

Legislative Advocacy for Seniors

January 2008 Newsletter

from the Chair . . . by Wally Daeley

Greetings to All,

As everybody knows, we are organizing our own 11th Annual Session. If you can help, volunteer with Chair A. J. Benintende at **251-967-1313** or **ajb@gulftel.com**.

The proposed revision of the *Bylaws*, presented by the Executive Committee but tabled at the membership meeting last February, will be presented again by the Executive Committee with one amendment that was made at the Midyear Meeting. Copies of the proposed revision, with the amendment indicated, were mailed to all members of NSHC in November.

I'm sorry that I missed seeing everybody last year, and I am looking forward to renewing old friendships and making new friends this year. Please make every effort to attend our 11th Annual Session!

NSHC IS LIKE RIDING A BICYCLE...

FAILURE COMES IF WE STOP PEDALING!!!!

Assistant Secretary Josefina Carbonell to Speak Saturday Night

Josefina G. Carbonell, Assistant Secretary for Aging, US Department of Health and Human Services, will be the featured dinner speaker Saturday night, February 9, at the 11th Annual Session of NSHC.

Bob (Robert B.) Blancato, NSHC Advisory Council Chair, will serve as emcee for dinner meetings and as advisor for governance meetings.

The first scheduled event is the meeting of the Board of Directors Thursday night,

February 7. The first dinner, which will be held Friday night, will be a general meeting for introductions and announcements.

Delegate registration will begin at 11:00 AM, Friday. The final schedule and other materials will be distributed to delegates as they register.

The Session will be held at the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center in Alexandria, VA, Thursday–Tuesday, February 7–12, 2008.

2008 ELECTIONS TO BE HELD

REGION AND STATE OFFICERS

Since 2008 is an even-numbered year, Regions will elect chairs, vice chairs, secretaries, and treasurers during the Region caucuses. States will elect state officers during the state caucuses. All states that have not submitted their procedures for delegate selection should develop their own procedures for electing or appointing members of their state delegations and submit printed copies to the NSHC Secretary for approval by the Board of Directors.

SILVER SENATE AND SILVER HOUSE OFFICERS

The Silver Senate will elect a President and President *pro tem*, and the Silver House will elect a Speaker and a Speaker *pro tem* at the end of the closing session of each body. Each body will determine its own election procedure.

AT-LARGE DELEGATES TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Every even-numbered year the NSHC elects four (4) At-Large Board Members. Any delegate who has two (2) years of NSHC service is eligible to run for one of these positions.

The procedure to follow to become a candidate for one of the Director At-Large positions requires submission of a notice of *Intent to Run* to NSHC Board Secretary Dallas Knudson no later than 1:00 PM on the second day of the Annual Session. The notice should include the name of the candidate and the written endorsement of at least ten (10) NSHC Delegates.

When more than four (4) candidates run for the four (4) positions, the top four (4) vote receivers will be declared elected and the next four (4) vote receivers will be declared

alternates. Alternates, when called upon to serve on the Board of Directors, will serve in the order of their finish in the final vote count.

At the time provided for the election on the agenda, each candidate will be given five (5) minutes to promote his/her candidacy. If it is necessary to break a tie vote between a delegate and an alternate, a coin will be flipped in the presence of the candidates involved in the tie. The same procedure will be followed if it is necessary to break a tie between alternates to establish order in which alternates serve as delegates. Each candidate may have an observer in the room where votes are being counted.

OFFICERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

New officers of the Board of Directors will be elected for two-year terms at the Board meeting on Monday, February 11, at 4:00 PM.

State Night Scheduled for Monday Night

All states are encouraged to participate in *State Night*, which will be held at the final dinner on Monday night, February 11. State delegations should call Herb Perry at 702-204-1040 or email him at hwp@embarqmail.com in order to reserve display space.

Tentative Schedule for 11th Session

Thursday, February 7

6:30 - 8:30 PM ~ Board Meeting

Friday, February 8

11:00 AM - 6:00 PM ~ Registration in Upper Lobby Foyer

3:00 - 5:00 PM ~ Meeting of Legislative Committee Chairs

6:30 - 9:30 PM ~ Dinner/Orientation ~ Region and State Meetings/Caucus Elections

Saturday, February 9

7:30 - 8:30 AM ~ Breakfast

9:00 - 10:00 AM ~ Annual Session

10:30 AM - 5:00 PM ~ Legislative Committees

6:30-9:30 PM ~ Dinner/Speaker ~ Candidates for Director At-Large Positions/Election

Sunday, February 10

Breakfast and Morning on your own

1:00 - 5:00 PM ~ Silver House and Silver Senate Sessions

Dinner on your own

Monday, February 11

7:30 - 8:30 AM ~ Breakfast

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM ~ Silver House and Silver Senate Sessions

4:00 - 5:00 PM ~ Board of Directors Meeting (*old and new members*)/Election of Officers

NSHC Delegates will vote to rank resolutions in priority order as soon as ballots can be prepared.

6:30 - 9:30 PM ~ Dinner/Speaker ~ State Night/Display Tables

Tuesday, February 12

7:00 - 8:00 AM ~ New Board of Directors Meeting

7:30 - 8:30 AM ~ Breakfast

8:30 - 9:30 AM ~ Annual Session/Adjournment *sine die*

Go to Capitol Hill and promote NSHC priorities!!! Make appointments with your Senators and Congressmen NOW, and let them know you will be presenting top NSHC resolutions on aging issues.

If you are looking for a roommate for the Session, call or e-mail Hannah Timmons at **803-782-7284** or **hrtimmons@bellsouth.net**. She will put interested parties in touch with other interested parties.

Proposed resolutions will be posted as soon as possible on the NSHC Web site at **www.natls hc.org**.

If you have changed your name, address, phone, or e-mail, please mail correction(s) to Dallas Knudson at **6491 Berwick Lane, Towner, ND 58788-3100**, or call **701-537-5541**, or e-mail **kkountry@srt.com**.

News, Comments, Suggestions, Opinions, and Items of Interest — If you have any news or ideas that you would like to share with your fellow NSHC members, call or e-mail Hannah Timmons at **803-782-7284** or **hrtimmons@bellsouth.net** and offer to write a story or article for the newsletter.