

Legislative Advocacy for Seniors

April 2008 Newsletter

from the Past Chair . . . by Wally Daeley

Greetings to All,

As everybody knows by now, we organized our own 11th Annual Session. It was a great success! Thanks to everybody who contributed and to everybody who attended! We had a great group who worked hard to come up with excellent resolutions for our Top Five issues.

I appreciate the opportunity that I had to serve as Chair of the NSHC Board of Directors. I'm now moving on to Past Chair of a great organization.

I look forward to seeing everybody again at our next Annual Session. I hope that I will see a new member along with every returning member.

Thank you for your support and confidence during my two years as Chair.

from the New Chair . . . by Hannah Timmons

Thanks to the members of the Board of Directors for electing me as the new NSHC Chair. With the help of everyone, I will do the best I can to help NSHC move forward as a viable organization.

We have scheduled the 2008 Midyear Meeting August 5-6 in Kansas City, MO. The Midyear is officially a meeting of the Board of Directors, but all NSHC members are welcome to attend. Information is included in this newsletter

The 2009 Annual Session is scheduled for February 5-10, again at the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center, with registration on February 6. Information and materials will be mailed later to all NSHC members.

MIDYEAR MEETING

AUGUST 5-6, 2008

The Midyear Board/Business Meeting will be held at the Drury Inn & Suites at Kansas City Airport, Kansas City, MO, Tuesday and Wednesday, August 5 and 6, 2008. The Board of Directors will meet Tuesday at 4:00 PM, break for the hotel's happy hour, and resume meeting at 7:00 PM with dinner brought in for all members and guests who have registered for the Midyear Meeting. The Board will recess and continue the meeting Wednesday morning at 9:00 AM. The meeting will adjourn when the business is completed, probably around noon.

Rooms at the Drury have been reserved. The cost per room is \$84 plus tax (15.73% + \$1.74 flat tax per room per night). The Drury will make this rate available to NSHC members and guests for three days before and three days after the meeting. There is free shuttle service from Kansas City Airport to the hotel. The Drury provides a complimentary hot breakfast from 6:30-9:30 AM and a complimentary cocktail hour from 5:30-7:00 PM. Other amenities include free parking, indoor pool, free high speed wireless internet access, and free long distance calls for one hour every night.

Individuals should make their own hotel reservations by calling **1-800-325-0720**, identifying themselves as NSHC participants, and specifying the Kansas City Airport location. The hotel is located at **7900 NW Tiffany Springs Parkway, Kansas City, MO 64153**. The hotel telephone number is **1-816-880-9700**.

The registration fee includes dinner Monday night and is \$35 for everybody.

National Silver Haired Congress
Registration Form for 2008 Midyear Meeting

Name (or names)

Address

Telephone

E-mail

Write your check for \$35 per person to National Silver Haired Congress; mail it with this form to **Pat Porter, 1651 CR 255, Big Spring, TX 79720-0704.**

Results of Elections ~ 2008 Annual Session

OFFICERS OF THE NATIONAL SILVER HAired CONGRESS

Chair ~ Hannah Timmons, SC	Secretary ~ Catherine Stone, NY
1st Vice Chair ~ Herb Perry, NV	Treasurer ~ Pat Porter, TX
2nd Vice Chair ~ Dallas Knudson, ND	Past Chair - Wally Daeley, MT

OFFICERS OF THE SILVER SENATE

President ~ Gloria Bonali, SC	President <i>Pro Tem</i> ~ Herb Perry, NV
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OFFICERS OF THE SILVER HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Speaker ~ Carlos Higgins, TX	Speaker <i>Pro Tem</i> ~ Lloyd Steen, NC
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REGION DIRECTORS

Region #1 Director ~ Norma Lee Millett, MA	Region #6 Director ~ Homer Lear, TX
Region #2 Director ~ Catherine Stone, NY	Region #7 Director ~ Ginnie Boyle, MO
Region #3 Director ~ Betty Wiser, VA	Region #8 Director ~ Laurell Marker, WY
Region #4 Director ~ Hannah Timmons, SC	Region #9 Director ~ Lucy Peres, NV
Region #5 Director ~ Diane Saunders, IL	Region #10 Director ~ Florence Turner, OR

BOARD MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

Roland Boucher, CA
Dallas Knudson, ND

Pat Porter, TX
Charles Watson, OK

STATE CHAIRS

Alabama ~ Jean Ingram
Arizona ~ Patricia Carus
California ~ Craig Orange
Florida ~ Norm Bungard
Georgia ~ Carolyn Thomas
Illinois ~ Diane Saunders
Kansas ~ Bea Bacon
Louisiana ~ Jim Myrick
Massachusetts ~ Norma Lee Millett
Minnesota ~ Jonathan Green
Missouri ~ Ginnie Boyle
Montana ~ Betty Marshall

Nevada ~ Herb Perry
New York ~ Catherine Stone
New Mexico ~ Joy Armstrong
North Carolina ~ Gladys Britt
North Dakota ~ Sandy Arends
Oklahoma ~ Charles Watson
Oregon ~ Chuck Richards
South Carolina ~ Gloria Bonali
Texas ~ Charlyne Elliott
Virginia ~ Ann Collins
West Virginia ~ Lue Chandler
Wyoming ~ Laurell Marker

Only positions, names, and states are given here. The list of members of the Board of Directors, along with phones and e-mails, is on page 3 of the booklet in this mailing. NSHC members are listed with their addresses, phones, and e-mails at the end of the booklet

Thanks for the Positive Evaluations of the 11th Annual Session!

- for the unanimous “yes” that the Session met expectations ~~~ and to NSHC Chair Wally Daeley, Session Chair A. J. Benintende, and the dream (well, maybe) team!
- for appreciating the delegate pictures for back-home publicity ~~~ and to our official photographer, Warner Knudson, who was never seen without his camera!
- for recognizing that we have to work on financing ~~~ and to Roland Boucher who made a good beginning with the Humana grant!
- for the all-too-true observation that we need to increase our membership ~~~ and to Herb Perry who has very recently recruited Brian Amenrud from Minnesota!
- for the “excellent” rating of speakers and programs ~~~ and to all those responsible!
- for suggestions such as planning the Sessions two years ahead, having a bulletin board outside the office, providing more training, and holding a mixer the first evening ~~~ and to those who are already trying to implement the suggestions!
- for the complaint that the greens and vegetables were not cooked until tender ~~~ and to

the Southerner who complained because we like our vegetables very soft; if they are hard, we expect to find them in the tossed salad, not on the main plate.

➤for the “very valuable” rating on the Senate discussion ~~~ and to Gloria Bonali who moderated it!

➤for saying that attendance certificates show that we are part of NSHC ~~~ and to Dallas Knudson who did them!

➤for noticing that NSHC has friendly members who focus on senior issues ~~~ and to all members who make the observation true!

➤for such comments as “It was a worthwhile session!” and “Good job, committee!” and “Excellent work!” and “Very good Session!” and “Best Session yet!” ~~~ and to Pat Porter who kept the seat at the back of the office warm and made these comments happen!

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.

*Check the National Silver Haired Congress website regularly at **www.natlshc.org**.*

*In order to access the Members section, you must use the password, **silvermember**.*

National Council of Silver Haired Legislators — The annual meeting of NCSHL will be held Wednesday through Friday, August 6-8, at the Hilton Kansas City Airport Hotel, following the NSHC Midyear Meeting. Registration materials have been mailed to members. For additional information, including deadlines, write NCSHL President **Lucille “Lue” Chandler**, at **39 Brown Street, Clendenin, WV 25045**; call her at **304-548-6923**; or e-mail her at **luegene@verison.net**.

The 50/50 drawing at the 11th Annual Session produced a total of \$1,525.

Committee Chairs Appointed

Standing Committees

ARCHIVES — Warner Knudson, ND

BYLAWS — Gloria Bonali, SC

COMMUNICATIONS — Lloyd Steen, NC

NEWSLETTER — Hannah Timmons, SC

PUBLIC RELATIONS — Rosemary Bailes, SC

TECHNOLOGY — Pat Porter, TX

ELECTIONS — Dolores Olson, CA

Included in this mailing . . .

In addition to this newsletter, you have a booklet with a plastic binding with the TOP FIVE resolutions we selected at the Annual Session, the additional resolutions that we passed, and a list of all members of NSHC. You also have separate sheets, without binder holes, that you can use to make copies of the TOP

FINANCE — Pat Porter, TX
FUNDRAISING — Roland Boucher, CA
MEMBERSHIP — Dallas Knudson, ND
ORIENTATION — Gladys Jones, SC
PROGRAM — Ginnie Boyle, MO

Ad Hoc Committees

ADVOCACY — Lloyd Steen, NC
MIDYEAR LIASON — Ginnie Boyle, MO
CHAPLAINCY — Charles Watson, OK

Annual Session Committees

50/50 FUNDRAISER — Lucy Peres, NV
AWARDS — Dallas Knudson, ND
EXHIBITS — Craig Orange, CA
HOTEL LIASON — Betty Wiser, VA
PHOTOGRAPHY — Warner Knudson, ND
PRINTING & SUPPLIES — Ann Collins, VA
PREREGISTRATION — Pat Porter, TX
RESOLUTIONS — Bob Erickson, NV
SITE REGISTRATION — Charlyne Elliott, TX
STATE NIGHT — Lue Chandler, WV

FIVE and the additional resolutions.

Please check your name on the list of members so that we can correct mistakes. If any changes are needed, let Hannah Timmons know at **4664 Sylvan Drive, Columbia, SC 29206; 803-782-7284;** or **hrtimmons@bellsouth.net.**

THE RED STAR ON YOUR MAILING LABEL MEANS . . .

If you have already paid dues for 2008-09, you will have a red star before your name on your mailing label. If you have a star, you will not owe dues until next year. If you do not have one, you owe dues for 2008-09. Please use the form below.

<p>National Silver Haired Congress Membership Application for 2008-09</p> <p>Dues for the next fiscal year (July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009) are \$20 and are due by July 1, 2008. Checks should be written to National Silver Haired Congress.</p> <p>NAME (OR NAMES)</p> <p>ADDRESS</p> <p>TELEPHONE E-MAIL</p> <p><i>Mail to Pat Porter, 1651 CR 255, Big Spring, TX 79720-0704.</i></p>	
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