

NARFE Florida, Inc.

Minutes of 2011 Convention

TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2011

The 59th annual convention was called to order at 3:57 PM by President Kenneth A. Carter, who introduced Convention General Chair John Ventura. Mr. Ventura outlined the upcoming events. In addition, he requested everyone to fill out a handout **survey to help in planning next year's** convention. He announced the room change for the District 1 caucus to Salon B. Mr. Ventura turned over the podium to Parade of Banners Chair Richard Carroll. Mr. Carroll introduced The Posting of Colors by the Lake Brantley High School Air Force Color Guard followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Invocation by Chaplain Maude Henderson, who led in the singing of God Bless America.

Executive Vice President Robert Shaw introduced distinguished guests: Past National Treasurer Michael Hoyman, Past Regional Vice President Region III Robert Harrell, Regional Vice President Region III Donald Stewart, and Past Federation President David Whelan.

Secretary William Leatham called the roll of the Executive Board. All elected officers were present.

President Kenneth Carter **spoke about his commitment to the Federation's request for more training** and the success of the Recruitment and Retention training seminar held on Tuesday and attended by 73 people. He introduced Keynote Address speaker, Regional Vice President Region III Donald Stewart who presented the Charter for the Florida eChapter to Mr. Carter and Chapter 2364 President Marc Harris. The Charter signers were called up for presentation. Mr. Stewart then installed the officers and he spoke about the mission and the potential audience for the eChapter.

Mr. Stewart urged members to speak out about the contributions of the federal workforce and the need to aggressively lobby our Representatives and Senators. He stated that NARFE is attempting to move into 21st century which is evidenced by the "**Protecting America's Heartbeat**" campaign, GEMS email news subscriptions which are up 20%, and over 60,000 messages to Congress that were sent by members. He emphasized we have to fight for our benefits and urged everyone to get involved.

President Carter called up Chapter 2364 officers Marc Harris and Benjamin Pappa for an extensive Q&A session on the eChapter.

Convention adjourned at 5:20 PM.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 2011

The Convention was called to order at 8:35 AM by President Carter.

President Kenneth Carter gave his opening speech, highlighting savings from use of GoToMeeting for online meetings, the publication of an electronic newsletter, and by the redistricting to 8 districts from 11.

Credentials Chair Sylvia Ventura gave the Preliminary Report: Delegate Voting Strength 512, Proxy Voting Strength 77, Executive Board 17, Past Presidents 3, for a total of 609, and a total attendance of 191.

Standing Rules Committee Chair Reuben Plachy presented the proposed Standing Rules.

MOTION 001 to adopt as presented by Executive Vice President Robert Shaw, properly seconded. Motion passed.

MOTION 002 by Secretary Leatham, properly seconded, to approve the proposed convention agenda with the right to modify as needed. Motion passed.

2010 Convention Minutes Chair Jane Lemley explained the process by which her committee reviewed and approved the convention minutes. Secretary Leatham thanked her and her committee.

Regional Vice President Region III Donald Stewart spoke on the need for eChapters and clarified their intent; he referenced the blind mailings which resulted in phone calls to National asking whether there was an interactive website, etc., showing a need for eChapters. The new eChapter will eventually fold into Virginia. He emphasized we are not turning our backs on traditional chapters. The "**Protecting America's Heartbeat**" campaign is telling our stories.

Mr. Stewart indicated because of lack of funds at this time National had to postpone a \$171,500 expenditure to upgrade our computer systems.

Officers' Reports followed, starting with Executive Vice President Robert Shaw. Vice President Jane Lemley gave her report. She attended the Legislative Conference in Washington DC, and is point person for "**Protect America's Heartbeat**" campaign. She is reaching out to her Congressman, Dennis Ross, who is the Chair of the Oversight and Government Reform Committee. which directly impacts our benefits.

Convention recessed at 9:27 AM and resumed at 10:05 AM.

Secretary William Leatham reported on the work of the NARFE Information Technology Advisory Committee, to which he was appointed.

Treasurer Ruth Blackwell reported on finances and the 2011/12 budget.

Audit Chair Larry Saunders reported on the audits of both NARFE Florida, Inc. and the Alzheimer's Fund.

MOTION 003 by Dorothy Willis of Chapter 662, properly seconded, that the audit reports be approved. Motion passed.

General Resolutions Chair Patricia Shaw introduced her committee and presented a proposal to amend NG-001 to read:

"That NARFE membership continues to strongly oppose any increase in FEHBP premiums."

The convention recessed at 10:12 AM and resumed at 10:17 AM.

District Vice President Richard Carroll raised an inquiry as did District Vice President Sharon Bowman.

Onelia Caroballo, Chapter 109, spoke opposing the amendment.

President Carter called the vote and concluded that the show of hands was too close to call and asked for a Roll Call Vote.

While the Roll Call Vote on the amendment to NG-001 was being prepared, conducted, and tallied, Chair Shaw presented resolution NG-002 and recommended adoption.

Robert Angelotti of Chapter 776 and Lyse Grasso of Chapter 2234 Orange Blossom, spoke in favor. NG-002 passed.

Formal Resolutions Chair Jane Lemley presented a Formal Resolution honoring Past President James Glen Lambert, which was unanimously adopted.

Ballot and Tellers Chair Terrence Greenwood reported that the Amendment to NG-001 failed.

Chair Pat Shaw recommended adoption NG-001.

Both Marc Harris of Chapter 2364 and Dorothy Willis of Chapter 662 opposed the resolution.

NG-001 failed.

Regional Vice President Region III President Don Stewart spoke about the Regional Training Conference to be held 10/3-5/2011 in Albany GA. The room will cost \$78 per day including a hot breakfast, \$65 registration cost which includes Monday evening's sandwich buffet and the Tuesday lunch and banquet.

MOTION 004 by Kenneth Caudle, Chapter 390, properly seconded, that the convention revert to the Roll Call Vote procedure in Standing Rule 14.

Secretary Leatham spoke against it.

A Chapter 172 member raised a question then spoke for the motion.

Martha Reed of Chapter 1414 raised a Point of Information.

MOTION 004 passed.

The convention recessed at 11:31 AM and resumed at 1:03 PM.

Lenora Sicular conducted the Alzheimer's Drawing, which was won by Evelyn Carter.

Credential's Chair Sylvia Ventura gave the Interim Credentials Report: Executive Board 17, Past Presidents 3, Delegates 189, Alternates 2, Guests 8, Total Attendance 219.

CJ Reeves, acting for Chair Anita Pirslin, presented The Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws Committee Resolution FB-001. She proposed that it be broken into 7 separate amendments, and presented the first section:

Amendment A*: The committee recommends adoption.

Amendment A

Current;

(Art. of Inc.)

Section 3. The elected officers specified in ARTICLE III, Section 1, of the Florida Federation Bylaws, together with the Junior Living Past President of the Florida Federation, shall constitute the Executive Board of the Florida Federation.

Amend through the process of; strike out and insert

Section 3. The ~~elected~~ officers specified in ~~ARTICLE III, Section 1~~ *ARTICLE V, (a)*, of the Florida Federation Bylaws, ~~together with the Junior Living Past President of the Florida Federation~~, shall constitute the Executive Board of the ~~Florida~~ Federation.

Would Read;

Section 3. The officers specified in ARTICLE V,(a), of the Florida Federation Bylaws, shall constitute the Executive Board of the Florida Federation.

Steve Shoub, Chapter 717, the maker of the resolution, spoke for its adoption.

Amendment A passed unanimously.

CJ Reeves then presented Amendment B*. The committee recommends adoption.

Amendment B

(Art. of Inc.)

Current;

Section 4. In addition to being a member of the National Association and affiliated with one of the Member Chapters of the Florida Federation, each person elected or appointed to office in the Florida Federation shall possess the mental and physical abilities to perform the duties of the office held, indicate their willingness to devote sufficient time to fulfill these duties, and have the financial means to provide funds for transportation and travel expenses, subject to reimbursement upon submission of expense vouchers.

Amend through the process of; strike out and insert

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Would Read;

Section 4. Remove

William Leatham, Chapter 717, and NARFE Florida, Inc. Secretary, spoke about the need for this amendment urged by then National Secretary Brown.

Amendment B passed unanimously.

Ms. Reeves then presented Amendment C*. The committee recommends adoption.

Amendment C

(Art. of Inc.)
Current;

Section 5. The Junior Living Past President of the Florida Federation shall automatically become ex-officio member of the Florida Federation Executive Board and shall serve as a member thereof only as long as he or she holds the status of Junior Living Past President. All other Living Past Presidents of the Florida Federation shall be extended the privilege of the floor during meetings of the Florida Federation Executive Board, but shall have no voting rights. All meetings of the Florida Federation Executive Board shall be open to attendance by Association members who are in good standing in a Member Chapter of the Florida Federation.

Amend through the process of; strike out and insert

~~Section 5. The Junior Living Past President of the Florida Federation shall automatically become ex-officio member of the Florida Federation Executive Board and shall serve as a member thereof only as long as he or she holds the status of Junior Living Past President. All other Living Past Presidents of the Florida Federation shall be extended the privilege of the floor during meetings of the Florida Federation Executive Board, but shall have no voting rights. All meetings of the Florida Federation Executive Board shall be open to attendance by Association members who are in good standing in a Member Chapter of the Florida Federation.~~

Would Read;

General note: Most of this section is being moved to the Bylaws, through an amendment.

William Leatham, Chapter 717, and NARFE Florida, Inc. Secretary, discussed the recommendation of the National Parliamentarian that this section be moved to the By Laws.

Amendment C passed.

Ms. Reeves then presented Amendment D*: The committee recommends adoption.

Amendment D

Current;

(Art. of Inc.)

ARTICLE V., CONVENTIONS

Conventions of the Florida Federation shall be held annually, at such time and such place as shall have been fixed by a previous convention. The convention dates selected shall not conflict with any Religious and/or National Holidays. Should agreement on time and place not be reached at the annual convention, or if the circumstances require a change from the selection made by the annual convention, the selection of time and place shall be made by the Florida Federation Executive Board.

Convening of the convention shall be for the purpose of receiving annual reports of officers in their official capacities, committee reports and such other reports required by the Florida Federation Bylaws, transacting business of the Florida Federation; discussing chapter problems and other matters of interest to Federal employees, annuitants or potential annuitants of the civilian public service to provide and promote social, fraternal, educational and such other programs as deemed appropriate; and the election of officers for the ensuing Florida Federation year. Each Member Chapter shall be entitled to representation at the Convention by one or more delegates, on such basis as the Florida Federation Bylaws shall prescribe.

Amend through the process of; strike out and insert

Conventions of the ~~Florida~~ Federation shall be held ~~annually~~, at such time and such place as shall have been fixed by a previous convention. The convention dates selected shall not conflict with any Religious and/or National Holidays. Should agreement on time and place not be reached at the ~~annual~~ convention, or if the circumstances require change from the selection made by the ~~annual~~ convention *delegates*, the selection of time and place shall be made by the ~~Florida Federation~~ Executive Board.

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Would Read;

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Convening of the convention shall be for the purpose of receiving annual reports of officers in their official capacities, committee reports and such other reports required by the Federation Bylaws, transacting business of the Federation; discussing chapter problems and other matters of interest to Federal employees, annuitants or potential annuitants of the civilian public service to provide and promote social, fraternal, educational and such other programs as deemed appropriate; and the election of officers for the ensuing year. Each Member Chapter shall be entitled to representation at the Convention by one or more delegates, on such basis as the Federation Bylaws shall prescribe.

Rose Judge, President of Chapter 1984, raised a Point of Information.

Marc Harris, Chapter 95, suggested replacing "year" in the last paragraph with "period".

Jim Greene, Chapter 1002, made inquiries and suggested a clarification and use of the word "term".

Steve Shoub, Chapter 717, reminded that this amendment would change the Articles of Incorporation, not the By Laws. The convention will remain annual until the By Laws are changed.

Amendment D passed.

CJ Reeves presented Amendment E* and recommended non-adopt:

Amendment E

(Art. of Inc.)

Current;

ARTICLE VI., AMENDMENTS

Section 1. This Articles of Incorporation may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the delegates and/or proxies present and voting at any convention of the Florida Federation, provided a resolution proposing such amendment, or amendments, is in the hands of the Florida Federation Secretary no later than ninety (90) days prior to the next convention, for transmittal to each Member Chapter and the Florida Federation President not later than sixty (60) days prior to the first day of the next convention, and read to the Convention by a member of the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws Committee with their recommendations thereon.

Amend through the process of; strike out and insert

Section 1. ~~This~~ *The* Articles of Incorporation may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the delegates and/or proxies present and voting at any convention of the ~~Florida Federation~~ *NARFE Florida, Inc.*, provided a resolution proposing such amendment, or amendments, is in the hands of the ~~Florida~~ Federation Secretary no later than ninety (90) days prior to the next convention, *to allow* for transmittal to each Member Chapter and the ~~Florida~~ Federation President not later than sixty (60) days prior to the first day of the next convention, and read to the Convention by a member of the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws Committee with their recommendations thereon.

Would Read;

Section 1. The Articles of Incorporation may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the delegates and/or proxies present and voting at any convention of the NARFE Florida, Inc., provided a resolution proposing such amendment, or amendments, is in the hands of the Federation Secretary no later than ninety (90) days prior to the next convention, to allow for transmittal to each Member Chapter and the Federation President not later than sixty (60) days prior to the first day of the next convention, and read to the Convention by a member of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee with their recommendations thereon.

Steve Shoub, President Chapter 717, said there was some confusion about this amendment in the committee meeting but he now recommends that it be adopted.

Virginia Comella, Chapter 817, asked Steve Shoub for clarification.

Amendment E passed.

Ms. Reeves then presented Amendment F* and recommended that it be adopted:

Amendment F

(Bylaws.)
Current;

ARTICLE V.,
DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Florida Federation Executive Board shall:

(a) Consist of the Florida Federation President, Executive Vice President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, District Vice Presidents and Junior Living Past President;

Amend through the process of; strike out and insert

The Florida Federation Executive Board shall:

(a) Consist of the ~~Florida Federation~~ President, Executive Vice President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, District Vice Presidents and *Eligible Immediate* Past President;

Further Amend through the process of; Insert New Paragraph (l);

(l) Past Presidenst of the Federation shall be extended the privilege of the floor durin meetings of the Executive Board, but shall have no voting rights. All meetings of the Executive Board shall be open to attendance by Association members who are in good standing in a Member Chapter of the Federation.

Would Read;

(a) Consist of the President, Executive Vice President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, District Vice Presidents and Eligible Immediate Past President;

(l) Past Presidents of the Federation shall be extended the privilege of the floor during meetings of the Executive Board, but shall have no voting rights. All meetings of the Executive Board shall be open to attendance by Association members who are in good standing in a Member Chapter of the Federation.

Amendment F passed.

Amendment G* was then introduced by CJ Reeves who recommended that it be adopted:

Amendment G

(Art. of Inc. & Bylaws.)
Current;

(Art. of Inc)
ARTICLE V.,
DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Amend through the process of; strike out and insert;

Lines 32 & 33 Strike out “annual”

(Bylaws)
Amend through the process of; strike out and insert;

ELECTED OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES
ARTICLE III, Section 1

Line 3 Strike out “annual”

ARTICLE III, Section 2,(j)

Line 2 Strike out “annual”

ARTICLE III, Section 5, (j)

Line 1 Strike out “annual”

ARTICLE III, Section 6, (h)

Line 2 Strike out “annual”

(Bylaws)
Amend through the process of; strike out and insert;

DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD
ARTICLE V, Section (d),

Lines 25, 26 & 27 Strike out “annual”

(Bylaws)
Amend through the process of; strike out and insert;

CONVENTION COMMITTEES
ARTICLE VI, Section 3 (a),

Lines 3 Strike out “annual”

(Bylaws)
Amend through the process of; strike out and insert;

REVENUES
ARTICLE XII, Section 2,

Lines 48 Strike out “annual”

Amendment G passed.

* Out of date version of Articles of Incorporation & By Laws used which will require corrections.

President Carter then called on Secretary Leatham to report on nominations for President.

Secretary Leatham reported that there was one nomination for President, Kenneth Carter. Mr. Carter asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There were none.

President Carter then inquired as to nominations for Executive Vice President. Secretary Leatham reported that there were two: Kenneth J. Thomas and Robert Shaw.

Larry McManus, Chapter 39, inquired whether President Carter should be declared re-elected.

MOTION 005 by James Greene, properly seconded, that nominations for President be closed and President Carter be declared elected by acclamation. Passed.

President Carter made second and third calls for Executive Vice President nominations. There were none and he declared the nominations closed.

The Secretary then announced the nomination for Vice President, reporting that there was one, Jane C. Lemley.

The President called for nominations from the floor and John Ledman, Chapter 1137, nominated Richard Gerber and was seconded by Charles Shannon, Chapter 1137.

There being no others, nominations for Vice President were declared closed.

The Secretary reported a single nomination for Secretary, William H. Leatham. There were no nominations from the floor.

The Secretary reported one nomination for Treasurer, Ruth Blackwell. There were no nominations from the floor.

Robert Shaw gave his acceptance speech.

The nominating speech for Kenneth Thomas was given by Ed Fleck, President Chapter 1154, followed by Mr. Thomas' acceptance speech. A seconding speech was given by Beulah Greene, Chapter 1263.

Past President David Whelan, Chapter 1305, made the nominating speech for Robert Shaw followed by a seconding speech by Reuben Plachy, Chapter 2023.

Jane Lemley gave her acceptance speech.

Roland Moore, Chapter 553, and Patricia Staley, Chapter 1224, made respectively the nominating and seconding speeches for Ms. Lemley.

John Ledman, Chapter 1137, gave the nominating speech for Richard Gerber followed by the seconding speech by Charles Shannon, Chapter 1137.

Richard Gerber then spoke.

Convention Chair John Ventura reminded participants that District 1 will caucus in Salon B.

President Carter advised that voting would be in the Registration Room on Thursday morning and clarified who could vote.

James Greene inquired about retiring district banners.

Charles Shannon stated that we should pay homage to 90 year olds attending the convention.

The convention recessed at 2:44 PM. District caucuses followed.

THURSDAY, May 5, 2011

The convention was called to order at 9:31 AM .

There were brief comments by President Carter.

The election results were received from Ballots & Tellers Chair Terrence Greenwood and announced by the Secretary: President, Kenneth Carter (unopposed); Executive Vice President, Kenneth A. Thomas; Vice President, Jane Lemley; Secretary, William H. Leatham (unopposed); Treasurer, Ruth Blackwell (unopposed).

The District Vice President results were announced: District 1: Patricia Shaw (unopposed); District 2: Richard Carroll (unopposed); District 3: Larry Reeves (unopposed); District 4: No Candidate; District 5: Robert Lemley (unopposed); District 6: Bruce Roggenkamp (unopposed); District 7: Angel Almodovar (unopposed); District 8: Sylvia Ventura was elected.

President Carter asked for volunteers to be District 4 Vice President.

Mary Jo Hoyman, Chapter 1263, suggested that we seek volunteers at later time and continue with the agenda.

Rose Judge questioned Delegate Voting Strength totals.

Committee Reports followed:

Alzheimer's Chair: Leonora Sicular advised that she is stepping down as **Region III Alzheimer's Chair** and will remain as the NARFE **Florida Alzheimer's coordinator**. **She** conducted a \$99 drawing which was won by Lois Todd, Chapter 2194; then recognized Past President Benjamin Pappa and presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation for his fund raising efforts. Past President Benjamin Pappa then presented President Carter and Lenora Sicular with a check for \$4,683.62 representing the net Alzheimer's Cruise proceeds. Ms. Sicular presented awards to Margaret Pappa and Sylvia Ventura for their support.

Peggy Harrell, Region III Alzheimer's Chair, expressed her appreciation for Florida's efforts and spoke about the impact that **Alzheimer's** disease has on the nation and presented Lenora Sicular with a thank you gift from NARFE National Alzheimer's Committee for her service as Region III Alzheimer's Chair. Ms. Sicular introduced Alzheimer's Treasurer Patricia Staley, who reported that \$22,519 in Chapter donations were received last year.

Chapter Assistance Fund Chair David Whalen reported that over \$7,000 was distributed last year to 23 chapters who made over 35 requests. He indicated that this is a two-phase program; the application process is to fill out an on-line form and send it to him, and if he approves, it then goes to President Carter for final approval, then the Treasurer cuts the check.

Coalition Coordinator: Herbert Sicular gave his report.

FEEA Chair Evelyn Carter gave the history of FEEA and its accomplishments and conducted the FEEA Raffle drawing for \$200 won by Phila King, Chapter 1589.

The Legislative Officer report was given by Vice President Lemley who reported on her participation in the NARFE Legislative Conference earlier in the year. The NARFE Legislative Target Area program is District 12, FL, whose Congressman chairs a key committee. She is the point person for the M&R "Protect America's Heartbeat" effort in Florida.

Membership Recruitment Chair Edward Fleck reported on recruiting efforts, stated that recruiting is a contact sport, and that people give clout. Congress listens to money and votes. Keep a membership application handy. Recruit your letter carrier. Leave your NARFE magazine at your doctor's office. He asked members to support his successor.

Eddie Williams of Blue Cross/Blue Shield conducted drawings. Ed Marrero, Chapter 609, and Daphne Rentz, Chapter 917, won chairs.

The convention recessed at 10:42 AM and resumed at 11AM.

The Premier Financial Group drawing winner was Sam Brocato, Chapter 2273, who won a 12-megapixel camera and 15 TGIF gift certificates were presented to drawing winners.

The Good Samaritan Village drawing of an herb garden was awarded to Beverly Deneen, Chapter 1414.

John Ventura conducted the Costco drawing, with Sonia Santos the winner.

Jim Greene, representing Dues Withholding Chair Beulah Greene, reported on the Dues Withholding contest. There were 84 entries, 32 new members, 26 chapters participated. District 3 had 20 entries, District 11 had 17, District 8 had 15, and Chapter 2247 had the most entries. The \$200 drawing winner was Robert Paterson, of North Fort Myers; \$50 each was won by William R. Speth, Chapter 2156, and Lorraine Savage, Chapter 2247.

Membership Retention Co-Chair Robert Lemley reported that 73 people attended the Recruitment & Retention training session. He and Co-Chair Jim Greene are eager to help where needed.

Service Officer John Ledman reminded members that the Service Officer may be the only contact many members have had with NARFE. It is important that the Service Officer be trained and helpful. A third of our Chapters do NOT have service officers.

Public Relations Officer Chair Marc Harris gave his report. He actively supported Recruitment, ran an active Public Relations campaign, and some of his initiatives were adopted by National.

Zip Code Coordinator Chair Margaret Pappa reported that 1,480 zip codes are assigned, 2 more than last year. She confirmed 76 chapters with 16,092 members as of the 10/16/2010 report. She has copies of the Zip Code policy available for any chapter that wants one.

The convention recessed at 11:33 AM and resumed at 1:30 PM.

Credentials Chair Sylvia Ventura gave her final report: Voting Strength 594, Proxies 71, Executive Board 17, Past Presidents 3, for a total of 685 ; Attendance: Executive Board 17, Past Presidents 3, Delegates 195, Alternates 2, Guests 9, for a total attendance of 226.

Lenora Sicular selected another raffle winner, Robert Harrell.

Presentation of Hobby Show Awards by Chair Barry Haber: Peggy Carey won Best in Division for Art and Lois Walker won Best in Division for Craft. Mary Jo Hoyman won Best in Division for Needlework and Best in Show.

Executive Vice President Robert Shaw presented the Region III Award for Service to Ben Parzentny, Chapter 1305.

Federation Awards were presented by President Kenneth Carter; Special Achievement –Ruth Blackwell; Barry Haber – Dedicated Service to NARFE; Dedicated Team Effort-Angel Almodovar, Richard Carroll; Dedicated Team Effort & Service to NARFE-Sylvia Ventura; Dedicated Team Effort-Charles Shannon, Ken Thomas, Lynn Isaacs, Lucette Chizik, Robert Lemley; Dedicated Team Effort-Sharon Bowman, Anthony Torchia, Marc Harris; Special Achievement-Robert Shaw, Jane Lemley, William Leatham; Special Award for the Alzheimer's Cruise Fund Raiser-Phyllis Bernstein.

The Man of the Year Award went to John Ventura and the Woman of the Year was awarded to Jane Lemley.

Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to: Larry Saunders, John Ledman, Ron Cibolski (represented by Sylvia Ventura), Evelyn Carter, Maude Henderson, Dianna Finch, Margaret Pappa, Herbert Sicular, David Whelan, Patricia Staley.

Special Achievement Awards were presented to James & Beulah Greene, Edward & Mildred Fleck.

MOTION 006 by Robert Shaw, properly seconded, to adjourn. Passed.

The convention adjourned at 1:59 PM.

William H. Leatham
Secretary

Dianna F. Finch
Chair, Minutes Committee