

**NARFE TENNESSEE FEDERATION BOARD MEETING  
Lebanon, Tennessee**

**August 25-26, 2009**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Carey Frazier, President, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. on August 25, 2009, and led the Invocation, and Glenn Turner, NARFE PAC Chairman, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS BY SECRETARY**

Lynda LeMay, Federation Secretary, did a roll call. The following Executive Board Officers were present at roll call:

Carey Frazier, President  
Larry Cunningham, First Vice-President  
John Wells, Second Vice-President  
James L. Henderson, Third Vice-President  
Lynda LeMay, Secretary  
Marie Anglin, Treasurer  
James Glenn, Legislative Chairman  
J. C. Whitney, Membership Chairman  
Glenda Huff, Financial Secretary  
Glenn Turner, NARFE PAC Chairman  
Max Coats, Newsletter Editor  
Ronnie Collins, Network Coordinator/Webmaster

Paul Carew, Region X Vice-President

John T. Hicks, Immediate Past President, and Joan Gates, Alzheimer's Chair, were not present because of other obligations.

**WELCOMING REMARKS**

Carey Frazier, Federation President, welcomed everyone to the meeting, and a special welcome to new members - Larry Henderson, Third Vice-President; Jim Glenn, Legislative Chair; and Lynda LeMay, Secretary. He also welcomed Paul Carew, Region X Vice-President. He added that we have a good Board this year.

Carey Frazier said that membership has been and is NARFE's big push this year.

**MINUTES OF APRIL 20, 2009 BOARD MEETING**

Carey Frazier moved that the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting of April 20, 2009, be waived. All Board members received a copy of the final draft minutes via email, and they

were reviewed, revised, and approved electronically. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written by the Board members.

## **REGION X VICE-PRESIDENT PAUL CAREW**

Paul Carew, Region X Vice-President, provided a summary and discussed with the Board informal notes for the National Executive Board (NEB) Meeting July 20-23, 2009, as follows:

### National Executive Board Meeting July 20 – 23, 2009

#### Informal Notes

- 2009 mid-year budget review: no change in net assets as both total expenses and revenues increased by \$157,814. Revenues increased due to upturn in financial markets (\$75,000), advertising/book revenues (\$25,000), and royalties (\$2,000), amongst other increases. However, membership dues were reduced (\$9,970). Expenses increased (\$125,000) due to the 3.9 % staff cola approved by the NEB in November 2008, and expenses for the 2009 Legislative and President's Conferences. Total revenues and expenses were revised to \$10,949,716 for 2009.
- 2009 annual audit: Showed an investment recovery of approximately 10%. NARFE is better off than other similar organizations though we are far from a total recovery. Our cash on hand is healthy. The perception that NARFE is in bad shape financially is misleading, if not wrong.
- Teleconferencing of NEB meetings: Debated whether this should be done. It is an effective communications tool when properly prepared and utilized and is far more economical than a traditional face-to-face NEB meeting. A motion passed to set up a trial teleconferencing program (looking to utilization at the February 2010 NEB meeting at the earliest) and to investigate the feasibility, cost, etc., for videoconferencing. NEB meetings.
- Membership: NARFE closed out 2008 with 20,222 new members. This was the lowest number in the last eight years. We are doing better this year than last. As of July 1, 2009, we recruited 11,875 new members versus 10,437 at for the same period last year. Happily, as of July 1, 2009, we reinstated 5,600 members versus 3,900 last year. NARFE had an outstanding result from our lapsed member mailings with a 5.6 percent return. A further mailing was sent for an additional 3.4% return. A further lapsed member mailing is planned for September. The Spring 2009 OPM mailings of 44,600 provided 3,328 new members for a 7.5% return so far. The Fall OPM mailing anticipating 60,000 names will go out in mid-September. NARFE Lapsed Member Surveys were mailed out to 1,500 AFE's and 1,500 retirees in April, 2009, and 279 replies were received. The results are being tabulated with complete results to be released by early August.
- Referendum: There was considerable discussion concerning the referendum. There seems to be confusion concerning the referendum process itself, and most especially about the Special Voter's Coupon in the August issue of NARFE Magazine. The coupon is not a ballot but an aid to determining the wishes of those chapter members who can't or won't attend chapter meetings. The official ballot will be mailed to the chapters in September. There is considerable email traffic circulating concerning the referendum that is vitriolic if not

downright nasty. This is not helpful and detracts from honest and clearheaded debate on the proposal.

- 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration: Though the actual NARFE 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary isn't until 2011, the celebration will begin with the 2010 National Convention in Grand Rapids. There will be an anniversary booklet, memorabilia (T-shirts, caps, coffee mugs, pins, etc.). A power point presentation is being prepared on the history of NARFE to be shown at the convention.
- M-112/M-114 Issue: The perennial concern by several federation and chapter membership chairs about the inability to reconcile the data in the M-112 and M-114 reports was raised. It was noted that the two databases were designed to serve two separate and distinct functions and were not meant to be reconciled. The M-112 is a financial report created by Microsoft (Navision) while the M-114 is a membership report created by Oracle 10.
- Facebook: The use of Facebook and other contemporary communications technologies was discussed. It was noted that numerous major organizations (colleges, universities, hospitals, non-profits, etc.) are using Facebook and Twitter, and NARFE should seriously consider doing so. It will be investigated.
- The next NEB meeting will be on November 9 – 11, 2009 at the headquarters in Alexandria. The major agenda item will be the 2010 budget.

Paul Carew  
Region X Vice-President

Paul Carew brought a question before the Board of how to get the baby boomers into an organization that are not generally known to join. The traditional tools used are outside their area. Facebook was discussed as a tool for members to let them know who we are.

Carey Frazier, Federation President, asked if Facebook could be a tool to increase membership. After a lengthy discussion about the usefulness of Facebook, a decision was made by the Board for the President to try Facebook for a couple of months and see what happens. Young people could be reached in Facebook or Twitter.

## **REFERENDUM ON SINGLE DUES**

The Referendum on single dues was discussed at length by the Board, and Federation President Carey Frazier is leaving the decision on how to vote up to each chapter.

## **FEDERATION OFFICER REPORTS**

Carey Frazier, Federation President, asked that all officers provide an electronic copy of their reports to Lynda LeMay, Secretary, for posting with the minutes.

**CAREY FRAZIER PRESENTED A REPORT OF THE FEDERATION PRESIDENT  
(ATTACHED)**

Carey Frazier, Federation President, provided a report, and it can be referred to for additional information.

**LARRY CUNNINGHAM PRESENTED A REPORT OF THE FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT  
(ATTACHED)**

Jim Glenn, First Vice-President, provided a report, and it can be referred to for additional information.

Federation President Carey Frazier said the Board is very pleased to have James Glenn as Legislative Chairperson. He said we have been very successful at Grass Roots Advocacy.

**JOHN WELLS PRESENTED A REPORT OF THE SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT  
(ATTACHED)**

**LARRY HENDERSON PRESENTED A REPORT OF THE THIRD VICE-PRESIDENT  
(ATTACHED)**

**J. C. WHITNEY PRESENTED A REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN  
(ATTACHED)**

J. C. Whitney, Membership Chair, provided a report of actions taken as of the date of the Executive Board meeting. See the attached report for additional information.

NARFE magazines can be requested by calling 1-800-627-3394.

An effort has been made by J. C. Whitney, Glenn Turner, and Sherry Gainer to have NARFE magazines displayed in public libraries. Please ask the person in charge at the library if they will permit the magazine to be displayed. If so, please obtain the name of the person at the library, the address, email if possible, and then call 1-800-456-8410, Extension 277, and speak with Jackie Bryant. She can also be reached at the following email address: [jbryant@narfe.org](mailto:jbryant@narfe.org).

Whitney added that a quick and easy way to renew NARFE membership is to call 1-800-456-8410 and give a credit card number.

Membership Totals

J. C. Whitney provided a copy of the 2009 Membership Monthly Summary Report by Chapter. The membership totals are going down. We must make a push on retention.

J. C. Whitney said he posted the location of all our chapters on a Tennessee map, and copies of this map were handed out to Glenn Turner, Carey Frazier, Lynda LeMay, and Paul Carew.

In Tennessee, the total NARFE membership is 4,428. J. C. Whitney said we have lost 200 members over the last 18 months. Retention is where we are losing ground. NARFE National total membership is down to 309,639 members.

President Frazier asked him to follow up with the Presidents of the ten largest chapters to see if phone calls or letters are being sent to those members who have received second notice or who have dropped their membership.

President Frazier expressed his appreciation to Membership Chairperson J. C. Whitney. He has been working on both recruiting and retention.

### **JAMES GLENN PRESENTED A REPORT OF THE FEDERATION LEGISLATIVE CHAIRPERSON (ATTACHED)**

James Glenn, Legislative Chairperson, provided a report, and it can be referred to for additional information.

Carey Frazier, Federation President, said the Board is very pleased to have James Glenn as Legislative Chairperson. He said we have been very successful at Grass Roots Advocacy. We have met with five Congressmen. We met with Tanner who is on the Ways and Means Committee. We had a meeting with Steve Cohen thanks to Bonnie Bridgeforth. Congressman Roe of the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District addressed the Sevierville Chapter thanks to Gene Carpenter and other members of the Sevierville Chapter. Approximately 50 NARFE members attended the meeting. Herb Arnett of the Knoxville Chapter met with a staff member of Congressman Duncan of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District. Cathy Blocker tried to meet with Zack Wamp of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District, but he said he was too busy as he is running for Governor. Jim Glenn and W. C. Chilton attended a Town Hall Meeting of Lincoln Davis of the 4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. President Frazier and Jim Glenn along with ten NARFE members from the Nashville Chapter met with Congressman Cooper of the 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. NARFE members, Matt Bauer and Steve Schoeder, waited one and one-half hours to meet with Bart Gordon of the 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. They finally talked to Kim Mullins, a director in Bart Gordon's office, and left NARFE material with her. They were unable to schedule a meeting with Congress lady Marsha Blackburn of the 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. The meetings with Congressman John Tanner led by Larry Henderson and Steve Cohen of the 9<sup>th</sup> Congressional District were led by Georgia Oliver. President Frazier and other members from the Nashville Chapter met with a staff person of Senator Alexander on September 1.

### **RONNIE COLLINS DID NOT HAVE A REPORT OF THE NETWORK COORDINATOR/WEBMASTER**

Ronnie Collins, Network Coordinator/Webmaster, said he has been working on keeping the NARFE Tennessee web site updated.

Federation President Carey Frazier said he feels very fortunate to have Ronnie Collins on the Board with his knowledge.

The subject of GEMS was discussed, and Federation President Carey Frazier expressed concern as to why more of our members are not on GEMS. It was pointed out that each member must give permission for NARFE Headquarters to have their email and to receive GEMS messages.

**GLENN TURNER PRESENTED A REPORT OF THE NARFE PAC CHAIRPERSON (ATTACHED)**

Glenn Turner, NARFE PAC Chairperson, provided a report, and it can be referred to for further information.

Glenn Turner provided a copy of the quarterly PAC report January 2009 through June 2009 showing total contributions to PAC as \$2,337 in Tennessee. He urged everyone to share this information with Chapters and Members. No PAC disbursements have been made to our Tennessee Senators and Representatives during this period. Nationwide, very few PAC disbursements were made.

Glenn Turner said Tennessee Federation members have contributed \$2,377 to NARFE PAC. Due to the economic situation, NARFE PAC will have a challenge. He provided NARFE PAC pins and asked that they be used to get contributions for NARFE PAC.

Federation President Carey Frazier thanked Glenn Turner and reiterates that NARFE PAC is important.

**WEDNESDAY, August 26, 2009**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Carey Frazier, Federation President, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

**MAX COATS PRESENTED A REPORT OF THE NEWSPAPER EDITOR (ATTACHED)**

Max Coats, Newspaper Editor, provided a report, and it can be referred to for additional information.

Max Coats said that he, on occasion, receives a letter that a member is deceased. He raised the question as to whether it was his responsibility to report the death to NARFE Headquarters. Federation President Carey Frazier asked Max to send to him the name and NARFE identification of deceased person and he will handle it.

Max Coats said he needed newspaper articles at least 30 days prior to publishing.

Max Coats indicated that he had not been receiving his \$25.00 per month stipend checks. Marie Anglin stated that all stipend expenses are to be filed on an expense report. After this was done, Marie Anglin presented Max with a check for the months of back payment.

A question was raised on whether to keep sending the newsletter out to the National members only, and the Board agreed that we should continue to do so.

**LYNDA LEMAY PRESENTED A REPORT OF THE SECRETARY (ATTACHED)**

Lynda LeMay, Secretary, provided a report, and it can be referred to for further information.

Ronnie Collins, Net Web Coordinator, provided the email address to send items to the Chapter Presidents as follows: [chapterpresidents@narfe.tn.org](mailto:chapterpresidents@narfe.tn.org).

Glenda Huff, Financial Secretary, said NARFE Tennessee needs to keep a log of what the Federation owns. The following equipment should be logged: Herb Arnett – NARFE Display; Carey Frazier – Tablecloth; Dan Mallette – Tablecloth; John Wells - Power Point Presentation; and Lynda LeMay – Handheld Recorder. We need to keep track of all assets.

Federation President Carey Frazier thanks Glenda Huff for ensuring per capita dues are correct.

**MARIE ANGLIN, FEDERATION TREASURER PRESENTED THE TREASURY BUDGET REPORT (ATTACHED).**

Marie Anglin, Treasurer, provided a report, and it can be referred to for further information.

Marie Anglin, Treasurer, asked that those submitting expense reports state the specific event for which the expense was incurred. Marie stated that if each event and activities is reported on separate forms, this would help both recording and audit.

Marie Anglin, Treasurer, said if events and activities are separated from other expenses, this would help.

Federation President Carey Frazier asked for a motion to approve the Federation budget. The motion was approved and seconded and all agreed.

Marie Anglin, Treasurer, said the Federation Newsletter is in real good shape. She needs some input on the 2010 budget. Regarding renewal of insurance, if anyone wants to look at the insurance report, everything is open, read it, and understand it.

There was considerable discussion about the training of Chapter Officers. President Frazier expressed concern that a lot of our Chapter Officers are not being trained or educated about their duties and having a good understanding as to how NARFE is structured.

A motion was made and seconded that the training of Chapter Officers take place at our next NARFE State Convention in Sevierville. The motion was approved by a large majority of the voting members of the Board.

Public Relations Officer

There was some discussion at the Board meeting on a Public Relations Officer. Carey Frazier asked the Board to be thinking about who this person could be. He said he will bring it up again for discussion and to be prepared.

The date of the next Board meeting will be on February 18-19, 2010.

Federation President Carey Frazier asked if there was any additional business to come before the Board. No more business came before the Board, and the Board meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

/s/

Minutes Prepared by

LYNDA LEMAY, FEDERATION SECRETARY

**REPORT FOR FEDERATION BOARD MEETING**  
**AUGUST 25/26/ 2009**

- 4/20/21- Chaired Federation NARFE Convention at Jackson, TN
- 4/23/09 Attended Music City Chapter meeting in Federal Courthouse in downtown Nashville.
- 5/3/09 Submitted an article for the June Federation Newsletter.
- 5/6/09 The Ripley Chapter is officially closed.
- 5/7/09 Mailed out thank you letters to all chairpersons who served on various committees at the Narfe State Convention in Jackson.
- 5/30/09 Took NARFE table cloth to Dan Mallette, President of Murfreesboro Chapter for recruiting purposes.
- 6/2/09 Gave talk at Donelson Chapter picnic meeting.
- 6/3/09 Telephone conference with National Office and Jim Glenn, Legislative Chairperson, participated Green Advocacy Month.
- 6/4/09 Gave talk at Murfreesboro Chapter picnic meeting.
- 6/10/09 Gave talk at Lebanon chapter picnic meeting.
- 6/15/09 Attended recruiting seminar at Clarksville Hospital in Clarksville, TN with JC Whitney, membership chairperson and chapter members from the Clarksville chapter helping.
- 6/18/09 E mails with Jim Glenn, Legislative Chairperson, as to coordinating chapters for Grass Roots Advocacy Month. Larry Henderson helped in coming up with some summary goals.
- 6/27/09 Mailed resolutions adopted at NARFE State Convention to Nat Brown at NARFE Headquarters for approval.

7/4 and 7/9 09- Phone calls and e mails with Judith Perez re trying to find a new Federation Alzheimer chairperson. Joan Gates from the Knoxville chapter has volunteered to act.

7/12/09 Applied for Matching Funds from NARFE Headquarters re recruiting trip to Gatlinburg, TN

7/16/09 Attended Music City Chapter meeting

7/19 thru 7/23/09 Attended Federation Presidents Meeting in Grand Rapids, MI; Talked to Nat Brown re approval of resolutions. He made a number of suggestions. I am to retype and send back to him for final approval.

8/9/09 Thank you letter to Joan Gates for accepting the job of Federation Alzheimer chairperson.

8/12 & 13/09 Attended National convention of Department of Agriculture, FSA, in Gatlinburg, TN accompanied by JC Whitney, membership chairperson and Larry Cunningham, President of Knoxville Chapter.

8/13/09 Attended a chapter meeting in Sevierville, TN to hear Congressman Roe talk. NARFE members from Morristown, Johnson City, Sevierville and Knoxville were in attendance. I was accompanied by JC Whitney and Larry Cunningham, President of the Knoxville Chapter.

8/25/09 Chaired Federation Board Meeting in Lebanon, TN

In addition to the above and during this period of time- 4/21 to 8/25- there were numerous e mails to Paul Carew, Board Officers and chapter officers involving various NARFE matters. Too numerous to review.

Submitted by:

Carey Frazier  
TN Federation President

8/23/09



August 2009

### **FIRST VICE PRESIDENT REPORT**

I attended the Sevierville Chapter meeting on May 5th, to follow up on planning for the 2010 Convention.

I attended the Athens Chapter annual picnic, at Coker creek Tn. on August 5th.

I helped with a recruitment table at a NASCOE Convention, in Gatlinburg, on Aug.13th.

I attended the Sevierville Chapter meeting on the evening of Aug.13th. The guest speaker was Congressman Phil Roe. I contacted Chapter Presidents in District 1 prior to the meeting and requested that they try to have some one from their chapter attend. There was several in attendance.

Larry Cunningham  
Federation 1st Vice President



## **NARFE Tennessee Federation of Chapters**

**Report of John F. Wells 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
April 19, 2009 to August 25, 2009**

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1. Each month visit the **Nashville Chapter 0227**, my home chapter along with 3 other Tennessee Federation elected or appointed Officers. Between the 4 of use they always get a good briefing of what the Federation is doing and the focus of the Federation.
2. **May 7, 2009** - Met with the **Chapter 0834 in Murfreesboro** this morning at 11:30am at Shoney's Restaurant. Talked with the group and later with the Chapter President Dan Mallette about providing them a copy of the Recruitment presentation that was used last November at the VA Hospital in Nashville. Provided them a corrected copy of PowerPoint presentation by e-mail after I returned home.
3. **July 14, 2009** – Met with the **Cumberland County Tennessee Chapter 1719** at the Fair Park Senior Citizens Center in Crossville, TN and presented the 2008 Leo Potts award to the Chapter President Robert Martin.
4. Several other Chapter visits were planned but did not materialize due to conflicting schedules with the wife's medical needs which continue to increase.

*/s/ John F. Wells*

**John F. Wells  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Tennessee Federation of Chapters**

**NARFE Tennessee Federation of Chapters  
Board Meeting August 25 – 26, 2009  
3<sup>rd</sup> Vice-President for West Tennessee Report**

Reporting period: April 21 – August 24, 2009.

April 21. Elected Vice President for West Tennessee.

April 22 – 27. Set up filing system for West Tennessee NARFE Chapters and reorganized files.

May 1. Submitted two articles for the Federation Newsletter.

May 14. Visited Jackson Chapter 519 monthly meeting.

June 5. Attended Tri-County Chapter 806 quarterly meeting.

June 11. Visited Jackson Chapter 519 monthly meeting.

July 22. Confirmed meeting with Rep. John Tanner in Union City.

July 31. Submitted a list of participants and topics to Congressman Tanner's scheduler for the meeting on August 10.

August 3. Went to Union City to locate and schedule a place for the Grass Roots Effective Advocacy Team (GREAT) lunch and planning meeting for August 10.

August 10. Attended the GREAT lunch and lead the planning meeting.

August 10. Served as the spokesperson for the GREAT meeting with Rep. Tanner.

August 12. Visited Dickson Chapter 727 monthly meeting.

August 13. Visited Shiloh Chapter 861 monthly meeting.

August 20. Visited Millington Chapter 1382 monthly meeting.

August 20. Visited with Ms. Bonnie Bridgeforth in Memphis to discuss meeting with Rep. Steve Cohen on August 27.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Henderson

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice-President, Tennessee Federation of NARFE Chapters

**TN FED MEMBERSHIP ACTIONS TAKEN** 24 Aug 09

- 1) 10 Jun 09 - Attended the regular NARFE Meeting of Chapter 859, Hendersonville. Met with the Membership Chair, Sherry Gainer, and the President, Mark Bastian. We discussed working with the M-112 and maintaining the M-114, along with other recruitment procedures.
- 2) 21 Jul 09 - Attended the regular NARFE Meeting of Chapter 1476, Oak Ridge. Met with the President, Jerry Wing and his wife Marilyn, and the Membership Chair, Margaret Martin. We discussed working with the M-112 and maintaining the M-114, along with other recruitment procedures.
- 3) 12 - 14 Aug 09 - Attended a TASCOE (Tennessee Association of FSA County Office Employees) along with Carey Frazier and Larry Cunningham. There were just a little over 600 attendees and I sent in three applications of folks who joined. (I believe Carey sent in some also.) We handed out 100 copies of the NARFE Magazine and 100 copies of the brochure "What Has NARFE Done for You Lately" each one with a NARFE Membership Application inside. I believe folks were there from all 50 states so hopefully we'll see some folks joining NARFE as my member number was on all the applications. Maybe I will have more to report at the next Board Meeting.
- 4) Along with the monthly totals, I also sent out three different e-mails to all Federation Officers and Chapter Presidents. These e-mails were as follows:
  - a) I provided an 800 number that Chapters could call, at NARFE Hq, to order copies of the NARFE Magazines. These magazines could be distributed to Hospitals, Post Offices, anywhere Federal Workers were employed. We can get unlimited copies sent to us if we request them.
  - b) I provided an e-mail address, at NARFE Hq, to have a NARFE Magazine Subscription started at any Public Library. This is completely free and will run indefinitely as long as no one stops it. I started one in Clarksville and I know for a fact that Millington started two of them.
  - c) I just recently sent out an e-mail to everyone explaining a very quick and easy way to re-new our NARFE Membership. Simply call NARFE Hq at 1-(800) 456-8410, Membership; give them your member number; they will bring up your record; give them the necessary credit card information, and your records will be

instantly updated. It can't get much simpler than this. I use it when I send out letters for 2nd notices or the dropped members. It works good and they also like it at NARFE Membership.

5) I assisted numerous chapters in setting up their Usernames and Passwords so they could access the NARFE On-Line Reports. These reports leave a lot to be desired but it's all we have. Maybe if more folks would access them we could get them a little more friendly.

6) Membership Totals: This two page report, "2009 Membership Monthly Summary", shows the total membership monthly by Chapter. It covers a six month span to coincide with the M-114 Membership Roster. Ya'll can take a look at your respective Chapters and see how things have been going. The bottom of the second page shows the grand totals for both Tennessee and NARFE National. A quick summary of National numbers: Since January of this year, we've only had a one-month gain in membership; April we gained 724 members. The other six months we lost a total of 6,615 members. I've run out of things to comment about when it comes to membership numbers.

7) One last comment. I posted all NARFE Chapters on a TN road map for my own use. So far I've given copies to Glenn Turner, Carey Frazier and Lynda LeMay. At this time I would like to give our 3 VP's a copy for their own use (if ya'll don't want it, return it and I'll keep it). I also have one for Paul Carew, our Region X VP. You might want to pass it on to your successor when your tenure is up as VP's.

JC Whitney  
TN Fed Membership Chair  
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# Legislative Chairman Report

## Jim Glenn

Contacted existing District Officers, verifying who was continuing to serve and finding replacements when needed. VP Larry Henderson will replace John Shannon in the eight district and I will represent the fourth S for John Wells. All the others wanted to remain in the position except Cathy Blocker in the third, but she will remain until we can find a replacement..

Participated in the Region X Legislative Teleconference Call on June 3, 2009. The immediate concern was to contact the members on the House Ways and Means Committee and Senate Finance Committee. John Tanner was our only congressman on one of these committees.

I then set up an email list for these District Officers for contacts as needed, especially for the upcoming "Grass Roots Advocacy Month". Sent an initial email to all about contacting their congressman during the period designated by President Baptiste, August 1 through September 7, 2009.

As you know, Larry Henderson took the lead and set up a meeting with Congressman Tanner on August 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:00. He had a great response from his GREAT committee. I think the final count was eleven members from four chapters.

Larry Cunningham and Gene Carpenter worked to have Phil Roe in the first district come speak at a NARFE meeting in Seiverville. Carey Frazier and J C Whitney attended, representing the Federation.

Carey Frazier, Glenn Turner, John Wells, Vallie Brooks and Mark Bastian worked to set up a meeting with Jim Cooper from the fifth district in Nashville on August 26<sup>th</sup>. Several of us are planning to attend this meeting in Nashville after our meeting here.

I have made three visits to the McMinnville office of Lincoln Davis, but have not had any luck setting up a face to face meeting. W.C. Chilton and I will attend Congressman Davis' town hall meeting on August 24<sup>th</sup>, but because of the large attendance we will probably not be able to talk to Davis himself. I have already talked to his representative and left copies of our position papers, including NARFE's health care reform concerns and goals.

Bonnie Bridgeforth and Georgia Oliver have worked to set up a meeting with Steve Cohen from the ninth district in Memphis on August 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:30.

Warren Zimmer has tried to set up a meeting with Marsha Blackburn in the seventh district, but I have not been able to find out if they have had any response.

All the reports I've seen have been similar in that we probably will not see any big improvement on our initiatives just because of the economic situation and the best we can hope for is to not lose any of our current benefits. I think our members have done a great job and put forth an outstanding effort by making contact with our legislators, explaining our position on the issues, and maintaining the communication channel needed to protect current benefits.

August 25, 2009

SUBJECT: PAC report

TO: The Executive Board

Please see the attached NARFE-PAC report –January 1, 2009 through June 30, 2009. Everyone is urged to share this information with every chapter and every NARFE member.

No PAC disbursements were made to our Tennessee representatives during the period 1 January 2009 to 30 June 2009.

Nationwide, very few PAC disbursements were made during this non-election year.

For this period Tennessee Federation members contributed \$2,377.00 to our NARFE PAC.

Due to our economic situation, NARFE is expected to have a challenge protecting our benefits. Having a strong NARFE PAC could make the difference.



Glenn Turner

PAC Coordinator

Tennessee Federation of Chapters NARFE  
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Newsletter Report

The June 2009 issue of the newsletter had a few problems.

- The report by Region X Regional Vice President was not the report he had intended.
- Legislative Conference attendee, Matt Bauer, had submitted a report for the newsletter, which was not included in the newsletter.
- Membership report by J. C. Whitney was cut up to fill the page without requiring another page.
- At the request of a national only member to be removed from the mailing list, all the national only members were removed from the distribution list.

The School of Graphic Arts, Masonic Home for Children, Oxford, NC, has been doing an excellent job of printing, labeling and posting our newsletter. Their turnaround time is usually 7-10 days. The June newsletter was delinquent by a few days by the US Postal Service. Apparently anything not priority mail does not get exceptional service.

At the last Board meeting we discussed editing. With the exception of J. C. Whitney's report, we have not changed anybody's report.

Follow-up after the June issue was mailed:

- Received several notifications of death of members.
- Received several notices of personal problems of members.

Analogy of verbal report to members at the Board Meeting

- Labels for the November issue of the newsletter will include the Chapter Number of each member.  
**Rationale:** for notification to the member's chapter in case of death. NOTE: If we include (Return Service Requested), we could notify correct address to the member's chapter.
- If a report exceeds the normal space required for our newsletter, an inquiry will be submitted to the publisher for the increased cost. A follow up will be sent to the Federation President for action to be taken.
- All members identified on the M-114 report will be issued a copy of the newsletter.

Respectfully Submitted

Max Coats

NARFE TENNESSEE FEDERATION BOARD MEETING  
FEDERATION SECRETARY REPORT  
Lebanon, Tennessee  
August 2009

- ✚ April 20-21, 2009 – Attended the Tennessee Federation Convention in Jackson, Tennessee.
- ✚ April 20, 2009 – Attended Tennessee Federation Board Meeting.
- ✚ May 15, 2009 – Prepared F-22, Federation Convention Report, and mailed to National office. Maintained copy for official files.
- ✚ May 2009 - Received files from former Secretary, assembled, and set up a filing system.
- ✚ May 2009 - Prepared Deceased Members Excel Spreadsheet 2008-2009 and sent to Carey Frazier, President, for distribution to all Chapter Presidents.
- ✚ May 29, 2009 – As Recording Secretary, prepared April 2009 Federation Board meeting minutes and provided to all Federation Board Officers for review and approval. After review and approval, copies were emailed to all Federation Board Officers. Maintained copy for official files.
- ✚ June 25, 2009 - As Recording Secretary, attended, participated, and prepared Convention Proceedings from notes, etc. After review and approval by all Federation Officers, copies were provided to Carey Frazier, President, and Ronnie Collins for posting on the NARFE Tennessee web site. Maintained copy for official files.
- ✚ August 11, 2009 – Created letter regarding new Federation Alzheimer’s Chairperson, Joan Gates, with address, telephone number, and email. This letter was sent by U. S. Post Office to Kingsport, West Ken-Ten, and Fayetteville Chapters. Copies were also sent to Carey Frazier, President.
- ✚ August 16, 2009 - Revised Deceased Members Excel Spreadsheet 2008-2009 and sent to James Henderson and Carey Frazier August 16, 2009. Response from President Frazier was to send to all Federation Chapter Presidents and Federation Officers. Carey Frazier, President, sent to all Chapter Presidents on August 20, 2009, since I was not set up to email all Presidents.
- ✚ August 17, 2009 - Printed copies of three documents, plus email from President, regarding Representative Tanner’s meeting on August 10, 2009, provided by Carey Frazier, President. These were mailed by U. S. Post Office to West Ken-Ten, Fayetteville, Columbia, Kingsport, and the Treasurer of the Music City Chapter 2353. The three documents were: TNFED TN CD 8 Great Member Meeting with Representative/ TN FED NARFE Health Care Reform Goals and Concerns; and TN FED Examples of Current GPO Reductions.

✚ August 17, 2009 – As per request from Carey Frazier, Federation President, via email, called LaFollette and Maryville, non-Federation Chapters, to inquire the location to which Alzheimer's contributions are sent.

- LaFollette – Loretta Westrich-Smith – The first time I called, I left a message to return my call. She returned my call on August 18, 2009. Mrs. Westrich-Smith stated she was no longer the President and indicated she did not want to receive any communications from NARFE.
- Maryville – Leslie Mann – President – Called and left a message for Mr. Mann. He returned my call on August 18, 2009. After I introduced myself and explained why I was calling, Mr. Mann stated that the Chapter sends their contributions to the National office. He also knew that Joan Gates was the new Alzheimer's Chairperson.

## Tennessee Federation Financial Report

Period ending June 30, 2009  
By Marie Anglin, Treasurer

Beginning Balance - Checking Account 1/1/2009 \$ 27,995.45

### REVENUES

National Dues Rebate - 10% Fund	\$ 5,605.78
Interest in Checking	\$ 60.83
Per Capita Dues	\$ 14,654.00
Closed Chapter	\$ 391.01
Partial repayment of Advance of Convention (Advance amount \$525.00 - 2008)	\$ 132.89

Total Revenue \$ 20,844.51

Total To Be Accounted For

### LESS EXPENSES:

Vouchers	\$ 18,891.41
Newsletter Expenses	\$ 3,245.72
Blue Table Coverings (for displays)	\$ 458.20
Microtel Meeting Room Expense (Officer Training - Jackson)	\$ 172.13
Weida White Award	\$ 106.97
Closed Chapter funds dispersed (dispersed funds \$0.13 less than collected)	\$ 390.88
New Member Recruitment	\$ 200.00

Total Disbursed \$ 23,465.31

Ending Cash Balance - Checking Account- 6/30/2009 \$ 25,374.65

CD's US Bank	
Account Ending-5601	\$ 3,338.07
Account Ending-4540	\$ 3,308.71
Interest Earned on CD's not matured	\$ 109.30
Total Assets	\$ 32,130.73