

**NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
ZOOM  
March 7, 2023**

The meeting was **called to order** by President Linda Ingram at 10:04 A.M. She asked Robert Davidson II to lead the flag salute.

President Ingram then asked for a **Moment of Silence**. She said that there were so many things going on in the world that need to be resolved, that we should choose something to include in our own moment of silence.

President Ingram then asked Secretary Sandy Griffin to do the **Roll Call**.

Those present were:

President Linda Ingram	Secretary Sandy Griffin
Treasurer Gerald Hall	District I Vice President Robert Davidson District II
Vice President Gregg Pericich	District III Vice President Gloria Deets-Breyer
District IV Vice President Ronald Griffin	District V Vice President Pauline Jue
District VIII Vice President Stephen Smith	Regional Vice President Robert Ruskamp
National Legislative Chair Steve Walter	DVP At Large Robert Davidson II

Those not present were:

Executive Vice President Yoggi Riley	District VI Vice President Dottie Schmidt
Immediate Past President Dee Shallenberger	Parliamentarian Ed Shallenberger

**Agenda Review:** Resolutions and Bylaw amendments need to be received by March 31<sup>st</sup>. We will send out a reminder of how to send in Form 18. DP I Davidson will send a paragraph to Secretary Sandy Griffin.

**Next Meeting:** It was decided that the next meeting for the board will be on March 29, 2023, at 10:00 AM.

**Treasurer Report:** Treasurer Hall reported the current balance in the checking account is \$153,675.04.

He went on to report that per capita dues have been received from 41 chapters for a total of \$4621.00. The deadline for sending them in is March 15<sup>th</sup>. He expects that there may be a few chapters that will not send them in.

He had used the chapter member numbers from December 31<sup>st</sup> for sending the billing.

He shared what he called “the bad news” which was that now the IRS requirements are to send in the tax filing electronically, and he had sent it in by paper copy. He followed that by sending electronically, but then got a bill from the IRS for \$1,380.00 for not doing it that way to begin with. He will work with the IRS so see if there is a way to get them to waive the penalty. He reported that the two CDs were at \$50,293.82 on March 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Request for Volunteers:** Regional Vice President Robert Ruskamp is looking for volunteers to serve on the Strategic Planning Committee and the Compensation Committee. He asked for volunteers to let him know of their interest by March 10, 2023 .

**2023 LEGcon Registration:** LEGCon 23 will once again be held by Zoom, which allows many more to participate. The visits are not quite the same by Zoom as in person. Steve has suggested that the local Congressional District offices be included as well as the D.C. offices. Steve Walter shared about the Federation Fee Sponsorship. Participants register online and then save receipts and send to Treasurer Hall for reimbursement. DVPs are also included in the program even if they are not a CDL. This is already in our budget, so no new money is involved. It starts at 8 AM Pacific Time. It runs from June 20, and ends with a lobbying day of virtual meetings with members of Congress or their staff on June 22.

**2023 Convention Report:** President Ingram asked Treasurer Hall what the current registration was. He reported that there were 21 people registered so far. A reminder letter will be sent very soon.

Officers need to send in picture and a bio by March 21<sup>st</sup>, to Steve Walter.

Co-chair Ron Griffin gave a hotel room registration count. 101 are registered so far. He had confirmed that the Happy Hour is from 5:30 to 7:00 PM. He also reported that the cost of the convention bags will be only \$150 more than last time.

We discussed subsidizing the Banquet cost for chapter presidents as a way of recognizing them. Robert Davidson II moved to pay the \$50.00 banquet fee for those presidents attending the convention. Pauline Jue seconded the motion and it passed.

Ron Griffin will call DVP II Gregg Pericich to see if he will be able to be the chair for the Ways and Means Committee and Silent Auction. It was reported that Randall Scott has volunteered for the Ways and Means committee. Ron will let Gregg know. We were reminded that DVPs need to get the word out about baskets for the Silent Auction.

**Nominating Committee:** Robert Davidson II sent out a two-page list of what officer positions there are and links to jobs to be put on the website. He will send an email to chapter presidents

asking them to announce this. President Ingram said she would be available to answer any questions about the president's position responsibilities.

**Redistricting:** DVP IV Ron Griffin had sent an evaluation of the northern district/chapters. The process is on the agenda. Robert Davidson II said that he thought District I and District III could be combined. A discussion continued about chapters and where would make sense to be in which district. This discussion included incorporating known/likely chapter closures, evaluating national only membership by geographic area, would this add new responsibilities for DVPs for national only and chapters, and whether to redraw District lines in time for Federation elections. It was stated that having William Shackelford at our convention may help us know what direction we should go based on the planning at National level. Steve Walter stated that the Legislative connection is what drew him to NARFE. This is part of the thought to organize around Congressional Districts. President Ingram stated that all of this organizational discussion still does not address the critical problem of membership decline. Treasurer Hall thought we should continue to look at ways to stop the collapse in our state.

The near-term issue is, do we need to look for 6 or 8 DVPs needed.

We decided to wait to the next meeting to make a decision about whether 6 or 8 DVPs will be needed.

**DVP Reports/Chapters in Trouble:** Several chapters were discussed.

Ron Griffin moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:40.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandy Griffin  
CA Federation Secretary