

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

6 APR 2021

Call to Order: 1645

Location: Teleconference

## Roll Call

### Members Present:

NGA-NE BOG Roll Call:			
Affiliation	Present	Affiliation	Present
Ex-Officio		92 TC	
President	COL Thad Fineran	67 MEB	
President Elect	Lt Col Carl Johnson	734 Brigade Support Battalion	
Secretary	Capt Evan Littrell	209 RTI	
Treasurer	2LT Rachell Rowley	126 Chem Battalion	
Executive Director	LTC Scott Henrickson	Med Det	
Immediate Past President	Col Thomas Golden	2-134 Infantry	
JFHQ-Air		402 MP Battalion	
170 GP		376 Aviation Battalion	
155 ARW	Lt Col Carl Johnson	134 Cavalry Squadron	
155 MXG	Lt Col Carl Johnson	128 Engineer Battalion	
155 MSG	Col Spencer Hansen	ARNG Company Grade Rep	CPT Jeremy Ham
155 OG		ARNG Warrant Officer Rep	CW2 Tim Beckman
155 MDG		ARNG Retiree Rep	
ANG Company Grade Rep		EANGUS Rep	MSG Dan Malizzi
ANG Retiree Rep	BG Keith Shell	Events Officer:	CPT Aloma Moncrief
JFHQ-ARNG		ARNG Recruiting	CPT Jeremy Ham
Golf Tournament		Legislative Committee	Maj Ryan McIntosh
Membership Committee	Lt Col Carl Johnson	Social Media	LT Katz

### President's Report: Col Fineran

Reiterate thanks for participating. Welcome to new BOG members. Commitment to the units is improving the BOG to make it worth your time. As we discuss monthly activities of association, you are conduit to communicate org to unit to org, share with officers and members of units the value of the organizations. Rebuild the team, rebuild the community; operational environment has been a challenge. Have lost connectedness as an organization. Goal to rebuild organizational connectiveness. Populate the events, social this Friday, get people together, get on board to resource that. Just want to get people out and give them the opportunity to connect in the near term. Carl and I are going to work together with him taking the organizational role of this monthly BOG meeting to put some purpose to it to know what we are achieving and accomplishing, to get people together. Efficiently leverage volunteers.

**Secretary's Report: Capt Littrell**

No March Minutes as this is my first meeting

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

**Treasurer's Report: 2LT Rowley**

Balance: \$84k

CD: currently looking at ideas for reinvesting

**Executive Director: LTC Henrickson**

NG Exec Dir virtual meeting, primer for the national conference which will be held 9-12SEP in Charlotte, NC. Selected Hotel for that event, Weston south of Charlotte Convention Center. Set up similar to Denver in 2019. Reasonable prices, reserved 20 rooms at \$148/night. Round Trip \$300-\$400. More details to come. POC: LTC Henrickson.

Insurance Trust meeting in Ft Lauderdale, FL this coming Saturday. Report will be provided at May's BOG meeting.

Insurance briefings in the armories and visiting with members on the state sponsored insurance, way to stay connected with Guard.

**Legislative Committee: Maj McIntosh**

No movement on bill tracker. Budget released on Thursday, 284 page document; of note: LB 387 *Military Retirement Income* is factored into the budget. Debate scheduled this week, with passage around April 15<sup>th</sup> expected. Expected to advance this year. Looking to get our legislative social started again, perhaps in the fall with Legislators available and their staffers.

Q: COL Fineran: legislative thank you event—something we can still try to do in May, invite Legislators and staffers, thanks for the work you did on sessions, look forward to engaging next fall.

A: Adjournment in June, hasn't been a lot of socials, we are getting to the point that is acceptable, so we can make that happen. Action: will work on that over next couple weeks.

**Membership: Lt Col Johnson**

membership is trickling in, with social events will continue to push word out, spread the message, bringing more people into the fold here. Will get with LTC York and LtCol Goodwater to get an event put together for membership this year.

**Events Committee: CPT Montcrief**

Want to build community through worthwhile events. Want to spread out monthly social to bring in more variety. Over the next little bit here, next Friday in the Railyard, looking at other ideas—Saltdogs game, Top Golf—and will keep quarterly book club to keep community and socialize and learn. Solicitation for new Events Committee members. In general, excited for new events in the future.

LTC Henrickson: events are Lincoln centric, could be Omaha, Kearney, etc., and run concurrently.

Col Fineran: Need to package in communications, more events on the calendar, building that community.

**Social Media Committee: LT Katz**

Event created on FaceBook page, can mark if interested or going, helps share the message even more. Helps manage the events, numbers, etc. Looking for a site or tool to get events out, looking at MailChimp, can add 2000 contacts and creates lists to send out, create content, digital resources, automates it all. Will try it out, if we like it, there is a cost, \$10-\$100/month. Est. \$20/month. Need a NGAUS email account, LTC Henrickson confirmed we have one. Post reach is up 352%, new page likes up 57%, so building visibility.

**Corporate Membership: LTC Henrickson**

Spoke with LtCol Goodwater, more fidelity with potential presidential sponsor in Chadron. Call out to members for connection to corporate sponsors, POC: LTC Henrickson. Can also check out web page.

**EANGUS Report: MSG Malizzi**

Glad to attend conference. Two of us scheduled to attend Area 5 conference. Haven't met with Board for a bit, next is in May. Set up time to meet to discuss funding.

EANGUS, NGAUS: Golf Tournament planning. Lt Col Johnson the POC.

**Retire Council: via LTC Henrickson**

No Update

**Old Business: LTC Henrickson**

EANGUS, NGAUS will meet to discuss funding (in future).

**New Business: Lt Col Johnson**

Look at how we set our agenda going forward, how we can empower our committees to bring in more people and events, looking at ways to remodel this meeting to make it more actionable going forward.

**Due Outs:**

- 1) Leg committee, by end of this week tentative dates for leg social
- 2) Social Events pushed out through SM
- 3) National Guard email
- 4) Funding for conference
- 5) Lt Col Johnson agenda revision to empower committees
- 6) Add BG Shell to meeting distribution

**Next Meetings:**

4 May:           Teleconference  
1 Jun:            Teleconference

**Adjourned: 1725**