

North Dakota National Guard Enlisted Association (NDNGEA)
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
6 December 2011

Call to Order – 1700 hours

Roll Call – Members present: Jess Hernandez, Chuck Votava, Don Olafson, Roger Johnson, Gerald Miller, Harley Schwind, Paula Johnson

(Members absent: Chuck Kasin, Steve Gibson, Jeff Barta, Tracy Zidon, Gayle Haug, Wade Swenson, John Nordquist, Jason Magnuson

Pledge of Allegiance – led by NDNGEA President Jess Hernandez

Secretary's Report – 12 Oct 2011 meeting minutes were emailed to members 5 Dec 2011.
Roger Johnson moved acceptance; second by Don Olafson. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Roger Johnson presented and reviewed report as of 6 Dec 2011. Roger indicated there is no problem with two (2) \$1K scholarships from the NDNGEA this year. He also asked that we send emails pertaining to NDNGEA to him at rj@gulbransonexc.com and we should never send email messages to both his email addresses at the same time.

Don Olafson moved acceptance; second by Paula Johnson. Motion carried.

Director Army – none (Jason Magnuson / Jonathon Sandeen)

Director Air – none (Steve Gibson)

Director Army Retirees – Olafson

- 1 Dec, retirees met with TAG, ND to discuss after action report about the NDNG Retirees' Weekend in Sep at Camp Grafton. They also began planning for 2012 NDNG Retirees' Weekend.

Director Air Retirees – none (Haug)

Army Junior Enlisted – none (Monte Gertz)

Air Junior Enlisted – none (Trisha McDonald)

President's Report – Gavel was turned over to Vice Pres Chuck Votava. Votava called for the President's Report, presented by Jess Hernandez.

Presented updates affecting the Combined Conference in March 2012.

- Provided copy of new contract with Fargo Holiday Inn for the NDNG Combined Conference, 9-11 March 2012.
 - Friday, 9 Mar – Afternoon - NDNGEA Executive Board Meeting
 - Saturday, 10 Mar – 1000-1500 – NDNGEA Committee Meetings

- Sunday, 11 Mar – Morning - New NDNGEA Executive Board Breakfast and Hotwash (Where do we go from here? Bismarck – 2013, Fargo – 2014, Bismarck – 2015, Fargo - 2016)
- Twenty vendors estimated
- Hospitality Room Friday and Saturday
- NGAND - for reservations - \$89.00
 - Don Olafson needs Combined Conference Registration Form for inclusion into the “Dog Tag” NLT 19 Jan 2012.
 - Need to have registration forms on the NDNGEA website
 - Need to change dates and update information on the website
 - This is a NDNG Combined Conference, so involve the officers too!
- TAG’s Family Symposium will be coming in Saturday morning and leaving Sunday at noon (similar to last year at the Ramkota, Bismarck).
- Discussed option of going back to the Doublewood
- Discussed splitting Harvest Hall with officers association
- Discussed banquet – formal or casual? \$5K for food (contract)

President Hernandez will send copy of his report (via email) to the NDNGEA Executive Board and will also send a list of scholarships.

Don Olafson moved acceptance of President’s Report; second by Roger Johnson. Motion carried.

Past President’s Report – none (Roger Johnson)

Membership Army – none (Jeff Barta)

Membership Air – none (Tracy Zidon)

Insurance – none (position vacant)

Fundraising – Gerald Miller

- Discussed NDNGEA fundraiser raffle. 2012 raffle will run from 1 July to 1 Dec 2012. Plan to sell 5% of the raffle tickets on the NDNG Retirees’ Weekend in Sep.

By-Laws – none (John Nordquist)

Nominations – none (Jeff Barta / Chuck Votava)

Publications & Website Report – none (Paula Johnson)

New Business:

- Harley Schwind will work with Jeff Barta to see if Rose Schwind will assist with membership and other aspects of Barta’s duties when he goes away for school.
- Roger Johnson must give up the NDNGEA Treasurer duties in March 2012.
- Give By-Laws to Ben Bush.

- Need to support the North Dakota Legislative Reception in Washington, D.C. (Feb 2012) at the NGAUS Building. NDNG Enlisted Assoc. paid $\frac{1}{4}$; NDNG Officers' Assoc. paid $\frac{1}{4}$, and the Minot (ND) Military Affairs Committee paid $\frac{1}{2}$ of the expenses of the event.
 - Motion to send a NDNGEA member to the National Legislative Reception in Washington. Discussion. Airline ticket and hotel room will cost \$1,500. Recommended that NDNGEA President and Vice-President both attend the ND Legislative Reception and NDNGEA provide funds.

Time & Place – Jess Hernandez

- Next meeting will be held Mon., 30 Jan 2012 @ 1700 hours, 119WG Commander's Conference Room (Bldg. 400, NDANG, Fargo, ND); call in from NDARNG locations.

Roger Johnson moved to adjourn; second by Harley Schwind. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1800 hours.

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Paula Johnson

Acting Secretary, NDNGEA