

**NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
MAY 11, 2023  
EMBASSY SUITES HOTEL, SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA**

President Ingram **called the meeting to order** at 9:20 am. Following the flag salute, she asked Secretary Griffin to call the roll.

Those present were:

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| President Linda Ingram                     | Executive Vice President Yoggi Riley            |
| Secretary Sandy Griffin                    | Treasurer Gerald Hall                           |
| District II Vice President Gregg Pericich  | District III Vice President Gloria Deets-Breyer |
| District VI Vice President Ron Griffin     | District VIII Vice President Steve Smith        |
| Immediate Past President Dee Shallenberger |   |
| Regional Vice President Robert Ruskamp     | Parliamentarian Ed Shallenberger                |
| National Legislative Chair Steve Walter    |   |

Others:

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| Juanita Pardun (will be DVP VI) | Peter Bauer (will be DVP VII)   |
| Pat Smith                       | Robert Davidson II DVP at Large |
| Joe Breyer Sergeant at Arms     |                                 |

Sharon Reese Region VII Vice President came in to say goodbye.

### **Convention Discussion**

It was reported that there were 68 members, 11 vendors, and 5 visitors who attended the convention.

There was a discussion about the 4 no shows and whether to give refunds. It was decided that they would be considered case by case.

Pat Smith, who was the Registration Chair, reported that the 84 total persons registered were all checked in by noon on Tuesday. She had three helpers, including Rita Draven, Roxie Patterson, and Saunita Davis.

Gregg Pericich DVP II, served as Ways and Means Chair so oversaw the Silent Auction Baskets that had been donated by districts, some chapters, and some individuals. He reported that Randy Scott was the volunteer who helped him.

The Sergeant at Arms chair, Joe Breyer, reported that Tony Doty was the volunteer who helped him.

When the question about pictures was brought up, it was reported that the known people who were taking pictures were Steve Walter, Forney Lundy, and Martha Raup.

There was a bit more talk about volunteers and their hours. Treasurer Hall will send money to their chapters depending on the number of hours they worked.

It was commented that a Hospitality Committee was not really used this time.

Sharon Reese came in to say goodbye and thanked us for an enjoyable time.

Peter Bauer (newly elected DVP for District VII) suggested that we have a person come to tell about scams.

Executive Vice President Yoggi Riley reported on the amounts she had collected while manning the special donations table. She had collected \$1335.00 for Alzheimer's research and \$484.00 for NARFE PAC.

### **New Board Members:**

Two new DVPs were elected.

Peter Bauer ( the new DVP VII) has been a NARFE member since H Ray Harrington was in office, about 20+ years ago. He worked with the Food Stamp program and then Medicare and CMM, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid, and had to figure out what to answer. H Ray and Helen Zajac helped him and got him involved in NARFE. He became President of Chapter 400 Marin County when he was still working. Peter thought the part of the workshops that the vendors talked about "What they can do for you" was great.

Juanita Pardun (the new DVP VI) retired from the IRS in 2004. She found out about NARFE when she attended a retirement seminar. She joined a chapter that later closed, so she moved to another chapter and became the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. Several more changes happened with NARFE and another organization and then Dan Mahoney invited her to NARFE and a convention. She will work with some chapters that are thinking of closing in that District. She wants to see if she can work with a Presidents' Council in that district.

Secretary Griffin asked if these two could be put in the positions now instead of waiting until July 1. President Ingram and Treasurer Hall and all the board agreed.

### **Training:**

Some Zoom training will be done but dates need to be determined. Other DVPs can sit in on this training. Ron needs to set up a Zoom account and other DVPS can also to meet with Presidents.

### **Convention Surveys:**

President Ingram reported on the surveys that were collected at the end of the last session. Transportation from the airport and train station was a concern. There were some questions related to the hotel, concerning busing dishes, and no maid service.

There were 13 tens, with some comments about microphone problems as some wanted a more detailed schedule ahead of time.

Nines, there were about 7, with comments to strive to increase attendance and that Martha Raup's workshop was good.

Eights mostly liked everything but again the mics needed improvement.

Some things were identified that need to be worked on, including:

- Planning for disabilities
- Audio Visual
- Location, Forney Lundy suggested Reno again and Las Vegas was even suggested
- Juanita Pardun showed that some cell phones have the capability to print what is being said.
- Ron found that in setting up the contract, we should start with a low number on room availability and then we can add.

Other than miscellaneous discussion and goodbyes, that was the end of the meeting. Co-Chair Ron Griffin, President Linda Ingram, and Treasurer Jerry Hall stayed to meet with the hotel staff to check over and pay the bill and discuss how they felt the event went. Overall, it went well for all concerned. The hotel staff members were very friendly and helpful.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandy Griffin  
CA Federation Secretary