



NARFE North Carolina Federation
64th Annual Meeting
Hosted by Areas II & III
Crowne Plaza, Hickory, NC
May 5 – 7, 2020

**“NARFE’S NEW CENTURY –
Membership Matters”**

December 6, 2019

Annual Meeting Call Letter #1

Dear NARFE North Carolina Federation Member:

You are enthusiastically invited to join other NARFE Members at the **64th Annual Meeting** of the North Carolina Federation of NARFE. From farm to table restaurants, breweries, small shops or big box retail shopping, 24 parks, Lake Hickory, and so much more, Hickory, NC truly offers the perfect balance of large city amenities with small town charm. Hickory is a gateway to the Blue Ridge Mountains. This is a great opportunity to make and renew friendships, learn and share experiences and take a step into NARFE’s new future. As we transform NARFE’s future, all Members do make a difference! Join us at the 64th Annual Meeting as we celebrate **“NARFE’S NEW CENTURY-Membership Matters.”**

Mark your calendar with the dates for the following items and information.

1. **“Booster” Booklet Advertisements:** We encourage Members to sponsor Ads. Camera-ready Ads and money are due to the Annual Meeting Treasurer, Samuel E. Crain, by March 6, 2020. If you need help preparing or making an Ad – please ask for help. (Ad form attached).
2. **Door Prizes:** If you would like to sponsor a door prize, send funds to Treasurer Samuel E. Crain (contact information on side bar) by **March 6, 2020**. If you want names shown, please attach a list showing each name. Thank you for everyone’s support. Door Prizes will be greatly appreciated and provide Meeting attendees with daily incentives.
3. **Awards:** This year the Federation will present three awards, the **Charles R. Patton “Good Egg” Award**, the **Lyle V. Storch Memorial Award**, and the **Thomas Hobgood Legislative Advocacy Award**. The Patton Award recognizes NARFE members who have made significant and sustaining contributions to the Federation, and its Members. The Storch Award recognizes individuals who have supported and enhanced the role of NARFE beyond the bounds of normal Federation activities. The Hobgood award is for Legislative Advocacy. The nomination forms are enclosed. Please submit your nomination(s) by **March 31, 2020**.
4. **Meeting Memorial Service:** Please submit the names of members listed as deceased between April 1, 2019 and March 31, 2020 to the Federation Secretary, David Phillips, 401 Travis Lane, Salisbury, NC 28146; by **April 1, 2020**.
5. **Meeting Registration Forms:** The \$70 fee (includes \$40 for Registration and \$30 for Banquet) must be received by the Annual Meeting Treasurer by **April 1, 2020** avoid a late fee (form enclosed; please distribute or register online on www.ncnarfe.info).
6. **Hotel Reservations:** Please register directly with the Crowne Plaza: 1385 Lenoir Rhyne Blvd SE, Hickory, NC, 28602; Phone-**1-828-323-1000**. You can call directly to the hotel 828-323-1000 ext. 0 and request the NARFE Conference (group code NAR). You can also call the IHG 1-800 number: 1-800-424-2449 and request the NARFE Conference (group code NAR). You can also just Click, (or Control-Click depending on your computer), on the following link and make your reservation on-line. [NARFE Conference - Crowne Plaza Hickory](http://www.ncnarfe.info). The deadline for registering is **April 21, 2020**. Late registrations are subject to higher rates. If needed, please contact Cindy Beason, Director of Sales, at 828-323-1000 ext. 5006 for help with your registration For more features check our Federation website (ncnarfe.org), The Beacon and follow our Facebook page - www.facebook.com/ncnarfe
7. **Credentials:** Each member’s registration form will serve as his/her credentials to officially participate in the meeting. Members must present their copy of this form at the registration desk when first arriving at the meeting. Under the new rule of One-Member-One-Vote there is no delegate designation.
8. **Nominations:** With the change in bylaws, officers are now elected for two-year terms. There **WILL** be nominations for officers for 2020-2022. Please consider running for one of our nine elected positions.

Thank you in advance for attending and encouraging attendance in this event. We look forward to hosting the Annual Meeting. If you have questions, please contact us or other Board members listed on the side (see side bar).

Sincerely,

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