

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

4 January 2022

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		209 RTI	CPT Jennifer Meyers
Treasurer	1LT Rachell Rowley	126 Chem Battalion	
Executive Director	LTC Scott Henrickson	Med Det	
Immediate Past President		2-134 Infantry	LTC Shane York
JFHQ-Air		402 MP Battalion	CPT Kalee Boden
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	Col Spencer Hansen	ARNG Company Grade Rep	
155 OG		ARNG Warrant Officer Rep	CW2 Tim Beckmann
155 MDG		ARNG Retiree Rep	CW5 (Ret) Bill Nelson
ANG Company Grade Rep		EANGUS Rep	MSG Dan Malizzi
ANG Retiree Rep	BG (Ret) Keith Shell	Events Officer:	CPT Melissa Ventre
JFHQ-ARNG		ARNG Recruiting	1LT Rachell Rowley
Golf Tournament		Legislative Committee	CPT Kevin Rose
Membership Committee	LTC Shane York	Social Media	

### President's Report: Col Fineran

Hope everyone was able to relax and regroup over the holidays. The NGANE Leadership had the opportunity to speak to commanders at the dinner in December, had strong attendance and a receptive audience. I would like to conduct some post-holidays follow-up to see how membership and BOG attendees is being executed. No immediate known legislative efforts. Primary objective with legislative session is to reconnect with our legislators and develop an important connection we can all make with our representatives. Socially, pleased with the number and quality of events planned by the Guard Association. Keep in balance with COVID concerns, shape social engagements in a way that everyone is comfortable. Spring will be a busy time of year, overlapping advocacy and growth; membership is important and promoting the digital lifetime membership is a focus.

**President Elect's Report: Lt Col Johnson**

An added thank you to everyone for their time

**Secretary's Report: LTC Henrickson**

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

Balance: \$81,875, ~\$26k in CD; on hand balance ~\$60k. At beginning of year budgeted \$66k, already expended \$43k.

**Executive Director: LTC Henrickson**

As moved into CY22, prioritizing advocacy and growth, legislative social, business meeting for our organization, early bird membership rebate aligns with membership meeting in March. NGAUS conference in August, 26-29 in Columbus, OH. LtCol Johnson and LTC Henrickson attending NGEDA Conference in Columbus, OH 17-20 JAN. NGANE Annual Business meeting set for 26 MAR in Lincoln, NE. Submit NGANE awards for BOG and Exec Committee review and approval to present at the NGANE Annual Business meeting in MAR. Also have national award nominees MG Bohac will bring to NGAUS.

**Legislative Committee: MAJ McIntosh/CPT Rose**

Legislative Session convenes tomorrow (5JAN); focus on appropriation of ARPA funds, large budget; no affirmative legislation, a couple bills we may support. Legislative tracker will be pushed in next 2 weeks following bill introduction. Legislative Social Event for 15FEB (tentative). More information to follow soon. Looking at Scottish Rite building across from the Capitol, 5-8pm in the past, more to follow.

**Membership: LTC York**

Dropped 89 annual members at end of CY21, 48% current membership rate. Since December, ARNG side have had 5 additional digital life memberships, and 4 annual memberships. On ANG side, 3 total, 2 annual, 1 digital. Message forthcoming to commanders about getting membership renewed. CPT Rose: OCS will have 11 candidates graduating, suggest having someone speak with them (grad 22MAR). LTC Henrickson: for annual or complimentary, should go onto website and create an account. Newly commissioned and/or new accession (from AD) are eligible for the complimentary membership. Digital Life membership, currently \$500, if register before end of March, 25% rebate. POC: LTC Henrickson.

**Events Committee: CPT Ventre**

Reminder and link to bowling event next week. Working on scheduling February in Omaha. March is social night before our business meeting, at Cornhusker. April event in GI, Axe Throwing. May, Lincoln. June/July, hoping to coordinate Saltdogs game and the other month a book club hosted event.

**Social Media Committee: LTC Henrickson**

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**Corporate Membership: LTC Henrickson**

Engaged all 17 corporate members and thanked for support, requested continued support. Goal is to get to 20 members. Happy to assist in recruitment if any members have recommendations.

**EANGUS Report: MSG Malizzi**

For Awards at spring business meeting, send MSG Malizzi an application for an enlisted member. Trying to combine efforts for legislative issues. Staff planning to come together to plan out rest of year, prepare for business meeting, etc., in next two weeks. Membership is steady, goal is 600 members.

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

Have quarterly meeting next week. 12JAN, discussing founders award recipient. Will ensure no scheduling conflicts with NGAUS events. LTC Bill Smitz and SGM Larry Schwartz passed away. Retirees will plan to attend legislative social. Col Fineran: would like to increase coordination between all three organizations, ensure retirees and EANGUS are included in the legislative social.

**Old Business: LTC Henrickson**

Annual Business Meeting will be 26 MAR in Lincoln, CPT Ventre identifying Cornhusker. 25MAR evening, host a social event for orgs within ARNG and ANG to do cocktail selected. Challenge to units within the BOG is to start thinking of your unit cocktail recipes and the story about your drink with the goal to win and be the signature drink at the NE hospitality suite during the NGAUS conference in AUG. CGOs are imperative to this selection process. Will be a membership objective to this event as well.

**New Business: LTC Henrickson**

CPT Meyers: request from 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion OCS for \$300 for a graduation ceremony cake, refreshments flatware, etc. Funds needed by 5MAR. **DISCUSSION:** Col Fineran: If association supports, contingent on OCS graduates registering as NGAUS complimentary members. **ACTION TAKEN: Motion** from CPT Meyers, as amended with contingency by Col Fineran, **seconded** as amended by LTC York. **Approved** by voice vote. POC for payment is 1LT Rowley

Col Fineran: NGAUS Prof Development priority in mind, how many of our members understand civilian protocols? There are a lot of engagements we participate in that these manners may be helpful. There are consultants in our area that offer group sized, customized, business and social etiquette lessons. 3-5 hr sessions, last two hours more the social engagement piece. Class size of 25-30. To do a 3 hr business session is \$2500 for 25-30 people, additional social 2 hrs is \$2500. Cost covers only consultation, not meals. \$5000 annual cost, ongoing, with potential for member buy-in. Open to discussion for the future as an opportunity to invest in the future of our membership and public interactions. **DISCUSSION:** CPT Rose and CW5 Nelson concur, would be helpful to know what proper decorum is expected at professional events. **NO ACTION TAKEN**—will discuss as part of future budget opportunity or possibly this business year.

BG Shell: 27-year ANG member passed away. August 2023 Air Show and opportunity to raise funds for this organization.

**Due Outs:**

- 1) LTC Henrickson and COL Fineran to coordinate follow-up calls from Commander Dinner
- 2) Maintain proper COVID protocols at social events
- 3) Prioritize Membership drive
- 4) EANGUS Awards presentation
- 5) CW5 Nelson and COL Fineran coordinating 12JAN Retiree Meeting
- 6) Reinforce all 3 organizations coordinating

**Closing: Col Fineran**

Impressed with everything this organization does to move forward and expand this organization's influence. Part of our association community is connection, personal and professional.

**Next Meetings:**

1FEB: Teleconference

1MAR: Teleconference

**Adjourned: 1748**