

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

7 February 2023

**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	CW2 Tim Beckman
President	Lt Col Carl Johnson	67 MEB	MAJ Nick Curto
President Elect	CPT Sarah Meyers	734 Brigade Support Battalion	
Secretary	Capt Evan Littrell	209 RTI	CPT Zackary Klapperich
Treasurer	1LT Rachel Rowley	126 Chem Battalion	CW2 Caleb Shauer
Executive Director	LTC Scott Henrickson	Med Det	
Immediate Past President	Col Thad Fineran	2-134 Infantry	
JFHQ-Air	Maj Trevor Boyd	402 MP Battalion	
170 GP	Capt Josh Stevenson	376 Aviation Battalion	
155 ARW		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 Beckman
155 MDG		ARNG Retiree Rep	CW5 (ret) Bill Nelson
ANG Company Grade Rep		EANGUS Rep	1SG Jason Priekstat
ANG Retiree Rep		Events Officer:	
JFHQ-ARNG	CPT Kevin Rose	ARNG Recruiting	1LT Rachell Rowley
Golf Tournament		Legislative Committee	CPT Kevin Rose
Membership Committee	MAJ Nick Curto	Social Media	

**Also Present:** None

### President's Report: Lt Col Johnson

Thank you for taking time to be here there's a lot going on within the NGANE.

1: LT Rowley and I attended NGEDA in Reno January 16-19 and have reserved 20 rooms and an executive suite at Circus Circus as the 45<sup>th</sup> pick this year. Next year at Detroit we've moved up to the 40<sup>th</sup> spot in the selection. Those that are interested in attending the 2023 NGAUS conference in Reno, August 18 – 21, you can make your reservation online using our code NGANE3 through this site: <https://book.passkey.com/go/NGAUNE3>.

2: We've also joined in on a Hospitality night venue with 6 other states (TX, NM, AL, WA, GA, TN and nicknamed the Lucky 7) at El Jefe's Cantina. Last year in Columbus the other six states held their

hospitality night in the Sonesta (across the drive from the lobby if you attended). They raised \$25K last year to support the evening, and that is what the projected cost is again for this year but there will be better advertising opportunity for a couple of the major sponsors.

3: There's a Legislative social scheduled for tomorrow (8 February) at the Scottish Rite one of the bills LB52 is currently impacting members of the NENG as the state has hit the \$900K cap and will need to increase the cap for this year, bill set to raise the cap to \$1M.

4: I would like to entertain the creation of two new committees/groups, the first one would be Sponsorship Committee to focus on our sponsor relations. LTC Henrickson has made great strides to build out states sponsor pool but we need to be reaching out to them, thanking them for their support and asking if there's anything we can do to assist them. The other is a CGO Group. As we've focused on building out a CGO core and seeing how they enjoy each other company at the national NGAUS conference, it would be great to see them have some of their own social, mentorship, etc. events.

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

1: I visited with the current OCS group about NGANE and getting their memberships going following OCS graduation, they should start 1 APR, thank you Lt Rowley.

2: We are on the lookout for a social media lead, I think LT Nordhues is interested and will follow up.

#### **Past President Elect's Report: COL Fineran**

1: I will be there for the Legislative social to meet the legislators and their aids. If you attend be interested, ask them questions on processes and get their opinions, but remember to keep your opinions neutral. We can help them with gathering research and information to make better decisions on behalf on our soldiers and airman.

2: With regard to our Sponsorships we should look at targeted social opportunities, I and LTC Henrickson will look into some.

#### **Secretary's Report: Lt Col Johnson for Capt Littrell**

Capt Littrell sent out the January Minutes to LTC Henrickson and Lt Col Johnson for review and will be distributed with the Feb minutes.

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

Balance: ~\$77,000.

1: Capt Myers asked what the budget was for the Spring Conference, answer was \$3,500 for both the Cocktail Classic and lunch.

2: We will have an expense reimbursement for the Legislative Workshop that Ms. Alexandria Evers attended

3: I will have a check for Maj McIntosh for the legislative social

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

1: I have a due out to update the BOG list to insure we hit all FT and Commanders, are there any others missing?

2: Updated the Membership Roster and sent that out on 6 Feb

#### **Legislative Committee: MAJ McIntosh**

1: There will be 2 drink tickets with a cash bar after those are used.

2: The use of the venue was at no cost, thanks to (Ret) Chief Bill Nelson.

3: Catering by Venue – within the budgeted amount.

4: Doors will open at 1700, MAJ McIntosh will plan to be there at 1630.

5: Anticipating a fairly light legislative day but there may be a controversial "Let Them Grow" public hearing. Did receive around 70 RSVPs in total from members, senators and staff.

6: The Director of Administrative Services, Jason Jackson, was looking to meet with the membership chair.

7: Submitted the talking points on 3 Feb. A vote was taken to accept the positions by the NGANE, 1<sup>st</sup> by CW2 Bechman with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by COL Fineran, all votes in the affirmative 100% pass.

#### **Membership: Maj Curto**

Discussion of the membership call-a-thon, would talk to CPT Ventree reserving cabin 300 on 23 Feb and would get an invitation out. Plan was for 1700 refreshments, 1730 handout on current membership, 1800-2000 call. LTC Henrickson will update rosters.

#### **Events Committee: CPT Meyers (for CPT Ventre)**

1: Peggy Brown was curious about when the NGANE social and business meeting would be held as the ESGT conference is scheduled for 29 April. They will work to move ESGR to 6 May.

2: Business Meeting, Bldg 600 at Ashland is currently booked. Looked into the Talon Room which is \$2,000 but includes appetizers, can't bring own alcohol but can submit recipes. Talon Room is available on 28 April.

Could use Cornhusker on 29th which costs more, and with or without the Talon Room on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Will check into complete costs of both.

Possibility #2 would be the Shrine Center on Saltillo Rd – Good sized area, Bill Nelson will check on availability and cost for both the 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>

#3 Option would be the social hall at Isles Pub and Pizza

#### **Social Media Committee: N/A**

#### **Corporate Membership: LTC Henrickson**

Received commitments from JEO (Presidential level) and Northrop Grumman (Bronze level).

#### **EANGUS Report: 1SG Priekstat**

1: Working on membership, current membership at 525.

2: We have an Area 5 conference on 29 April, they will have to figure out who's going where.

3: Looking to have a softball game Army vs. Air, possibly at Warner Field or Ashland.

#### **Retiree Council: CW5 Nelson (ret)**

1: Will send out annual meeting reminder so their members can attend

2: Recently selected the Founder's Award

- Jerry Meyer (LTC ret) for the Museum
- CW4 Kim Meyer also for the Museum
- Col Tom Brewer for military retiree efforts
- 1SG Al Riggins in Fairbury

3: Spring Social 17 June @ Museum in Seward, beverages and food will be served

#### **Old Business: LTC Henrickson**

N/A

**New Business: LTC Henrickson**

*Chief(Ret) Nelson and CPT Ventre:* Location for the Business meeting and Social (28 & 29 April)

*MAJ Curto:* 23 Feb Membership tele-a-thon

**Due Outs: N/A**

**Next Meetings:**

7 March: Off-site Denton (CW2 Beckman) – Country Sky Studio, 7401 SW 61<sup>st</sup> Street,  
Denton, NE 68339

4 April: Penterman

**Adjourned: 1723**