

MINUTES
NGAND BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Jamestown
4 Nov 2009 – 1730 HOURS

1) Call to Order- 1740 hours

a. Members present: LTC Erstad(Chairman), LtCol Ehrichs (President), Maj McDonough (Secretary), CPT Allmer (Director ARNG Med Det), MAJ Mutzenberger via Telecon (Director 164 EB), MAJ Grant Wilz (Director 68 TC/815 Med Det, 1919 CT), LTC Matter, (Vice Chair Elect Air), CPT Rastedt (Director 119 OPS/FW), Lt Dan Otto (Director 119 MXG/NDANG HQ), Capt Ripperger (Treasurer), COL (R) Orson (Insurance Rep NGAND), MAJ Greg McDonald (Resolutions).

b. Excused: CPT Ripplinger (Director 136 CSS BN), CAPT Flanagan (Chair Elect Army), Capt King (119 Med Gp), CPT Jason McEvers (Director 1-112 AVN S&S), Capt Jernberg (Director 119 SPT Gp), Capt Kyle Ness (119 Recon Sq), CPT Donovan Blazek (Director JFHQ L-Z), LT Jablonsky (Director JFHQ A-K), Col (R) Larson (Director ANG Retirees), Capt Albert (Finance), COL (R) Gerntholz (Director ARNG Retirees)

Deployed: LTC Loegering (Director CGTC/164 RTI), CPT Barbara Lowe, (Director 231st BSB), MAJ Mark Fischer (KFOR),

c. Proxy: MAJ Grant Wilz (Director 68 TC/815 Med Det, 1919 CT) for CPT Jason McEvers (Director 1-112 AVN S&S),

d. not Present: MAJ Jim Olson (Director 141 CSB), LT Shelltrack (Director 1-188 ADA),

2) Secretary's Report-

a. Review/ Approve minutes from 19 Aug 2009 BoD meeting.

Motion to accept minutes as written (Wilz, Matter). PASSED.

3) Treasurer's/ Finance Committee Report-

a. Review/ Approve Treasurers Report- Capt Ripperger reported net loss of \$57.04. Expecting \$6100 gain from the Enlisted Assoc. We lost money at the Combined Conference due to \$3300 breakfast and extended hospitality room. Those items will be fixed for next year's conference.

b. Review/ Approve Finance Committee Report- Capt Albert furnished a proposal to rewrite the Investment portion. Essentially we are trying to protect our assets. When we meet in January we will discuss the proposal and vote.

Motion to accept as presented (Allmer, Otto). PASSED.

4) Insurance Director/ Insurance Committee Report-

a. Summary of marketing- COL (R) Orson reported that the SRP with the 1/188th on 10 October went well. 72 soldiers were visited with and they completed the \$1000 no cost beneficiary statements. 12 Militia Plan applications were obtained. This does affect the experience refund income. 10 Better Alternative policies were obtained as well. This level of business constitutes 10% of the soldiers briefed. This level is very similar to the results from the KFOR mission. 53 of the 72 soldiers were under 26 years of age. Thus nearly 68% of them have no need for any additional insurance beyond the \$400000 SGLI. There is only one insurance policy now, combat death scholarship option is good, but jumbo plans are not available anymore. There were changes on the green sheet marketing tool, but have changed again already. Gene will develop a new tool when it is adjusted. Term life insurance through AFV and militia trust are the areas that pay into the experience refund. The rest comes out of a flat policy. We are expecting \$14,000 in premiums before year ends if no unfortunate deaths occur in our state. Wisconsin has 90% member involvement, due to leadership endorsement. LTC Erstad will talk to TAG to add to the agenda and talk to past members in legislature now. Gene commented that our organization should consider replacing him due to potential unknown future health issues. Discussion to pool the guard for a licensed replacement and we discussed the job responsibility for recruitment. Should it be this insurance representative or recruiters?

b. Unresolved Issues- none

Motion to accept the report with no exceptions. PASSED.

5) Other Committee Reports-

a. Annual Conference:

2010 Combined Conference-

- 12-14 March 2010- Hosted at Holiday Inn in Fargo
- LTC Ehrichs presented new items regarding refreshments, stating contract lunches can be paid by those not on orders. A lot of overhead we have paid in the past will now be covered by Army and Air Finance offices. The rest will depend on how many vendors we have.
- PDW: program speaker will be Lt Gen Aldrich. We also plan on deployment presentations, and a legislative update. Saturday there will be a presentation by Dana Bowman (Golden Night) on managing change. Also on the agenda will be a briefing on Military Associations 101. Working lunch with Yellow Ribbon reintegration group.

Motion to accept report with no objections; PASSED.

b. Time and Place: (by exception**)**

2011 Combined Conferences Update

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

2012 Combined Conference Update

- FARGO.

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 (** by exception**)

d. **Resolutions:** Maj McDonald presented we currently have 34 Joint, 16 Army, 34 Air standing resolutions and awaiting action on these as they are. We are expecting Joint Cargo legislature items in the future.

Motion to accept report with no objections. PASSED.

e. **Nominations:** NSTR

f. **Legislative:** NSTR

g. **Membership:**

- Membership Committee 2010 Drive -
- Corporate Membership update- LtCol Ehrichs presented a flyer with the proposed Corporate Membership program. He visited all 50 states to gain ideas. Both Officer and the Enlisted Association decided on the best programs to implement. Voted to approve the flyer and adopt the program.

Motion to approve minutes as presented (Mutzenberger, Otto). PASSED.

h. **Newsletter/ Webpage:**

- Status of updating Webmaster position. CW2 Russ Zuroff could redo the website for \$600, post it on his company server, and perform updates. He presented a hosting fee \$105 per year, and an additional name change for \$35. There will be a \$35 per hour pro-rated charge in 5 minute increments. CW2 Zuroff stated he can have it functional by this January. Executive board and Lt Otto will help develop it. Discussed that we might not need a Newsletter if we are posting all info on the Webpage.

Motion to create website with fees and cost as presented (Wilz, Matter). PASSED.

i. **Congressional/ Legislative Reception:** LtCol Ehrichs proposed 5 March date for this year in DC. Minot Chamber Military Affairs Committee also liked that timeframe.

j. **National Convention:**

132nd Convention will be held in Austin TX, 21-23 August 2010.

6) Old Business:

a. Additions to the Policy Manual on Committee responsibilities:

- Annual Conference Committee-
- Resolutions Committee-
- Legislative Committee-
- Web Page Committee-
- 119 Reconnaissance Squadron-
- Outstanding Officer of the Year verbiage-
- Insurance Rep-

Committees need to input what they think should be in the Policy Manual.

7) New Business

- a. LtCol Erstad will review our current Committees and assignments and potential changes to them.
- b. Discussed the possibility of utilizing a direct deposit for membership dues.
- c. Discussed the email option of notifying members- POC LtCol Ehrichs
- d. CPT Allmer presented the option for us to purchase polo shirts with our logo.
- e. LtCol Erstad stressed that everyone needs to look at the national NGAUS website and sign up for legislative updates. It is very easy to send letters to legislators utilizing this method. As Board of Director members we should be experts in this area, and forward to our members.

8) Next Meeting Date:

VTC 13 January 2010.

9) Adjourn: Motion to adjourn (Rastad, Otto). PASSED

Respectfully Submitted

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MAJ, NDANG
NGAND Secretary