

**Executive Board Minutes**  
**California State Federation of NARFE**  
**Zoom**  
**May 24, 2021**

The meeting was called to order by **President Linda Ingram** at 10:05.

**Secretary Sandy Griffin** called the roll. Those present were:

President Linda Ingram	Executive Vice President Yoggi Riley
Secretary Sandy Griffin	Treasurer Gerald Hall
District I Vice President Robert Davidson	District II Vice President Gregg Pericich
District III Vice President Mary Venerable	District IV Vice President Ronald Griffin
District V Vice President Dee Shallenberger	District VIII Vice President Stephen Smith
Regional Vice President Robert Ruskamp	Parliamentarian Ed Shallenberger
Legislative Chair Steve Walter	Guest Bob Davidson II

Those absent were:

District VI Vice President Dottie Schmidt	District VII Vice President Robert Martin
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**The Pledge of Allegiance** was led by **DVP II Gregg Pericich**.

**Report of Convention Committee Co Chairs Ron Griffin and Steve Walter and Convention**

**discussion: Ron Griffin** reported that he had contacted the Embassy Suites Hotel for the Executive board meeting. They said it would be \$144.00 per night and \$500.00 per room for the board meetings. Ron needs to clarify if \$500 is per day or for 3 days. The dates he looked at were June 28 – 30<sup>th</sup>. We would arrive on the 27<sup>th</sup> in San Luis Obispo.

He then reported on talking to the Central Coast Chapter. It was decided that we would not need the meeting room on the Wednesday, June 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Secretary Sandy Griffin** moved and **DVP I Robert Davidson** seconded that we have the board meeting in SLO, arriving on June 27<sup>th</sup> and leaving on June 30<sup>th</sup>. The motion passed.

The second thing **Ron** talked about was the meeting he and **Co Chair Steve Walter** are having this week in San Luis Obispo. They will meet with hotel personnel and some members of the Central Coast Chapter. They will work on letters for vendors and registration.

**President Ingram** talked to **Carl Bailey** about sending letters. He is checking with his vendor on prices to print and send invitations and registration forms to all Federation Members. She wants to also have lists of workshops for people to sign up.

**Treasurer Hall** emphasized that chapters should use some of their money to send members to the convention, to pay registration. Others felt we should not tell chapters what to do. **DVP I Bob**

**Davidson** suggested that DVPs can remind their chapters that they can use chapter money for convention expenses.

Some suggestions for workshops were the need for leadership seminars and use of Social Media.

**Bob Davidson II** said that the leadership workshops should be for current and future officers.

**President Ingram** said that we need to get in depth about this at our meeting in June, and for us to be thinking of ideas for this.

**Co Chair Steve Walter** suggests a half hour Zoom meeting for chapter officers to let them know how the Convention is working this year. Others suggested including National Only or all members.

We discussed how to honor Lea and Helen Zajac. Since Helen cannot be there because of a family commitment, it was suggested to have a pre-recorded message from Helen. We also have other notable members who have passed in the last two years that also need to be recognized, possibly in the Luncheon program.

**Bob Davidson II** (previous convention Chair) said that we only made \$29 on the Opportunity drawing after the prizes were given out. The profit earned does not suggest this was a good use of our time. He suggested continuing with the District baskets and possibly the 50/50 daily drawing. On the June agenda will be whether to do the ticket raffle and what else can be done to earn money.

**DVP I Davidson** reminded us that this convention is in a unique time and we should keep it simple and if we don't do something now does not mean we can't in the future.

**Executive Vice President Yoggi Riley** moved that the cost of the Recognition Luncheon should be included in the cost of registration (no number was included). **DVP III Mary Venerable** seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**LegCon21 attendance – Legislative Chair Steve Walter** shared a list of those registered so far, as of last Friday. He said that there are open districts without a CDL and some CDLs have not signed up. He asked if we can see if some National Only members would be interested. He will contact those CDLs who have not registered. **President Ingram** wants **Steve** to send information to Chapter and National Only members to try to fill openings. We discussed some Congress members who we support with PAC money. She also reminded that we still need a PAC Coordinator. **Treasurer Hall** suggested asking Dennis Niles.

**Report on Chapter dues collection by NARFE – Executive Vice President Yoggi Riley:** She reported that she talked to Denise Curry, who says she would send letters for chapter dues but she says it is very simple. **DVP II Gregg Pericich** said that Life Members don't get those letters but we have been told that they do get a letter/bill. **Treasurer Hall** suggested that we work through the

CAB and could ask our **CAB representative, Martha Raup**, to tell National that we want to be notified when a member is moved from a chapter to National Only.

**Ex. VP Riley** then reported on the number of members we lost since last month, and the number of Chapter members and National Only members in our Federation. On that day there were 7,027 Chapter members, 5,817 National Only members with a total membership of 12,844. We have lost 141 members in the last month.

#### **DVP Chapter Status Reports – Postponed**

**Ex/VP Riley** moved and **DVP IV Ron Griffin** seconded to approve the Minutes for the May 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting using the version with the revision that **Treasurer Hall** had sent to **Secretary Griffin**. The motion passed and the minutes will be sent to be posted on the website.

**Board Inventory Reports** – Send these to **President Ingram** and to **Treasurer Hall**.

#### **Pending Business:**

**Ex. VP Riley** asked about **Helen Zajac** wanting to register for LegCon21. We agreed that she could be considered eligible as she could be doing it in place of **Lea Zajac** as **Past President** on the board so **EX.VP Riley** will let her know.

**Redistricting** - A committee is needed for this. Volunteers are wanted.

**DVP I Davidson** said that he was on the Officer Portal of the AMS and that he could get the National Only list for his district. He thinks that DVPs can do this and it could be by Chapter area.

**President Ingram** let **DVP VIII Steve Smith** know that the **Web Master Deanna Smith** has posted the Chapter Closure procedure. She is asking for a Word Doc copy of the Policy Index that could be updated when necessary to reflect new documents.

**President Ingram** asked **Convention Co Chairs Griffin and Walter** to let her know if they think a Zoom meeting is needed before the June meeting in San Luis Obispo.

#### **Action Items:**

Inventory lists

Status Reports from DVPs

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandy Griffin  
CA Federation Secretary