

**REGION VII CONFERENCE
Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces
Las Cruces, New Mexico
April 4 – April 6, 2019**



“Pride-Access-Knowledge”

DRAFT AGENDA

Thursday, April 4

- 9:00 – 5:00 p.m. Registration Open for Conferences
9:00 – 5:00 p.m. Exhibits Open to Attendees
1:00 – 4:00 p.m. New Mexico Federation Conference
6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Reception: No Host Bar
7:00 p.m. Dinner on your own

Friday, April 5

GENERAL SESSION CONVENES

- 6:00 – 8:00 a.m. Breakfast on your own
7:00 – 12:00 noon Registration Open for Region VII Conference
7:00 – 5:00 p.m. Exhibits Open to Attendees
8:00 – 8:10 a.m. Door Prize Drawing
8:10 – 8:30 a.m. Opening Preliminaries:
Welcome – Sharon Reese, Conference Host
Announcements
Moment of Silence
Posting of the Colors
Pledge of Allegiance
Introduction of Guests and Vendors
Introduction of Rodney L. Adelman, Region VII Vice President
Quick Review of Conference Agenda
8:30 – 8:45 a.m. **“OPM Reorganization – What’s New?”**
US Office of Personnel Management Speaker (invited)
8:45 – 9:00 a.m. **“Social Security Update”**
Social Security Administration Speaker (invited)

Friday, April 5 (continued)

- 9:00 – 10:15 a.m. **Keynote Address: NARFE National President Ken Thomas** (invited)
The annual “State of the Association” address, followed by a Q&A session with our new National President. What has NARFE done for you lately? What are the new President’s priorities? Questions?
- 10:15 – 10:30 a.m. Break
- 10:30 – 11:50 a.m. **Legislative Advocacy and NARFE-PAC (Skype)**
Jessica Klement, Staff VP for Advocacy (invited)
What does the 2018 election mean to NARFE members? Important Committee Changes? Legislative Conference Recap. President’s budget and reorganization proposals impacting the Federal Community. What’s new with NARFE-PAC this election cycle? CDLs/SLs? What should I expect from my CDL/SL? How do we involve National members in advocacy efforts and NARFE-PAC? Questions?
- 12:00 – 12:50 p.m. Lunch (provided)
Elected Representative luncheon speaker **OR**
Vendor Presentations (5 min each) – “Why should you visit their table?”

GENERAL SESSION RECONVENES

- 1:00 – 1:05 p.m. Door Prize Drawing
- 1:05 – 2:15 p.m. **Marketing – Membership and Non-dues Revenue (Skype)**
Bridget Boel, Staff VP for Marketing and Member Resources (invited)
Marketing Update: Membership status and projections; latest marketing innovations; What can you do to assist? Non-dues revenue sources and projections; Member Perks – a “mutual” benefit; Questions?
- 2:15 – 3:00 p.m. **Executive Director Update (Skype)**
Barbara Sido, NARFE Executive Director (invited)
What’s happening at NARFE Headquarters? New Association Management System; NARFE Next; Organizational and staffing changes; Financial health of the organization. Questions?
- 3:00 – 3:15 p.m. Break
- 3:15 – 4:15 p.m. **NARFE’s 2018 Balloting Process**
Moderator: Rodney L. Adelman, Region VII Vice President, with NARFE National President Ken Thomas (invited). NARFE’s first attempt at implementing one member – one vote. Did it work for you? Did you vote? How can it be improved? How can we increase participation?
- 4:15 – 5:00 p.m. **Town Hall with NARFE’s New National President**
Ken Thomas, NARFE National President (invited)
Get to know NARFE’s new National President: Have a question, comment, or concern that you’d like to share? Now is your chance. An open discussion with the new NARFE National President.

EVENING FESTIVITIES

- 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Social hour (no host bar)
- 7:00 p.m. Banquet (**tickets required**); Award presentations by:
Rodney L. Adelman, Region VII Vice President, and
Sharon Reese, New Mexico Federation President

Saturday, April 6

GENERAL SESSION RECONVENES

- 6:00 – 8:00 a.m. Breakfast on your own
- 7:00 – 12:00 NOON Remaining Exhibits Open
- 8:00 – 8:30 a.m. **Federation Gatherings and Pictures**
Gather with your Federation; share info and questions; pictures?
- 8:30 – 8:45 a.m. Announcements/Door Prizes/Drawings – Alzheimer’s, FEEA, Host?
- 8:45 – 10:00 a.m. **Region VII Reports** – Region VII Vice President Rodney L. Adelman
Federation Presidents’ Reports (10 minutes each):
Etta Bryant, Arizona
Paula Simmons, Colorado
Sharon Reese, New Mexico
Marla Ramey, Utah
Mark Opitz, Wyoming
Alzheimer’s, FEEA, CAB, NARFE-PAC, & Scholarship Reports (5 min)
- 10:00 - 10:15 a.m. Break
- 10:15 – 10:30 a.m. **Region VII Annual Report**
Rodney L. Adelman, Region VII Vice President
What is the “state” of our Region? What’s next? Questions?
- 10:30 – 10:45 a.m. **2020 FEDcon20 in Scottsdale, AZ**
Etta Bryant, Arizona Federation President and others
- 10:45 – 11:10 a.m. **Report on Bylaws and Resolutions Standing Committee**
Ted Van Hintum, Committee Vice-Chair and Past CO Federation Pres
- 11:10 – 11:25 a.m. **Report on Advocacy Advisory Standing Committee**
Sharon Reese, Committee Member and New Mexico Federation Pres
- 11:25 – 11:40 a.m. **Report on Communications Advisory Standing Committee**
Lorna Howerton, Committee Member and Past NM Fed Pres (invited)
- 11:40 – 11:50 a.m. Closing remarks by Sharon Reese, Conference Host
- 11:50 – 12:00 noon Closing remarks by Rodney Adelman, Region VII Vice President
- 12:00 NOON End of Region VII Conference