

MEETING MINUTES
SPRING NAFIS CONFERENCE 2014
Monday, March 17, 2014 7:45 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

- I. President Elaine Janson called the meeting to order at 7:45 a.m. and thanked everyone for attending.
- II. Department of Education Update – Unfortunately, all federal offices were closed due to weather conditions, so there were no representatives to speak on behalf of the Department of Education.
- III. New Business – none
- IV. Old Business
 - a. Targeted Lobbying –Tom Schneider reported that NAFIS membership is up, but participation at this conference is down, which means there are less folks hitting the Hill on Tuesday. He reminded us that the staff members are very important and are our point of contact on the Hill. He distributed his Talking Point booklet to each member and reviewed the highlights that were discussed at Sunday’s meeting. Tom then provided the membership with a brief overview of the budget process and shared that President Obama zeroed out 8002 funding in his FY15 budget released on March 4th. He emphasized the importance of the upcoming primary elections and how the countries demographics are changing.
 - b. 8002 Long Range Planning Session – Tom Madden reviewed the timeline of the Operational Plan. The initial brainstorming session took place in the fall of 2013, with the results converted into a survey. The survey responses were then compiled in preparation for the winter 2014 meeting. The Operational Plan structure was then outlined to the membership and broken down into five (5) target areas. The remainder of the winter meeting was devoted to the development of objectives and goal statements for each of the five (5) target areas. Tom distributed copies of the updated Plan to review and comment in preparation of the summer 2014 work session.
- V. Action Items – Election of Officers – Kathy Meredith presented the Board’s recommendation for the slate of officers and requested nominations from the floor. Having none, she called for a motion to elect the slate of officers. A motion was made by Jay Plese (Wilmington) to accept the slate of officers as President, Tom Schneider, President Elect, Karen Huddleston, and At Large Director II, Joan Groenig. Seconded by Jerry Dannenberg (Hueneme). Motion carried.
- VI. Meeting Updates
 - a. Summer 2014 – to be held on June 28, 2014 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Registration form to be emailed next week.
 - b. Winter 2015 – Karen Huddleston is working on securing a location in San Diego, CA. **Subsequent to this discussion, an agreement was made that the four sub-groups would hold a joint meeting in December, 2014, in conjunction with the NIISA winter meeting. For 8002, this would replace the winter meeting in San Diego.**

At this time, Kathy Meredith presented a gift to Elaine Janson thanking her for serving as President.

VII. Adjournment – President Janson adjourned the meeting at 9:38 a.m.