

Dear California NARFE Federation Members,

This has been a difficult year for the California Federation. At both the State and Chapter levels we have been unable to conduct business in our usual face to face manner. We have adapted as much as possible by using virtual tools like FreeConferenceCall and Zoom to get together. Some chapters are continuing to meet on a regular basis using these capabilities. District Vice Presidents have had some meetings of their President's Councils. And at the Federation level we have conducted all of our Executive Board Meetings using FreeConferenceCall and now Zoom.

Normally in an off-Convention year we would conduct in-person training classes over the summer. One session would be held in the Northern and one in the Southern part of the State. We had planned those sessions for this summer only to have to cancel them due to the ongoing Covid 19 restrictions. And in addition to the training offered in those sessions we would also conduct an Annual Meeting as required by our Federation Bylaws. Since we cannot hold those meetings in person we are going to use these same virtual tools to conduct our Annual Meeting and provide training. The Annual Meeting will consist of a State of the Federation briefing by myself, a Treasurer's Update by Jerry Hall, a Membership status report by Vice President Yoggi Riley, and a National Legislative Update by Steve Walter.

I would like to invite you to attend the Virtual Annual Meeting of the California Federation. The meeting will be held on September 17, 2020 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. If you wish to attend please respond by emailing me at [LWIngramNARFE@gmail.com](mailto:LWIngramNARFE@gmail.com). Please provide your reply by September 11, 2020 to ensure a space at the Annual Meeting. We will send out a second email with the directions for signing in to the Zoom conference. Please note that we will also include instructions on how to dial into the meeting if you do not have internet access.

The annual Training Session will be held on September 23, 2020 from 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM. Vice President Yoggi Riley will send out an announcement of the Training agenda and instructions on how to reply in the next few days. It will also be conducted by Zoom.

I am looking forward to getting together with you all, even if it is in a virtual mode! Take care and stay safe in this difficult time!

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