

Executive Board Minutes
California State Federation of NARFE
Zoom
August 20, 2021

President Linda Ingram called the meeting to order at 10:10 Am. After introductory remarks, she asked **DVP VII Steve Smith** to lead the flag salute.

She then requested a moment of silence to think about things going on in the world including Covid, safety for all, and a good resolution to things going on.

Secretary Sandy Griffin was asked to call the roll.

Those present were:

President Linda Ingram

Executive Vice President Yoggi Riley

Secretary Sandy Griffin

Treasurer Gerald Hall

District I Vice President Robert N Davidson

District II Vice President Gregg Pericich

District III Vice President Mary Venerable

District IV Vice President Ronald Griffin

District VI Vice President Dottie Schmidt

District VIII Vice President Stephen

Smith

Regional vice President Robert Ruskamp

Legislative Chair Steve Walter

Guest Robert Davidson II

Those absent were:

District V Vice President Dee Shallenberger

District VII Robert Martin

Parliamentarian Ed Shallenberger

The Minutes from the July 22, 2021 meeting: **Treasurer Jerry Hall** moved and **DVP VI Dottie Schmidt** seconded the motion to approve these minutes. The motion carried.

A discussion followed about how convention is shown on the State Website, and what minutes have been posted.

Treasurer Hall reported that \$6083.10 was spent to print and mail the convention letter and registration form to both chapter and national only members. He also reported that the Executive Board had submitted their vouchers for the June meeting in SLO and that most had already been reimbursed for their expenses. **President Ingram** said that National had refunded the registration fee of \$165 for the Federation Presidents' meeting when it changed to being done virtually. **EX. VP Yoggi Riley** asked if Charles Feistman's fee was refunded as he was unable to get on to the virtual LegCon. **Treasurer Hall** reported that there is \$177,062.94 in the treasury and \$50,936.39 in the CD account for a total of \$227,999.30. He said we were back to where we were before the mailing was paid.

Convention Planning:

Convention Co Chair Ron Griffin reported on what hotel rooms are booked so far. In talking to the hotel representative Sandy Wirick, he was told that there are no changes in the policies concerning Covid. They remain the same as when we were there for the May meeting as far as Happy Hour and the shuttle. We will be informed if there are any changes.

President Ingram suggested that an email be sent to follow up on the convention letter that was sent by mail, about two weeks after it was sent, encouraging people to register as soon as possible. It should include more information about attendance, the program and times. Also include the information that if the convention is cancelled, the registration fee would be refunded. We discussed if the board had to register after **DVP Bob Davidson** asked. It was pointed out that there is information needed on the registration form so, yes the board members need to register. They do not need to send a check as their attendance is covered, but if they send a check they will be reimbursed. They do need to pay for guests. **Co Chair Griffin** went on to report that so far twelve people are registered and two of those are guests. One is a National Only member. **Treasurer Hall** asked if we could extend the early bird registration. It was decided to extend the deadline to September 7th. **Ron** reported that he had spoken with our keynote speaker Tammy Flanagan about the topic for her speech. She had also sent two options for the topic of her workshop presentations. **Ron** asked for the board to look them over and comment on which they would prefer. Her message with those will be sent out to the board members.

DVP I Robert Davidson, Rules and Bylaws: He expressed that he had three things that he needed.

1. **Connie Vickers** had a question about having a table at convention. She is the **Alzheimer's Federation Coordinator**. **Co Chair Griffin** explained that he had talked to her and assured her that she would have a table either just outside or inside the main convention meeting room.
2. Need a deadline for Resolutions.
3. Nominations

President Ingram found **Form 18** which was for Resolutions and Bylaw Amendments and changes. **DVP Davidson** will update this information to be sent out to chapters.

(At 12:00 **Co Chair Steve Walter** and also the **Zoom Meeting host** had to leave so he turned the hosting duties over to **President Ingram**.)

It will also include information needed to open nominations for Federation Officers. DVPs need to run the caucus meetings and run the elections there. **DVP IV Griffin** suggested that the 4 DVPs not in their meetings serve as monitors for the other four meetings and encourage new participation. This will take the place of needing more nominating committee members to do this. **Ex. VP Riley** suggested a handout telling what duties of a DVP are.

DVP/Co Chair Griffin will call **DVP VII Robert Martin** to see if he remembers who the other person was who was interested in running at the same time Robert was elected since it looks like Robert's health may prevent him from running again.

Also, **Robert Davidson II, Nominations Chair**, will talk to **DVP V Dee Shallenberger** to see if she is planning to run again and if she is not running, if **Judy Lynne Lynn** is interested.

Robert Davidson II discussed how elections could be done. He will draft an outline procedure and send it out to the board for review.

DVP I Davidson suggested a deadline of October 1st to get receipt of resolutions or Bylaw submissions. That was agreed. He will also work on the Convention Rules. He said it is mainly just a summary of Robert's Rules of Order and whatever else the board wants for normal procedures and behavior.

President Ingram will send a copy of the 2019 Rules to **DVP Davidson**.

Training: Ex VP Riley said that she thought the AMS and Chapter Leadership could be partly combined. It was again emphasized that the Medicare workshop needs to be "Equal Opportunity" for the FEHB providers ("from the eyes of all").

Co Chair Griffin said that he had a request for a W9 from BC/BS and asked what is known about that.

DVP I Davidson said that he had done them for when he did the convention book. **Treasurer Hall** will look into this and provide them for BC/BS and any others who ask for it.

DVP VI Dottie Schmidt was asked about the Convention bags that she is working on. She asked about getting the logos for BC/BS and Kaiser to go on the back of the bags. The cost of the bags is needed for **Treasurer Hall** to do the billing.

Co Chair Griffin clarified that **President Ingram** was sent and received the checks for the new convention bank account.

President Ingram will talk to **Martha Raup** about being a workshop presenter and had talked to **National President Ken Thomas** at the Regional Presidents' meeting about whether he will be able to attend in person or virtually. He is attending virtually.

President Ingram said that the subject of Chapter closings came up at the Presidents' meeting also and that she shared what **DVP VIII Steve Smith** had developed for us. It was well received and will be sent to those Presidents who are interested. She let **Steve Smith** know that his work was recognized. He was pleased to hear that.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is set for **September 3rd at 10 AM**, two weeks from today. **DVP Steve Smith** said that he will be out of the country then.

DVP III Mary Venerable reported that she had been in contact with two more possible advertisers, Clear Captions and The Living Trust Co. Kay Nikookary of the Living Trust Company was very interested.

President Ingram reported that there is a new OPM system being tried and this could affect automatic payroll deductions for NARFE PAC.

A reminder convention letter was discussed to be sent out just by email. It should have the original letter and registration form attached. It should state that the early bird date for registering has been

extended to September 7th, and that we are monitoring the Covid situation in San Luis Obispo County and a refund will be sent if the convention has to be cancelled.

The meeting was adjourned close to 1:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Griffin
CA Federation Secretary