

# National Guard Association-Nebraska, Board of Governor's Meeting Minutes

5 OCT 2021

Call to Order: 1645

Location: Teleconference (503-300-6843), Code 626555

## Roll Call

### Members Present:

NGA-NE BOG Roll Call:			
Affiliation	Present	Affiliation	Present
Ex-Officio		92 TC	LTC Shane York
President	Col Thad Fineran	67 MEB	
President Elect	Lt Col Carl Johnson	734 Brigade Support Battalion	
Secretary	Capt Evan Littrell	209 RTI	CPT Jennifer Meyers
Treasurer	1LT Rachell Rowley	126 Chem Battalion	CPT Sara Meyers
Executive Director	LTC Scott Henrickson	Med Det	
Immediate Past President		2-134 Infantry	LTC Shane York
JFHQ-Air		402 MP Battalion	
170 GP		376 Aviation Battalion	
155 ARW	Lt Col Carl Johnson	134 Cavalry Squadron	MAJ Ryan McIntosh
155 MXG	Lt Col Carl Johnson	128 Engineer Battalion	
155 MSG	Capt Trevor Boyd	ARNG Company Grade Rep	CPT Jeremy Hamm
155 OG		ARNG Warrant Officer Rep	CW2 Tim Beckman
155 MDG		ARNG Retiree Rep	CW5 (Ret) Bill Nelson
ANG Company Grade Rep	Capt Trevor Boyd	EANGUS Rep	MSG Dan Malizzi
ANG Retiree Rep		Events Officer:	
JFHQ-ARNG		ARNG Recruiting	1LT Rachell Rowley
Golf Tournament	Lt Col Carl Johnson	Legislative Committee	CPT Kevin Rose
Membership Committee	LTC Shane York	Social Media	Lt Rachel Katz

### NGAUS Conference debrief from CGOs: LTC Henrickson

NGAUS Conference: Lots of takeaways as usual; this year had good fortune of CGOs attending. Want some to share about their experience.

CPT Sara Meyers: attended all the general sessions and liked the networking aspect, getting to know soldiers and airmen from other Guard Units. Conference itself allowed me to get to know my peers. Enjoyed the opportunity to listen to General Officers speak, put it into perspective for my day-to-day being part of the big picture at NGB and DOD. Overall, favorite part was getting to know my peers.

1LT Rachel Rowley: Echo CPT Meyers sentiments. Captured some networking opportunities and connected with leadership in the recruiting field. Enjoyed the CGO breakouts, addressed timely and

relevant questions CGOs have and presented at a level important to us. At one session, guest speaker very engaging about the Guard and looking to bring him out to the Nebraska recruiting.

CPT Justin Knapp: biggest takeaway was bringing my spouse and her opportunity to engage and network with other spouses. Met CERFP members from Hawaii Guard and listening to LTG Hokenson speak on policy issues impacting soldiers. Feel confident I am able to bring that information home. Best part was Elvis.

#### **President's Report:**

*COL Fineran:* Some successes we've had over the past two months: Conference a great success. It's about connection, understanding our partners in-state and across the country and building relationships. As an organization we wanted to prioritize this type of professional development as an investment in the long-term, you'll find ways to get involved and participate with the association. Next the book club hosted by CPT Ham, great event to share some time and conversation, good discussion of perspective from each attendee. And then with Golf Tournament last week and the Tailgate event on Saturday, creating connection and opportunity for soldiers and airmen, great turnout. Met veterans who were not affiliated with NENG but through proximity to the stadium came in and gathered with us.

Shifting forward, membership drive is open for FY22, never seen a membership level at this low of a rate. You have this opportunity at networking and life-long membership, ask to reach out to others and share the association's story. Reach out to colleagues and share with them the real value of membership.

Hold the date for key leaders: 2DEC fall dinner, association will invite command teams and share the states of their association, priorities, efforts. Committee leads and elected roles plan to spend the evening at this event.

#### **President Elect's Report:**

*Lt Col Johnson:* Echo the life membership deal and the involvement and volunteers to make the golf event a success.

#### **Secretary's Report: Capt Littrell**

August Minutes distributed 5OCT.

For the future: send all edits/revisions/requests to [eelittrell@gmail.com](mailto:eelittrell@gmail.com)

#### **Treasurer's Report: 1LT Rowley**

Balance: \$85,471, including investment amount so actual balance of \$59,346

#### **Executive Director: LTC Henrickson**

Capital Summit coming up, Gen Fago (ret) will be involved. With the tailgate, appreciate the efforts for executing that event, was very fun for families and members.

#### **Legislative Committee: CPT Rose**

NSTR; trying to get time with TAG and CoS to organize priorities for 2022, hoping for beginning of November.

#### **Membership: LTC York**

Digital life membership very affordable and spread the word to everyone. 61% membership at end of FY21. Already have our first ANG and expecting first ARNG this week.

**Events Committee: LTC Henrickson**

CPT Melissa Ventri taking over head of committee. In near future is Roca Berry Farm fireside chat and engagement with Gen Strong.

**Social Media Committee: Lt Katz**

Seen good engagement, 212 post reach hit, averaging 1 FB page hit per day. ASK: photos from golf tournament and tailgate send to LT Katz for posting. Lt Taylor Pytleski assuming committee.

**Corporate Membership: LTC Henrickson**

At Golf Tournament met with JEO and looking to host an event at Antelope Park on 18OCT. Is also interested in hosting a Prof Development session when opportunity presents itself. Five corporate sponsors (3 local in Lincoln, 1 Omaha, 1 Local/National) were golfing with us at the tournament, great chance to engage. Berry Law provided a lot of support to the tailgate and USAA provided as well. ASK: if having an engagement with potential corporate members let LTC Henrickson know as there is a form and explanation of membership benefits.

**EANGUS Report: MSG Malizzi**

Enjoyed participating in the golf tournament.

**Retiree Council: CW5 (Ret) Nelson**

Message to the CGOs, don't lose that enthusiasm from NGAUS. Present your experiences to other CGOs and explain the enjoyment of being a member. Retiree Council meeting 13OCT with upcoming elections. Great job on the Golf Tournament, let the record show Flight 3 was won by retirees (*Secretary's Note: The record hereby reflects Flight 3 was won by retirees*).

**Old Business: LTC Henrickson**

Leadership dinner on 2DEC, venue TBD. BPT talk about section, will be crafting agenda. Annual Business meeting in Feb/Mar nesting with TAG leadership call and social event with organizations and NGAUS conference beverage selection.

**New Business: LTC Henrickson**

None.

**Due Outs:**

- 1) Venue for Leadership Dinner 2DEC
- 2) Mailchimp Distro message from Col Fineran

**Closing: Lt Col Johnson and COL Fineran**

Thank you to the retirees and EANGUS participation in golf tournament, thanks to Boeing and USAA to sponsor four spots for members to play. Check coming back from about \$9500 to offset costs of the golf tournament. Overall gained \$2000 from tournament. Good camaraderie and great day. Great work, good reports from all. We've done a great job at rebuilding and regrouping in our community, shift to membership opportunities and legislative opportunities.

**Next Meetings:**

2NOV: Teleconference  
7DEC: Teleconference

**Adjourned: 1733**