

NARFE CHAPTER 1192 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 22, 2025, 1:30 p.m., Virtual

Zoom: Nancy Crosby, Service Officer – Zoom invite sent Friday, September 19; not everyone received it. Resent Sunday, September 21. Nancy will review the issue.

Call Meeting to Order/Pledge of Allegiance: Mary Binder, President (Acting) 1:34 p.m.

Officer and Committee Reports

President (Acting): Mary

- General updates/comments/info:
 - Nancy and Johanna reported the wheelchair discussed at the September chapter meeting has been donated to a resident at Brookdale, Meadow Springs. Johanna to coordinate a photo op with the recipient for the chapter newsletter. Another donation option for future information is KC HELP (The Knights Community Hospital Equipment Lend Program, 509.212.0900, 324 W. Margaret Street, Pasco, 99301, email: info@KCHelp.com.)
 - Yakima area chapter member, Charles Rinker, sent Mary a check for his NARFE and chapter dues. Mary will give it to Johanna at the October 1 chapter meeting.
 - Jelly Bean order placed and received for both regular outreach events and Walks to End Alzheimer's. Mary will work with Treasurer Liz regarding reimbursement.
 - No additional comments on the September chapter meeting minutes. Mary will finalize.
 - A reminder – please respond to Mary when draft agendas and minutes are sent for review.
- Chapter officer elections/coordinator appointments:
 - Secretary position vacant – Mary talking with Debbie about reconsidering her recent resignation; briefly explained a misunderstanding and her apology to Debbie. Hoping to have a decision from Debbie before the October 1 chapter meeting.
 - Explained proposed option for covering chapter meeting minutes so Debbie would only have to do board meeting minutes; that is, have assigned volunteers to follow the agenda and add any pertinent notes, return to Mary and she will use the notes for compiling the minutes. Tested this at the September meeting with member Diane East. It was successful. Liz suggested allowing space on that agenda for note taking, and that taking notes is not gender specific!
 - Queried board members about their current positions; all willing to continue. Discussed options for Mary for January, February and March meetings when she is wintering south, e.g., Mary flying back/forth; using Zoom; Nancy/another volunteer to chair the meeting, etc.
 - Announce 2026/2027 slate, October chapter meeting; voting (or acclimation), November chapter meeting; installation of officers, December chapter meeting.
- WSF bylaws – approved; posted on the WSF website.
- Chapter bylaws revision – still a work in progress; incorporating recent changes.
- NARFE F-10, *Chapter and Federation Officers Manual* – updated, 05/25, but numerous issues; WSF Western Washington DVP Bea Bull and Mary reviewed and provided 12 pages of edits to Region IX VP Steve Roy for forwarding to NARFE Secretary/Treasurer Cindy Reneé Blythe.
- Orion Media Group LLC (*Senior Resource Guide*) – out of business; Mary working to confirm.

Vice President: Vacant – no report.

Treasurer: Liz Bowers

- Received CG's September meeting invoice but no summary statement. Nancy to pursue.
- NARFE Life Members
 - Effective October 1, NARFE will no longer bill life members for their chapter dues; chapters will need to do so and notify NARFE. Currently, this affects 17 chapter members.

- Board discussed options, including not charging these members for chapter dues, which some chapters are opting to do. Liz suggested having their chapter dues period be based on the calendar vs. fiscal year.
- Johanna will call the affected members.
- Mary to provide additional information based on WSF Western District VP Bea Bull's research. Updates at the November board meeting.

Secretary: *Vacant*

- Date for next (virtual) board meeting – Monday, November 10; 1:30 p.m.
- Reminder: notify Mary when out of town (OOT), off computer or phone, ill, etc.
 - Nancy, OOT, October 12-17; November 14-17.
 - Faye, OOT, October 2-18.

Hospitality Coordinator: *Nancy* – 2026 contract/menu meeting with Fran/CG Public House in October.

Service Officer: *Nancy* – FEHB and PSHB programs open season, November 10 thru December 8.

- Monday, October 20, 6:15 to 8 p.m., Richland Library, chapter-hosted health fair. Note: start time is 6:15 vs. 6:00 p.m. as in the September/October chapter newsletter; time adjusted after the newsletter was finalized to accommodate the healthcare providers.
- Wednesday, October 22, 8 to 10 a.m., Federal Building, Conference Room 152, health fair. Johanna asked if NARFE can have a table. Mary to provide Johanna information.
- Discussed inviting insurance representatives to attend November/December meetings; decision to be determined. Consensus received to pay for providers lunch if they attend.

[Note: Nancy subsequently invited providers to the November chapter meeting.]

Newsletter/Public Relations/Outreach: *Mary*

- November/December chapter newsletter – input due Monday, October 13.
- Outreach activities – provided for reference:
 - **September 13**, Walk to End Alzheimer's, McCosh Amphitheater, Moses Lake – no new members but good networking. Talked with 1 NARFE national-only member – retired USPS supervisor. Christy Price, final chapter president for closed Chapter 0856, helped Mary.
 - **September 18**, 30th Annual All Community Seniors Picnic, HAPO Center, Pasco – new layout was an improvement. Set up for 500 attendees. Good networking opportunity.
 - **September 27**, Walk to End Alzheimer's, Walla Walla Point Park, Wenatchee Valley; NARFE/chapter will have a table; trying to augment with local NARFE volunteers.
 - **[Rescheduled for October 18 due to poor air quality.]**
 - **October 4**, Walk to End Alzheimer's, Richland – see Alzheimer's Coordinator Larry's update.
 - **October 11**, Walk to End Alzheimer's, Franklin Park, Yakima; NARFE/chapter will have a table; trying to augment with local NARFE volunteers.
 - **October 14**, Senior Times Expo, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Southridge Sports & Events Complex, Kennewick; FREE; chapter will have a table; volunteers needed.
 - **October 18**, Stand Down & Veterans Benefits Fair, Sun Dome State Fair Park, Yakima, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; chapter is registered for a table; trying to augment with local volunteers.
 - **November 14**, Tri-Cities Veterans Resource Expo & Stand Down, Southridge Sports & Events Complex, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., FREE; verifying the chapter can participate.
 - **November 15**, Tri-Cities Wine Festival, Three Rivers Convention Center – discussed options for donations, e.g., using a QR code tied to a bank account. Larry, Liz and Faye to explore options. Faye to send information on "Zeffy." **[Note: Sent after the meeting.]**

- Tri-City Regional Chamber of Commerce – upcoming monthly luncheon meeting:
 - Tuesday, September 23, Noon to 1:30 p.m., Three Rivers Convention Center; Program: Athena Awards; Nancy planned to attend.
 - Wednesday, October 22, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Pasco Red Lion; Program: State of Healthcare.
 - Wednesday, November 19, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Pasco Red Lion; Program: State of the Cities.
 - Wednesday, December 17, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Pasco Red Lion: Program: TBD.

Legislative and NARFE-PAC: *Mary*

- National legislation – focus is on a possible government shutdown; NARFE preparing info.
- NARFE-PAC – 3rd quarter ends September 30; expect quarterly reports mid-October.
- State legislation:
 - Senior Citizens' Lobby – continuing to attend virtual meetings, the 3rd Mondays.
 - January 12, 2026 – 60-day (short) legislative session begins.

WSF Eastern Washington DVP: *Mary*

- WSF monthly Advisory Committee Meeting (Virtual), Tuesday, September 23, 10 a.m. to noon.
- WSF Annual Meeting, October 28, virtual, 10 a.m. to about noon – WSF updates and guest speakers, including from NARFE headquarters. Mary encouraged members to attend.

Alzheimer's Coordinator: *Larry Williams* – 3 upcoming events should raise donations:

- Walk to End Alzheimer's, Saturday, October 4, Richland – now 4 registrants.
- November 5 chapter meeting, "white elephant" fundraiser – same setup as last year; need 5-6 tables; Larry to ask his nephew, Laney Kruschke, to help.
- November 15, Tri-Cities Wine Festival – chapter to again staff the coat check.

Webmaster: *Larry* – let him know if something needs to be updated.

Membership Coordinator: *Johanna Caylor*

- General membership – brief discussion on how to contact recent retirees. It is challenging.
- Distinguished members – 1 in September; 2 in November.
- DVP Bea Bull sent an email about 2 lapsed members; Johanna said she would call them. Nancy offered to help.
- Reminder: NARFE Annual Fall Membership Drive, September 1 thru December 31.

Sunshine Coordinator: *Faye Vlieger*

- No updates since the September chapter meeting; keep her in the loop when cards are needed.
[Note: Sent updated Sunshine report, September 25, for October chapter meeting.]
- Nancy Schreckhise memorial – October 11; time/other details to follow.
- Larry said the memorial for Scotty Kruschke, his brother-in-law, is October 12; details to follow.
- OK with cards and stamps.

Caller Coordinator: *Darleen Wall*

- Callers – 3 new volunteers: Randy Grekowicz; Debbie Carlson; Gail Splett.
- Caller lists updated, sent out September 21; with more callers, each caller has fewer calls.

2025/2026 PROJECTED MEETING PROGRAMS

Reviewed list of programs, below.

10/01/25 Statewide Health Insurance Benefits Advisors (SHIBA) program overview
 (Confirmed; POC: Mary Binder; expect 2 for lunch; AV equipment needed.)

11/05/25 Annual Chapter White Elephant Fundraiser for the NARFE Alzheimer's Research Fund – members bring items for the auction (NO WEAPONS)

(Confirmed; remind members to bring items, cash/checkbook; POC: Larry Williams)

Discussed inviting healthcare providers and providing them lunch; TBD. [Note:

Subsequently, Nancy invited the providers to the November chapter meeting.]

Reminder: Nancy/Liz (14 Hands Unicorn)/Mary to provide Rosé-type bubbly; CG

will charge a corkage fee and will need to pour.

12/03/25 Holiday Music – Jeff Peterson w/his muted trumpet *(Confirmed; POC: Liz Bowers)*

01/07/26 *Nothing confirmed; Mary exploring options.*

02/04/26 CBC Planetarium/Observatory director, Prisco Blanco, to provide an update

(Confirmed; POC: Debbie Carlson)

03/04/26 State Legislative Update, Matt Murphy, government & regional affairs director, Tri-City Regional Chamber of Commerce

(Tentative, pending the legislature schedule; POC: Mary Binder)

04/01/26

05/06/26

06/03/26

09/02/26 *(Reminder: the Chapter's 55th anniversary.)*

10/07/26

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12/02/26 Holiday Music/Program

Open Discussion: Mary

- Larry provided an update on Windows 10 – Microsoft will continue to support for 1 additional year for \$30, but Turbo Tax will no longer be on Windows 10; another option is Intuit.
- Mary said Microsoft Publisher will be discontinued next fall. She has used it for years to prepare newsletters and other documents. Beginning to explore options.

Adjourn: 3:33 p.m.

SUGGESTIONS FOR PROGRAMS AND SOCIAL EVENTS

Briefly reviewed the below list. Liz said Monterosso's periodically has Sunday "food-related" classes; maybe CG Public House could do something similar. Nancy will query CG.

Group activities:

- ✓ Coyote Canyon Mammoth Dig Site tour – is this still an option?
- ✓ SIGN Fracture Care walking tour *(Ellen Le Vee suggestion)*
- ✓ Meals on Wheels facility tour and free meal *(Mary Binder)*
- ✓ 2026 Dust Devils game
- ✓ Gallery at the Park – Allied Arts
- ✓ 2026 Tri-Cities Annual Quilt Show
- ✓ Bowling
- ✓ Book Club (members only)
- ✓ River cruise lunch or dinner
- ✓ Ice Harbor Dam tour
- ✓ Wine tasting (local; area, e.g., Walla Walla)
- ~~✓ Horse ranch on Red Mountain (covered wagon holds 10 people/goes through vineyards (OOB))~~
- ✓ Meet at a winery
- ✓ Picnic in a park

Meeting Program Ideas:

- ✓ Make a Wish Foundation
- ✓ Requests for end of life for adults (Layna Kinsman)
- ✓ Nutritionist
- ✓ Planetarium (CBC) POC: Debbie Carlson; confirmed for February 2026 meeting.
- ✓ Field trips to special places (gardens; museum; etc.)