

**NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
ZOOM  
March 29, 2023**

**Call to Order:** President Linda Ingram called the meeting to order at 10:07. She then asked Robert Davidson II to lead the flag salute.

**Moment of Silence:** President Ingram asked us to pray for everyone facing adversity and health issues, including those in Mississippi after the recent storms.

**Roll Call:** President Ingram asked Secretary Sandy Griffin to call the roll.

Those present were:

President Linda Ingram

Secretary Sandy Griffin

District I Vice President Robert N. Davidson

District III Vice President Gloria Deets-Breyer

District V Vice President Pauline Jue

DVP-at-Large Robert Davidson II

Regional Vice President Robert Ruskamp

Legislative Chair Steve Walter

Executive Vice President Yoggi Riley

Treasurer Gerald Hall

District II Vice President Gregg Pericich

District VI Vice President Ronald Griffin

District VIII Vice President Stephen Smith

Immediate Past President Dee Shallenberger

Parliamentarian Ed Shallenberger

Chair of Registration for convention Pat Smith

Those Not Present:

District VI Dottie Schmidt

**Convention Committee Report:**

Co-chair Ron Griffin reported on their visit to San Luis Obispo the previous week. He and Sandy lined up a potential color guard, visited the Chamber of Commerce for maps and information, and checked location of restaurants close to the Embassy Suites. They also met with the hotel sales staff and the catering manager to discuss meeting room requirements and meal plans. There was a suggestion for Ron to check if there is a rental car agency office in or near the hotel.

Co-chair Steve Walter reported that he had learned from Yvonne Williams that she had arranged for the mayor of San Luis Obispo to give a welcome at the beginning of the convention.

He also talked about chapter ads and what he has received so far. There are 60 chapters now according to Carl Bailey's monthly Chapter Directory.

Ron suggested that Silent Auction baskets, chapter ads etc. be included in a reminder letter that will also announce the early bird registration of \$80 will be extended to April 15, 2023. The letter will be drafted by Ron and reviewed and emailed by President Ingram in the next week.

Steve Walter reminded the Board that he needs their bios and pictures, and those for the speakers, for the convention book. He has some of the board info but especially needs William Shackelford's. Shackelford and Herb Casey will be asked if they want to use their bios currently available online. Steve also needs the survey from Herb Casey that he wants to have handed out at registration. Steve asked if there is a need for blank pages at the end of the program book for notes. The consensus was "no", if we can get a note taking pad put in the delegate bag. Ron will try to see if any vendors have note pads available. Treasurer Hall stated that the Federation will pay directly for the convention book costs and other expenses, so committee members will not need to advance the funds.

Ron reported that the convention bags have been ordered. They will be blue, with the graphic that Steve created on the front and the advertising for the two companies who are paying for the bags on the back.

It was decided that for the Recognition Lunch, the Eulogy ceremony will include the announcement of the number of members who passed in the last two years from each district, and announce the names of those who were officers or past federation officers or spouses at the time of their death. Sandy will investigate how to get obtain the number of deceased National Only members and if they are included in the district where they lived. The DVP for each district will place a rose in the vase as their district is announced, as in the past.

#### **The meeting returned to the Agenda Order:**

**Next Meeting Date:** Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM was chosen. What to be included in the convention bags will be discussed then.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Jerry Hall named the board members who have not registered for the convention yet. He is tracking all money received and expensed related to the convention.

He also named the chapters who have still not paid per capita dues. They were Stockton, Southeast Downey, Vacaville, Central Coast, Grass Valley, and Feather River.

Steve Smith asked what to do if someone shows up at the Convention who is not registered? He was told that they could register at that time. National only members will need to pay \$2.00 per capita dues when they register if they wish to vote or run for office.

Treasurer Hall reported that the current balance in the checking account on March 28<sup>th</sup> was \$161,932.70. The two CDs each have \$50,360.96.

**2023 LEGcon Registration:** Treasurer Hall reminded the board members that registration for LEGcon23 will be reimbursed for CDLs and Federation officers. He reported on those who have requested reimbursement to date. Remember to register. President Ingram suggested asking National headquarters who has registered from California, and remind those who have registered that they are eligible for reimbursement.

**Nomination Committee:** Robert Davidson II, Elections and Nominations chair, suggested that we look at redistricting before accepting nominations for District VP positions. District V Vice President, Pauline Jue, said that some of the Bay Area Chapters in District VII could move to District V and DVP IV, Ron Griffin, said District VI could be incorporated in with District IV. District I and District III are willing to work together as a super District ,

at least for the near-term. After further discussion the decision was made to combine District I and III for the coming caucus, hold District V and District VII caucuses together, and hold the District VI caucus in conjunction with District IV. Efforts to recruit District VP's will continue in the meantime. The Federation will monitor planning at the National HQ in regards to organizational plans and structures.

**Nominating Committee:** Robert Davidson II, Nominations and Elections chair, and other attendees discussed who can run for Federation offices. Ideas of who could run, especially for President, were shared. Steve Smith will contact George Ramirez to see if he would consider running.

**Bylaws Committee:** Robert Davidson (Old Bob) said that he has not received any Bylaw amendments or resolutions.

He will send the Convention Rules for us to review at the next meeting.

Sandy will check that the 2021 revised bylaws were sent to National. They were approved by the attendees at the 2021 convention.

**Other:** Secretary Griffin asked about using the banner that was used on the podium last convention. It was agreed to use it again for this Convention.

Reminder, next meeting is April 5, at 10:00 AM.

We adjourned at 1:45.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandy Griffin  
Federation Secretary