

Section 8002 Meeting Minutes
Fall NAFIS Conference 2013
Sunday, September 22, 2013

- I. Welcome and Review Mission/Vision – President Elaine Janson called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Revised agendas were distributed to the membership while President Janson revisited the National 8002 Impacted School Districts mission/vision which is that we work together and advocate together; that no district would be harmed by our decisions and that we lobby for full funding.
- II. Introductions – President Elaine Janson asked that the members introduce themselves and state their impactation.
- III. Executive Directors' Report – Tom Madden discussed the following items:
 - a. The FY2014 Section 8002 Impact Aid Application is due October 11, 2013. He reminded the membership that land source information must be verified through your local assessor if you are using the census data website.
 - b. We have been waiting for reauthorization for so long, that our meetings have become stagnant. It is the desire of the leadership to tap into the thoughts of our membership on how we can move our group forward. Last year we started talking about a name change and we want to continue working on that. We also started a newsletter with Joan Groening of Glen Lake taking the lead. It has been suggested that we assess how a newsletter fits into the overall new direction we need to take. The 8002 Board met for several hours Saturday to bring new structure to our organization and how to directly involve membership in this process.
 - c. During the Section 8002 sub-group meeting on Monday, September 23rd, the membership will be presented with six (6) questions which will require responses from everyone. This information will be documented and collected and then Director Madden will create a survey from the data submitted. This survey will be sent to every 8002 member to complete in October. The results of the survey will then be used as the basis of the winter 2014 meeting whereby we will plan for the future direction of our organization.
- IV. Targeted Lobbying – Tom Schneider
 - a. What is going on in Congress?
 1. OBAMACARE – October 1, 2013 the exchanges are to be open for enrollment
 2. Sequestration – we are entering year 2
 3. Debt limit – must be approved by October 15th
 4. Budget – as of today, there is no approved budget, therefore, no authority to spend money. Continuing Resolution just allows the same old to continue. September 30th is the end of the current budget year.
- V. Approval of Minutes – Secretary Cassie Bergman posted the Summer Conference minutes from June 22, 2013 on SharePoint. Motion by Sandy Doeber (Lemont) and seconded by Karen Huddleston (Oceanside). Motion Carried.
- VI. NAFIS Update – John Forkenbrock reported on the FY14 budget proposals. The Senate proposal eliminates sequestration but the House proposal does not. A Continuing Resolution as passed by the House will fund the government through December 15, 2013. Once the CR expires, it is unknown how the Department of Education will distribute funds. It is imperative that the membership tell Congress how the funding cuts due to sequestration have negatively affected them. NAFIS only represents one program, and that is Impact Aid. If another major cut hits, the NAFIS board has given Mr. Forkenbrock the authority to deny any new funding to new applicants.

- VII. Treasurers' Report – Tom Gregory distributed the membership report highlighting that we have gained nine new members this year. He also distributed the Treasurers' Report for July 1, 2013 thru September 19, 2013 which shows that we have been spending down the fund balance through reducing the cost of membership dues and registration fees. Motion by Jerry Dannenberg (Hueneme) and seconded by Bob Reichert (Hatboro-Horsham). Motion carried.
- VIII. NAFIS Board Update – Sandy Doeberl reported that the NAFIS Talking Points chart is incorrect. She also emphasized that all subgroups within NAFIS must work together and support one another as we go to the Hill on Tuesday. Sequestration affects every group.
- IX. Information Items
- a. Winter Meeting Update – Tom Madden reminded the membership that the winter 2014 meeting will be held in Phoenix, Arizona and that registration forms are available here and on the website. He encouraged everyone to make their reservations as soon as possible.
 - b. Summer Meeting Update – Tom Madden reported that the location will most probably be Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
- X. Items from membership - none

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.