

2026 Region IX Symposium Agenda DRAFT06 04/14/26

Preliminary Agenda – [Comments welcome](#)

Thursday Oct 1 (at Best Western Plus)

Morning: Travel

- 1:00 Registration
- 2:30 Federation Meetings
- 5:00 Welcome Mixer, registration (no-host bar?)
- 6:00 Dinner on your own

Friday Oct 2 (at meeting venue)

- 7:30 FEHB/PSHB Vendor Setup (open through day) (Keri, Merry)
- 8:00 Registration
- 8:30 All-Hands Meeting (Steve, Presidents, Sym. Committee)
- 9:00 NARFE National Secretary Treasurer Cindy Blythe (CONFIRMED)
- 9:45 NARFE Membership: Nora MacDonald (virtual) (CONFIRMED)
- 10:15 break
- 10:25 NARFE Advocacy: John Hatton (virtual) (CONFIRMED)
- 11:15 Buffet lunch (on-site)
- 12:15 SLS Projects (Lexie, virtual) (cost-effective media) (CONFIRMED)
- 1:00 FEHB/PSHB Preview (vendors) (137AB)
- 1:45 break
- 2:00 Concurrent sessions
 - Effective Advocacy with Congress and Public (Doug/Ruthann) (137A)
 - Treasurer training (Arlene Patton) (137B)
- 2:50 break
- 3:00 Concurrent Sessions
 - Recruiting, and Retention: What Works (Bea, Merry) (137A)
 - Officer Portal: Reports, Updates, Search (Curtis) (137B)
- 3:50 break
- 4:00 All Hands Session (137AB)
 - Alzheimer's Update (Linda O'Donnell)
 - NARFE Online: Website, Microsites, FEDHub (Curtis)
- 5:00 Mixer
- 6:00 FEHB/PSHB Vendor close
- 6:00 Banquet, entertainment, swearing in officers, awards
- 8:30 Adjourn

Saturday Oct 3 (at meeting venue)

- 9:00 Ceremony of remembrance (Steven, Charlie)
- 9:30 Region, NEB report (Steven)
- 9:45 break
- 10:00 Concurrent sessions
 - Newsletters: Engage your membership () (137A)
 - Chapter Meetings: Bring them in, and keep it nonpartisan (Doug,others) (137B)
- 11:00 Closing Session
 - Looking forward (Steven, Presidents)
- 12:00 Adjourn