

October 2007 Newsletter

from the Chair . . . by Wally Daeley

Greetings to All,

First, I want to say that all of us join the family of Glen Peterson, Senator from Texas and Region #6 Director, in mourning his death in July. He was, in the very best sense of the word, a colorful institution, who may well become a legend, in NSHC.

At the Midyear meeting in St. Louis, the Board of Directors changed the course of NSHC. For the first time, we are organizing our own Annual Session. If you can help, volunteer with Chair A. J. Benintende at **251-967-1313** or **ajb@gulftel.com**.

In other action, the Board of Directors approved newly revised *Standing Rules* that combine our previous *Standing Rules*, *Operations Manual*, and *Legislative Rules and Procedures*. These *Standing Rules* should clarify procedures and facilitate member participation. Copies will be included in the white notebooks at the Annual Session.

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, will be mailed to all members of NSHC no later than sixty (60) days prior to the 11th Annual Session.

Please make every effort to attend this Annual Session! We need everybody!

ANNUAL SESSION SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 7-12, 2008

The 11th Annual Session will be held at the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center, Alexandria, VA, Thursday -Tuesday, February 7-12, 2008. Early bird registration, which is non-refundable, will be \$400 for delegates and \$300 for guests. The postmark deadline is January 8. After January 8, registration will be \$450 for delegates and \$350 for guests.

Hotel reservations should be made directly with the Hilton at 1-703-845-1010 or 1-877-783-8258. NSHC rates for a single or double room will be \$109, plus tax (currently 10.5%) for a total of approximately \$122.00 per night. Rooms have been reserved for members and guests for the duration of the Session and *may* be available for the three days before at \$109 and the Tuesday night after at \$199.

Registration material for the Session will be furnished in early November.

Board of Directors Approves Vision, Mission and Goals

(approved at the 2007 Midyear Meeting)

VISION: To be an effective, non-partisan and independent national grassroots organization helping America's seniors improve their independence and quality of life, through education and advocacy

MISSION: To provide an educational opportunity and advocacy forum for older Americans to make recommendations on federal aging priorities and legislation to the US Congress

GOALS:

Membership – To establish delegations in at least 35 states; to have paid membership of 225

Finance – To develop 2-year self-sustaining financial plan and budget

Communications – To use and promote WEB site, quarterly newsletter, and news releases; to make contact with every member of US Congress

Advocacy – To form an advocacy team to focus, educate and train entire organization on implementing NSHC's Number One Resolution

Administration – To evaluate organization and policies; to identify major strengths/problems by member survey; to take action to reach goals and develop strategic plan

REGION AND STATE OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED

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.

AT-LARGE DELEGATES TO BE ELECTED 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.

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.

11th Session Team

Wally Daeley, NSHC Board Chair ~ 406-774-3745

A. J. Benintende, Session Chair ~ 251-967-1313

Betty Wisner, Vice Chair (Hotel) ~ 703-578-7543

Dallas Knudson, Vice Chair (Administration) ~ 701-537-5541

Ginnie Boyle, Finance ~ 573-392-4223

Hannah Timmons, Resolutions ~ 803-782-7284

Carlos Higgins, Speakers ~ 512-258-3564

Catherine Stone, Programs/Head Table ~ 585-768-2055

Gloria Bonali, Orientation ~ 843-347-2374

Pat Porter, Registration ~ 432-399-4456

Herb Perry, Entertainment/State Night ~ 702-204-1040

Charlynnne Elliot, Volunteers ~ 903-892-9075

Jonathon Green, Elections ~ 507-373-8113

Roland Boucher, Sponsors ~ 949-552-9174

Charles Richards, Exhibits ~ 503-363-4627

Lloyd Steen, Attendance/PR ~ 828-697-0187

Team needs volunteers

Chair, **Equipment** — to order and coordinate audio/visual equipment, speaker needs, office equipment

Chair, **Session Book** — to put together notebook binder with NSHC info, bylaws, standing rules, orientation material, resolutions, attendees, sponsor recognition and/or ads, welcome letter from Chair

Chair, **Video/Photo** — to document session with video that can be used to explain and sell NSHC to prospective state delegations and members, to provide photos for NSHC Web site and news releases, and generally to document for members and posterity/archives

DEADLINE FOR RESOLUTIONS IS DECEMBER 14

Any member of NSHC can submit one or more resolutions for consideration at the Annual Session. Resolutions should identify issues and propose solutions which, when passed by both the Silver Senate and House, will impact the lives of the citizens of the United States with special emphasis on issues related to Seniors. Resolutions should be written to inform the US Congress and the US President of pressing concerns of the aging population and to urge legislation that will address these concerns.

Resolutions should be e-mailed or mailed no later than Friday, December 14, to Hannah Timmons at hrtimmons@bellsouth.net or **4664 Sylvan Drive, Columbia, SC 29206**. The dead-line is earlier than it has been in previous years because the Annual Session is earlier.

A resolution should address only one concern, should contain no more than three statements beginning with "Whereas," and should make only one recommendation in the statement beginning with "Resolved." The format is illustrated below.

Title *(The title should be clear and concise. It should relate closely to the statement beginning with "Resolved.")*

Whereas,

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Whereas, *(There should be no more than three statements beginning "Whereas.")*

Resolved, That the National Silver Haired Congress urge the United States Congress...

(The resolve should require action that can be accomplished. There should be only one issue in a resolution. If more than one is needed, a separate resolution should address that issue.)

All submitted resolutions will be assigned to one of the Legislative Committees for action. Votes by the Committees will be tallied and recorded on the tracking sheet attached to each resolution. A majority vote is required for the passing of any motion or amendment. The presiding chair will vote only in case of a tie.

Any Silver Senator or Silver Representative may request permission from his respective chair to appear in support of a resolution before the appropriate Legislative Committee.

Before the adjournment of the Annual Session, delegates will prioritize resolutions to establish the NSHC's TOP FIVE. A list of all resolutions in priority order will be made available to the delegates.

Board of Directors ~ 2006 - 2008

Chair and Board Member-at-large ~ Wally Daeley ~ 406-774-3745 ~ rafterjw@midrivers.com
1st Vice Chair and Region #4 Director ~ Hannah Timmons ~ 803-782-7284 ~ hrtimmons@bellsouth.net
2nd Vice Chair and Board Member-at-large ~ A. J. Benintende ~ 251-967-1313 ~ ajb@gulftel.com
Secretary and Region #8 Director ~ Dallas Knudson ~ 701-537-5541 ~ kkcountry@srt.com
Treasurer and Region #7 Director ~ Ginnie Boyle ~ 573-392-4223 ~ mrsjinnieb@aol.com
Immediate Past Chair ~ Homer Lear ~ 210-677-8136 / cell 210-414-4754 ~ hwl315@aol.com
President of Silver Senate ~ Gloria Bonali ~ 843-347-2374 ~ bonali@sccoast.net
President *Pro Tem* of Silver Senate ~ Herbert Perry ~ 702-204-1040 ~ hwp@coam.net
Speaker of Silver House of Representatives ~ Carlos Higgins ~ 512-258-3564 ~ carlostx@worldnet.att.net
Speaker *Pro Tem* of Silver House of Representatives ~ Lloyd Steen ~ 828-697-0187 ~ steamboat@ioa.com
Region #1 Director ~ Norma Lee Millett ~ 978-448-2824 ~ normaleemillet@msn.com
Region #2 Director ~ Catherine Stone ~ 585-768-2055 ~ katystone@frontiernet.net
Region #3 Director ~ Betty Wiser ~ 703/578-7543 ~ wiserbetty5@aol.com
Region #5 Director ~ Diane Saunders ~ 630-985-4544 ~ saunders-family@sbcglobal.net.
Region #6 Director ~ *vacant because of the death of Glen Peterson*
Region #9 Director ~ Charles Barfield ~ 661-832-2193 ~ chbar@juno.com
Region #10 Director ~ Florence Turner ~ 503-594-2458 ~ f_turner@juno.com
Board Member-at-large ~ Elizabeth Johnson ~ 561/833-6157 ~ johnson8817@bellsouth.net
Board Member-at-large ~ Pat Porter ~ 432-399-4456 ~ pjporter@crcom.net

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

From Session Chair A. J. Benintende...HELP!!! HELP!!! If anyone knows of any major area of responsibility that we are overlooking as we plan the 11th Annual Session, please call me at **251-967-1313** immediately so that we can get someone assigned. I really believe that working together on this Session and doing everything ourselves will bring us closer together and make NSHC a more effective organization.

If you have any recommendations for speakers for the Annual Session, call or e-mail Carlos Higgins at **512-258-3564** or **carlostx@worldnet.att.net** with your suggestions.

If you can help obtain sponsors, potential sponsors, and/or advertisements for our 11th Session, call or e-mail Roland Boucher at **949-552-9174** or **rolandfly@sbcglobal.net**.

If you are looking for a roommate for the Annual Session in February, call or e-mail Hannah Timmons at **803-782-7284** or **hrtimmons@bellsouth.net**. She will let those who are interested in roommates know about others who are interested. No guarantees! No hanky-panky arranged!

Check the National Silver Haired Congress Web site regularly at **www.natlshc.org**. In order to access the Members section, you must use the password, **silvermember**.

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.

Recent Donations and Fundraisers — Nevada and Texas have both donated \$500 to NSHC.

From Treasurer Ginnie Boyle...For the Midyear Meeting of the Board of Directors, I prepared a cost analysis per person based on those attending the 10th Annual Session in February. The bottom line was that we were paying \$26,000 (\$260 per person based on last year's 100 attendees) to Outsources to run our meeting for us and that we could not, as an organization, continue to absorb that cost and remain fiscally responsible. If you have any questions about the financial aspects of NSHC, call me at 573-392-4223 or e-mail me at mrsginnieb@aol.com.

Check the Membership Code on Your Mailing Label... This newsletter is being mailed to all current and former members whose addresses we have. Check the mailing label on your envelope to find out whether or not you have paid dues for 2007-08. If 6/30/08 is before your name, you have already paid. If the code is not there, you owe now. Please join NSHC even if you won't be able to attend meetings. We need your support, and we welcome your participation whether or not you can be with us in person. If you have questions about membership, call or e-mail Treasurer Ginnie Boyle at 573-392-4223 or mrsginnieb@aol.com.
Please enclose the form below with your check.

National Silver Haired Congress Membership Application for 2007-08

Dues for this fiscal year (July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008) are \$20 and were due July 1, 2007. Checks should be written to National Silver Haired Congress and mailed to Virginia Boyle, NSHC Treasurer, 17780 Maplewood Drive, Rocky Mount, MO 65072.

Name (or names)