

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

8 February 2022

Call to Order: 1645

Location: Cabin 300, Camp Ashland or by 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 Kevin Rose
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	CPT Kaylee Boden
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		ARNG Company Grade Rep	CPT Jeremy Hamm
155 OG		ARNG Warrant Officer Rep	CW5 Ken Henderson
155 MDG		ARNG Retiree Rep	
ANG Company Grade Rep		EANGUS Rep	MSG Dan Malizzi
ANG Retiree Rep		Events Officer:	CPT Melissa Ventre
JFHQ-ARNG		ARNG Recruiting	LTC Dan Benes
Golf Tournament		Legislative Committee	CPT Kevin Rose
Membership Committee	LTC Shane York	Social Media	

President's Report: Col Fineran

Hold comments to the end

President Elect's Report: Lt Col Johnson

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Secretary's Report: LTC Henrickson

January Minutes distributed 24JAN and revised resent 7FEB; no further requests for revision. For the future: send all edits/revisions/requests to elittrell@gmail.com

Treasurer's Report: 1LT Rowley

Balance: ~\$77,000, ~\$26k in CD; on hand balance ~52k. Request is for each committee to work on next year budget; questions on last year budget go to 1LT Rowley. Need to finalize last two weeks of March for the business meeting to be approved.

Executive Director: LTC Henrickson

Working CODEL NGAUS Awards for recognition at NGAUS conference; due in May
State conference/business meeting March 25-26

Attended the NGEDA meetings in January to prep for NGAUS conference in August. Included conference organization and events on the ground in Columbus, OH. Reserved a block of 20 rooms + 1 small suite \$128/night in hotel across the street from conference. Airfare ~\$300-\$350 round trip. Awaiting final agenda and registration. Want to begin determining attendees and sponsorship opportunities.

DISCUSSION: sponsoring CGOs is a good investment in professional development for the force.

Possibility of a charter bus to reduce travel costs? More analysis needed on cost, could be upwards of \$10k. Vote will include budgeting item and determining funds available before business meeting in March. **NO ACTION TAKEN.**

Legislative Committee: CPT Rose

Legislative Session bills, 8 of interest, moving slowly. Of note: Sen Blood has motor vehicle tax exemption for disabled veterans. Others: SAD be tax exempt. Early voting for NENG members. Creation of veteran's court. Homestead exemption act applicability.

Legislative reception is Tuesday Feb 15th 1700-2000, Scottish Rite Temple is venue, must use their contracted services, allocated for 120 drink tickets, roughly \$1k; food at \$1200. Budgeted \$3k. Emailed invitation, RSVP online per email, attendees must register.

Membership: LTC York

Last month at 46%, this month 54% as of 1FEB. Tonight is membership drive. Goal for the year is 75%, last year were 66%. Tracking complimentary memberships and ensuring the sign-ups get confirmed.

Events Committee: CPT Ventre

Monthly events on hold due to COVID protection measures.

Working on business meeting and social 25-26 MAR. Will include morning coffee and pastries and buffet for lunch. For social on the night before, can bring in own alcohol as long as keep it to our room.

Planning: Friday evening social event roughly 1700-1900, Cornhusker Hotel, bigger room. Intent is membership focused, enlisted association invited. Members free, non-members \$10, with event fee applied to those who become members.

Social budget is wrapped into total budget of business meeting. If join night of, free event admittance. Fliers will be developed and distributed. Need participants, as CGOs are imperative to the voting and selection process. Saturday morning 0800 start for the business meeting. Lunch provided. Proposed \$20/person which, with sponsorship should cover the costs. Final matter for meeting is awards.

Social Media Committee: LTC Henrickson

Social flier has been developed.

Corporate Membership: LTC Henrickson

Several sponsors returning this year. Reaching out to others and new sponsors.

EANGUS Report: MSG Malizzi

Held meeting last week, excellent turnout. Discussed upcoming event in DC next week, funded 2 individuals for president's conference and senator meet and greet. More to follow. Discussed upcoming events, business meeting in March, and upcoming caucus meeting in May. Discussed legislative initiatives in Nebraska and at other states. Holding steady around 500 members. Elections upcoming at March business meeting.

Retiree Council:

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Old Business: LTC Henrickson

5 corporate members planning to attend business meeting

New Business: LTC Henrickson

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Due Outs:

- 1) Committee section budgets due
- 2) Legislative reception registration due by 9Feb
- 3) COL Fineran will get with COL Ford for social event
- 4) Awards nominations

Closing: Col Fineran

In Legislative session, busy, but this is our chance to say thank you for what they do in our communities and for our NENG. As an association, we advocate for our people, need to be asking what's important to you and what can we do to help. Important in these relationships to ask Senators what's important to them and how can we be a partner. Consider some conversations with staffers and Senators, create a two-way conversation to establish a relationship. On business meeting, need to reinforce what our organization means, elections, make good use of time for our members, make it worth their while so they can make good decisions. Very impressive year upon reflection, this team has done good work to get to yes and reconnect with our members. Appreciate the hard work of the committees.

Next Meetings:

1MAR: Teleconference
5APR: Teleconference

Adjourned: 1728