

**MINUTES**  
**NGAND BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**Jamestown Armory**  
**14 Jan 2009 – 1730 HOURS**

**1) Call to Order- 1745 hours**

Members Present:

**Maj Johnson (Chairman), LTC Erstad(Chair Elect), LtCol Ehrichs (President), Maj McDonough (Secretary), Capt Ripperger (Treasurer),CAPT Flanagan (Vice Chair Army), CPT Jason McEvers (Director 1-112 AVN S&S), CPT Allmer (Director ARNG Med Det), CPT Mark McEvers (Director 136 CSS BN), LTC Loegering (Director CGTC/164 RTI), MAJ Mutzenberger (Director 164 EB), LT Shelltrack (Director 1-188 ADA), CPT Barbara Carter, (Director 231st BSB), CPT Nathan (Director 141 CSB), LT Jablonsky (Director JFHQ A-K), CPT Donovan Blazek (Director JFHQ L-Z), Capt King (119 Med Gp), Capt Larson (Director 119 MXG/NDANG HQ), CPT Rastedt (Director 119 OPS/FW), Capt Jernberg (Director 119 SPT Gp), COL (R) Gerntholz (Director ARNG Retirees), COL (R) Orson (Insurance Rep NGAND), MAJ Keller (Past Chair)**

Proxys: **CPT Mark McEvers (Director 136 CSS BN) for MAJ Mark Fischer (KFOR)**

Members Excused: **MAJ Grant Wilz (Director 68 TC/815 Med Det, 1919 CT)**

Members Unexcused: **none**

Members not present: **Col (R) Larson (Director ANG Retirees)**

**2) Secretary's Report-**

- a. Review/ Approve minutes from 8 Oct 2008 BoD meeting. Motion to accept minutes (McEVERS, CARTER) with the following changes: move from section d. Resolutions, the statement, "Amendments need to be submitted 90 days in advance. We do not see a need for amendments at this time." to section c. By Laws. **PASSED.**

**3) Treasurer's/ Finance Committee Report-**

- a. Review/ Approve Treasurers Report- Capt Ripperger presented the Balance Sheet as of 14 Jan 2009. Total Assets balance was 66,662.19 and Total Liabilities and Equity was 80,150.61.
- b. Review/ Approve Finance Committee Report- Since Bannach is deployed, LTC Erstad will access and refresh the Finance committee.

Motion to accept report as presented (FLANNAGAN, KELLER). **PASSED.**

#### 4) **Insurance Director/ Insurance Committee Report-**

- a. Summary of marketing- Insurance brief will now be presented at all SRP processes, and on the checklist before deployment. July 5-11 KFOR SRP will be a good test to "work out the bugs". Possibility of adding the presentation to NGAUS and EANGUS at the Professional Development portion of our combined conference. The Insurance portion may be a briefing of approximately 20 minutes or may possibly be a workshop option.

- b. Unresolved Issues- NSTR

Motion to accept report as presented (ERSTAD, ALLMER). **PASSED.**

#### 5) **Other Committee Reports-**

##### a. **Annual Conference:**

- 2009 Combined Conference Update-
  - 20-22 Feb 09- Hosted in Bismarck at the Ramkota.
  - Status of combining with Conference and Professional Development- 1400-1700 hours timeframe on Fri and Sat belongs to the Associations. BoD meeting on Thur prior, TBA. Enlisted Assoc and Auxiliary meetings will be conducted soon. Elections, by laws and resolutions are always on the agenda, however now we are spreading these out over the 3 day period. There will also be a Banquet again. Look for OPORD for details on registration, uniform, etc. Our goal is to attract young guardsmen to our organization, and please encourage those who have not attended in the past. As of now, the unofficial feeling is that the word has not been spread. Discussion by CPT Flannagan was concern if Senior Leaders decide not to provide Professional Development again next year, if attendance on this initial year is low.

##### b. **Time and Place:**

- 2010 Combined Conference Update-
  - 26-28 Feb 10- Hosted in Minot at International Inn. Currently checking on Holiday Inn in March in Fargo, awaiting proposal of cost.

##### 2011 Combined Conferences Update

- 04-06 Mar 2011- Hosted at the Ramkota in Bismarck.

##### 2012 Combined Conference Update

- Possible venue: CanAd Convention Center in Grand Forks.

##### 2013 Combined Conference Update

- 21-24 Feb 2013- Hosted at the Ramkota in Bismarck.

##### 2014 Combined Conference Update

- Survey results will help determine date, location, and venue (TBD)-

c. **By Laws:** Status of By Law Update- none presented, so no By Law session at 2009 Conference.

d. **Resolutions:** Updates will be ready in the Newsletter. Feedback on resolutions from the National level and if any have been updated will be soon to come.

e. **Nominations:** Tasker to Secretary research executive board members and directors that are expiring (Vice Chair Air, etc).

f. **Legislative:** You will receive an email from MAJ Johnson detailing TAGs legislative initiatives, House Bill 1181, 22 Jan hearing at Capitol. TAG initiatives are available for everyone to review. We may need to support with letters to legislators if he'd like help. Need a legislative update for our meeting.

g. **Membership:**

- Membership Committee 2009 Drive- Pay Pal is working well. Directors please forward checks to LTC Ehrichs as soon as you get them, don't wait for a bulk of checks. Spreadsheet of updated list will be sent by LtCol Ehrichs soon. Corporate Membership needs to be discussed by the Membership Committee soon.

h. **Newsletter/ Webpage:** Will be updated after next week's first conference call (Enlisted and Auxiliary) meeting: Membership drive update, Legislation, and Combined Conference, and nominations will be presented.

Discussion to have our Webpage updated, as COL Heitkamp will be stepping down from his webmaster position. Possibility of paying a webmaster contracted to keep it updated. Discussion to contact former members of the association to see if they will do it first. The enlisted association website is currently down, and maybe because they don't have a dedicated webmaster. There were no objections to combining EANGUS and us. CPT Allmer reported that other similar web drafting has cost approx \$400-700.

i. **Congressional/ Legislative Reception:**

- Legislative Reception 13 January 2009 debrief- Thanks to everyone who helped with the Legislative Reception last night. It went well, even with the cold weather. We fed 220 people, and that is good considering other meetings were scheduled that night as well. TAG was impressed and thanked us, asked us to incorporate CST building. We declined to utilize that building for the main meeting (space, parking, cooking restraints) so we chose to use busses for tours. The tours were not utilized that much, however they were available. We are on the Congressional calendar for 2011 all ready, and we will want to get on the 2013 calendar soon.

- NGAUS building in DC has been confirmed for March 5th. The menu still awaiting finalization from caterer. There is interest from Bismarck Chamber of Commerce military affairs committee, and will attend (with Minot), which may lead to permanent interest. We hope this leads to other ND cities participating. Please try to make NGB visits during that time, and ND day will be around that same time. Hotel reservations will be the responsibility of the individuals, however the Crown Plaza suites phone number is 703-416-1600. LTC Ehrichs will send other hotel numbers via email.

Motion to accept as presented (FLANNAGAN, KING), **PASSED.**

**7) Old Business:**

- a. Status of website and ability for Directors to check membership status- We still need the ability for Directors to check updated statuses, links to potential Corporate Members websites.
- b. Director to 178th Reconnaissance Squadron - It is still being worked on, a message was sent to Commanders and OPS group. We would like to have this person in place by the annual meeting in Feb.
- c. Corporate Sponsorship ideas- Membership Committee will vote on final (if JAG approved prior)- We need to work with Enlisted association so the Corporate member is a member of both organizations. Due is a report on the next meeting.
- d. Raffle for 2009 Combined Conference- Update from Annual Conference Committee, licensing in Bismarck, etc. will check with CPT Carter for updates.
- e. Additions to the Policy Manual on Committee responsibilities- Still are working on 2 paragraphs to finish.

**8) New Business**

- a. Officer of the Year Nominations are currently in the webpage, 16 Jan is the deadline when on-line applications will be shut off.

- b. Temporary Director reorganization proposal-

HHD JFHQ's/ Army HQ's/ 81st CST/ Det 42 OSA/ ARNG R and R Bn  
 - CPT Donovan Blazek  
 - 1LT David Jablonsky

CGTC/ 164 RTI  
 - Please provide to CPT Mark McEvers (136th CSSB) due to your director being transferred for KFOR

AMEDD  
 - CPT Angie Allmer

68TH TC/ 814th ASMC  
 - MAJ Grant Wilz

1-112th AVN and Subordinate AVN Units

- CPT Jason McEvers

141st MEB/ 188th En Co/ 817th En Co/ 231 BSB REAR and their subordinate units/ 1-188th ADA

- MAJ James Olson (temp)

164th En Bn and Subordinate Units (NOT including 957LMT)

- MAJ Tony Mutzenberger

136th CSSB and Subordinate Units

- CPT Mark McEvers

TF Falcon and subordinate units (TO include 957LMT)

- MAJ Mark Fischer

- LTC James Loegering

- CPT Barbie Lowe

These changes will be voted on at BoD meeting Thur 19 Feb.

c. Vendor committee meeting was held, and the topic of hospitality room was approached. The association purchases the alcohol and is reimbursed by tips. Captain Jacks gives us liquor at cost. The idea was presented to ask if they can take percentage off and they get free advertising at the conference. Or possibly they can donate a gift card for raffling to those who tip, to encourage more income.

**9) Next Meeting Date:**

**Thurs 19th prior to NGAUS meeting 1300**

**10) Adjourn:**

Motion to Adjourn, (McEVERS, JABLONSKI). **PASSED.**