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The informal Highlands Chapter meeting held October 15th and the subsequent workshop session that was held October 26th were the focus of several important subjects.

Our Chapter/Founder Member Signature page has only one "Regular" member signature to go and James Ware will be back from the University in December. We look forward to Don Gradeless and Steve Williams, our "Dual" members signing when they return for the season.

Joyce Holmes flew to Kansas to obtain the signatures of her family members, Tim Holmes Sr & Jr, Dylan Dutton and Caleb Palmer, the latter are Youth Registrants.

John Ware took a break from his busy schedule at Highlands Regional Hospital to sign.

Dues for 2012 have been turned in by many members. If you have not sent yours as yet, please forward them with the annual reporting forms so we can insure your membership is renewed and information current.

Our focus on dues resulted in some confusion as regards Article 11 – Fees & Dues paragraph 5 of the by-laws – Life Membership. To clarify the language used, I have prepared an Amendment to this paragraph 5. The proposed amendment which follows is a verbatim quote from our NASSAR form.

We will vote on this amendment at our Nov 19th Chapter meeting.

Amendment to Highlands Chapter SAR By-Laws

Article 11 – Fees & Dues

5. National Life Membership – A current active member of any age who pays a one-time lump sum dues payment calculated

on a reduced, annual, prorated dues schedule that is based on his age at that time.

Determining Factors All applicants age 0-40
Total National Life Dues \$900

After age 40, that total decreases \$15 each year

6. A Dual member in good standing of another Florida Chapter may become a Dual Member in the Highlands Chapter FLSSAR by payment of Chapter dues only. If primary member is out of state, a dual member will be by payment of State and Chapter dues.

The Budget for 2012 will be discussed. The very important office of Register is currently a priority. We have several pending applications for membership in our Highlands Chapter. Bill Geiger has returned to Sebring from Kentucky and wishes to expedite his application, as do several other applicants. Phil Tarpley, FLSSAR Sr. VP and former Reg VP has offered to help Mike Flood who has offered his time with this process.

Mike is already busy with his Treasurer and Highlands Newsletter Publisher functions, consequently we need to develop an experience person for the very important office of Register.

When we have more members able to devote some time to the Chapter, we will focus on publicity.

Our next Chapter Meeting is Nov 19, 2011 at 12:30pm at the Heartland National Bank in Lake Placid. Until we meet again, our best to all

Woody