

NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES
CALIFORNIA FEDERATION EXECUTIVES BOARD
ZOOM MEETING MINUTES
November 29, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President Linda Ingram at 10:07 A.M.

She requested that Gregg Pericich lead the salute to the flag. This was followed by a moment of silence in honor of all veterans and NARFE members who have recently passed away.

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

Those present were:

President Linda Ingram

Treasurer Gerald Hall

District II Vice President Gregg Pericich

District IV Vice President Ronald Griffin

District VIII Vice President Stephen Smith

Parliamentarian Ed Shallenberger

DVP at Large Robert Davidson II

Secretary Sandy Griffin

District I Vice President Robert Davidson

District III Vice President Gloria Deets-Breyer

District V Vice President Pauline Jue

Immediate Past President Dee Shallenberger

Legislative Chair Steve Walter

Those absent were:

Executive Vice President Yoggi Riley

Regional Vice President Robert Ruskamp

Secretary Griffin will let those absent know the date and time of the next meeting.

Agenda: There was no formal agenda, but President Ingram went over what we needed to cover at this meeting.

Next Meeting: Monday, January 9th at 10:00 A.M. was agreed upon.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Gerald Hall reported that some of the money was taken out of the regular bank account which was good as there are limits for insurance on accounts. He had decided to stay with Bank of America so all accounts are in one place. \$100,000 was divided into two CDs, one for a thirteen-month term and the other for twenty-five months. They pay 1.75 %. There is \$145,127.14 currently in the checking account, with a total for all accounts of \$245,127.14. The CD that we already had, is closed and that money went back to the checking account. We have already earned \$73.79 on each CD account. President Ingram commented that she had listened to the recent NEB meeting, and they had decided previously to give \$7,000 to Federations that do not get that much. We are among the Federations in better financial standing, so we hope they will not give us less than the 10% funds. She also learned that the FEDHUB costs a large amount that was not in the National budget. Three major senior staff members left recently and are not being replaced. Membership is still dropping but not as fast.

Convention: Convention Co-chair Ron Griffin reported that he had talked to Sandy Wyrick, and she is putting him in contact with the new catering manager. He talked about keynote speaker choices. He recommended Mary Beth Franklin as first choice from what he has learned so far. He will talk to Tammy

Flanagan about her. His second choice was Herb Casey. Herb has written an article in the NARFE magazine just recently. Ron thought he would be good for workshops. He uses the Meyers Briggs assessment tool to help people find their interests to help in leadership. Ron will check on both people further. He will also check with vendors and see if there are possibilities for some to sponsor speakers or events.

Legislation: Chair Steve Walter reported that the WEP/GPO has passed out of committee with recommendations for it to pass, but there were some reservations about the costs. It may or may not come to a vote by the end of the year. If not, it has to start the process over again. Concerning the recent elections, the results are pretty much status quo. Forty Districts are Democrat and twelve are Republican. Only one District was left to report at this time. Orange County may have switched parties.

Valadeo, the candidate that we had been asked to find out if NARFE PAC money should be given for him, won. NARFE did give PAC funds. Ron Griffin reported that Doug LaMalfa won again in his District. Steve said that he had even increased his margin by 10%, from 14% to 24%. California lost one seat after the census. Steve said that he heard that Feinstein would retire at the end of her term. Adam Schiff will probably run for that office.

We discussed other congressional districts and the changes.

President Ingram will send Steve Walter's email and phone number to Tony Cerone and vice versa. She wants to have Tony know about current CDLs and work with them. Anthony Cerone is the new president of the San Diego Chapter. We need to let Carl Bailey know this and have Linette Green make sure he is entered with the correct position code. There was more discussion about the San Diego Chapter. Their bylaws are being requested to find out if there needs to be a vote of the membership. President Ingram is planning to attend the holiday meeting and install Tony as president.

Linette Green in the National Office is to be contacted and asked not to process if she gets a closure package from Chapter 706 (Oceanside).

Steve Smith is to send Secretary Griffin a copy of the new closure procedures which we voted on to remove the part about a non-vote being a vote for closure. She will need to send it to Deanna Smith to use to replace what is on the website now.

Robert Davidson (Old Bob) brought up the part in the procedures that says that reassignments will go to a close chapter, but he feels that it needs to be with the approval of the receiving chapter. The move would give the receiving chapter more money, but in some cases, it could be that the chapter would be receiving a larger number of members than the chapter had in the first place. This would require more work also such with newsletters and meeting space.

It was also brought up that the National bylaws say that a Federation has no authority over chapters other than advice. DVP I Davidson (Old Bob) will write a letter to President Ingram that she can read to the next Federation Presidents' meeting concerning bylaws and Federation authority.

Robert Davidson II said that he thinks the Federation should give examples of letter one and letter two to chapters considering closure, so they can use as examples for their letters. Then, the chapter needs to send the letters to the Federation President, Secretary, and their DVP.

We will move forward on helping San Diego. Tony Cerone needs training on the use of Zoom and the AMS. Martha Raup can do this. They have been using Zoom.

President Ingram asked DVP I Davidson to ask San Diego who the person was a few months ago who was interested in helping Chapter IV.

President Ingram suggests a one-page letter be created to tell what job descriptions are for each office, to help recruit new officers. This could be included with a letter asking for volunteers. Robert Davidson II will look for what already exists.

Treasurer Hall recommended that we adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Griffin
CSF Secretary