some of its specific programs. The board discussed the offer and concluded it does not fit within established program practices, that is, having speakers who would be focusing on basically soliciting for the business/service they represent. Johanna will close the loop with Mary Lynn.
- Chapter Bylaws – NARFE has released new bylaws guidance and a suggested template. Mary is reviewing the chapter's bylaws for compliance.
- Lorie said she will not be at the June meeting; 1<sup>st</sup> VP Pat will conduct the meeting.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Pat Turner** – no report.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: John Cavanaugh**

- Service Officer – John had no report.
- Service Office – Nancy said she still has not been able to get the voice message system to work on the phone. Also, there has been no word on vacating the office. There was a brief discussion about some of the material/items in the office. Johanna asked about the overhead projector. She said she thought it was something purchased when Carl Gallion was active in the chapter. With current technology it is not being used.

**Director at Large: Nancy Crosby** – Nancy said there is a new executive chef at the Red Lion. This could give us some different menu options for the coming year.

**Director at Large: Bob Stewart** – Nothing to report.

### **Secretary/Sunshine: Mary Binder for Faye Vlieger**

- Sunshine – Faye had an updated "sunshine" report that covered through April.
- Next chapter board meeting – Thursday, August 15, 1 PM, Zintel Creek Golf Club. **[Note: time and location confirmed after the board meeting.]**

### **Treasurer: Liz Bowers**

- Liz reported that she paid the chapter's annual liability insurance policy bill.
- Liz suggested reducing the signatures on the Gesa account to only 2 vs. 4. Also, she expressed concern regarding protecting the chapter's account when it is also used for other purposes, e.g., for depositing funds from the regional training conference.

### **Public Relations/Newsletter: Mary Binder**

- June/July/August newsletter –
  - Articles are due to Mary by Friday, May 10.
  - Resending returned newsletters – Mary said Johanna had asked that the board discuss resending returned newsletters. When she was the editor, she said she did not resend them, just noted changes of address for the next issue. Mary said she has opted to resend them when she can to help keep members informed. Typically, between 3 and 5 are returned each issue. The board concurred with Mary's suggestion to let the editor make the decision on resending newsletters.
- Senior Pages ad bill update – Mary reported she received a text message April 22 from the publication's publisher, Robert Kannberg. The ad/our account has been on auto renewal, so Mary was not contacted regarding continuing the ad and/or approving the contents. Per Mr. Kannberg's text, they would write off the \$300 cost and we would not receive any further bills. Mary reconfirmed this information in a reply text to Mr. Kannberg on April 25.
- June 13, Senior Life Show, Three Rivers Convention Center – Mary reported that she has submitted the registration application and has received an acknowledgement. She needs volunteers to help staff the chapter's NARFE table.

### **WSF: Nancy Crosby; Mary Binder; Lorie Bennett**

- **WSF President Nancy:**
  - Nancy said she will be having hip replacement surgery June 10.
  - Region IX Training Conference, May 17-18, Three Rivers Convention Center. Nancy provided a general update. Currently, about 70 members from across the region are registered. She is doing follow ups with vendors.
  - Federation Presidents' Meeting/NARFE Annual Meeting, July 7-10, Westin Kierland Resort & Spa, Scottsdale, Ariz. Mary, as WSF vice president, is planning to attend the meeting for Nancy as she'll be recovering from hip surgery.
  - WSF 2020 Conference, May 19-21, Embassy Suites by Hilton Seattle North, Lynnwood. There will be officer nominations/elections for 2020-2022 prior to the conference. At the conference, there will be elections for district vice presidents. Nancy said District III VP Sam Sevier is resigning. [Note: Nancy subsequently learned Sam will remain in his position until the May 2020 WSF conference.]
- **WSF VP Mary:** No report.
- **District V VP Mary:** No report.
- **WSF Alzheimer's Chairman Lorie:** Lorie reported that as of June 1 there will be a new executive director for the Alzheimer's Association's Washington State chapter, Jim Wilgus. He will replace Bob Le Roy.

### **Committees**

#### **Legislative: Mary Binder**

- Mary said she received a call from a Congressman Newhouse staffer requesting support for the Library of Congress's Veterans History Project. The staffer was looking for volunteers to interview veterans. The training for the volunteers was scheduled for Saturday, May 18 – a

conflict with our Region IX Training Conference. Mary said she had several questions for the individual that he could not answer, e.g., would there be another day for training; when would the interviews need to take place, etc. He said he would get back to Mary.

- **NARFE Congressional Directory, 116<sup>th</sup> Congress, 2019-2020.** Mary has received the copy and shared it with board members. She submitted the \$20 reimbursement request, per previous board approval.

**NARFE-PAC: Bob Stewart** – Bob said he collected \$39 at the May meeting, bringing the year-to-date meeting collection total to \$284.

**Alzheimer's: Larry Williams** – Larry recapped the information he had provided at the May chapter meeting regarding this year's local Walk to End Alzheimer's, Sunday, October 13, Kennewick. He'll provide more information at future chapter meetings and in the newsletters.

**Webmaster: Larry Williams** – no report.

**Membership: Johanna Caylor** – Distinguished members recognition:

- Since the discussion at the April board meeting, Johanna has continued to review options for recognition with a focus on keeping costs to a minimum.
- Distinguished members are those with 20/more years of NARFE chapter membership. Currently, about 60 chapter members are eligible. Johanna said that in 2014, 25 members in this category received certificates and pins. None have been recognized since then.

**Caller Coordinator: Darleen Wall** – The board discussed options for contacting former Walla Walla chapter members who are now Tri-Cities chapter members to help ensure they are getting information about our Tri-Cities chapter meetings and to see if there is interest in having an annual get-together of some type in the Walla Walla area. A suggestion was made to contact Tom Brown, the immediate past president of the Walla Walla chapter, and to have an article in the next chapter newsletter.

### **2019 PROJECTED MEETING PROGRAMS**

**06/05/19 Overview/update on the Washington State brewery industry from Aaron Burks, Atomic Ale Brewpub & Eatery, Richland** (*Tentative; POC: Liz Bowers; may need help w/AV set up*)

**09/04/19 Decluttering/downsizing** (*POC: Mary Binder*)

**10/02/19 United Way and what area nonprofits are doing** (*tentative; POC: Pat Turner*)

**11/06/19 Annual Chapter White Elephant Fundraiser for the NARFE Alzheimer's Research Fund – members bring items for the auction** (*confirmed; remind members to bring items, cash/checkbook; POC: Larry Williams*)

**12/04/19 Holiday Music Program**

### **2017 BRAINSTORMING SUGGESTED PROGRAMS** – from January 2017 chapter meeting (*Mary*)

**1<sup>st</sup> PNNL and Projects – update** (*last presentation, January 2013; contact Pam Larsen; POC: Mary*)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Hanford: Advisory board; Resource Center; EEOICP; Toxic Substances & Worker Health – update** (*last presentation, February 2011*)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Benton-Franklin Dal-a-Ride Service** (*new presentation*)

**4<sup>th</sup> Manhattan Project National Park – update** (*last presentation, May 2016, WSF convention*)

**5<sup>th</sup> Habitat for Humanity – update** (*last presentation date, unknown; Linda Bauer, point of contact*)

**5<sup>th</sup> TRIDEC** (*new presentation*)

**6<sup>th</sup> Audubon Society** (*new presentation*)

**6<sup>th</sup> CBC Observatory** (*new presentation*)

**6<sup>th</sup> Richland Citizens Police Academy** (*new presentation; Cerise Peck, 509.528.0245, point of contact*)

**6<sup>th</sup> Tri-City Union Gospel Mission** (*new presentation*)

- 6<sup>th</sup> **Uber Services** (*new presentation*)
- 6<sup>th</sup> **Veterans Coalition** (*new presentation*)
- 6<sup>th</sup> **VFW – Veterans’ Benefits** (*new presentation*)
- 7<sup>th</sup> **LIGO** (*new presentation; chapter made a site visit, October 2014*)
- 7<sup>th</sup> **The Reach** (*update; last presentation, January 2012*)
- 7<sup>th</sup> **Young Marine Program** (*new presentation*)
- 8<sup>th</sup> **Animal Rescue – program overview; where to make donations** (*new presentation*)
- 8<sup>th</sup> **CBC Planetarium**

**OTHER POSSIBLE FUTURE PROGRAMS** – new; brought forward

- Amazon call center, Kennewick – function of the center** (*POC: Larry Williams*)
- Aviation History in the Tri-Cities – presentation by Malin Bergstrom, president, Bergstrom Aircraft, Pasco** (*Note: Check if this can tie into Pasco Old Airport Tower restoration; POC: Mary Binder*)
- Pasco Old Airport Tower – restoration** (*POC: Mary Binder*)
- Franklin County Historical Society – newly remodeled museum** (*POC: Mary Binder*)
- Local/Regional Wine Industry/Wine Programs – WSU/Walla Walla programs; vineyard – how, what, why, where; winemakers – careers, background, successes, etc.; starting a winery** (*Liz Bowers suggestion*)
- Central Basin Audubon Society** (*POC: Steve Howes*)
- Service dogs – training and types of service** (*POC: Mary Binder*)
- WSU Extension Service/Master Gardeners – programs, training** (*POC: Larry Williams; still pursuing*)
- City of Kennewick’s “Bridge to Bridge” Redevelopment** (*POC: Larry Williams*)
- Drones – uses and challenges** (*POC: Larry Williams*)
- Port Directors** – update on port activities
- CBC’s Culinary Arts Program**
- Women Helping Women – a women/children-focused program**

**CHAPTER GROUP ACTIVITIES/SPECIAL PROGRAMS – PLANNED AND FUTURE IDEAS**

- Dust Devils – 2019** (*POC: Lorie Bennett*)
- White Bluffs/Ringold – history and current status** (*POC: Steve Howes; Lorie will talk with Steve*)
- Hanford Reach National Monument** (*POC: Steve Howes; Lorie will talk with Steve*)
- MCBONES Research Center Foundation, Coyote Canyon Mammoth Site** (*POC: Lorie Bennett; on hold*)
- Pacific Northwest Regional Observatory/CBC Planetarium** (*POCs: Mary Binder, Larry Williams*)  
*possibly in 2016; Larry said he has talked with POC Mike Brady regarding a tour*
- Lamb Weston – tour** (*re-contacted; awaiting a reply; POC Lorie*)
- WSU Wine Science Center** (*tour; possibly before or after the WSF May convention; POC: Mary Binder*)
- Registering Voters** (*Johanna suggestion; she updated the board on the feasibility of doing this as a way to provide NARFE/the chapter exposure; volunteers would be needed; she’ll continue to get more information, e.g., would this be feasible before the November elections*)
- Moore Mansion tour** – *Based on input from some chapter members after Brad Peck’s May presentation, Larry suggested a tour of the Moore Mansion with a chapter donation to the mansion’s restoration fund. Mary said she’d contact Brad to see if this would be possible.*
- McNary Wildlife Refuge Tour** – *POC Lorie Bennett*

**Adjourn:** 3:00 p.m.

**Prepared by:**

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