

NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES

Executive Board Minutes

June 27, 2022

Zoom

The meeting was **called to order** by President Linda Ingram at 10:06 AM. She asked DVP VIII Steve Smith to lead the flag salute.

President Ingram asked for a **Moment of Silence** for all who are standing on guard across the world.

PRESIDENT Ingram asked Secretary Sandy Griffin to **call the roll**.

Those present were:

President Linda Ingram

Treasurer Gerald Hall

District II President Gregg Pericich

District IV Vice President Ronald Griffin

Immediate Past President Dee Shallenberger

Parliamentarian Ed Shallenberger

Other Robert Davidson II

Secretary Sandy Griffin

District I Vice President Robert N Davidson

District III Vice President Gloria Deets-Breyer

District VIII Vice President Stephen Smith

Regional Vice President Robert Ruskamp

National Legislative Chair Steve Walter

Those absent were:

Executive Vice President Yoggi Riley

District VI Vice President Dottie Schmidt

District V Vice President Pauline Jue

District VII Vice President Vacant

Agenda Review: President Ingram asked us to add the following to the agenda:

Just Recruit 1

Tax Parity-to action

Other items

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Jerry Hall reported that he made the deposit to the San Luis Obispo Embassy Suites for the 2023 California Federation Convention.

He also reported that as of the first of July, the IRS increased the reimbursement for mileage from 58.5 cents per mile to 62.5 cents. We will use the new rates for new travel. Those still reporting past travel should use the rate from before July 1st.

He had also shared a copy of the recent bank statement. A copy will be attached to these minutes.

The current bank account balance was \$187,922.31. The Fixed Term CD balance is \$50,949.12.

Treasurer Hall also discussed the CD and Bank of America and his desire to move to a bank that may pay higher interest rates. Most major banks pay low rates currently.

Next Meeting Date: President Ingram expressed that she wanted to have the date of the next meeting set now, before members had to leave. Tuesday, July 26th at 10:00 AM was chosen.

Chapters in Trouble:

DVP I Robert Davidson reported that his chapters are in okay shape. Most have the same problems as others, including lack of new leadership and small attendance.

He reported that Tom Buggie is upset that he cannot get an accurate membership count. He is having meetings but would like to include Camp Pendleton Employees.

Laguna Woods is still meeting, and Jim Matthews is in this chapter so when Bob does not hear from the President, he calls Jim Matthews.

There is still not much information for Chapter 2233.

President Ingram reiterated that she does not want to close chapters during covid.

There was a discussion about how to arrange chapters.

DVP II Gregg Pericich is still closing the Whittier Chapter. Others are doing okay. Not too many members are attending and finding officers is difficult. There are some officers with health problems, and some find that the venues where they had been meeting are getting too expensive.

There was discussion about the advantages of Gregg attending most of his chapters' meetings.

DVP III Gloria Deets-Breyer reported that Mt. Baldy is active, and she attended and found that it is doing very well. They had a meeting at Dairy Queen. Chapter 188, Riverside, is her chapter and only about 15 members attend.

Some chapters are dark for the summer.

Chapter 478, Southwest, has Zoom meetings.

She needs to contact Palm Springs, but it was okay when she attended.

Victor Valley is not doing much and is her biggest concern.

President Ingram suggests that DVPs ask if it is important to chapters that the DVP attend and what could they do for the chapters?

There was a discussion concerning raffles and how we could do them. The Federation needs to obtain a permit through the state but chapters with small drawings may be okay or it would be better if they asked for donations. Treasurer Hall will work on this.

DVP IV Ronald Griffin said that he will close the Paradise Chapter, but it has been complicated because of the Paradise Camp Fire.

The two Clear Lake area chapters, Clear Lake_LakePort and Redbud_Lake County, could be combined. They each have only one officer presently. Ron will try to have a combined meeting soon, as he has in the past. Quincy used to meet for lunch but have not since Covid. They have asked if they could be combined with Chico. They are included in the Chico newsletter now and had given Chico money to be included in the Chico Newsletter. The distance is a concern.

District V: Treasurer Hall spoke from information from DVP Pauline Jue in her absence. The San Francisco Chapter never stopped meeting, though some meetings were by Zoom. San Francisco had been meeting at the Federal Building but had to stop due to Covid. They do now have a room reserved there for October and November. They had some outdoor meetings.

Forney Lundy's Chapter in Salinas is meeting.
San Mateo had a picnic/barbeque and invited other chapters in the area.
Santa Cruz meets more randomly and socially.
She feels that they are all okay even if not as active as they used to be.
We discussed some of what would keep people or new members in NARFE.

District VIII DVP Steve Smith reported that Ridge Crest participated in a Health Fair the day before. He and Don Stevens represented their chapter. He said that they emphasized our roll as protecting our benefits. Many attendees had never heard of NARFE. Most were from China Lake.

Steve is being the only active member helping to make meetings happen.
He is still trying to keep Lompoc open.
Yvonne Williams is arranging a lunch up at Vandenberg.
The most active chapters are Visalia and Bakersfield.
He has not had a lot of contact with Ventura.
A joint picnic is planned.

DVP I Bob Davidson shared that even at the new mileage reimbursement rate, he would be losing over \$16.00 to travel to his closest Chapter. He thinks that the Federation should do something to help DVPs when they visit chapters.

The gas cost will be an item for the next agenda.

NEB Meeting Report: Region VIII Vice President Robert Ruskamp said that he would go over a transcription of his notes. He said that there was a review of costs for FEDcon 22. They expect losses. There will also be a breakfast for contributors to the NARFE PAC. The TSP was also included.

He mentioned a Federation Policy update and that the new FedHub communication system is establishing Communities, with pilot work being done on chapters and Federations with emphasis on Federations.

He talked about the problem of people signing up to receive the Newline from National and then being dropped even if the person did not request to be dropped. He also talked about the plan for a more streamlined website.

President Ingram asked if RVP Ruskamp had heard that they said there is a reduction in the loss of members recently? He said that our Region is fairly stable. Dues categories need to be streamlined. A financial report showed that all categories are performing above the benchmarks.

Status of the sale of the building: There was a letter of intent for someone to buy the building, but the building is not up to code and work would be about half a million dollars to bring it up to code. Headquarters does need to stay in the D.C. area.

There was a CAB Committee briefing and Martha Raup said that they recommend hiring a data base manager.

FEDcon22 Preparation including voting will be on the next agenda.

DVP I Davidson said that he thinks that they did a good job of going through the ballot measures. Committee recommendations have come out, but the ballot has not yet.

RVP Ruskamp continued: He said that on the third day, there was discussion about the whole staff returning to the building, and whether it is still possible to telework and work in person. There was a vote, and it came out that telework could continue.

President Ingram commented on the long discussion during the NEB, concerning the information that staff has as opposed to what officers and members have and the need for National Only information and who needs it and why.

There was discussion of what National Onlys want and the need for more work on that.

President Ingram said that Martha Raup is going to want to talk to us about FedHub again.

Tax Parity was brought up and the thought that it would be good to push for it. The NARFE Insider has something about Iowa pushing something similar.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:22 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sandy Griffin
California Federation President