

**NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES
CA FEDERATION EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 11, 2023
ZOOM**

The meeting was **called to order** by President Ron Griffin at 10:35. DVP II Gregg Pericich was asked to lead the **flag salute**.

President Griffin asked for a **Moment of Silence** to honor our country, military, and current world situations.

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

Those Present were:

President Ronald Griffin	Secretary Sandy Griffin
Treasurer Gerald Hall	Acting District I VP Robert Davidson II
District II Vice President Gregg Pericich	District III VP Gloria Deets-Breyer
District IV Vice President Ronald Griffin	District V Vice President Pauline Jue
District VI Vice President Juanita Pardun	District VIII VP Stephen Smith
Regional Vice President Robert Ruskamp	CAB Representative Martha Raup

Those not Present were:

Executive Vice President Linda Ingram	District VII Vice President Peter Bauer
National Legislative Chair Steve Walter	

Next Meeting: Monday, November 13, 2023.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Gerald Hall reported that he has completed the tax filing. The current checking account balance is \$153,697. **Since opening our current two CDs**, they have each earned \$804 in interest. One will auto renew in December at a significantly higher rate, if current rates are maintained.

Using FEDHub: Region VIII CAB Representative Martha Raup explained how FEDHub can be used to send emails. Treasurer Hall had asked for this to be on the agenda. He and others have had trouble getting emails where they should go using the NES. Martha explained that the Federation should be able to send an email to all members using the FEDHub email capability. She has set up trainings for Friday, October 13 and Tuesday, October 17, for participants to learn how to use FEDHub, and posted invitations in the FEDHub Open Forum. Martha reported that one problem with the way FEDHub was set up is that only

federation members who live within the state were initially added to federation communities, so federations should identify which of their members live outside the state and add them to the community. She can help CA do this if needed.

Chapter Bylaws Status: RVP Ruskamp discussed his email of 7 October, which included an attached list of status for chapters of Region 8 as provided by HQ. He requested that Mr. Griffin and the DVPs review the list and provide status, particularly for those chapters that are not on the list.

FEHB Virtual Health Fair (Nov. 6, All FEHB Providers): This is an opportunity for members to participate in a live presentation that has been arranged mostly by Richard Gracey, but to include all FEHB plan providers to introduce their plans including changes to help in making decisions during the open season. If people are happy with the plans they currently have, they do not need to do anything, but if another plan, or changes within the plan they have would be better, the changes need to be made during the open season dates from November 13 – December 11. This will take place on November 6th at 10:00 AM. An invitation flyer will be sent by email to all federation members who have email, explaining how to join in. It will be sent out by Carl Bailey. Information may also be put on FEDHub to direct people to the flyer.

The Health Fairs coming up by Blue Cross/Blue Shield were also listed by President Griffin.

Website Discussion

Microsites and the need for a new Webmaster: The CAB-hosted Microsites Working Group will set up a sample microsite so we can look at it to see if we want to move the current Federation website to a microsite. The group is creating microsites for all current NARFE-hosted websites, which are closing ASAP. Federations have been asked to alert their chapters to inform CAB if they do not want to continue with their NARFE-hosted site. Also, federations and chapters have been asked to list their website on their Officer Portal. California still needs a webmaster, and Martha said she can help the new webmaster.

New Chair for Bylaws and Resolutions (Any Volunteers): President Griffin announced that Steve Smith has volunteered to fill this position following Robert Davidson (Old Bob). DVP II Gregg Pericich said that he would like to stay on the committee.

There was a short discussion concerning the Closing Procedure. President Griffin told about the situation with the Grass Valley Chapter where the President, and possibly some board members had decided that they wanted to close the chapter, so the president had closed the bank account and had the bank write a cashier's check for the current amount and sent it to The Alzheimer's Research as advertised in the NARFE Magazine. This is totally illegal to do, so Barbara Leetch, the Regional Alzheimer's chair, was contacted to see what could be done to retrieve the money and have it sent to the Federation Treasurer for safe keeping until more proper procedures can be done to contact chapter members to see what they want to do or what chapter or national only they wish to transfer to. Then the money can follow. We hope it can be retrieved.

Federation Communication (October/March Email Newsletter): President Griffin said he would like to set a deadline for articles to be sent to him by October 20th.

DVP Reports (Closing/Moving of Chapters):

Juanita Pardun, **District VI DVP** mentioned the three chapters in her district that have expressed a desire to close. They are Grass Valley (the President thinks it is a done deal), Placer_Auburn, and San Joaquin County_Stockton. She also asked about reporting officer changes on the F7 either any time or with an election.

DVP IV Ron Griffin reported that he still needs to finish the closing of the Greater Paradise Oroville Chapter, which has been difficult due to the Camp Fire. Some members still in the area have been attending Chico meetings and some want to transfer to the Chico Chapter even though they now live out of the area. The Yreka and Susanville Chapters also need to be worked on as there are no officers. The Feather River Quincy Chapter has also expressed a desire to combine with Chico and Chico has included them in their newsletter for several years.

Gloria Deets-Breyer, **DVP III** reported that Palm Springs said they would meet quarterly. She needs to check when that is happening. Mt. Baldy is good at this time. Her own Chapter is doing okay. Southwest Riverside County may go to quarterly meetings. Victor Valley_Victorville wants a closing packet.

Steve Smith, **DVP VIII** said that seven chapters are all hanging in. Ridgecrest is very small but still meeting. He is planning an in person meeting in Bakersfield in March. President Griffin asked Steve to let him know details about that later.

Gregg Pericich, **DVP II** said that he did have ten chapters but is down to nine. Whittier (Southeast_Downey) needs to finish closure. He has some that want to close. Glendale has not responded. San Fernando Valley has trouble getting officers. They get about 15 people at meetings. Los Angeles and Dominguez Hills-Carson have not met and need a place to meet. Lakewood, South Bay_Torrance, and Long Beach are going well but not a large attendance. Central Orange County is possibly considering closing. Gregg said that he doesn't know how to encourage these chapters.

Treasurer Jerry Hall, who is also the President of the San Francisco Chapter, said that Lynn Harper is speaking at his October meeting. She may have some ideas to share.

Pauline Jue, **District V** asked again about the F7. She said that Jerry Hall is going to Salinas to install their officers.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Griffin
CA Federation Secretary