



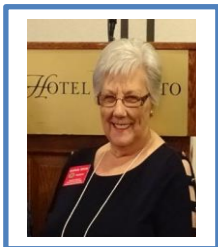
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Las Cruces Chapter 182 President (Sharon Reese)

Hello Everyone,
I hope that you and your family are safe and healthy during this awful time. I just wanted to make sure you are still in touch with NARFE Chapter 182 as we continue to work on issues affecting all of us.

First, the Executive Board met and discussed the venue options for our Membership Meetings starting in September. A decision was made and presented to the Board of Directors for discussion and voting. It was agreed that we would continue, September through December, at the Hilton Garden Inn. We will continue to meet for breakfast at 8:45 a.m. in our usual meeting room. The cost has gone up as was expected, and we will utilize about \$10.00 per person from our ways and means dollars. However, we do have to increase participant cost from \$13.00 to \$15.00. The menu items remain unchanged. Hopefully, this will give us time to see how the virus is affecting meetings of groups (not to exceed 100), and any other stipulations set forth by the Governor.

The “garage sale” will hopefully take place late September or early October. So, keep your items to donate in a closet or garage. We can clean them out in the fall! More to come in our August newsletter.

FEDcon20 has been cancelled. All members who have registered will be reimbursed the registration fees. If you have any issues with the reimbursement, please let me know.

I hope that you are reading your *NARFE* Magazine as it will be published every other month. This month you received the Jun/Jul edition. On pages 48 and 50 is information for the 2020 elections and the Bylaws Amendments that we will be voting on in August.

On June 2nd, Rodney Adelman, Region VII Vice President, sent our NARFE Region VII News with his “pros” and “cons” for each item. Please use that as a reference. I took his chart and added a



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Chapter President's Message (Sharon Reese)
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column for my proposed voting with comments when I disagreed with his preference and/or that of the BRC (Bylaws and Resolutions Committee). I have attached the chart for your reading pleasure. This is only my view and you may see things differently but do vote in August on all the amendments and officers. You may also go to www.narfe.org/2020balloting for a complete breakout of the amendments.

I will be keeping in touch as things progress and information is needed to be relayed to members. I thank Sarah McAdoo as she has agreed to send this out in June when we do not normally have a newsletter.

Everyone needs a little trivial pursuit so here goes:

How Republican and Democratic Parties Got Their Animal Symbols. Why the elephant and the donkey?

By Elizabeth Nix (Historian)

The Democratic Party's donkey and the Republican Party's elephant have been on the political scene since the 19th century. The origins of the Democratic donkey can be traced to the 1828 presidential campaign of Andrew Jackson. During that race, opponents of Jackson called him a jackass. However, rather than rejecting the label, Jackson, a hero of the War of 1812 who later served in the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate, was amused by it and included an image of the animal in his campaign posters. Jackson went on to defeat incumbent John Quincy Adams and served as America's first Democratic President. In the 1870s, influential political cartoonist Thomas Nast helped popularize the donkey as a symbol for the entire Democratic Party. The Republican Party was formed in 1854 and six years later Abraham Lincoln became its first member elected to the White House. An image of an elephant was featured as a Republican symbol in at least one political cartoon and a newspaper illustration during the Civil War (when "seeing the elephant" was an expression used by soldiers to mean experiencing combat), but the pachyderm didn't start to take hold as a GOP symbol until Thomas Nast, who is considered the father of the modern political cartoon, used it in an 1874 Harper's Weekly cartoon. Titled "The Third-Term Panic," Nast's drawing mocked the New York Herald, which had been critical of President Ulysses Grant's rumored bid for a third term and portrayed various interest groups as animals, including an elephant labeled "the Republican vote," which was shown standing at the edge of a pit. Nast employed the elephant to represent Republicans in additional cartoons during the 1870s, and by 1880 other cartoonists were using the creature to symbolize the party. Along with the donkey and elephant, the German born Nast is associated with another political animal, the ferocious Tammany Tiger, which the crusading artist famously featured in an 1871 Harper's Weekly cartoon that attacked New York's William "Boss" Tweed and Tammany Hall, his corrupt political machine. Not all of Nast's work was about politics though; he is also credited with creating the modern image of Santa Claus.

Take care and hope to see you soon! Sharon

2020 Ballot Items
CANDIDATES for National Secretary/Treasurer
Kathryn Hensley (SC) – Incumbent National Secretary/Treasurer
Cindy Renee Blythe (KS) – Current Region V Vice President

AMENDMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS

NUMBER	AUTHOR'S TITLE	BRC SUBJECT	RVP7 VOTE	FED PRES	RATIONALE
B-2002	Ballot Design Standards	Ballot Design Standards	REJECT	REJECT	
B-2004	NEB Responsibility	National Exec Board Authority	REJECT	REJECT	
B-2005	National Officers' Vacancies	National Officers' Vacancies	REJECT	ADOPT	AGREE WITH BRC Recommendation
B-2006	Bylaws Revisions	Bylaws Revisions	ADOPT	ADOPT	
B-2007	Voting – Resolutions	Voting	REJECT	REJECT	
B-2008	Proposal of By-laws Amendments	Equality in Proposing Amendments	ADOPT	ADOPT	
B-2009	Federation Mergers	Federation Mergers	ADOPT	ADOPT	
B-2010	Officer Term Limits	Secretary/ Treasurer Term Limits	ADOPT	ADOPT	
B-2011	Terms of Office	National Office/ RVP Office Terms	REJECT	REJECT	DISAGREE – There is conflict of interest on NEB Members to vote to extend terms & salary and to determine Budget for the next elected NEB Members.
B-2014	Voting on By-laws & Standing Rules	Simplify Voting Process	ADOPT	ADOPT	

NUMBER	AUTHOR'S TITLE	BRC SUBJECT	RVP7	FED PRES	RATIONALE
B-2015	Executive Director Duties	Executive Director Duties	ADOPT	ADOPT	
B-2017	Bylaws and Standing Rules Debate	Voting Member Privileges	ADOPT	ADOPT	
AB-2018	Spousal Memberships	Add Spousal Members	REJECT	REJECT	
B-2020	Membership Dues	Dues Increases	ADOPT	ADOPT	
B-2021	Federation Payments	Federation Payments	ADOPT	ADOPT	
S-2002	Committee Composition	Ensure Committee Diversity	ADOPT	REJECT	DISAGREE – This may impact the selection process for best qualified candidate to serve on the committee.
S-2003	Audit Publication Deadline	NARFE Audit Publication Deadline	ADOPT	ADOPT	
S-2005	Chapter Payments	Chapter Payments	ADOPT	REJECT	DISAGREE- This takes money from chapters who do the work in recruiting.
R-2001	Windfall Elimination Clause	Eliminate WEP	REJECT	ADOPT	AGREE with rationale of the only process to keep the Advocacy Committee abreast of our concerns.
R-2002	Increase Social Security	Increase Social Security	REJECT	ADOPT	SAME AS ABOVE.
BRC-01	Membership Categories	Membership Categories	ADOPT	REJECT	DISAGREE as no verbiage from Legal Council that would prohibit this category on loss of tax exempt status.



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