Executive board meeting of Oct. 13, 2022

All board members were present, being Donald, Jordan, Bob, Donna, Marcus, Amy, Joanne, Mark Feliz, Rachel, Sharonda and Tarik.

Donald talked about national membership management module; those needing access to it will need to go through him.

Each chapter president requested to go in and verify that it accurately reflects which members have paid dues.

new-member form only needs filled out for new members or those who've been inactive for 3 years or more.

system allows easy sorting by various criteria, allowing to identify things like how many people are above a certain age.

Yuma chapter status:

Donald recommended suspending the Yuma chapter, as there's been no activity there since Feb. 2021 and Saavi no longer has a satellite office there.

Donald urged that we develop strategy for reaching rural areas.

Rachel offered to assist bob in building the at-large chapter.

Mark Feliz urged the board to identify actions to restart the chapter at some time in the future.

Merchants division:

With debra having left last April and Megan stepping away from Nfb leadership a few months ago, Donald is seeking for a new leader of the merchants division.

Donald will reach out to Mike Feany with Apoc to gauge his interest in serving in this capacity or for any suggestions he might have.

West valley chapter:

Donald recommended to hold an organizing meeting at a library in the west valley area, and talk about independence and connecting.

He wants to know what affiliate can do for the chapter.

He believes that it needs a consistent meeting location, like community center or library.

The chapter would then need to have an activity that people can get involved in shortly after this orientation meeting.

Bob encouraged that a chapter-building task-force be formed.

He encouraged each chapter to call white-cane recipients, which Bob will send out to anyone who asks.

Next board meeting was set for Nov. 19, as Donald and Amy will be out of town on the 12th.

Bob wants to pick up the discussion of timing of state convention, as labor-day weekend doesn't work well for many.

Submitted by Marcus Schmidt