



MEMORANDUM FOR NGA-NE Board of Governors

FROM: Jocelyn Kuta - Treasurer

SUBJECT: Minutes of Board of Governors meeting on September 20, 2016.

**1. The National Guard Association of Nebraska (NGA-NE) conducted its monthly Board of Governors meeting on September 20, 2016 at The Watering Hole, 84<sup>th</sup> and Holdrege, Lincoln, NE**

**2. LTC Steve Petersen welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 1833.**

- Attached is a roster of the Board Officers and Unit Reps in attendance

**3. President's Report:**

a. NGAUS Report – Received the most improved membership award. Resolutions, we had 11 delegate votes. Dustin McKenna is now working resolutions. He will work on getting intent and “feel” for how the Association should vote in the future. Josh Hruby spoke on his experience at National Conference. Suggestion for the future is to brief the LTs and give them the expectation up front. Dustin McKenna said it was good to see the generals and to talk to other CGs about issues.

- b. Website – Russell Bartholow will begin updating the website with meetings, minutes and events.
- c. Updating the Donation Request Form.

**4. Secretary's Report: NSTR**

**5. Treasurer's Report:**

- a. Currently \$66,968.88 in assets.
- b. Current budget (see attachment).

**6. Executive Director – Russell Bartholow**

a. Fall Dinner – Save the Date cards for the Tailgate and Leadership Dinner. Social will be from 1800-1900 and there will be an Insurance Brief and Professional Development Brief. Extending offer to attend dinner to Senator Crawford.

b. Membership – Transition from state to national site. Cost is \$50 per month. Will assist with sending reminders and rebate checks. Will lose some autonomy. Need to follow-up and make sure that in-progress lifetime memberships still get their 25% paid at end of payment plan.

- c. Annual Conference – February is busy month. Still looking at calendar for best date.

**7. Legislative Committee Report: Ryan McIntosh/ Dustin McKenna**

a. Legislative Cocktail – need to start setting up. Dustin McKenna will work with Russell Bartholow to get set up.

**8. Membership Committee Report: Craig Strong/Tom Golden**

a. Craig Strong stepping down as head. Jan Behn and Tom Golden will take over.

- b. Recognized as most improved membership for this year.

c. Reminded everyone of the Strategic Vision regarding membership as presented last year. Shaping Operations included getting the Commanders to own the program. Would like to start recognizing at the Battalion level for leadership attendance. Phase 2 is closing the deal. This is where the commanders take over and we assist commanders as needed. Commanders need to socialize the comp memberships with new lieutenants.

- d. Book Club and Officer Clubs – Make sure commanders are emphasizing and working to bring junior

Officers to these clubs.

#### **9. 2016-2017 Events**

a. Tailgate, 1 October – Scott Henrickson is heading up. 1<sup>st</sup> day for new membership year. Will open at 1230. Hamburgers, hotdogs, televised game, parking and kids games are available. Illinois NG members may join as well. Spirit America is providing water and soda. EANGUS is providing help and will have a membership table as well.

b. Fall Leadership Dinner – see notes above.

c. Annual Meeting – need to get on BG Bohac's schedule. Looking at February or March timeframe. Any Awards that we would like to give need to be submitted now.

d. Golf Tournament – Do we still want May? POCs for the event will be Dustin McKenna, Josh Hruby and Jen Myers. They will get with Doug Carlson to set up.

#### **10. OLD BUSINESS**

a. Talked about having a Domestic operations event to pair with the Legislative Cocktail in late December or early January. Lots of discussion regarding different types of capabilities display and when the best time would be. Talked about potential for next year of doing a capabilities display around Veteran's Day or the NG Birthday. The Legislative Cocktail is a great time to meet lots of staffers at a neutral location. Regarding domestic operations/capabilities display is a military event. If requested, NGA may be able to provide a reception.

b. Witulski suggested fun run for NEARNG/NEANG in Grand Island. She has spoken with William McGreer and they are looking to host at Boy Scout Island.

#### **11. NEW BUSINESS**

a. Donation request from the 67<sup>th</sup> MEB. Activation Ceremony is 5 November. Following the ceremony plan is to have Tailgate that is open to all NG members. Requesting \$289.68 for alcohol. Anticipating 200-300 personnel in attendance and will have table for membership sign-up/renewal. Jan Behn motioned for vote, Craig Strong seconded, Unanimous pass. (Donations and grants)

b. Planning for next year's NGAUS, OPD, pins, shirts, intro, logo, etc. Need someone to work on the design. Need new polos. Kuta will forward designs she got from Goodwater. Dan Benes and Goodwater were nominated for role.

c. Professional Development – need to try to increase budget for next year.

d. BOG Membership – based on by-laws, we are frozen at the current number of seats. We need to vote at the Spring Conference who will have representation. Not every O5 currently has representation (even before Transformation).

#### **12. Meeting Adjourned 1933**

a. Next meeting 4 October 2016, The Watering Hole, 84<sup>th</sup> and Holdrege, Lincoln, NE. Committees at 1745/BOG at 1830

JOCELYN J. KUTA  
Treasurer, NGA-NE

Member's Attendance:

| Position                    | Name                                   | Present            |
|-----------------------------|--|--------------------|
| <b>Board Officers</b>       |  |                    |
| Ex-Officio                  | Maj Gen Daryl Bohac                    |                    |
| President                   | LTC Steve Petersen                     | X                  |
| President-Elect             | Lt Col Spencer Hansen                  | X                  |
| Secretary                   | CPT Jennifer Myers                     |                    |
| Treasurer                   | MAJ Jocelyn Kuta                       | X                  |
| Executive Director          | CPT Russell Bartholow                  | X                  |
| Immediate Past-President    | MAJ Scott Henrickson                   | X                  |
| <b>Committee Chairs</b>     |  |                    |
| Legislative Chairs          | CPT Ryan McIntosh & 1LT Dustin McKenna | X – Dustin McKenna |
| Membership Chairs           | COL Craig Strong & LTC Tom Golden      | X (Both)           |
| State Conference Chair      | VACANT                                 |                    |
| <b>Unit Reps</b>            |  |                    |
| JFHQ-Air                    | Maj Ginny Witulski                     | X                  |
| 170th Group                 | Maj Jennifer Leavitt                   |                    |
| 155th ARW                   | Col James Stevenson                    | X                  |
| 155th Maintenance Group     |  |                    |
| 155th Mission Support Group | Capt Mike Brodersen                    | X                  |
| 155th Operations Group      |  |                    |
| ANG Company Grade Rep       | Capt Doug Carlson                      | X                  |
| ANG Retiree Rep             | Lt Gen (Ret) Roger Lempke              |                    |
| JFHQ - ARNG                 | MAJ Zachary Labrayere                  | X                  |
| 92nd Troop Command          | LTC Golden                             | X                  |
| 67th BfSB                   | LTC Jan Behn                           | X                  |
| 734th Transportation        |  |                    |
| 209th RTI                   |  |                    |
| 126th Chemical Battalion    |  |                    |
| Med Det                     |  |                    |
| 110th Medical Battalion     | CPT Nicolas Curto                      | X                  |
| 402nd MP Battalion          |  |                    |
| 376th Aviation Battalion    |  |                    |
| 134th R&S Battalion         | MAJ Shane York                         | X CPT McKenna      |
| ARNG Company Grade Rep      | CPT Josh Metcalf                       | X LT Hruby         |
| ARNG Warrant Officer Rep    |  |                    |
| ARNG Retiree Rep            | CW5 (Ret) Bill Nelson                  |                    |
| EANGUS Rep                  | Mary Couture                           | X                  |