

Conference Report
MD Federation Mini-Conference
May 7 and 8, 2024
Bowie MD

This was an official federation meeting for the record

Tuesday May 7 Day One

- 1) Introduction and Roll Call Gary Roundtrip President MD Federation
Invocation
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll call of Chapters State of MD Hagerstown to Ocean Pines
- 2) Governor Larry Hogan spoke about his vision if elected Senator
As. Former Governor he helped legislation that reduced taxes on retirees
It was nice to hear his vision in person.
- 3) Kate Hensley spoke about her role as outgoing National Secretary -Treasurer
Compliance and bylaw issues take up much of her time
Editing the magazine 4-6 hours per month.
Discussion on potential sale of HQ building that needs extensive renovation
- 4) John Hatton National Legislative Director talked about advocacy & challenged people to get involved.
Asked that as many people as possible attend FED-Con24 in St. Louis
Talked about the advocacy page on the NARFE website.
- 5) Representative David Trone spoke about his vision if elected Senator
As a member of the current Congress, he sponsored legislation that was intended to help federal employees overall. Not much was accomplished though.
It was nice to hear his vision in person.
- 6) Conrad Washington US Department of Veterans Affairs spoke about his role as Director of Faith Based Partnerships in VA communities. NARFE is looking to work with Conrad to get NARFE materials into VA offices.

Wednesday May 8 Day Two

- 1) Introduction and Roll Call Gary Roundtrip President MD Federation
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Roll call of Chapters State of MD Hagerstown to Ocean Pines
- 2) Ms. Angela Alsobrooks Princes Georges County Executive spoke about her vision if elected Senator
Ms. Alsobrooks talked about her success in bringing economic development to PG County
Ms. Alsobrooks talked about her success in updating the physical plant for the public schools.
It was nice to hear her vision in person.
- 3) Congressman Steny Hoyer is the longest serving Democrat in Congress. 40+ years
The Congressman talked about his partnership with NARFE and protecting the federal workforce.
He represents 82,000 Federal employees in MD Congressional District 5
Mentioned Public Service Recognition week now going on May 6-11
He thanked NARFE and members for their continued support
- 4) Gary Roundtree summed up the meeting with thanks to various committee chairs and others.
Mr. Roundtree thanked all for attending.

It was good that our chapter attended. Vinnie Warr Federation President Delaware also attended. Knowing the legislative view of NARFE and how NARFE interacts with the legislators on policy issues was enlightening.

Respectfully submitted
Ken Sosne May 8. 20204