



**Convention Minutes
NARFE Florida, Inc.
May 12 - 14, 2015**

Minutes of the 2015 NFI Convention consist of the 62nd Annual Convention program book and the following account of business conducted during the convention held at the Rosen Centre in Orlando, Florida. The 2015 NFI Convention Minutes Committee members are C.J. Reeves (Chapter 0095), Diana Leatham (Chapter 0717) and Chair Pamela Busch (Chapter 0172) who submit these minutes for approval by the NFI executive board.

Opening ceremonies were held on Tuesday, May 12 from 5:15 pm to 6:15 pm. In addition to NFI officers and convention delegates, the following distinguished guests were in attendance:

- NARFE National Secretary/Treasurer Jon W. Dowie (a member of the St. Augustine NARFE Chapter 0033) and his wife Donzleigh
- Region III Vice President Jerry Janci and his wife Margaret

On Wednesday May 13, President Lemley convened the convention at 9:00 am. Secretary Pamela Busch called the roll of the Executive Board.

President Jane C. Lemley
Executive Vice President Terry A. Zitek
Vice President William H. Leatham
Treasurer Patricia Staley
Secretary Pamela Busch
District 1 Vice President Robert Shaw
District 2 Vice President Richard A. Carroll
District 3 Vice President B. Virginia Comella
District 4 Vice President Eleanor Aungst
District 5 Vice President Roland Moore
District 6 Vice President Felicia Bradley
District 7 Vice President Donald Stewart
District 8 Vice President Ronald C. Cibolski

All executive board members were present. Also Parliamentarian Tim Wynn was present during the convention to provide guidance on business proceedings.

Keynote speech by NARFE National Secretary/Treasurer, NARFE Region III Vice President and reports of NFI Officers' reports presented during the convention are on file with the NFI Secretary.

Credentials Committee Chair Marjorie Pfremer gave the following preliminary report of voting strength and attendance and announced a quorum was present. This report was adopted as given.

Voting Strength

Executive Board Members - 13

Delegates - 303

Proxies - 65

Past Presidents - 1

Total Voting Strength - 382

Present at 2015 Convention

Executive Board Members - 13

Past Presidents - 1

Other Delegates - 104

Guests - 5

Total Attending 2015 Convention - 123

Rules Committee Chair Gwen Harvey reported the Standing Rules for the 2015 Convention were distributed to attendees and reviewed by delegates. The Standing Rules were adopted as distributed and the committee was excused.

The convention agenda on pages 17 – 24 of the convention program book was adopted as printed, subject to adjustments as needed.

Minutes of the NFI 2014 Convention on pages 73 – 105 of the convention program book were approved as printed. In accordance with Recommended Practices for Annual Conventions if there are no objections, the executive board will be authorized to approved the minutes of the 2015 convention and in future years. Jim Hardy (Chapter 0086) asked if a motion is required for this approval and when would the attendees be given an opportunity to correct the minutes. Parliamentarian Tim Wynn explained the approval process of unanimous consent versus calling for a motion with discussion and voting. If the executive board has the authority to approve convention minutes, the board will be able to conduct its business based on the actions of the convention as recorded in the convention minutes. Also attendees of the next convention will be given the opportunity to make corrections. Bette Cabot (Chapter 1557) asked how members would be able to review the convention minutes. Parliamentarian Wynn advised after the executive board approves the minutes, the President will forward the minutes to the chapters. He added anytime during the year members can request the President to make corrections to the minutes, the President taking the request to the board for correction. There being no objections, the executive board has been authorized to approve the minutes of conventions.

Secretary Busch reported that there were no communications or correspondence to present to convention attendees.

Time, Place and Site Committee Chair Bob Lemley reported on the committee's efforts to plan the next NFI convention to be held in 2017. Of the two proposals received, from Hilton of

Daytona Beach and Rosen Plaza of Orlando, the committee chose the Rosen Plaza as the best value. National Sales Manager Linda Wiman of Rosen Hotel and Resorts gave a description of amenities and services available at Rosen Plaza. The committee resolved: "That the Rosen Plaza shall be contracted to host the 2017 NARFE Florida, Inc. convention which shall be held on Wednesday, May 10, 2017 through Thursday, May 11, 2017 and located at 9700 International Drive, Orlando, Florida." There being no objections, the resolution was adopted and the committee was dismissed.

NFI Legislative Officer (National) Mark Silverstein referenced his annual report on page 56 – 57 in the convention program book. He reported there were nine NFI members who attended the NARFE Legislative Conference in March 2015. He asked Evelyn Seabrook's detailed report on the conference be posted on the NFI website.

Financial and audit reports are on pages 64 – 72 of the convention program book. There being no questions or objections, the financial and audit reports were adopted as printed.

General Resolution Committee Chair Trish Vevera reported the committee considered the resolution on pages 13 – 14 of the convention program book and moved that the one proposed convention resolution submitted by Chapter 0717, Englewood/Venice Chapter, be amended to read as follows.

"BE IT RESOLVED: That NARFE Florida, Inc. shall abstain from holding conventions in the years of 2018, 2020 and 2022." The committee moved remaining verbiage of the resolution submitted by Chapter 0717 be deleted. It was determined the verbiage to be deleted is explanatory and does not change the purpose of the resolution.

Robert Flynn (Chapter 0160) asked why the resolution was limited to years 2018, 2020 and 2022 for only three conventions rather than changing to "biennial convention." President Lemley said according to the NFI Bylaws, we can change it. But there would need to be a bylaw change to go to the biennial or every two years without having a resolution periodically. The proposed resolution gives NFI time to propose a change to the bylaws to make it every other year in the future.

Rita Smith (Chapter 0109) asked how the proposed resolution affects the elections of officers in the future. Parliamentarian Wynn said as the bylaws state now the officers are elected at the convention. And the convention must be held at least every other year. There is the option to have the convention every year or to hold a convention between those two years, whenever the assembly feels necessary. So whenever there is a convention, there is an election of officers and there is no set term of office. President Lemley added the bylaws also state the person elected president may only be elected twice (for a maximum of four years), and this term restriction does not apply to any other officer position.

There was no objection to consideration of the amended resolution and no objection to striking the language as moved by the General Resolutions Committee.

On debate of the amended resolution, Bette Cabot (Chapter 1557) asked why the proposed convention resolution states the estimated annual cost is none and if there is no cost savings, why consider the resolution. President Lemley stated in the past NFI has lost money on holding the convention. By having a convention every other year, NFI would have more resources available to offset any cost of conventions. Intent is for district meetings to be held where training and NARFE business and information are presented. Marilyn Hollowood (Chapter 1414) asked where the primary costs are coming from to hold conventions. President Lemley said the costs of audio visual services and meals (food and beverage) that are charged by the hotel under contract continue to be significant costs. On voice vote, the amended resolution was adopted and the committee was excused.

Formal Resolutions Committee Chair John Ledman presented two formal resolutions for two deceased NFI members who served as elected NFI officers, Ann S. Murray and Charles H. Shannon. See pages 15 – 16 of the convention program book. There being no objections, both formal resolutions were adopted.

President Lemley called for nominations for 2015 – 2016 Executive Officers of NFI. Secretary Busch presented the following nominations:

- Chapter 1224 nominated Jane Lemley for the office of President.
 - Chapter 0109 nominated Terry A. Zitek for the office of Executive Vice President.
 - Chapter 0717 nominated William H. Leatham for the office of Vice President.
 - Chapter 1224 nominated Patricia Staley for the office of Treasurer.
 - Chapter 0172 nominated Pamela Busch for the office of Secretary.
- No other nominations were received by Secretary Busch.

President Lemley stated that according to the NFI bylaws, nominations may only be made from the floor for an office for which the Secretary received no nomination from a member chapter. Therefore, nominations from the floor were not permitted. The bylaws provide that where there is only one candidate nominated, the President shall declare that candidate is elected. President Lemley declared each of the above nominees elected to the office for which they were nominated.

President Lemley announced the locations for district caucus meetings held later that day where DVPs reported to their district members and elections for the time frame 2015-2017 were held.

President Lemley placed the convention in recess at 11:30 am.

On Thursday, May 14, President Lemley reconvened the convention at 9:00 am.

Secretary Busch read the results of elections in the district caucuses:

District 1 - Robert Shaw unopposed
District 2 - Richard Carroll unopposed
District 3 - Bernice (Virginia) Comella unopposed
District 4 - Eleanor L. Aungst unopposed
District 5 - Roland Moore unopposed
District 6 - Felicia Bradley unopposed
District 7 - Donald Stewart elected
District 8 - David Ross elected

Secretary Busch cast a unanimous vote for DVPs who were unopposed.

Convention Credentials Committee Chair Marjorie Pfremmer gave the committee's final report of voting strength and delegate count:

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The final report of the credential's committee was adopted.

President Lemley presented the NFI Woman of the Year award was presented to Marjorie Pfremmer (Chapter 1224). The NFI Man of the Year award was presented to Kent Pfremmer (Chapter 1224).

No new business was presented. During the evening banquet, RVP III Janci swore in all NFI officers elected for the term from June 1, 2015 to May 30, 2017.

Following closing remarks given by President Lemley, Chaplain Boyer gave the benediction. There being no objections, President Lemley adjourned the convention at 11:45 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Busch
Chair, 2015 NFI Convention
Minutes Committee