

AARP Chapter 2613
Board of Directors
March 4, 2014
Board Minutes

Call to Order--President Leslye Bloom called the meeting to order at 10:00.

Officers Present: President Leslye Bloom, Vice President Terry Wildman, Treasurer Pat Ballard, Secretary Virgil Cook

Board Members: Tom Alston, Nola Elliott, John Hillison, Cecil McBride, June Schmidt, Sally Anna Stapleton

Non-Board-Members, Committee Chairs and Appointees: Doris Abraham, Don Creamer, Joy Herbert, Jim Wightman

Adoption of Agenda—Don Creamer moved that the agenda be adopted as distributed. The Motion passed.

Announcements—Tom Alston announced that there will be a reception for Mary Ann Hinshelwood on March 7 at the Christiansburg Library.

President Leslye Bloom informed the board that she has completed the annual report on the chapter to the national office.

Treasurer's report. Pat Ballard. Pat has converted all of the treasurer documents to Quicken. John Hillison indicated that Health Fair money must be kept separate from chapter operations because we donate profits to charity and because we need to know the exact figures when we split revenue with VCOM.

Terry Wildman moved that any check for more than \$500 require two signatures. Doris Abraham suggested listing the signatories by office—treasurer, assistant treasurer, vice president--so that the board will not have to approve signatory changes every year. The motion passed.

New Business

Bylaws--Don Creamer. The text of the report follows.

Bylaws Revisions Committee Report
Ben Crawford, Terry Wildman, Leslye Bloom, Don Creamer

President Bloom appointed this committee initially to address differences in committee structure as described in the bylaws and those actually in practice.

The Health Committee was specified in the bylaws yet none existed in practice and the Newsletter Committee included the Website Committee. The resolution chosen was to reinstate the Health Committee, now to include the Health and Wellness Fair, and to separate the Newsletter and Website Committees.

Then, as this issue was resolved, another arose: Might we create a role for Joy Herbert on the Board? The issue was whether the role should be liaison between the Blacksburg Community Center and Town of Blacksburg or as Director. Liaison was chosen as the most appropriate role.

Finally, issue of voting privileges of committee chairs arose. This long-standing issue was resolved in favor of permitting committee chairs voting and all parliamentary procedures privileges without objection by elected members of the Board.

During board discussion the bylaws committee acknowledged that the National office is entitled to a vote on local boards. National would likely call for a vote only in a case such as dissolution of the chapter. Don Creamer moved to approve recommended changes that alter the makeup of the Health and Wellness committee. The motion passed.

Don noted that there has been some controversy over whether committee chairs should take part in parliamentary functions such as voting. Don moved that all committee chairs who are not elected, including Joy Herbert as liaison with the board and the Rec Center, be given parliamentary privileges including voting except where an elected member objects to their voting on a given issue. The motion passed.

Committee Reports

Awards--Sally Anna asked who will be attending the Leading Lights banquet. Appropriate people will receive formal invitations.

Virginia Tech Retirees—Jim Wightman reported for Margaret Kates that the Tech Retirees' luncheon will be held on May 8 at Custom Catering.

Caring—Jim Wightman reported for Margaret that she sent out one get-well card. Also, Sandy Birch will notify members of the tour of the new engineering building to be conducted on May 21.

Memorials--Doris Abraham suggested that a disclaimer be included with any lists of deceased members to cover unintentional omissions.

Driver's Ed--Cecil McBride. The next course will take place on March 11-12 at the Rec Center from one o'clock to five o'clock.

Hospitality--Nola Elliott. Nola asked whether we should solicit two bids for the Christmas lunch. The board agreed to soliciting two bids.

Health Fair--John Hillison. John has gotten a commitment from Brian Jack that the state office will pay for mailings to members announcing the health fair. The fair is scheduled for September 17. We must give priority to profit-making companies because of the revenue they generate.

History--Sally Anna Stapleton. Sally Anna now has a place for storing the material pertaining to chapter history. She has put the material in binders.

Legislation-- In his absence, Val Coluni provided a written report. The text of the report follows.

Legislative Report--Val Coluni – March 4, 2014 Board Meeting

1. Affordable health care (Medicaid Expansion) alternative proposal was made by senate but was defeated. Considerable support still exists but the position of the house will result in no action unless the governor decides to make this budget issue.

2. Mature Driver Safety. Defeated. Would have removed some drivers from the road. AARP was not in favor of the bill.

3. Financial Abuse Of Elderly. Still active. Bill would allow attorney fees to be paid by the abuser if he/she acquired a deed by fraud or undue influence..

4. Long Term Care Cancellation Notices. Legislation was defeated but the bureau of insurance has proposed regulations requiring companies to send notices in a manner which could be verified by policy holders.

5. Redistricting. Once every several years the general assembly draws districts for the state House of Delegates and Senate and federal House of Representatives. This many times results in political games. Legislation is being introduced to have a constitutional amendment for a state-wide referendum to appoint a bipartisan advisory commission to reduce one sided political influence. This has been tabled so no action this year.

The board will ask Val for clarification on the section on cancelation of long-term-care policies.

Membership--Tom Alston. The full text of the report follows.

Blacksburg AARP Chapter

Membership Report

MAR 2014*

Member Profile:

Category	Individual Count	Household Count
AARP 2013 Members	87	56
AARP 2014 Members	155	94
Lifetime Members	35	22

Life Members	12	11
Comp Members	20	20
Honorary Members	2	1
Total Membership	311	204

New Members:
N = 1 (Lillie Mac Smith)

Newsletters for Mar 2014:
N = 215 (includes copies to 11 other AARP chapters)

Membership Committee:
Jim Wightman (Chair), Tom Alston

*Report prepared Mar 3, 2014

During Board discussion, Tom Alston reported that we still have members who have not paid 2014 dues. We have also lost several members by death.

Newsletter—Newsletter material is still due on Friday following the board meeting.

Programs—Leslye Bloom. Tom Callendar will speak on the affordable Care Act. Deena Flinchum from the New River Agency on Aging will also speak. She is an expert on Medicare.

Publicity--Terry Wildman. Terry asked if we could put together some kind of trifold for promotion. If we provide the data, the state office will pay for the flyer. We would include people who use the tax service. What kinds of incentive can we offer people to persuade them to attend meetings?

Web Site--Don Creamer. Don called attention to a report that he sent to members. The full text of the report follows.

Website Committee Report Don Creamer, Editor

The chapter website now is used to display minutes of meetings of the Board of Directors. The most current minutes are shown on the Home page. Past minutes are shown on the Board of Directors page.

Members can view the original charter of the chapter on the History of the Chapter page. All past presidents are shown on this page in a list by year of service.

The Legislative/Advocacy page contains a rather thorough set of links to documents that show the activities of the state AARP offices. Reports from our own representatives also appear on this page.

For those members who still have not renewed their membership dues, an application for membership is available on the Application for Membership page.

Social Media—Leslye Bloom. Leslye reported on a meeting that she attended in Richmond about social media, especially Twitter and Facebook. She said that the state office has offered to train people to use Face Book.

Approval of Minutes—Don Creamer moved that the February 4, 2014 minutes be approved. The motion passed.

Adjournment—The meeting was adjourned at 11:49.

□ Virgil A. Cook, Secretary