

MEMORANDUM FOR NGA-NE Board of Governors

FROM: Georgia Kroese – Secretary

SUBJECT: Minutes of Board of Governors Meeting on March 5, 2013

1. The National Guard Association of Nebraska (NGA-NE) conducted its monthly Board of Governors (BOG) meeting March 5, 2013 at Firework’s Restaurant, Lincoln, NE.

Ex-Officio	BG Lyons	Absent
*President	Col Keith Schell	Present
*Vice-President	LTC Brett Andersen	Absent
*Secretary	LTC Georgia Kroese	Present
*Treasurer	2LT Doug Carlson	Present
*Executive Director	Dennis Hayward	Present
*Past-President	LTC Don Kneifl	Absent
JFHQ-NEANG	BG Daryl Bohac	Present
170 th OSS	Maj Chris Shannon	Present
155 th ARW	Capt Nicole Nuss	Absent
155 th Maintenance Group	Capt Bobby Blessington	Present
155 th Mission Support Group	Capt Joey Meyer	Present
155 th Operations Group	Capt Joe Remmenga	Absent
ANG Company Grade Rep	Capt Jim Otte	Absent
*ANG Retiree Rep	Lt Gen (Ret) Roger Lempke	Absent
JFHQ –NEARNG	MAJ Jan Behn	Present
92nd Troop Command	MAJ Brett Petit	Absent
67 th BfSB	LTC Troy Paisley	Absent
734 th Transportation	LTC Curt Abendroth	Absent
209 th RTI	MAJ Chris Weskamp	Absent
126 th Chemical Battalion	LTC Steve Petersen	Absent
Med Det	MAJ Sam Keech	Absent
110 th Medical Battalion	CPT Scott Henrickson	Present
402 nd MP Battalion	MAJ Dan Benes	Absent
376 th Aviation Battalion	LTC Rick Gray	Absent
134 th R&S Battalion	LTC Brent Flachsbart	Absent
ARNG Company Grade Rep	VACANT	
ARNG Warrant Officer Rep	Dustin Guenther	Present
ARNG Retiree Rep	Bill Nelson	Absent
*Legislative Chair	LTC Craig Strong	Absent
*Membership Chair	CPT Russell Barthalow MAJ Thaddeus Fineran	Absent
Officer Club Coordinator	CPT Scott Henrickson	Present
State Conference Chair	VACANT	NA
EANGUS Rep	1SG Shawn Griffith/	Absent
Insurance Rep	Dennis Hatfield	NA

2. Keith Schell welcomed everyone.

3. President's Report – Discussed association meetings

4. Secretary's Report.

Highlighted notes from the meeting last month.

5. Treasury Report

a. Total expenses budgeted \$78,710; FY to date-\$40,663.79; projected by end of FY - \$71,798.51 (see attached income and expense report)

b. Discussion on insurance pool. 4.5% may come to Nebraska, potentially \$15,000.

6. Executive Report

a. Updated Membership information is hard to track updates for state information. Keeps reshuffling the information. Will rerun new member information to ensure we are giving free memberships to actual new members.

b. NGAUS Conference attendees for Sep 2013

(1) 10 May 2013 next submission date

(2) Cost \$700 flight, \$745 room, Registration \$165 = \$1600

(3) 2 mentorship (Army)/development \$3200

(4) 1 mentorship (Air)/development \$1600

(5) President \$1600

(6) Executive Director (extra day for registration and coordination) \$1780

(7) Past President \$1600

(8) Bobby Blessington Room and registration (hospitality chair) \$900

(9) Pay 8 additional members registration – excludes spouse \$1320

(10) Total cost about \$12,300+\$2000 hospitality suite - \$14K (budgeted)

c. Review of information sent in mailing.

(1) Can get the brochure in a PDF format.

(2) Would like to redesign the website and moves the enlisted and retiree information.

(3) Working on sending something out for sponsors.

d. Amendments to by-laws

(1) Need 45 days from the president out to the members. 2 weeks prior to meeting requirements

(1) Sponsorships

(2) Program proposed and would like to move forward

(3) offered up an idea for spending \$\$ to establish funding for a foundation such as a scholarship & soldier relief fund.

(4) In Nebraska, individual returns being taxed, maybe move forward on 5013c instead of 50119.

(5) Sequestration furlough is an example that a GS-06 or GS-07 would need to cover some cost and can apply based on need.

(6) Determine if we are interested in exploring the mechanism to set up a foundation, then identify a work group to establish.

(7) Engage alumni to be able to vote. Increase State fee by \$5.00, so recommend raising retiree dues to \$10 and also allow them to vote.

(8) Ask previous members about changes from VP to president. Nominees, or define how the ballot is taken. One nomination process then the secretary will be identified as a position with or without vote. Need to identify Robert's rules or order, need to put in our by-laws.

- e. Spring Conference April 26-27 (Friday and Saturday) Brett Andersen
 - (1) Invitations 45 days prior, mailed out
 - (2) On line reservations for all golf, business session, banquet
 - (3) Golf POC – Hi Mark- Dustin Guenther and Shelly Herrod. Get the info to Shelly Herrod so she can update the golf data. First 45 teams fills the tournament.
 - (4) Business session – JFHQ building
 - i. Confirmed Retired Maj Gen Gus Hargett NGAUS President
 - ii. Told but not confirmed – Congressman Fortenberry
 - iii. General Grant cancelled
 - iv. Vicki Kramer – resolution updates also putting forth her own resolutions
 - (5) Dinner/Awards Committee – Champions Club
 - i. Hire band for hour Northeast Jazz – Cancelled
 - ii. Senator Nelson – honored about the award when discussed. Brig Bohac will get back in touch when consulted. Looking for feedback moving quickly if we are going to design new award.

- iii. 2 Presidents awards – Request approval for 3 (2 Army 1 Air)
 - 1. Highest award should be distinguished from other plaques. Will need to change the by-laws.
 - 2. Suggestions were made to work with Ken and see what the cost would be.
 - 3. NG Association will present the 13 militia men with the award, with the medallion framed.
 - 4. Motion to make it a presidents award and the president have the ability to make the recommendations. Are we going to entrust the president's limit to a certain number? Motion to eliminate the number to the recognition with the exception of the backing and review of the board of governors. Motioned, seconded and all in favor.

- iv. Corporate Award (Donor of Alcohol for Tailgate)
- v. Governor Heinemann cannot attend banquet or business meeting
- vi. Confirmed Senator Fischer as speaker at banquet
- vii. Action items we will be looking at
- viii. Dues amount for State – 5% change?
- ix. Updates and corrections to constitution
 - 1. Complimentary Membership current year to current year plus next.
 - 2. Executive director information about errors

(6) Working with support staff to schedule town hall meeting with Defense Secretary Hagel time and place TBD. Working with his schedules and sponsored by the VFW

(7) Motion to authorize scholarships for members only which will be reviewed by the board prior to approval. Motioned, seconded and approved.

(8) Motion to advertise Maui Jim Sunglasses half price member benefit, motioned, seconded and approved.

- (7) Plaque suggestion (Lempke)
 - i. Mall – leading up to the capitol.

Nominations committee (Wendy Johnson, Rick Dalman)

- a. President
- b. Vice President

- c. Secretary
- d. Treasurer (Carlson)

Legislative Committee

- a. License plates – Craig sent update (attached)
- b. Tax Exemption – study
- c. 1LT Ryan McIntosh – LB 588 will press ahead and Keith will get in contact with him tonight

3. Old Business.

New Business.

Officer call in July, Dennis will come out to discuss membership and also be available to collect memberships at this event.

Request \$500 for ANG officers call for snacks and beverages. Up to \$500, pending receipts.
Motion requested to donate \$500 to the ANG officer call and have someone present to make proposal on officer association and be available to collect dues at the event. Seconded and all were in favor.

An anonymous person proposed a donation of funds for programs to support airmen and soldiers. He is challenging the association to also set aside funds to cover these costs. He is willing to set aside funds in the amount of \$5,000 as a starting point for donations to cover the furlough hardships. Willing to pay the amount if needed. Could consider this at the April board meeting. Potentially something like food or gas card support, potentially on a scale. Could look at \$10,000 or \$15,000 ball park for budget numbers. Possibly pinnacle bank (Dinsdale's manage) Association members could reach out to community leaders for support.

Session ended at 8:45 p.m.