

NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
ZOOM
March 22, 2022

President Ingram called the meeting to order at 10:07 am. She requested Steve Smith to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

This was followed by a Moment of Silence for American and Ukrainians who have lost loved ones and bravely defend their country.

Secretary Sandy Griffin was asked to call the roll.

Those present were:

President Linda Ingram	Secretary Sandy Griffin
Treasurer Gerald Hall	District I Vice President Robert N. Davidson
District II Vice President Gregg Pericich (later)	District IV Vice President Ronald Griffin
District V Vice President Pauline Jue	District VIII Vice President Stephen Smith
Immediate Past President Dee Shallenberger	Regional Vice President Robert Ruskamp
Parliamentarian Ed Shallenberger	Legislative Chair Steve Walter
Other Robert Davidson II	

Those Absent:

Executive Vice President Yoggi Riley	District III Vice President Gloria Deets-Breyer
District VI Vice President Dottie Schmidt	

Agenda Review: accepted as written.

Minutes: Minutes of the February 3, 2022 meeting were approved as presented. Other minutes including those for the California Federation Convention, pre and post-convention board meetings, and several other meetings will be taken care of at a later meeting.

Treasurer Report:

Status of Per Capita Dues: All but three Chapters have paid. The amount collected is less than \$100.00 under what has been assessed.

Treasurer Hall said that when we get money from National but sometimes with no explanation, but amounts are sometimes wrong and when he inquired, they say it is wrong, but they can't send again.

The Convention account will be closed when we are sure that all checks have cleared.

Audit Committee Status: The Audit Committee is working.

Charles Feistman was added to the audit committee. Pat Smith is the chair and Roxie Patterson is the other member.

Treasurer Hall would like to recommend that National and others work on a storage system. The storage of records was discussed. Treasurer hall said that he and DVP Pauline Jue can look into possibilities and report back. The Chapter Closing Procedure lists what needs to be kept.

Legislative/CDL Report: Legislative Chair Steve Walter said that the election is coming and Seth Ickes, has asked Steve to give information on twenty-four CDL's recommendations for PAC money allocations. Steve shared two screens, one showing the old Congressional Districts and the other, the new districts. He may send out the new map to the board. We did lose one district for the state after the census redistricting.

Some CDLs will be switched to being CDL for a different congressman because of the redistricting. There are seventeen districts that do not have CDLs and seven of those are ones that Seth Ickes is asking for recommendations for. More CDLs are needed in the Southern California area, Gregg Percich's District. President Ingram asked when National will show new CDL Districts in membership records.

Steve will send out the new map and the information from the LA Times, which had been published in the Chapter 0455 newsletter. He will let DVPs know what districts need a CDL.

Chapters in Trouble:

District I, DVP Davidson said he has not made contact with the chapter in the desert. Chapter 0706 Oceanside met last week for the first time in two years, so they are doing okay. Other chapters are okay, but some have attendance problems as are many after not meeting for so long.

District II: The DVP was not present.

District III: The DVP was not here at this time. He came in later.

District IV: DVP Ron Griffin said that he has hopes for the Susanville Diamond Mountain Chapter, which currently has not officers, but the bank says that it can continue with the account if some officers can be found and a copy of minutes saying they were elected is brought to the bank. Yreka may be hopeless as no officers and no information about the bank account readily available, but he will make another attempt. Redbud and Clearlake chapters each have only one officer. The chapters could be combined by closing one and combining with the other.

District V: DVP V Pauline Jue said the Santa Cruz Chapter is the only one she is concerned about. They had not met or a while and may move meeting location. The President had not responded so Pauline had contacted the Vice President, who gave her this information.

District VI: The DVP VI was not present.

District VII: DVP IV Ron Griffin has been in contact with District VII Officers in the absence of a DVP for this district. He was concerned with the Fairfield-Suisun Chapter as they had not met for a while. He reported that he had talked to the chapter treasurer. He had said that there is a new President, but he thought they might want to close.

District VIII: DVP Steve Smith had some concern for the Lompoc and the Ridgecrest chapters. He had visited Lompoc when the President and Treasurer had wanted to close. Last week he emailed the president and asked what she thought about the possibility of them still wanting to meet even informally, but he has not heard back and if they still want to combine. President Ingram asked if he could find out what they think are the problems for then to stay a NARFE chapter. We were reminded that there is the Air Base and Bureau of Prisons in that area.

Concerning Ridgecrest, President Ingram and DVP VIII Smith attended a meeting and four members showed up, even after Steve emailed all members and National Only members and some with snail mail in the area. There is a person in China Lake that he was referred to who has

indicated that she wants to come to the next meeting. The president had not been heard from, but President Ingram checked other records of her house and found that she still owns it. Bob Davidson II suggested sending a 1st class letter that would either be forwarded or returned with no forwarding address. Her name is Eugenia Snyder, born in 1949. President Ingram said that at the end of the meeting, the treasurer said that she had come thinking she wanted to close, but after meeting DVP VIII Steve and President Ingram, the people there wanted to continue when Steve said he could be acting president for a while. President Ingram offered to send her chapter newsletter to them and give them space to announce their meeting. Regional Vice President Ruskamp commented that attendance has been historically a problem. President Ingram again suggested that we need to keep trying to keep chapters open and not be discouraged by low attendance especially during the pandemic.

Newsletter: DVP V Pauline Jue sent a biographical sketch to President Ingram and President Ingram suggested adding a paragraph to tell what drew her to NARFE. She also asked Treasurer Hall if he and Forney Lundy could add something about reinvigorating Chapters. What does the future look like? Chapters need to try something and stay enthusiastic. She asked DVP I Davidson to give some information about what has worked for some of his chapters. She will ask Executive Vice President Riley to put something for the newsletter on Membership.

Newsletter submissions need to get to President Ingram by the first of April.

Just Recruit One Campaign: DVP V Pauline Jue and DVP III Gloria Deets-Breyer will work with President Ingram on this campaign.

Leadership Training: This training is to be rescheduled.

2023 Convention Site Selection Status: DVP IV Griffin reported on the four sites the Tulcy Jones gave him. The Embassy Suites had reported a \$149.00 room rate. Ron wants to see if Tulcy could help try to get the rate down a bit. The Santa Inez location would be closer to the LA area so not so centra. The Visalia Wyndham had some advantages and also several disadvantages. We will continue this discussion next time.

Next Meeting: May 3rd at 10 AM was chosen. Steve Walter will be gone but can submit a report on legislative issues that we can discuss.

2021 Convention Financial Status: President Ingram, serving as Convention Treasurer still needs to get more information to finalize her spreadsheet and report.

National Bylaw Proposal Status: We discussed the proposals that came back that look like they split our proposal into two proposals.

It was recommended that members vote after the National Conference when more information would be available.

Adjourn: Our Zoom meeting got cut off at about 1:10, probably by mistake as the “host position” was not given back to President Ingram before Steve Walter had to leave the meeting. It was good that the next meeting date was already decided.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Griffin
California Federation Secretary