

MEMORANDUM FOR NGA-NE Board of Governors

FROM: Scott Henrickson – Secretary

SUBJECT: Minutes of Board of Governors Meeting on October 8, 2013

1. The National Guard Association of Nebraska (NGA-NE) conducted its monthly Board of Governors (BOG) meeting October 8, 2013 at Lazlo’s Restaurant, Lincoln, NE.

Ex-Officio	Maj Gen Bohac	Absent
*President	COL Brett Andersen	Present
*Vice-President	Col Bob Stevenson	Present
*Secretary	MAJ Scott Henrickson	Present
*Treasurer	2LT Doug Carlson	Present
*Executive Director	Dennis Hayward	Present
*Past-President	Col Keith Schell	Absent
JFHQ-NEANG	VACANT	Absent
170 th OSS	Maj Chris Shannon	Present
155 th ARW	Maj Nicole Nuss	Present
155 th Maintenance Group	Capt Bobby Blessington	Absent
155 th Mission Support Group	Cap David Storm	Present
155 th Operations Group	Capt Joe Remmenga	Present
ANG Company Grade Rep	Capt Jim Otte	Absent
*ANG Retiree Rep	Lt Gen (Ret) Roger Lempke	Absent
JFHQ –NEARNG	MAJ Jan Behn	Absent
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	CPT Guinio Volpone	Present
Med Det	MAJ Sam Keech	Absent
110 th Medical Battalion	1LT Jennifer Myers	Present
402 nd MP Battalion	1LT Jessica Wolff	Present
376 th Aviation Battalion	CPT William McGreer	Absent
134 th R&S Battalion	LTC Brent Flachsbart	Absent
ARNG Company Grade Rep	1LT Michael Hoffman	Absent
ARNG Warrant Officer Rep	CW2 Dustin Guenther	Present
ARNG Retiree Rep	CW5 (Ret) Bill Nelson	Absent
*Legislative Chair	LTC Craig Strong	Present
*Membership Chair	CPT Russell Barthalow LTC Thaddeus Fineran	Absent Absent
Officer Club Coordinator	MAJ Scott Henrickson	NA
State Conference Chair	VACANT	NA
EANGUS Rep	1SG Shawn Griffith	Absent
Insurance Rep	Dennis Hatfield	NA

2. Brett Andersen welcomed everyone.

3. President's Report –

a. A big thank you to all those who attended last month's National Conference in Hawaii. Some highlights of the conference include: forecasting 40% military budget cut next year; theme of equipping the force has shifted to that of force structure; Jon Fago elected Director (Air) and Vicki Kramer elected as Company Grade Representative for Area V.

4. Secretary's Report: September BOG Minutes submitted to Executive Committee on September 5, 2013.

5. Treasury Report

a. Update: Total expenses budgeted FY14 (1 July to 30 June) \$91,770: FY to date-\$19,810.24; Projected by end of FY-\$91,770 (see attached income and expense report).

b. Tax Status

(1) Currently reviewing 503 (c) (19) status and look to become compliant in near future. Still continuing to work with Rob Shafer on tax status.

6. NGANE Executive Report:

a. Membership

(1) 2 renewals since and 13 Comps (OCS class) since last report.

(2) Membership programs:

i. Retention Rebate Program (Dec 31): Project 5% refund

ii. Membership Challenge (Dec 31): Currently #4 which = \$500

(3) All memberships from now forward will be for 2014.

b. Corporate Sponsorship: \$250 from Drash for Hospitality Suite for National Conference in Hawaii.

c. Association telephone number: 402-474-6426.

d. Request pictures for NGANE events so they can be posted on the NGANE Facebook page.

e. Will look to send a couple representatives to the NGEDA conference in January.

7. Legislative Priorities & Steering Meeting:

a. Craig Strong, Legislative Chair, conducted a Legislative Priorities & Steering Meeting to the BOG. Additionally, in attendance were 5 members of the Legislative Committee.

b. The meeting agenda included an overview on how a Bill becomes a law, Legislative Priorities, Over-all legislative themes and messages, grand strategy, Identifiable targets, and a review of the Legislative Committee Calendar.

c. There was discussion on the interests of the Association and the importance of the sole mission of the Association is protecting the welfare of Soldiers and Airman. With this laser focus the cascading effect will also promote wellness of families, employers and communities.

d. Suggested new legislation includes:

(1) Definition of Veteran to include T32 service (without T10 service requirement)

(2) State Tuition Assistance Program-amendment to the language with the word "entitled" as anyone entitled to federal education benefits should not have access to the state tuition assistance program.

(3) Addressing the military leave of the Assistant Adjutant General.

(4) Further defining the State and Federal Security job descriptions.

(5) Veteran Hunting and Fishing Licenses

e. A "Draft" NGA-NE Legislative Committee 2013-2014 Calendar was reviewed with the BOG and the Legislative Committee will meet on 11 October 2013 to refine a plan to implement the BOG directives. Once this plan is developed it will be presented to the Executive Committee for final review and approval.

8. Fall Leadership Dinner Thursday 7 November 2013 at JFHQ with a theme of becoming aware of service to community.

a. POC: Brett Andersen

b. Agenda: 1830 to 1900 appetizers, 1900 dinner, 1940-2130 meeting

(1) Discussion Centennial Mall Fundraising Plaques. Plaques are available with bar code which individuals can scan to learn more about organizations. Lt Gen (Ret) Lempke to present more on this topic at Fall Leadership Dinner.

(2) Legislative Committee update

(3) Company grade officers to speak: (LTs Kramer and Curto)

(4) Invitations to Lieutenant Col's and above: TBD

c. Membership Awards review: Keith Schell

d. 100% Unit Awards: Dennis Hayward and Keith Schell

9. Spring Golf/Conference 25 & 26 April 2014

a. Golf: HiMark

(1) Dustin Guenther and Shelly Herrod and Executive Director met on 13 August.

(2) Looking to possibly charge more for non association members.

b. Business Meeting will occur at JFHQ. POC: Army

(1) Speakers: Need to identify/request speakers. Potential opportunities at NGAUS Conference.

c. Dinner/Awards Ceremony: TBD with dueling pianos as possible entertainment. POC: Air

(1) Speaker: Look to invite Governor Heineman. Will need to prepare a 5-W paper for Maj Gen Bohac to invite Governor Heineman. Look to present award as well.

(2) Award Nominations:

i. NGA-NE Volunteer of the year

ii. NGA-NE Corporate Sponsor of the year

iii. Senator Ben Nelson Award

10. Old Business:

a. Nelson medallions: Order will be reduced from 25 to 10 with a cost of \$125/medallion.

b. NGA-NE pins: Will order 500 NGA-NE pins in preparation for next year's National Conference and other NGA-NE activities.

11. New Business-

a. 2014 NGAUS Conference is 22-25 August in Chicago. Planning is already in the works including the possibility of chartering a bus for conference attendees. More information will be provided at next month's meeting.

12. Event Update:

a. NGA-NE Tailgate occurred on 14 September 2013 at the Spirit of 76' Armory for the Nebraska and UCLA football game. There were over 150 people in attendance throughout the event and a special thank you goes out to Tailgate Committee which included: Keith Schell, Craig Strong, Russell Bartholow, Nick Curto, Pam and Derek Whisenhunt, Matthew Simms, and Dennis Hayward. We would also like to thank The Spirit of America Federal Credit Union who sponsored the pop and water along with Berry Law Firm who provided the keg again for this year's event. The event was budgeted for \$800 and subtracting

actual to date cost leaves an excess of \$294.81. With this in mind and the success of the previous Tailgate's the NGA-NE is also planning an 'away tailgate' again at 76' Armory tentatively on 23 November 2013 for the Penn State Game. This event may shift to the Iowa game on 29 November pending availability of the 76' Armory.

b. Officer's Book Club will resume tentatively in October with COL's Brett Andersen and Georgia Kroese hosting. November is also tentatively scheduled with a topics provided by Chaplain's Thomlison and Kane. In December we will remember the late COL (Ret) Chris Maasdam who was one of the founders of the Nebraska Officer's Book Club by reviewing his favorite military icon Ulysses S. Grant. This event will occur on 10 December at the Ferguson House in Lincoln, NE.

13. Meeting Adjourned

BUDGET FOR NGA-NE FY 14 (1 JULY TO 30 JUNE)					
FISCAL YEAR 2014 INCOME					
INCOME	Budgeted	Actual FY to Date	% to Date	Amount	% Received
Corporate Sponsor	\$7,000.00	\$1,150.00	16.43%	\$7,000.00	100.00%
Golf Tournament Income	\$18,000.00		0.00%	\$18,000.00	100.00%
Insurance Income	\$15,000.00	\$2,472.02	16.48%	\$15,000.00	100.00%
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Membership Dues	\$30,000.00		0.00%	\$30,000.00	100.00%
NGAU Nat'l Conference Attendee Fee	\$4,000.00		0.00%	\$4,000.00	100.00%
NGAU Rebate for early membership	\$700.00		0.00%	\$700.00	100.00%
Spring Conference Registration	\$3,400.00		0.00%	\$3,400.00	100.00%
Senior Leader's Update Dinner	\$1,300.00			\$1,300.00	
Tailgate Party Reimbursement	\$200.00			\$200.00	
TOTAL INCOME	\$79,600.00	\$3,622.02	4.55%	\$79,600.00	100.00%
FISCAL YEAR 2014 EXPENSES					
EXPENSES	Budgeted	Actual FY to Date	% to Date	Amount	% Spent
Advertising	\$700.00	\$0.00	0.00%	\$700.00	100.00%
Collections (PayPal) Fee	\$300.00		0.00%	\$300.00	100.00%
Membership Incentive	\$1,000.00		0.00%	\$1,000.00	100.00%
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Donations/Grants	\$3,000.00	\$289.19	9.64%	\$3,000.00	100.00%
Officer's Club	\$600.00		0.00%	\$600.00	100.00%
Tax Accountant	\$500.00		0.00%	\$500.00	100.00%
Tailgate	\$800.00	\$505.19	63.15%	\$800.00	100.00%
Leadership Lincoln	\$850.00	\$850.00	100.00%	\$850.00	100.00%
Phone	\$160.00	\$41.51	25.94%	\$160.00	100.00%
Executive Director					
Admin Services	\$18,000.00	\$7,500.00	41.67%	\$18,000.00	100.00%
ED Conference Attendance	\$2,000.00		0.00%	\$2,000.00	100.00%
Internet Service Provider					
Ipad 3G Service	\$360.00	\$90.00	25.00%	\$360.00	100.00%
Firespring	\$1,200.00	\$525.00	43.75%	\$1,200.00	100.00%
Legislative Lunch	\$1,100.00		0.00%	\$1,100.00	100.00%
Legislative Service	\$3,000.00		0.00%	\$3,000.00	100.00%
National Dues to NGAUS	\$24,000.00	\$536.00	2.23%	\$24,000.00	100.00%

EXPENSES						
	Budgeted	Actual FY to Date	% to Date	Amount	% Spent	
NGAUS National Conference						
NGAUS Convention Attendance	\$3,800.00	\$3,135.00	82.50%	\$3,800.00	100.00%	
NGAUS Hospitality Suite	\$3,800.00		0.00%	\$3,800.00	100.00%	
NGAUS Travel	\$8,600.00	\$6,312.03	73.40%	\$8,600.00	100.00%	
NGAUS Pins	-			-		
PO Box Fee	\$100.00		0.00%	\$100.00	100.00%	
Senior Leader's Update Dinner	\$1,300.00		0.00%	\$1,300.00	100.00%	
Golf Tournament	\$9,500.00		0.00%	\$9,500.00	100.00%	
Spring Conference	\$3,400.00		0.00%	\$3,400.00	100.00%	
Awards	\$1,000.00		0.00%	\$1,000.00	100.00%	
Supplies	\$500.00	\$26.32	5.26%	\$500.00	100.00%	
Mallings	\$700.00		0.00%	\$700.00	100.00%	
Travel	\$1,000.00		0.00%	\$1,000.00	100.00%	
Accounting & Antivirus Software	\$500.00		0.00%	\$500.00	100.00%	
	\$91,770.00	\$19,810.24	21.59%	\$91,770.00	100.00%	
ASSETS						
Bank Accounts						
Cornhusker Bank Checking	\$14,466.58			\$41,059.09		
PayPal Balance	\$2,855.66			\$49,601.06		
Total Bank Accounts	\$17,322.24			\$90,660.15		
	Total Current Assets:	\$107,982.39				