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MEETING: The meeting for Winter Quarter has been cancelled due to a lack of participation in the last few meeting. In May, we plan to have no host lunch meeting in the Seattle area. Hopefully this will appeal to more members.

AGENDA: Meeting Cancelled

WORKING TOGETHER TODAY TO PROTECT OUR EARNED BENEFITS FOR TOMORROW

The Association, since July 1970, has been classified by the IRS as a tax exempt labor organization [not a union]; however, dues, gifts, or contributions to the Association are not tax deductible as charitable contributions.

From President Bob:

As most of you know, the Social Security Fairness Act was passed and signed into law. This means all of us affected by the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and Government Pension Offset (GPO) should see an increase in our Social Security payments. It may even be enough to cover my Medicare bill.

Now is the time to thank your representatives for their vote to support Federal workers

As this new Congress and Administration move forward with their goals, we need to be vigilant at assuring they treat the Federal workers fairly. It is also important to sort the bluster and accusations out from the facts. Remember in this time of hyper partisan behavior truth and rational thought are the first casualty.

At this point, it seems the most pressing areas to be concerned with are any efforts to remove Civil Service protections to assure Federal workers are hire, fired and promoted based on merit. The most important aspect is to prevent changes that would restrict due process.

I am sure we will see efforts to reduce the expense of government through efficiencies. The key is that important missions are maintained and not jeopardized due to a lack of knowledge and understanding. Also, due process must be applied to treat workers fairly during work force reductions.

NARFE Webinars are a great source of information on your benefits. It is easy to log on www.NARFE.org and not only take in the current lectures but also review past lectures. If you know any current employees let them know about this resource. It is a wonderful recruitment tool and you will be doing them a service.

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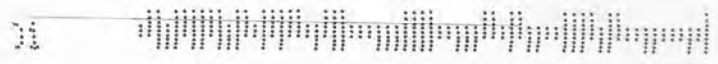
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CHAPTER 43 MEMBERSHIP IS 220.

We have lost two members since last quarter. The membership reporting system is still unavailable, so I can't provide details on the reason for changes.