

**WSF Virtual Executive Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday, December 9, 2020**  
**VP, DVP I/V and Federation Reporter Editor Reports**

**VP REPORT:**

**Summary of Actions since September 30, 2020 Board Meeting:**

1. Assisted Secretary Linda with the September board meeting minutes.
2. Continued work on updating/consolidating WSF policies and procedures, standing rules, strategic plan, etc.

**Ongoing:**

1. Continue work on updating/consolidating the WSF policies and procedures, standing rules, strategic plan, etc. (*Mary Binder and Bea Bull*)
2. Continue support to WSF president and board, and WSF chapters.

**DISTRICT I/V DVP REPORT:**

**District Chapters:** Spokane Chapter 32; Yakima Valley Chapter 238; Wenatchee Chapter 239; Columbia Basin Chapter 856; Tri-Cities Chapter 1192; Colville Valley Chapter 1247.

**Chapter/Board Visits, September 30 thru December 6:** No visits. Contacts via phone, emails, and Zoom for those using virtual meetings.

**Summary Information:**

1. Spokane chapter
  - a. Has a monthly newsletter (except July/August) and website; contacts members via email, as needed; having virtual board and chapter meetings, per Chapter President Scott Robinson.
  - b. Ann Ozuna, "the federal retirement lady," provided information on FEHBP plan changes for 2021 during the chapter's November 9 meeting.
2. Yakima Valley chapter
  - a. No newsletter, call tree or website; no virtual meetings; some email contact with members, per Chapter President Charles Rinker.
  - b. Feedback from new member, Glenda Kallas, "I am so grateful to have found NARFE and to have connected with such great representatives ... I feel like a huge weight has lifted even though I still have plenty of work to do [selecting a different FEHB plan and deciding on Medicare Part B]. You and NARFE have been a lifeline. My efforts before NARFE were pretty futile. Having support is a big deal." Glenda lives in Ellensburg and knows no other federal employees/retirees in her area. Charles has talked with her; I have talked and met with her, and sent her *narfe* magazines/other material.
3. Wenatchee chapter
  - a. No newsletter, call tree or website; no virtual meetings, per Chapter President Kent Clarida.
  - b. About 60-65 percent of members have email; only 25-30 open NES messages, per Kent.
4. Columbia Basin chapter

- a. No newsletter, call tree or website; no virtual meetings, per Chapter President Christine Price. .
- b. Several members work for the Bureau of Reclamation and cannot get off to attend meetings, per Christine.
- c. Christine uses email to communicate with those members who have email.
- 5. Tri-Cities chapter
  - a. Has bi-monthly newsletter, call tree, website; having virtual board and chapter meetings; also uses email to communicate with members with have email.
  - b. Participated in the fall “Senior Times Expo,” Tuesday, October 20 – a first for the chapter. Rather than an in-person event with the standard table setup and handouts, the event was drive-thru where participants could receive a “goody bag” with vendor material and handed out by gloved and masked staff of the local business journal, which also publishes the *Senior Times* monthly newspaper. Between the drive-thru event and goody bags delivered to area retirement centers, assisted living facilities, etc., 1,000 goody bags were handed out. No new members yet, but good visibility for the chapter and NARFE, per Chapter President Pat Turner.
- 6. Colville Valley chapter
  - a. No newsletter, call tree or website. No virtual meetings. Uses local radio station to announce chapter meetings, per Chapter President Elizabeth Parazoo. .
  - b. Elizabeth Parazoo uses email to communicate with about 20 members, but she said she is not a big fan of email or other technology.

### **Ongoing/Upcoming District Actions**

- 1. Spokane chapter
  - a. Planning to continue meeting virtually.
  - b. Husband/wife new program co-chairs; exploring 2021 meeting programs.
- 2. Yakima chapter
  - a. Update/consolidate bylaws, articles of incorporation, standing rules.
  - b. Continue exploring options for communicating with chapter members.
- 3. Wenatchee chapter – encourage continued communication through NES.
- 4. Columbia Basin chapter – encourage more communication via email.
- 5. Tri-Cities chapter:
  - a. Planning to continue meeting virtually.
  - b. Continue exploring options for an annual get-together with former Walla Walla Chapter 237 members.
  - c. Continue exploring outreach opportunities for increasing membership as outlined in the chapter’s 2021 outreach action plan.
- 6. Colville Valley chapter – encourage more communication via email.

### **FEDERATION REPORTER EDITOR’S REPORT:**

**2020 Annual Newsletter:** Published August 14.

**2021 Newsletter Deadline:** To be determined; EB agenda item, December 9.

### **Summary of Actions since September 30, 2020, Board Meeting:**

- 1. Copies sent to Elizabeth Parazoo, Colville chapter president.
- 2. Copy sent to new Yakima chapter member, Glenda Kallas.
- 3. Note – additional b/w copies are available, should members need.

**Ongoing:**

1. Evaluate newsletter's usefulness as a communication tool.
2. Review newsletter's layout and design for overall effectiveness.
3. Find a professional photographer/s for camera-ready headshots of officers/chairmen, where needed.
4. Review newsletter distribution to ensure widest possible dissemination.
5. Available to assist other board members and/or chapters with writing and editing.

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