

National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association Seattle Chapter 0043

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We have opportunities for anyone who like to be an officer or committee chair

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MEETING: The next meeting is on 2 May at the Beacon Hill Seattle Public Library at 2821 Beacon Ave. S. Seattle, WA 98144. The meeting is from 1:00PM to 3:00PM. There are several bus routes and a light rail stop nearby. There is also a small off-street parking lot and street parking.

AGENDA: Open Discussion

WORKING TOGETHER TODAY TO PROTECT OUR EARNED BENEFITS FOR TOMORROW

The Association, since July 1970, has been classified by the IRS as a tax exempt labor organization [not a union]; however, dues, gifts, or contributions to the Association are not tax deductible as charitable contributions.

From President Bob:

I am still concerned by the lack of participation at our meetings. It is nearly impossible to justify inviting speakers with no audience. I would like to have the estate planning lawyers, financial planning, and senior living reps, back but need to have some confidence they will not be wasting their valuable time. Anyone one interested to these or other topics, please email me. When I have enough response, I will invite them.

As of 5 Feb, we now have 320 Representatives signed on for the H.R.82 and 55 Senators for S 597 the Social Security Fairness Act of 2023. If passed, this legislation would eliminate the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and Government Pension Offset (GPO). Representatives Kristina Marie Gluesenkamp Pérez and Adam Smith are the only two from our state to not cosponsored this legislation. If you live in Congressional District 3 or 9, please urge them to cosponsor H.R. 82 cosponsors. Note that the House bill was sponsored

by a Republican and Senate bill by a Democrat. It currently has enough votes to pass.

The chapter will sponsor some members to attend the Washington State Federation (WSF) meeting October 24-26 in Kennewick, WA. Let me know if with you would like to apply of be a representative.

Bea Bull is officially our District VP after the merger of all of the chapters west of the Cascades into one district

Steve Roy will not run for the 2025-2026 term as Region IX VP so there is an opening for anyone interested in running.

NARFE Webinars are a great source of information on your benefits. It is easy to log on www.NARFE.org and not only take in the current lectures but also review past lectures. If you know any current employees let them know about this resource. It is a wonderful recruitment tool and you will be doing them a service.

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Savings ----- \$ 4241.85
 Checking ----- \$ 7803.07

CHAPTER 43 MEMBERSHIP IS 209.

We have 6 new chapter members: Emily L
 Beth M , Victoria B. Brian B
 Mary Beth F , and Charles R