



**Oklahoma Alliance on Aging**  
**Monday Strategy Committee** January 22, 2007, 9:35 AM  
DHS Aging Services Division  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

**BRIEF MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Theo Crawley, James Crowder, Scott Ellis, Esther Houser, Janine McCulough, Helen Patrick, John Terneus.

**MINUTES of January 8, 2007, meeting considered.** Several questions answered about emailed minutes.

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES**

Distributed information about Legislative Service Bureau's website training January 23 and 25; and "flags" used to track the Legislature's "measures". <http://www.lsb.state.ok.us>

Distributed a list of the Senate's 1092 measures effecting seniors (37). Distributed a list of the House's 1180 measures effecting seniors (33). Volunteers will track most of them and report back January 22. More volunteer trackers are needed. The lists will then include Legislators sponsoring and the committees the measures have been assigned to.

**ORGANIZATIONS:**

**Paralyzed Veterans:** by Ellis:

1. Oklahoma Veterans Council elected a new chairman:
2. Ellis is on Senator Tom Coburn's Veteran's Task Force.
3. Congress passed "Life Span Respite Care" for caregivers of disabled. For a state's one dollar, the federal provides four dollars. In addition to the OAA.

**Retired Educators:** by Crawley:

1. High salaried educators got increased pensions and the rest got a 2% COLA.
2. Little hope of Retired Educators Fund getting money to raise funding above 49% level.

**AARP:** by Patrick:

1. Training in the Edmond office Friday, January 26, 10:00-4:00 PM.
2. Request representative to the Strategy Committee.
3. Federal "Transition to Independent Living" grants to 17 states. Oklahoma gets \$3.5 million. Procedure for individuals to qualify not completed.

**NARFE:** by Crowder:

Distributed list of Legislature's Senate and House leaders and Senate's committee leaders. Reminder that:

1. Federal income tax for 2006 includes a telephone refund (\$30, \$40, \$50, etc.).
2. Oklahoma income tax for 2006 allows \$10,000 deduction for retirement income.

**CHARITIES:**

Crowder distributed "50 New F-Rated Charities" list.

Ellis recommended veteran's assistance through [www.pva.org](http://www.pva.org) website.

Houser distributed warning about vulnerable seniors paying solicitations.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Patrick:

Education Committee postponed to February 16, 10-noon, Mayfair. Subject Medicare Part D (drugs).

OAoA Board, February 1, 1:00 PM, Mayfair.

- New list of OAoA Board members: Lisa Bewley replaces Bob Lane at OFMQ.
- Crowder has a new email address: [jascrowder@aol.com](mailto:jascrowder@aol.com)
- Houser distributed new list of Area Agencies on Aging. The Senior Info-Line is still 1-800-211-2116.
- Houser distributed copies of the new "Advance Directive for Health Care". Quantities are available from 405-962-1721 or 1-877-283-4113.

### SOME OK LEGISLATURE'S COMMITTEES: (abbreviated)

#### SENATE:

#### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

Appropriations (Revenue) James Crowder

Economics (Insurance and Retirement) Marjean Mitchell, Helen Patrick

**Education:** Theo Crawley

**Energy:** Albert Janco

**General Government (Transportation):** Albert Janco

**Finance:** James Crowder

**Human Services:** Esther Houser

**Health:** Esther Houser

**Public Health:** Esther Houser

**(Veterans):** Marjean Mitchell

**Retirement:** Helen Patrick

**Transportation:** Albert Janco      Transportation: Albert Janco

**Veterans:** Scott Ellis, Marjean Mitchell

The committees listed above will probably have some Senior Issues legislation. Those named after the Committees have volunteered to report to the Monday Strategy meetings:

1. What the Committee has done about Seniors legislation,
2. What it plans on doing,
3. When and where it will be meeting, and later
4. What the Senate, House, and Governor do.

MORE volunteers are needed to report on Senior Issues in these and possibly other Committees. Please volunteer.

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