

NDNGEA Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Members present: Don Olafson, Retiree; John Nordquist, Chuck Kasin, Treasurer, Paula Johnson, Jess Hernandez, vice president; Roger Johnson, president; Gale Haug, secretary; Jeff Barta; Dan Job; Jason Magnuson; Wade Swenson, Air Director

1. Call to order – 1900 hours

2. Secretary's report – Gale Haug presented the secretary's report from June which was approved in July 2010. The minutes from 28 July were highlighted by Roger. Paula moved acceptance, John seconded. Motion carried

3. Treasurer's report – Roger Johnson presented the treasurer's report - \$117,354.17 in assets. We received the \$5,100 from the vendors and cleared up the 2010 conference. We made \$8,092.60 on the conference. Half of this went to the officer's association. Traditionally we give ½ of the profits to the Auxiliary. We will cover this later in the meeting. Roger moved acceptance. John seconded. Motion carried.

4. Director – Army – We have a National Executive Board for EANGUS – Wade is the Area V Director. There are positions open for the chairmanship of all the committees.

5. Director – Air -

6. Director – Retiree – We got our suggestion slips back from the retiree weekend. There were 135 attendees. 64 suggestions were turned in.

7. Director – Junior Enlisted – not present

8. President's report – Gavel was turned over to Jesse. Jesse called for the President's report. The conference is coming up in March, so committee chairs should please put together a meeting with your committee members. Our national annual dues are increasing in 2012. By next June we should decide if we are going to have an increase. The national dues are going to increase by \$2.00 – so we need to determine if our dues will increase accordingly. Right now, someone who is 50 or older, the life membership is \$200. It is due to increase to \$350 on 1 January 2010. We had a meeting with other entities for the agenda for our state conference. The president's goal is to make sure they are piggy-backing on our conference and not the other way around. There is a concern about space at the Ramkota. We need to stress Senior NCOs as speakers, not just officers. Roger made a motion that we offer one scholarship in the name of Ray Scharnowski. This is a one time honor, and each year we can honor someone else. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

In the past we have given half of the profit from the conference to the auxiliary. Chuck made the motion, Wade seconded and the motion carried.

Dan Job suggested that we put information in the Guardian about the upcoming conference and the change in the cost of life memberships.

9. Past president's report - none

10. Membership report – Army – Jeff Barta stated that the bank account in Minot has been working well. The national organization lost a check from is for \$546. Total membership in Army is 509. There are 23 associates, and 139 are life members. Some units that are doing well – Carrington has two companies and 70% are members. Dickinson is also doing well. One of our largest units, Joint Force Headquarters is 15%.

Another note – Jeff would like to get a booth at the state conference for membership in the exhibitor's area. Jeff asked about the survey results from a survey that occurred during the last conference. No one seems to know what

the results of the survey are. Roger Johnson got a call from the Jamestown First Sergeant who wants to work on membership.

When members sign up on line, the National Organization sends the remainder of the profits directly to Roger. Signing up online is not a detriment to the organization. There was one instance when the National Organization held the money for 3 months. Chuck indicated that the challenge is to make sure that the state membership folks get the information so we can update our state rosters. Dan Job asked if we have some new, revised posters. Chuck has a stack of posters that he has not sent out yet. They are up to date. SGM Miller has some as well.

Air Membership – Chuck also feels that we need to have a booth for membership this year. He tried to get into the national website and was unable. Total current members are 291. 33% of eligible airmen are members. We need to push for November and December for increasing membership. In order to do memberships at lunchtime, the individual should not be on drill status according to the JAG. Wade has been invited to come and talk to different squadrons.

11. Resolutions committee – not present – Chuck would also like to ask for any resolutions. It would be good to get some resolutions written up before the conference.

12. Audit Committee – no report

13. Scholarship Committee – Jesse received a check for \$500 from USAA for the scholarship. Jesse is working with USAA to see if they could have a booth at the conference. Dollars for Scholars would like to include the military in their scholarships. Last year, Dollars for Scholars gave 1.5 million to North Dakota students alone. We need to get the word out for enlisted members to apply for these scholarships. Dollars for Scholars is trying to figure out a way to guarantee that members can prove their military service. Jesse is going to assist Dollars for Scholars in this effort. We need to publish a scholarship application in the Guardian. We are working on a new scholarship application. Joe Lovelace, Terry Rossow and Duane Kangas are working on this. We have not received any applications as of yet. The application is on the website. SGM Miller will forward any emails to all of the units. Dan Job will email him. We have the funds to increase the scholarships if we decide to do that. First we need to see how many applications we will receive.

14. Insurance Committee – Arthur Christianson has been on this committee and has not been readily available. We will be looking for a replacement. The individual needs to be licensed in order to sell insurance.

15. By Laws – John went through the by-laws and made some clerical changes. John added our current membership fees and current life membership. He added an explanation regarding the national dues increase. John will send out the document to all the board members for their suggestions. He will bring a final copy to the next meeting for approval. The mailing address on the by-laws is correct. Section 1.3 lists Fraine Barracks. John moved acceptance of his report, Don seconded the motion. Motion carried.

16. Publications – Paula needs to get information about the scholarship to the Guardian. She plans to also get information regarding the change in the cost of life membership. The dates of the conference are 3-6 March. Jesse intends to post information on the “General” folder in Air Guard email. The Area V conference is at Deadwood in May.

19. Legislative – Roger stated that on 7-9 March EANGUS would like to put on training in Alexandria, Virginia. This is right before we have our legislative social. Before the conference, on January 11 we will have a spaghetti feed in Bismarck. Keep that date in mind as we will need some help.

20. Nominations - none

20. Time and Place

21. Old Business

22. New Business – Dues increase to match the National raise of \$2.00. Should we have the state increase dues to match it? Should we postpone the increase for one year? Dan Job indicated that we should increase dues. We will bring this up in March at the conference. The executive board has the option to change dues to keep up with National dues as needed. We can get input from delegates at the March membership. We can make the change as soon as January 1, 2012. Chuck feels that we shouldn't have to change the by-laws strictly for dues. Perhaps we should reflect what our state dues are, but the national dues should not be part of our by-laws. The national has their dues in their by-laws. The only problem with this is when we send money to the nationals, how much do we send in each instance? We are just giving information at the March meeting. We are not asking the delegates to vote on a possible increase. Chuck feels that for any change of the by-laws, there needs to be a vote. We will check on this. The group agrees that the dollar amounts will be stricken from the by-laws.

23. Life memberships do not affect North Dakota financially, but do affect the National Organization.

24. PDW – We need to make sure we have time slots reserved so that we can get the business of the association done. Committees need to have time to meet so they can have a report ready for the large group delegate meeting.

25. There are openings at the national level. Roger sent out an email explaining this. This information came originally from Wade. If anyone is interested, Roger can forward the emails to the interested individuals. Roger received an email from the Chamber asking if anyone would be willing to serve on the Chamber Board as a Military Affairs representative.

26. The meeting was adjourned at 2055 hours.

Submitted by Gale Haug, Secretary

The next meeting will be held on 30 November at 1900 hours – same locations.