

**NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 13, 2023  
ZOOM**

President Ron Griffin called the **meeting to order** at 10:35. He asked Gregg Pericich to lead the flag salute. This was followed by his request for a Moment Of Silence for our country, the military, and NARFE members with health or other concerns.

President Griffin then asked Secretary Sandy Griffin to **call the roll**.

Those Present:

President Ronald Griffin	Executive Vice President Linda Ingram
Secretary Sandy Griffin	Treasurer Gerald Hall
Acting District I Vice President Robert Davidson II	District II Vice President Gregg Pericich
District III Vice President Glora Deets-Breyer	District IV Vice President Ronald Griffin
District V Vice President Pauline Jue	District VI Vice President Juanita Pardun
District VII Vice President Peter Bauer	District VIII Vice President Stephen Smith
Immediate Past President Linda Ingram	Regional Vice President Robert Ruskamp
National Legislative Chair Steve Walter	CAB Representative Martha Raup

**Agenda Review:** There were no changes.

**Minutes:** DVP V Pauline Jue moved to accept the minutes from the July 20, 2023, meeting and DVP VI Juanita Pardun seconded. The motion passed. These and some other minutes from the last term will be sent to be posted on the website, including the convention minutes.

**Next Meeting:** October 11 at 10:30 was set for the next meeting, unless a change is necessary. President Griffin needs to get a Zoom account. Treasurer Hall reminded us that any board member who uses Zoom for NARFE meetings will be reimbursed for the cost. Linda Ingram and Steve Walter reported that they will not be available for that date.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Hall reported that the regular bank account has \$155,284.72 at this time. He said that there are two checks from the San Diego Chapter, which is closing, that need to be used to support chapters. He discussed the two CDs. The 13month one is coming due in November, and if it is extended, it has a good rate. The 25-month CD has a lower rate. He said that there is nothing new on the IRS situation. They accepted what Treasurer Hall sent and has not sent a bill.

**Presidents'/NEB Meeting:** President Griffin reported on the NEB/Presidents' meetings that he attended in Alexandria, VA, from August 28 to August 30, 2023. He said that there was much discussion about Membership. They suggest that there be a focus on active employees to increase our membership. He said that California member Joann Wiest was also there. He got to meet more National Office people. He talked about a Membership Advisory Committee report

from 22 August 2023 by Lynn Harper. Treasurer Hall said that Lynn Harper is going to be the guest speaker for the San Francisco October chapter meeting. He invited all of us to attend by Zoom. President Griffin will put this on the agenda for the next meeting.

President Griffin went on to say that on the third day, the presidents met with the NEB in the morning. The plan to meet with them again in the afternoon changed as the NEB met in a closed session then. There were 42 Federation Presidents at the meeting.

**EVP Report (Committee Schedule Discussion):** Executive Vice President Linda Ingram said that she had been sick the whole month of August so had not done anything and hopes to meet in October. She advised us all to get the new Covid vaccine.

**FEHB Virtual Health Fair:** Richard Gracey has planned Health Fairs on October 10<sup>th</sup> in Chico for the District IV meeting, in Oakland October 18<sup>th</sup>, at the Executive Inn and Suites, in the Sacramento area at the Federal Building on October 19<sup>th</sup> and at the Hilton Hotel by Arden Fair on October 20<sup>th</sup>. There will be one on October 25<sup>th</sup> in San Bernardino at the Hilton Garden Inn. He is offering to do a Virtual Health Benefit Fair in October and/or November for the whole state. They would give a Web X invitation and we would need to send the information for joining by email. Members of the board wanted to make sure other providers besides BC/BS will be involved.

Treasurer Hall suggested that he, President Griffin, and Richard Gracey meet to discuss how a fair could be done for the south and Fresno. Bob Davidson II said that he knows of a fair in the San Diego area. Some Health Fairs are in Federal Buildings, and we can request materials and magazines from National to use for the fairs.

**Website Discussion (Loss of Deanna Smith), Micro Websites and need for new Webmaster:**

President Griffin reported the sad news of Deanna Smith's death. She had served as webmaster for her own chapter (1596 American River) and for the Federation for quite a while. She had given password information to her friend, Jeri Benson(1658 Sunrise) to pass on to President Griffin. President Griffin needs ideas for who might be willing to take on this position. Martha Raup, our Region VIII CAB representative, shared the screen to report on microsites. Microsites are NARFE-hosted websites for chapters and federations. An example of what they will look like is the CAB microsite at [narfe.org/CAB](http://narfe.org/CAB). NARFE is building these sites on the WordPress platform. A CAB-hosted Microsites Working Group is helping to transfer the old websites and will be setting up new microsites so if California wants to set one up, it would be "NARFE.ORG/CA".

Pauline Jue asked if there would be standards and how they would work. Would there be a template to help with the format? Martha said there would be a common format, with many people using the same platform, with tutorials available, so it would be easier to transition to a new webmaster when needed. This topic will be on the agenda for next month.

**Old Bob's Health and Need for New Chair for Bylaws and Resolutions (Any Volunteers):** Robert Davidson II reported that his dad has had two major health issues recently. He has been in the hospital for four weeks and two weeks in rehab. They are hoping to bring him home soon. Old Bob has served our Federation for a long time, but now there is a need for a new chairman for

the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee. Bob II gave an address to send cards. His sister will be taking care of their dad as he will live with her.

**Historian Records (Plan to Destroy):** It has been determined that most of the records that have been kept by a historian for closed chapters can now be destroyed. It was suggested that we check with “Junk”, a company that is an affinity partner with NARFE. Old Bob had told Bob II to find the receipts to be reimbursed for the work he had done for copies to be placed in the convention bag folder for such things as the convention rules, the current bylaws, the Bylaws Committee Report and the only Proposed Resolution submitted, the Federation office candidates and District Vice President candidates.

**Succession Planning (All Positions & Committees):** President Griffin talked briefly about keeping in mind the need to be on the lookout for someone to take over our positions at the end of our term.

**CDL Status & How to Approach or Take On Legislative Issues:** National Legislative Chair Steve Walter Stated that there are 52 Congressional Districts in California. He suggested that with that size, there should be two Chairs, one North and one South. He has someone in mind but needs to talk to that person before telling us who it is. Ross Apter had sent a list of congressmen concurrently in office, but up for reelection. He is asking for recommendations as to whether to support them with the NARFE PAC money. Steve is having Zoom meetings with CDLs from those districts. Bob II asked Steve for lists to help look for CDLs where there are vacancies.

**Federation Communication (October/March Email Newsletter):** President Griffin wants to put out a Federation Newsletter in October and March. He will be asking for articles for it.

**Facebook Account:** President Griffin gave some background on this subject. He had called Dave Southworth as he had just said that he was not renewing his NARFE membership, but then he sent a possible set up for a CA Federation Facebook account to take the place of the current but outdated one. Dave had been very active on FEDHub. We discussed various possibilities but decided that more research and thought needed to be done to decide the best ways to communicate going forward.

**DVP Reports: (Closing Chapters):** President Griffin reported that Chapter 1016 Victor Valley\_Victorville, wants to close but sent information to him. He needs to work with DVP III Gloria Deets-Breyer for that chapter to do it correctly.

DVP VII Peter Bauer reported on his new visits. He said he went to Santa Rosa, but no one was there. He did have a good meeting with Delta Chapter 1718.

DVP VI Juanita Pardun asked about the Placer\_Auburn Chapter 1354 and the Grass Valley Chapter 1335. They had both expressed a desire to close. She was encouraged to work with them to see what could be done.

Region VIII Vice President Robert Ruskamp mentioned that President Griffin had suggested at the Federation Presidents' meeting the possibility of combining the Nevada and California Federations for an upcoming convention. Robert will be attending Nevada Chapter meetings and will share this suggestion.

DVP VI Juanita Pardun moved to adjourn the meeting and Legislative Chair Steve Walter seconded. The meeting was adjourned at about 12:35.

Thanks to Steve Walter for controlling the Zoom connection.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandy Griffin  
CA Federation Secretary