

**WASHINGTON STATE FEDERATION (WSF)**  
**57<sup>th</sup> Washington Federation State Conference Report**  
**May 14-16, 2018**  
**Spokane Valley, Washington**

**Monday, May 14, 2018**

Guests were welcomed at a no host reception and social event in the conference center courtyard.

**Tuesday, May 15, 2018**

Conference Open/Welcome:

The conference was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by conference chairman Christine Price. The Spokane Valley Young Marines presented the colors and the National Anthem was sung by Charles Buttes. Mirabeau Hotel manager Andy Rooney and County Commissioner Al French welcomed the conference attendees. An opening prayer was given by Edie Rice-Sauer, Ex Dir of Transitions.

The theme of the conference was PAST–PRESENT-FUTURE OF NARFE

PAST: A presentation about the history of our organization was given by Lanny Ross (past Region IX Vice President) and Richard Wilson (present Region IX Vice President).

PRESENT: Some WSF Board and Executive Committee members discussed their roles and responsibilities as WSF leadership. President Nancy Crosby, Secretary Ida Sevier, Treasurer Anne Kush and Finance Officer Michael Ferri gave a brief description of how they support the federation.

FUTURE: Barb Sido, NARFE Executive Director, shared the Strategic Initiative to promote NARFE and become the Go-To organization to respond to the needs of the active and retired federal employees. Advocacy is a primary goal and improved communication is vital. The organization will be using electronic media and an improved website to promote the organization.

WSF Business Meeting:

2018 Registration and Credentials Report – Final

Number of NARFE members	72
Number of Chapters Represented	17
Number of Chapter Presidents	10
WSF Executive Committee/Board	7
National Officers	1
Number of Visitors/Guests	5

Proposed Resolutions-Actions      None

Presidents Report: President Crosby gave an update on the federation board activities including several chairman vacancies. We need a membership chair, a training chair and a parliamentarian. The national legislative chair is Sam Sevier, but he is hoping to have someone else fill that position.

The Treasurer and Budget reports were presented. Copies will be made available for the attendees. The federation is financially stable and was able to offer \$50 scholarships to the state conference member attendees as well as scholarships to member attendees at the national conference FEDcon18. The audit of the federation financial records has been completed and certified as correct.

#### Election/Voting Results

There were 90 votes cast prior to the conference.

President:	Nancy Crosby	Yes 90
Vice President:	Karol Kusunose	Yes 90
Secretary:	Ida Sevier	Yes 90
Treasurer:	Anne Kush	Yes 90

WSF Amended Bylaws: Approved 76 Disapprove 14

A discussion was held on voting at the upcoming National conference in August. The preferential voting was explained. If no one candidate receives the majority, a new vote will be held with the same candidates and this ballot they will be given numbers as to the ranking. The numbers will then be tabulated to find the winner. President Crosby said that the ballots will be in the June issue of the NARFE magazine and also on the national website. She encouraged everyone to vote as ballots must be received by 11:59 p.m. ET by June 30.

It is apparent that the board needs to do a better job of communicating with the chapter and national members that are part of the federation. Board meeting minutes have always been sent to the chapter presidents and will now include the chapter secretaries as well as posted on the WSF website for national members to view.

Conference was adjourned for the day

#### **Wednesday, May 16, 2018**

In Memory: The day started at 8:00 a.m. with a wonderful memorial service to honor federation members that have passed away in the past several years.

#### Conference Training:

The first Go-To-Meeting was a Legislative Update with Molly Checksfield, NARFE Program Manager

The second Go-To-Meeting was Membership and Marketing presented by Monica Williams, NARFE Deputy Director.

Attendees were able to ask questions and interact with the presenters.

At a working lunch updates were given on NARFE-PAC and Alzheimer's. The Alzheimer's auction netted over \$300.

District Caucuses and DVP Elections:

Three Districts elected new Vice Presidents for 2-year terms:

- District II      John Wells (1966) 16419 Spruce Way, Unit B5; Lynnwood WA 98037-6826  
Email: [jfwellsnarfe@gmail.com](mailto:jfwellsnarfe@gmail.com)      Phone: 615 957 5585  
Chapters: 43, 193, 196, 1404, 1966
- District III      Sam Sevier (0236) 4040 E Mason Lake Rd, Shelton, WA 98584-  
Email: [gssevier@q.com](mailto:gssevier@q.com)      Phone: 360 432 9201  
Chapters: 131, 236, 1070
- District IV      Al Costa (1006) 6432 Wexford Ave S.W.; Port Orchard, WA 98367  
Email: [alinsc@outlook.com](mailto:alinsc@outlook.com)      Phone: 843 816 2364  
Chapters: 181, 881, 888, 1006

Each district also nominated a member to serve on the nomination committee for the 2020 federation elections.

- Kathy Brooks    District 1  
Elaine Ferri     District II  
Linda Wallers   District III  
Bill Powers      District IV  
Chris Slocum    District V

The federation elected officers and District Vice Presidents were installed by Region IX Vice President Rich Wilson. President Nancy Crosby; Vice President Karol Kusunose; Secretary Ida Sevier; Treasurer Anne Kush; District I DVP Christine Price; District II DVP John Wells; District III DVP Sam Sevier; District IV DVP Al Costa and District V DVP Mary Binder

DVP Report Out:

The colors were retired by NARFE members that are veterans. Conference adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Ida Sevier, Federation Secretary

Washington State Federation  
Board Meeting  
May 16, 2018

The Washington State Federation held a brief executive board meeting following the close of the convention. Discussion was held on voting prior to the FedCon18 conference for officers and Bylaws and Resolutions. The main topics were Preferential voting, Articles of incorporation, National secretary/ treasurer salary and Bylaws and Resolutions.

The conference committee reported that the hotel was contracted for 100 people and we were short by 25 attendees. The WSF scholarships paid \$3,600 which left a shortage of \$1,620. The federation paid the shortage and a check for \$5,220 was submitted to the hotel. A budget adjustment will need to be made to cover the shortage. It is obvious that conference attendance is decreasing for these events.

The 2020 conference will be hosted by District II. Christine will provide a list of preparations used for this conference as a guide.

Arlene Patton and Kathy Brooks from Spokane Chapter 32 volunteered to serve as Co-chairs of the Training Committee.

The next federation board meeting will be held at La Quinta Inn, Tacoma, on Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

Submitted by Ida Sevier, Secretary