

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

Summer 2025

MEETING: The meeting will be a Lunch Meeting on August 21, 2025 at Spiro's Pizza and Pasta Restaurant, 18411 Aurora Ave N, Shoreline, WA 98133. The no-host lunch will start at 11:30 and business and presentations by noon.

AGENDA: Doug Rushton, Washington State Federation Legislative (National) and PAC Coordinator, will provide a presentation.

We will also have an open discussion on the status of Federal Employees. We want to focus on the real issues and what we can do assure Federal workers are treated fairly.

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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:

At this we need to be vigilant at assuring that Federal workers are treated fairly. It is also important to sort the bluster and accusations out from the facts. Remember in this time of hyper partisan behavior, truth and rational thought are the first casualties.

The key is that important missions are maintained and not jeopardized due to a lack of knowledge and misunderstanding. Also, due process must be applied to treat workers fairly during work force reductions. We must be sure that there is a clear understanding of why the Civil Service laws are in place to protect the workers and the nation as a whole.

From Bea Bull, Western Washington District VP

Hello Seattle chapter members!

I'm very happy to share that members passed the Washington Federation Bylaws amendment; thank you to everyone who voted.

Please come to the meeting at Spiro's in Shoreline on the 21st to enjoy lunch, catch up with friends and meet new ones. Washington State Federation Legislative (National) and PAC Coordinator Doug Rushton will have an informative presentation for us.

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Please welcome new members including: Grady, [redacted], Lily [redacted], Jamal [redacted], Carrie [redacted], Victoria [redacted], Ileana [redacted], Ellen [redacted], Mark [redacted], and Christine [redacted]. Sadly, Stephen [redacted] passed away.