



**Kansas Federation of NARFE Chapters  
Regular Executive Board Meeting  
American Legion Building, Emporia, Kansas  
Wednesday, June 25, 2008**

The Federation Executive Board meeting was brought to order by President Pro-tem Mary Fritzon.

Invocation was given by Donald L. Cooper, Area 3 Vice President.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Pro-tem Mary Fritzon.

Roll call was taken by Secretary Ek: Fifteen (15) executive board members were present answering in the affirmative. Those not in attendance are: 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Elizabeth Bornman ; Area 5 Vice President, Ronald Katt; and Kansas State Legislative Chair, Jim Miller.

**Gale D. Beck (EB Advisory Office) – Resignation of Elected Federation President**

1. *The notice of resignation from elected President Gary E. Townson was read to the Executive Board members.*

Gale explained that as the first item of business, the executive board must determine that this resignation will be accepted. A motion for acceptance was made by Thomas Raby to accept the resignation of Gary Townson from serving as President for the 2008-2009 Federation year. The motion was seconded by Don Cooper and was adopted by unanimous vote.

2. *Mary E. Fritzon (President Pro-tem)*

Kansas State Bylaws state that the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice shall fill the office of President should that office become vacant. Mary E. Fritzon did accept filling the position for the 2008-2009 year. Thomas Raby made a motion that this acceptance be ratified by the EB. The motion was seconded and was adopted by unanimous vote.

3. *Positions of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President*

Roberts Rules of Order (Revision 10) Newly Revised state that the second vice president shall fill the vacancy left unfilled or the board can ask for that member's resignation from office. Elizabeth Bornman has asked that we consider leaving her in the position of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and filling the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President position. Through many hours of communication, it has been determined that Robert Cranmer will be willing to fill the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Presidents position for the current year

Because Elizabeth is an elected officer, the EB determined that they will approve her remaining in the position of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President if she so desires. This is based on the fact that Robert Cranmer has accepted filling the position of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President at Mary's

request. Thomas Raby made a motion that we ratify the appointment of Robert Cranmer, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President; and, Elizabeth Bornman as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President for the 2008-2009 NARFE year. The motion was seconded and approved by unanimous vote of the EB.

### **Installation of President and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**

Region V Vice President, Richard Thissen presented Mary E. Fritzson, President, and Robert Cranmer, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, for installation to these positions for the 2008-2009 years. Both accepted this responsibility and installation was completed.

### **President Fritzson Announces Committee Chair Appointments**

Committee chairs appointed for the 2008-2009 year are:

Mary E. Fritzson, Retirement Benefits	Carol R. Ek, Editor
Robert Cranmer, Public Relations	Elizabeth Bornman, Membership
John Surritte, Federal Legislative	Gale Beck, Training Officer
Donald L. Cooper, PAC Coordinator	Chapter 02 (James Miller) State Legislative
Janice Neuschafer, Alzheimer's Chair	James E. Dodd, NARFE Netter & Historian

Madelyn Brown made a motion to ratify these appointments. This motion was seconded by Brenda Myers and approved by unanimous vote of the EB.

### **President Fritzson Announced 2009 Convention Chairs**

Convention chairs appointed for the 2009 State Federation Convention are:

Bylaws and Resolutions – Gale D. Beck	Parliamentarian – Regina Barger
Time and Place – James Gaskell	Convention Rules – Regina Barger
Credentials Chair – Ann Murphy, Chapter 0366, Kaw-Blue, Manhattan	

All have accepted appointment to these committees. Madelyn Brown made a motion to ratify the selection of these members. Gale Beck seconded the motion which was approved by unanimous EB vote.

### **54<sup>th</sup> Convention Evaluations Reviewed**

Evaluations were reviewed showing 95% excellent or good review on all phases of the convention. Suggestions made which will be considered for the 2009 convention include:

1. Possibility of having a Computer/Public Relations meeting planned for Sunday afternoon.
2. Make sure microphones are available on the floor for member participation.

Robert Cranmer made a motion to accept the report. Tom Raby seconded the motion which was approved unanimously by the EB.

Review of the final Financial Report from the convention was completed. It was noted that Chapter 537 netted \$1,879.31 as their share of convention proceeds. This is outstanding showing how well planned the convention really was. The Chapter also sold \$1,049 dollars in advertising ads which is 100% retained by the chapter.

Carol Ek made a motion to appoint Gale Beck, Donald Cooper and Robert Cranmer to look at what information and what plans could be made within time and program schedule restraints to hold a Public Relations Meeting during the 2009 convention. The committee needs to determine what would be taken away from the present schedule and what benefits could be added. Report back to the EB at the October meeting for final determination. This motion was seconded and approved with a unanimous vote.

### **55th (2009) and Following Conventions – James Gaskell, Time & Place Committee**

Jim explained that the 2009 convention in Manhattan is the only State Convention that we have a firm location making a commitment to hold a convention. Because of the difficulties in waiting for Chapters to make the commitment, Jim requested that he be allowed to ask for two (2) members who have convention planning experience to form a task force to look for and begin planning for 2010 and future conventions.

Carol Ek made a motion allowing Jim to form no more than a three (3) member task force allowing them the same paid benefits as the executive board members. This motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

### **2008-2009 Proposed Budget Review – Madelyn Brown, Treasurer**

The proposed budget includes a Beginning Balance (June 1, 2008) of \$2,773.46; estimated income \$22,317.71; estimated expenses \$24,070.00; with an ending balance of \$1,021.17.

Madelyn explained that many of the expenses were difficult to estimate because of the changing executive board members; increased prices caused by the gas shortage; and other factors in training and attending outside conventions and the legislative conference.

Madelyn Brown made a motion that the proposed budget be approved as submitted. The motion was seconded with eleven (11) “aye” votes and one (1) “nay.”

### **Drawing Proposed For Benefit of Federation Budget at 2009 Federation Convention**

Madelyn Brown reported on the success of the drawing held during the 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Federation. Because of this success and the need to make plans and induct volunteers to carry out the distribution of tickets and drawing, if approved, the EB needs to determine whether we wish to continue this drawing.

Following discussion, Donald Cooper made a motion that the drawing be continued with prizes of \$250 for first place; \$100 for second place; and, \$50 for third place. The drawing shall be offered Sunday afternoon, Monday all day until 5:00 p.m. (except during meetings). This motion was seconded by Tom Raby and approved with a unanimous “aye” vote.

Madelyn Brown will be in charge of the particulars to hold the drawing.

### **National President's Meeting To Be Held September 6, 2008, In Conjunction with National Convention**

President Mary will not be attending the National Convention. Carol R. Ek was appointed to represent Mary as delegate-at-large, and attend the president's meeting, during the convention. This appointment was endorsed by the Executive Board.

A motion was made by Tom Raby that actual convention expenses be paid for Carol to attend the convention. This motion was seconded by Madelyn Brown and approved with a unanimous "aye" vote.

### **Policies and Procedures Paragraph 415 – Attendance for Convention Attendees**

Tom Raby made a motion that \$1600 be allowed to be divided equally among all Federation Board members attending the business sessions and carrying a vote. \$800 shall be the maximum amount paid to any one member. This motion was seconded by Jim Gaskell and approved by a unanimous "aye" vote.

### **Increase in Mileage Rate**

Donald Cooper requested discussion on the possibility of increased mileage rates because of the increase in gasoline prices and wear to vehicles. Following a lengthy discussion a motion was made by John Surritte to not allow any increase at this time. This motion was seconded and approved by a unanimous "aye" vote.

### **John Surritte Discusses "Meet Your Candidate Month"**

John reported on the need of every NARFE member to visit the local congressional offices, visit the email websites and visit the candidates in person to "Thank them for their continued support or new support and ask that they continue to support our plea for support to maintain our earned benefits." A report will be requested from each chapter asking what they have done to keep their candidates aware of our positions.

### **Gale Beck, Training**

Gale has not made any plans for training for the coming year. He did ask for suggestions from other board members. The only suggestions related to possible goals and ideals that the Area Vice-Presidents could use when contacting chapters in their areas.

### **Corrections to Be Made in the Federation Policies and Procedures Manual**

Paragraph 707 – Memorial Services at Convention: (Correct to Read) "A special candle should be lighted for a deceased Kansas National officer or a Kansas past president."

Paragraph 103 – (Correct to Read) Public Relations Officer shall send an acknowledgment to the requester of a display case and advise the requester when the display

case will be shipped with care and instructions attached. Information shall also be provided on when the display case should be returned or forwarded. The return address and telephone number to whom it should be returned or forwarded shall be included.

Paragraph 706 – Recruitment Recognition – (Correct to Read) A certificate shall be awarded to each member earning an award. (Correct all paragraphs deleting awarding membership pins which are no longer available.)

Correct Present Paragraph 424 to 425 – Expense Account Vouchers

### **Addition to Policies and Procedure Manual and Convention Manual**

Executive Board Policies and Procedures Manual – (Add Revised Paragraph 424) - New 424 shall read: Kansas State Convention Final Financial Statement: A copy of the final convention financial statement shall be distributed to the Federation President and Federation Secretary by June 1<sup>st</sup> following the convention.

Kansas State Convention Procedures – (Correct Paragraph 107 j.) To read - Shall prepare the post convention financial report and distribute a copy to the Federation President and Federation Secretary by June 1<sup>st</sup> following the convention.

### **Report by Region V Vice President Richard Thissen**

Vice President Thissen reported on happenings at Headquarters and around the Region. Membership and legislation remains the priority concerns which need additional attention of all members. This year the “August – Contract your Congressmen” is vitality important to all members to keep our congressmen advised of our position on Federal Earned Benefits. Thank the ones who support us and try to tempt the ones who don’t to come on board.

National Convention resolutions and candidates statements were discussed.

Vice President Thissen also reported on the pride he continues to carry for the State leaders and members in his region. He continues to believe he has the best Region in the country as we all believe.

### **Reports by Federation Officers**

President Mary E. Fritzson

Welcome to each and every one of you! I look forward to working with each of you as your President and as a member of the State Federation team. I know we will have a good year. And, Dick, we consider you a member of the team and are proud to have you as our Region V leader.

I urge all Area Vice Presidents, if not previously handled, to alert all Chapter Presidents that Federal annuities *are exempt* from Kansas Income Tax. Two cases have been found in Area III where annuitants have been paying Kansas income tax so there may be others. When found, amended returns can be filed for three years ONLY.

A recent widow contacted me about my helping her find out from OPM how much life insurance coverage her deceased husband had. OPM does not give this information to anyone other than the entitled beneficiary (ies).

Since my Chapter's Service Officer has resigned, I am currently attempting to help survivors with the needed paperwork. Friday of this week, I traveled to Council Grove to help with paperwork for one of our chapter members who died June 4. Another chapter member died June 7.

I contacted Walt Germann, Service Officer, for the neighboring Junction City Chapter (Old Trooper 0383), about assisting me with Federation Service Officer Duties, like at Federation Convention time. Walt does an outstanding job as Service Officer. He indicated he would be glad to assist me in any way he could. Walt's cell phone number is 785-209-1938. He does not have home telephone.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Robert Cranmer

After the last Executive Board meeting, in Hutchinson, I thought I would have a year to relax from office. That lasted two (2) weeks. Really that was long enough. I would like to thank all of you for ratifying Mary's appointment of me to the office of Federation 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President. I am here to help President Mary with anything I can.

Along with being VP and Public Relations Chair, I have offered to take charge of the Federation Poster Display materials. Public relations are an on-going program.

Since the last board meeting, I have attended Great Bend Chapter 1709's meeting; and, I introduced Area 6 Vice President Brenda Myers to the members of Scott City Chapter 1996.

I would like to say again how revitalized Area 6 has been after the visits from the Federation Officers. The feed back from all chapters is very good. Maybe we didn't get fifty (50) new members, but the chapters feel like the Federation is working for them. This might be a good program for this year instead of a training program.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Elizabeth Bornman

As 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President no duties performed I am aware of with job position. However, I talked to Carol concerning the responsibility of the Display items for NARFE. I felt this was the responsibility of the Public Relations Officer. We have recommended a change to the position description responsibilities for the board to take action on.

As Membership chairperson, I e-mailed to all Membership chairs and/or Presidents, if no e-mail, a copy of the Draft Membership Plan that each chapter is to complete and return to me within 90 days. I have not to date received any final Membership Plans. I hope prior to the next Executive Board meeting that I will have at least 50% returned to me. Prior to the next federation convention each chapter will report the results of their Membership Plans. The majority of the chapters understand there is a problem with membership however; they aren't willing to say get out of the office and hit the streets to recruit or even get current membership to

do Dues withholding. They want to be lead by the hand. I feel it's our responsibility to provide the tools and theirs to do the actual work.

Secretary Carol R. Ek

Secretary Ek again spoke on the outstanding results of the convention. Chapters worked very diligently to get their reports turned in with changes being made up to the beginning of the convention. High compliments are extended to all committees who worked with the convention. The Credential Community did an outstanding job this year. Ann Murphy, Chapter 0366, Kaw Blue, Manhattan, will chair that committee next year and I am confident we will have another outstanding year.

A lot of additional work has been incurred with the resignation of President Gary Townson. It's made it very difficult to get convention reports and office reports submitted to Headquarters this year. After today, hopefully this issue will be laid to rest.

I assumed the position as news letter editor with the thought in mind that already having access to the copy machine and other equipment needed to reproduce the letter, I might save the Federation some funds this year. This is a position that could be assigned to another person if the President or Executive Board believes it would be prudent. The main reason I am doing it is for budget purposes, however, I have always enjoyed this type of work.

Treasurer Madelyn Brown

Treasurer Brown continues to remind executive board members to ask for AARP, AAA, or government discounts when making overnight stays in hotels. In one case last year, two members out on the same trip – one ask for the government discount the other did not – there was a \$20 difference in the room rate. Money can be saved if we just remember to ask for discounts.

Many of the members do not ask reimbursement for meals when they are traveling out of town. We must all eat during the day whether home or out of town. It might not be much of a saving to the Federation but every little bit helps.

These are not requirements, just things to think about.

Immediate Past President and Federal Legislative Chair John Surritte

- 1) Have continued to oversee the Lawrence Chapter as Chapter President.
- 2) Have notified all the Chapters that August is National Lobby Month through the Federation newsletter. We have been asked to contact all Congressional incumbents and their challengers of NARFE's mission and what our goals are. I will be active in July reminding folks what we need to do. I will need a follow up report the first of September on what we've done that I can forward to Vice President Thissen.

Area 1 Vice President Thomas Raby

Since the convention, I have visited the Jefferson County Chapter 2231 and plan to visit the others. I am also trying to arrange a new visit to the Bannister Complex in Kansas City, Mo.

I have kept in contact with all chapters by e-mail and forward any/all important correspondence to Area 1 chapters.

Have secured contact with Johnson County Transportation (The JO) advertising contractor and received rates for bus advertising. This is both a chapter and an Area VP effort.

Submitted newsletter article timely.

Since Jane and I took a 3-week trip in May/June there is not much else to report.

Area 1A Vice President Eugene H. Harter

1. Since the State convention, I have visited the Nemaha County Chapter 1948 and Atchison Chapter 0621 (my home chapter). I plan to visit the other four (4) chapters in my area by the next board meeting in October. When meeting with these chapters, I have been sharing some of the highlights of the State convention, but the main emphasis has been on contacting and recruiting new members and retaining current members.
2. All six chapters in area 1A (Atchison 621; Brown County 2164; Doniphan County 2136; Kansas City 1160; Leavenworth 27; and Nemaha County 1948) had members in attendance at the 2008 State Convention.
3. Three area 1A chapters exceeded \$7.00 per member giving to the Alzheimer's Research Fund for last year. They were Nemaha County 1948; Brown County 2164; and Atchison 621.
4. Being very new on this board, I am very appreciative of the help and advice from many of you and especially to Carol Ek for furnishing me with the basic materials for my job as VP of the area.
5. I am also appreciative of the time, planning and effort that you as a board and your predecessors have put in to make this a viable and effective organization. I also believe that to keep it viable and effective, we need to have membership increasing, and I desire to help us all attain that mark.

Area 2 Vice President Gale D. Beck

1. Attended Iola Chapter 2077, May 5<sup>th</sup>, meeting; and, Emporia Chapter 384, May 12<sup>th</sup>, meetings. Provided them with updated information on the State Convention held at Hutchinson in April.
2. Wrote Iola Chapter 2077's bi-monthly newsletter.
3. Provided all five (5) chapters with email updates on current legislation as emailed from NARFE. Provided them with further updates from NARFE. Some twenty (20) chapter officers and members are on the email listing.
4. Submitted a report for the Federation newsletter.

5. Plans made to meet with several Chapters in September after the NARFE National Convention in September.
6. Coordinated plans to attend the National Convention, September 7 to 11<sup>th</sup> immediately following a Military convention at Springfield, Ill.
7. This is to be followed the next week by a chapter meeting with Ottawa Chapter 785.
8. Spent considerable time during the past four weeks on the issue of following Robert's Rules of Order sorting out correct procedures to follow after the resignation of the Federation President. Worked with Parliamentarian Regina Barger to assure conclusions were interpreted accurately.
9. Hope to be able to work a membership booth at the Farm Service Association National Convention to be held in Omaha, Nebraska.

#### Area 2A Vice President James Gaskell

Efforts to secure a meeting with Coffeyville Chapter 2257 have not been fruitful as yet. I do have a standing request with Carl Grigsby to visit the chapter at their next meeting. I hope to determine from him if he wants (and/or needs) help with their chapter.

On June 20<sup>th</sup>, I met with a couple dozen retirees of the Soil Conservation Service in Salina. I set up a NARFE display at that meeting and handed out numerous pamphlets. I was given about 10 minutes to visit with the group, many of whom are NARFE members, but not all. I did receive one request to join NARFE and provided him with a form and instructions on getting it filled out.

I have had the opportunity to be invited to three of my five chapters for a visit and have been the program for those meetings. People seem interested in what NARFE is doing and planning on for the future, but lack incentive to get out and recruit new members. This appears to be a serious problem in Pittsburg. They have about 70 members but monthly meetings are about 8 to 10 members attending who will average well into their 80's with a few in their 90's. They recognize that this situation is not attractive to younger people to come into a meeting with all older members of NARFE but this has been developing for years. I do not have a solution to this situation.

Efforts to get Area 2A on dues withholding is making some progress. The chapters have received my presentation on incentive and how they might be used to get D/W adopted by more members. Independence and Coffeyville are still on my list to discuss this but Coffeyville has larger problems with Dues Withholding.

#### Area 3 Vice President Donald L. Cooper

I have visited six of the eight chapters during the last month. Black Squirrel Chapter 1947 will hold their next meeting July 14 at Home City; Herington Chapter 1933 is scheduled for the first Friday of September.

Clayco Chapter 1998 had seven members attending; Old Trooper Chapter 0383 had 60 members attending; Chisholm Trail Chapter 2137 had 22 members attending; Salina Chapter 0280 had 24 members attending; and, Crossroads Chapter 0739 had 13 members attending.

I have solicited all of the chapters concerning having a representative to work the NARFE display at the September 23<sup>rd</sup> Senior Fair to be hosted by the North Central – Flinthills Area Agency on Aging, to be held at the Bi-Centennial Center in Salina.

One of the chapters has reported to me that the urging I gave for repeated recruitment contacts has resulted in a recent active Federal Employee recruitment.

A member of the Salina Chapter 280 will be setting up a visit to the Salina Chapter with Representative Jerry Moran.

#### Area 5 Vice President Ron Katt

I have been in contact with all chapters by telephone and/or email since the 2008 Federation Convention.

I plan to attend Chapter 2085, Stockton, annual cook-out meeting at President Mike Gawith's residence in July.

I am working with Chapter 1991, Goodland, to celebrate their 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in October, 2008. We want to take the opportunity of Region V Field Vice President Richard Thissen's visit to Western Kansas to include Goodland. Tentative plans for the Chapter celebration is noon, October 10, 2008, at the Goodland Senior Center.

I plan to visit Chapter 2032, Oakley, in July; and, Chapter 1991, Goodland and Chapter 2291, Colby, in August during their regular chapter meetings.

#### Area 6 Vice President Brenda Myers

Contact was made with each chapter by email after Robert Cranmer sent his message saying he had retired and I was the new Area VI Vice President. Replies and congratulations were received from three Presidents. Dodge City was the exception.

May 13, Robert and Carla Cranmer met me at Scott City Chapter 1996 for their chapter monthly meeting. After eating at the Pizza Hut, we moved to the library meeting room. Three officers and one new member were present. Robert presented the certificates picked up at the Federation Convention in Hutchinson. A discussion was held about their 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary coming in January of 2009. It was suggested they send in the National Convention papers as soon as possible so Carol Ek can assign proxies.

**Chapter 1709 Golden Belt, Great Bend** – one new member resulted from the State Officers visit; one member transferred; two received second notices on dues; and two were dropped from due to non-renewal.

**Chapter 1995 Garden City** – one new member resulted from the State Officers visit; cards were sent to those names provided by Carol Ek as potential members. One telephone call had this response, "My health is not good, my memory not good after a stroke, I'll send in my application." She also plans to move to Dodge City. Contacts

were made with three names given to me at the Federation Convention. One possible new member as a result. Cards were also sent to notify those members who do not attend meetings of the chapter dues increase from \$3.00 to \$5.00 effective 4/14/2008. The Chamber of Commerce was contacted about their plans for a coffee for candidates in August. Their committee will meet next week and will let me know.

**Chapter 1996 Scott City** – one new member from State Officers visit. Reinstatement of one member.

**Chapter 1874, High Plains, Dodge City** – one new member from State Officers visit. Contact was made with Richard Goodnough June 23. He said he thought he had mailed the papers necessary for National Convention. He is starting to feel “human” again and trying to get things organized after his surgery.

**Chapter 2086 Ulysses** – They will meet in July but not the usual time as Alice Frey, president, will be gone. She will let me know and I plan to visit this chapter at their July meeting if possible.

*Janice Neuschafer, Alzheimer's Chairperson*

One May 16, Linda Surritte and I met in Junction City to go over some Alzheimer's record keeping, and to pass on files and records. Carol Ek put Excel and Word on my computer. So I have been busy learning Excel, Word, and Alzheimer's.

The goal for 2008 was set at \$5.00 per member. As of the end of May, 2008, we are at \$2.12. Year to date contribution as of the end of May, 2008, are \$10,256.85. In April and May, Linda and I handled well over 100 memorials sending acknowledgments to those making donations.

June 12, Carol Ek and I were invited to attend the meeting of Old Trooper Chapter 0383, Junction City. I was pleasantly surprised to receive a check in the amount of \$5,850 from their chapter from Eagles Bingo proceeds. I, also, received a check from the chapter for the Alzheimer's collection that day, plus a check from a member of the chapter. Alzheimer's Research received a total of \$6,000 from the Old Trooper chapter that day.

I have been invited to speak at another chapter meeting in November. I have not yet committed, but plan to do so soon.

Elizabeth Bornman will be submitting a \$50 gift card in the name of the Kansas Federation for Alzheimer's booth at the National Convention in Louisville.

I have received an Alzheimer's Association banner. It is hoped that this banner will be used for an Alzheimer's Research fundraising event planned in the State, and to display it at any public relations/recruiting event. The expense of mailing the banner back and forth between me and chapters is approved as a reimbursable expense by the Alzheimer's Association by requesting reimbursement, supported by receipts, and send them to me. Reimbursements will then be sent back through me to the chapters.

On May 23, I sent a letter of introduction to Alzheimer's chairpersons of all chapters with the new submission form with my name and address. Apparently, the Treasurer of several chapters has not received the new submission forms from the Alzheimer's chairperson as they are continuing to send Alzheimer's money to Linda on the old form. Please remind chapters to send NARFE Alzheimer's Research money to me, Janice Neuschafer, 908 Countryside Drive, McPherson, Kansas 67460. New forms are on the Kansas web site.

*NARFE Netter and Historian James Dodd*

The KS NARFE net has 606 people listed with email addresses. Of these, only 316 were accurate through the last message mailing. I have screened all of the returned addresses against the National NARFE email listings and nearly all of the "rejected" addresses have the same address on the National NARFE list or had no email address stored at the HQ list.

Area VP's and chapter Presidents should encourage NARFE members to update their email listing at the HQ web site when the upgrade to DSL or broadband service; and, when they change their address &/or Chapter membership location. If you are not listed yet, do so.

For some reason there are a large number NARFE members who have computers with Internet access but do not list an email address with NARFE HQ. Perhaps they may feel like there will be a large number of unwanted emails if they give their address to NARFE HQ. As you know, normally HQ sends out only one message a week, normally on Friday. We try to hold the KS Net message to about one or two message a month.

Carol R. Ek  
Secretary, Kansas Federation of NARFE Chapters