

NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES
CALIFORNIA FEDERATION EXECUTIVE BOARD
ZOOM MEETING MINUTES
July 26, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President Linda Ingram at 10:15 AM. She requested Gregg Pericich to lead the flag salute. This was followed by a moment of silence.

Secretary Sandy Griffin was asked to call the roll.

Those present were:

President Linda Ingram

Treasurer Gerald Hall

District II Vice President Gregg Pericich

District V Vice President Pauline Jue

Regional Vice President Robert Ruskamp

Other Robert Davidson

Secretary Sandy Griffin

District I Vice President Robert N Davidson

District IV President Ron Griffin

District VIII Vice President Stephen Smith

Legislative Chair Steve Walter

Those absent were:

Executive Vice President Yoggi Riley

District VI Vice President Dottie Schmidt

Parliamentarian Ed Shallenberger

District III Vice President Gloria Deets-Breyer

Immediate Past President Dee Shallenberger

Agenda Review: Nothing was added.

Minutes: the minutes from the June 27th meeting are being reviewed by President Ingram and will be included in the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Hall had sent a written report to the board members, attached to the agenda that was sent by President Ingram.

President Ingram said that she had received two letters from the Oregon Federation that included a check because of a chapter closing that had two members that were going to National Only that live in California. She will send the check to Treasurer Hall. Pauline Jue volunteered to try to find information on the member that was reported as address unknown at this time.

Treasurer Hall commented that he has searched and cannot find a CD with a better rate. The highest he has seen is what we are getting now. He will continue to look. He said that our being a business is part of the problem.

Next Meeting Date/Time: The next meeting date was set for September 19, 2022 at 10:00 AM by Zoom. The date for a face-to-face meeting in Fresno was set for October 23 through the 26, 2022.

FedCon22 Preparation: Board Recommendations for Candidates/Bylaws:

DVP I Davidson had sent recommendations to all the board on June 27th for the Resolutions. He did a report on the candidates for President, ranking them for his chapter when he was asked. He discussed the candidate

statements and how diverse they are. President Ingram said that at the last Federation Presidents' meeting they had a short candidates forum. She said that she did not get a clear feeling for which candidate she would choose. She will try to find out if that forum were recorded and if others could see it. DVP Davidson will send his newsletter with recommendations to all of us. He said that it also includes information about the Postal reform information. He said that he felt that this time, the resolution committee did a good job of reviewing and making recommendations concerning the resolutions. President Ingram said that she would try to send out a message to the Federation members that they should read the magazine recommendation and follow the committee recommendations.

2023 Convention: Tammy Flanagan sent a list of possible speakers that we should consider. Maybe we could get together in Scottsdale to discuss these and some will be there for part of us to have a chance to hear. President Ingram said that she had been thinking about a theme for the 2023 convention. We have had themes that related to the areas where conventions have been held, and for our last convention the theme was history related. She suggested we find a theme and slogan that is related to California as a whole. Steve Walter said that he was thinking of California Gold. What is important in your area? Steve said he was thinking of it in relation to chapter ads. We could possibly have chapters have a display table. These could play off of their ads.

President Ingram asked Treasurer Hall what the status of the raffle application is, and he said that it is done and mailed in as there was not a way to fill it out and send it electronically. She also asked about the progress of the CA Convention Policy Guidelines? Treasurer Hall said that they were coming along and close to being ready to present to the board. It will include examples of some of the things we have done. He will try to put it together to present in September or October. We want it to be something that can be picked up by a new committee and help them be able to jump in and work without flying blind like we did last time.

Legislative/CDL Report Follow-up-Recommendation on Rep Valadao PAC donation- Legislative Chair talked about how other candidates need to be looked at also. Valadao does not have a strong history of support but is better than others who were not supportive at all. There is no CDL for that area. President Ingram asked if DVP Smith had gotten feedback from Bakersfield or Visalia, and he said that he has tried to contact them but has not heard back. She said that the question is whether to support a candidate who only marginally supports NARFE but is on two important committees. Rudy Salas is running against him. He is new to this and is not on any committees affecting NARFE. He has supported some NARFE issues 58%.

She is concerned about giving support based on future power. She feels like it would be a slippery slope and would be better to stay out of it. DVP Davidson said that in his 30 years it has been that candidates needed to come to us, we do not go out and solicit the candidates. Steve thought that Seth Ickes has said that we have given money to candidates that had not asked for it. President Ingram asked how long Seth has been in this position to know that? She thinks that there had to be a request that came first. Do we know whether Valadao asked for funds or not? The policy has been that a candidate must make a request and Seth should not have the authority to change that. We decided that we should find out the answer to whether he asked or not and then base our recommendation on that answer. We owe it to members who donate to the PAC to follow what the policy is.

CDL Directory Pages: Steve Walter asked to share the screen to show the pages he has created. President Ingram liked how quickly it can be looked at it to tell whether there is a CDL and who it is. Gregg Pericich

reported that he is not longer in the district where he was a CDL. There was a discussion about Dennis Niles situation and how active he wants to be. Gregg Pericich and Sandy Griffin had both spoken with him and find him still very actively supporting NARFE.

Since Gregg reported that he is no longer in the district where he is CDL, it was asked if he can continue being the CDL and accompany other members who do live in the district? It was felt that he can. There are probably others in the same situation.

The AMS needs to be updated to reflect the new districts. The LA Times has a link that can tell you the district by plugging in an address.

President Ingram discussed the position codes on the AMS for position codes. She did a test to see if codes had been done so that there could be access to National Only members. Martha Raup succeeded in getting one entered so it shows that the rest should be entered. CDLs should have access but a lot needs to be entered in the data base to make it happen.

FedHub Manager Assignment: President Ingram reported that Melanie McCrossin has been appointed as our FedHub manager for the California Federation. She is becoming quite active. By using the Secretary/Treasurer position code, she has access to National Only members.

Annual Report: The President and Treasurer need to do one.

Chapters in Trouble; DVP VI Dottie Schmidt has reported that some of the Stockton Chapter officers may want to close as the president had died and his wife took over, but she has moved to Lodi. We need to see what can be done to keep them open. If they close, there is a really big area that would be with no chapter as Fresno is closed. We do want to help them come back.

Bob Davidson II was asked if he felt he could help with districts that do not have a DVP right now. He wants to have specific duties established in order to do this. President Ingram asked Bob II to make a list of what he thinks we are looking for him to do as a DVP at Large.

Ron said that he had talked to Donovan Alquist who had expressed interest in becoming a DVP in the future. Ron was told that he is not ready yet as he is planning to move but would still be in District VII.

Ron also said that he called the treasurer of the Stockton chapter learned that the bank account is open and has considerable money, but there is only one signatory on it.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00.

Reminder, the next meeting is scheduled for September 19, 2022, at 10:00 AM by Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Griffin
CA Federation Secretary