

**NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
ZOOM  
September 24, 2021**

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

A Moment of Silence was then requested by **President Ingram**, to remember those working on the fires and others keeping us safe.

**Secretary Sandy Griffin** was asked to call the roll.

Those present were:

President Linda Ingram

Secretary Sandy Griffin

District I Vice President Robert N Davidson I

District III Vice President Mary Venerable

District V Vice President Dee Shallenberger

District VIII Vice President Stephen Smith

Legislative Chair Steve Walter

Guest Robert Davidson II

Executive Vice President Yoggi Riley

Treasurer Gerald Hall

District II Vice President Gregg Pericich

District IV Vice President Ronald Griffin

District VI Vice President Dottie Schmidt

Parliamentarian Ed Shallenberger

Regional Vice President Robert Ruskamp

Absent:

District VII Vice president Robert Martin

**Minutes: President Ingram** made a correction on the minutes on the second page, first paragraph, to read "She also asked that the volunteers be contacted by the committee chairs".

**President Ingram** asked the Convention Co chairs to report on progress on convention planning. **Co chair Ron Griffin** reported that **Sandy Mathias** found a father and daughter duo who have entertained at the Central Coast Christmas parties for several years. She had asked them if they would be available to perform at our Banquet on Wednesday evening. They would only charge us \$300.00. The board agreed to have **Sandy** finalize this.

**Ron** went on to report on registrations saying that there are 108 registered so far. He hopes for 115 to 120. He will register Tammy Flanagan as she is a NARFE member as well as our keynote speaker. He also reported that **Rodney Adelman** and his wife **Gina** are registered. He is the Regional VP for Region VII. There are 65 registered for the dinner.

Treasurer Jerry Hall said that since Ron reported that the hotel happy hour is supposed to be back, he will not follow up on a wine tasting.  
There are no added restrictions due to Covid.

We talked about a letter to be sent to attendees to be sent about two weeks ahead of convention. It should include the mask requirement and to bring your own. We talked about hand sanitizer to put in the convention bags and **Treasurer Hall** said he would take care of that. **Co Chair Ron** asked about seating. It will be by district, with guests included with others and National Only also in the district they live in.

The convention bags will be stuffed on Sunday evening at 5:00. We need to have all the items to go in them ready then.

**DVP Venerable** asked if there will be training for volunteers. There will be instructions for different jobs, but it won't need to be as intense as in the past.

**Executive Vice President Yoggi Riley** was able to join in the meeting briefly from the rehab center she has been in since back surgery. She was moving from it shortly but she wanted to make a motion. She moved that we pay the registration, including the recognition luncheon for all past federation Presidents or their surviving spouses to attend, be recognized, and appreciated at the 2021 CA Federation State convention Recognition Luncheon in San Luis Obispo CA on October 19-20, 2021. Additionally, the Federation will pay for flowers (boutonnieres and corsages) for all members or spouses that are to be recognized. The motion was seconded by **DVP III Mary Venerable**. The motion passed.

**DVP Venerable and Ex. VP Riley** will get a letter out to Past Presidents and surviving spouses. **Ex. VP Riley** will work out a time to have a Zoom with **Helen Zajac** for a tribute to **Past President Lea Zajac**.

**Co Chair Steve Walter** talked about the Convention Program Book. He asked **President Ingram** to contact **National President Ken Thomas** and emphasize the time allotted and to get a message for the book. **Steve** and we talked about the Medicare and Tammy Flanagan's workshops. **President Ingram** was concerned about having only one session for each as shown on the sample schedule. Kaiser would facilitate the Medicare workshop and **Treasurer Hall** said that GEHA's Dane Lawlor is coming and the participants coming for Blue Cross/Blue Shield were named. AETNA is not sending someone in person.

We discussed the pros and cons of having one session of each or splitting into two sessions. It was decided to have two each to provide a smaller setting to allow for questions even though

there was a concern about travel time to change sessions. **Steve** will change the proposed schedule.

We discussed the Wednesday Workshops. Instead of both presented separately one time for everyone, President Ingram wants a longer time and each only once, but at the same time. She also wants officer manuals to be available and will check if National has updated them or she still has some from before so they would be okay even if outdated. **Bob Davidson II** said that he has the FH10 Handbook downloaded on his computer so could print some. **Treasurer Hall** found that it is now updated and available according to the web site.

We talked about the Tuesday afternoon schedule again and moved the Centennial talk up to right after the explanation of the afternoon activities.

We had a discussion about the drawings and the situation that came to our attention. It was decided that this time we will give a free ticket to all for the drawing of the district basket and any other items. There will be no 50-50 drawing. **Alzheimer's Chair, Connie Vickers** can have a donation jar for Alzheimer's research on her table but no drawing.

**Co Chair Griffin** stated that this convention may not make any money but the board agreed it is okay.

**Voting Procedures Robert Davidson II** presented the proposed voting procedures. They were accepted by the board. A copy had been sent to the board members prior to the meeting and a copy is attached at the end of these minutes.

**Bylaws: Bob Davidson I** wanted to know if cosmetic changes need a vote. It was agreed that they did not. He talked about taking out the Word "ballot" in Article X. This will be presented as a resolution at the convention for a vote.

**DVP Mary Venerable** moved that the cosmetic changes suggested by DVP Davidson be made to the current CSF 2019 Bylaws and that the Executive Board authorize a bylaw amendment to the second sentence of Article X, Section 1. Procedures, on page 7, to delete the words "...by ballot...". This bylaw amendment is to be presented to the 2021 CSF convention by the **CSF Executive Board.** **Treasurer Hall** seconded the motion. This is being presented in accordance with Roberts Rules. The board voted to accept. A copy of the current bylaws will be on the Federation Website.

**Co Chair Steve Walter** explained a dinner opportunity that has come to the committee's attention. It would be with **State Senator Laird. Sandy Mathias** had contacted him to see if he would speak briefly to our convention. **Senator Laird** had sent an email that he would like to

have a dinner meeting at the Madonna Inn but would prefer that it be with the board and local district members. We agreed to follow through with this. Other convention attendees could still go to the Madonna Inn for dinner or where ever they want on Tuesday night.

We discussed what could be presented to him. He is interested in the State Income Tax Parity issue that we have been working on for the last several years. It would provide some relief to Federal and other public employees' retirement income. We would need to build a coalition with other groups to work on this. There had been a bill many years ago by Hollingsworth. It died in committee. Steve Walter, as Legislation Chair, thought this could be a good opportunity to move ahead on a state level.

It was decided that the next meeting would be on Friday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 10 AM.  
We will discuss the Recognition lunch.

The drop-dead date to have things prepared for the program book is October 1<sup>st</sup>.  
Co chair Walter will send an updated schedule, Laird's letter and Ken Thomas' greeting from the past.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandy Griffin  
CA Federation Secretary