

On the Audit Committee with me are Linda Sawvell and Patsy Ashton, all new RVPs. I chose the Audit Committee since I spent my career at IRS in the TE/GE Employee Plans division. That division has oversight of private sector and government pension plans and 401(k) plans, per the federal statute known as ERISA. I taught pension and 401(k) law nationally for 25 years. I did have a break where I audited the 5500 Returns of very large corporate pension plans. So, the Audit Committee seemed like a nice fit, and very few wanted to do it.

There are some popular committees at the NEB that everyone wants to be a member of. I tend to go for the less popular committees and the audit committee is right up my alley. But it is a lot of work. As a Pennsylvania licensed attorney, (who really has not done very much with their professional life), I always try to fulfil my full due diligence at any task assigned. So, I have been going through the auditor report thoroughly and the prior year's 990 Return thoroughly to understand all the components of NARFE, see how the pieces fit together, and ensure that there is nothing odd going on. I like what I see so far, and I think that this will be a clean, quiet audit. I may have some motions coming up on internal controls, just to help us stay on track. But I am enjoying all of this very much.

NARFE, as an organization, is crucial at this time when we have such a hostile and unpredictable administration that has no interest or respect for the work of the federal workforce in their various agencies on behalf of the American People.