

North Dakota National Guard Enlisted Association (NDNGEA)
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
30 January 2012

Call to Order – 1700 hours

Roll Call – Members present: Jess Hernandez, Chuck Votava, Don Olafson, Roger Johnson, Gerald Miller, Harley Schwind, Jason Magnuson, Wade Swenson, John Nordquist, Jeff Barta, Steve Gibson, Paula Johnson, Gayle Haug

Members absent: Chuck Kasin, Tracy Zidon

Pledge of Allegiance – led by NDNGEA President Jess Hernandez

Secretary's Report – 6 Dec 2011 Steve Gibson read meeting minutes.

Don Olafson moved acceptance; second by John Nordquist. Accepted - motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Roger Johnson presented and reviewed report as of 31 Dec 2011.

- \$10,000 from investment account was transferred to scholarship account. As of 30 Jan 2012 – Income is \$63,609.34; Net profit/loss in 2011 = \$5,661.92. Annual raffle (formerly calendar) \$1,200 or \$1,300 of income. (\$17,420.92 balance.) National Conference was a deficit.
- Note: UND Hockey – Jess worked hockey games with other volunteers; raised \$2,000 so far, and may earn \$1,000 more by the end of the season. This money will be used to send Soldiers and Airmen to the National EANGUS Conference in Long Beach, CA (Aug 2012).
- Roger Johnson will get a one-year C.D. at Freedom Community Credit Union, which will be used as seed money for the NDNGEA State Conference (March 2012), etc.
- Jess Hernandez noted that \$700 more for scholarships might be coming from GEICO and USAA.

Steve Gibson moved acceptance; second by Jason Magnuson. Accepted - motion carried.

Director Army – none (Jason Magnuson, Jonathon Sandeen)

Director Air – Steve Gibson

- Asked if we could make flyers to place around the base and armories about NDNGEA and the State Conference in March.

Director Army Retirees – none (Don Olafson)

Director Air Retirees – none (Gayle Haug)

Area V Director Report - Wade Swenson

- Informed the board that EANGUS President Roger Hagan (CMSgt, retired, MT ANG) is not going to run for reelection. (Hagan's wife, SMSgt Dorrie Hagan, was killed in an auto accident in MT in Oct.)
- Four-year Grantham (online university) Scholarship – Virgil McWilliams – online universities
- EANGUS Scholarship has changed.

- New website (Beta version) being tested, input all data, membership data saved; Wade will update with access to new website via email, when it is available.
- Discussed Conference
- Discussed Corporate Sponsors
- C-130 from MN ANG may be transporting NG enlisted members to the 2012 EANGUS Conference in Long Beach, CA. Wade will check with MN to see how this option progresses

Roger Johnson asked Wade if we could hear the EANGUS Report at our NDNGEA State Conference?

Army Junior Enlisted – none (Monte Gertz)

Air Junior Enlisted – none (Trisha McDonald)

President's Report – none (Jess Hernandez)

Past President's Report – none (Roger Johnson)

Membership Army – Jeff Barta

- NDARNG has 407 NDNGEA/EANGUS memberships
- 121 retirees
- 151 life memberships
- 28 associate memberships
- 10.34% of NDARNG enlisted members currently are NDNGEA/EANGUS members
- Will take a bit hit this spring
 - 43 renewals in Feb, 48 renewals in Mar, 39 renewals in Apr
- Got 6 renewals in Dec (out of 36 possible)
- Det 1 = 35 more memberships and the RTI also
- Awards Program (March to March)
 - 769th @ Minot (under 50 personnel category)
 - RTI @ Devils Lake (50-99 personnel category)
 - 118th SAPR @ Jamestown (100-149 personnel category)
 - 816th @ Dickinson (150+ personnel)
- Cost savings for junior enlisted if they buy Life Memberships now. Will bring this up at the NDNGEA State Conference. This information should be placed on the NDNGEA website; Jess asked Jeff to sent the info to him, and he will send to Russ Zuraff for the website.
- At the NDNGEA State Conference, will discuss dropping Life Membership. This needs to be publicized 30 days prior. If it is brought up at the Conference/meeting, we need a majority. John Nordquist indicated that this shouldn't be a problem, if the dues are going down. Jess Hernandez will send out an email before the State Conference regarding the Life Membership.
- Roger Johnson said we should talk with our CSMs, CMSgts, and down through our First Sergeants about membership in the NDNGEA/EANGUS. Gerald Miller indicated that this is a challenge with the AKO accounts.

Membership Air – (Tracy Zidon) Jess Hernandez read the Air Membership report.

- 907 enlisted members assigned to the NDANG
- NDANG has 212 NDNGEA/EANGUS memberships
- 23.3% of NDANG enlisted members currently are NDNGEA/EANGUS members

- 119th Medical Group and 119th Security Forces Squadron have 100% membership.

Resolutions – none (Chuck Kasin)

Scholarship – none (Joe Lovelace, Duane Kangas, Carrie Rossow)

Insurance – none (position vacant)

- Roger Johnson said we got a \$500 check from the Insurance Fund in December (based on loss experiences).

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. Harley Schwind will be taking over from Miller as next State CSM.

By-Laws – John Nordquist

- Newest version of NDNGEA By-Laws are on website: www.ndngea.com
- Chuck Votava volunteered to contact Russ Zuraff, NDNGEA website webmaster.

Legislative – none (Roger Johnson)

- Legislative Reception attendance @ NGAUS (on orders to go to the Pentagon)
 - SSG Keith O'Donnell, NDARNG
 - ? ? NDANG
 - CSM Harley Schwind
 - CSM Gerald Miller
 - MSgt Jess Hernandez

Nominations – none (Jeff Barta, Chuck Votava)

- Send nominations for the NDNGEA State Conference to Jeff Barta.

Publications & Website Report – none (Paula Johnson)

New Business:

- Roger Johnson – Topics for the NDNGEA State Conference? What's the future of the NDNGEA State Conference? What do we/NDNG enlisted members want to see? Bring suggestions forward to the board members. There needs to be discussion between the NGAND and the NDNGEA. Banquet at future conferences?
- Jason Magnuson asked where the NDNGEA State Conference info is located. Look at NDNGEA website: www.ndngea.com Chuck Votava made a NDNGEA State Conference flyer for the NDARNG personnel. NDANG has NDNGEA State Conference info on the Wing website and Jess will remind personnel at the next two Guard drills before the conference.
- NDNGEA State Conference rooms at Fargo Holiday Inn – reservations deadline?
- Gerald Miller asked that future NDNGEA Exec Board Meeting Agendas include Old Business and New Business. Jess will insure this is included.
- Gerry asked if the NDNGEA is paying for the NDANG Outstanding Airman of the Year (3) and NDARNG Best Warriors (4: winners and runners-up) to attend the NDNGEA State Conference. Yes, the NDNGEA pays for these award-winning NDNG enlisted members to attend the State Conference.

- 41st Annual EANGUS National Conference will be held in Long Beach, CA, 26-29 Aug 2012 – State CSM and State CMSgt need to start on a roster of Airmen and Soldiers to attend the EANGUS Conference. Attendance by personnel on orders is restricted to award winners, outstanding performers, etc.
- Jess Hernandez would like to pre-buy Allegiant Airlines tickets for delegates, so needs to know whom and how many members/delegates we can send. (NDNGEA delegates to the National EANGUS Conference are based on ND membership numbers.)

Time & Place – Jess Hernandez

- Next meeting will be held Wed., 15 Feb 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 Steve Gibson. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1813 hours.

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Paula Johnson

Acting Secretary, NDNGEA