

North Dakota National Guard Enlisted Association (NDNGEA)
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
30 November 2010

Call to Order – 1900 hours

Roll Call –

Members present: Roger Johnson, Jess Hernandez, Don Olafson, Paula Johnson, Steve Gibson, Jeff Barta, Dan Job, Gerald Miller

Members absent: John Nordquist, Chuck Kasin, Gale Haug, Wade Swenson, Jason Magnuson, Brent Gentile, Trisha McDonald, Monte Gertz, Paul Strokland, Duane Kangas, Carrie Rossow, Orville Wang

Pledge of Allegiance – led by NDNGEA President Roger Johnson

Secretary's Report –Paula Johnson moved acceptance; second by Jess Hernandez. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Roger Johnson presented. 2009 Conference was very profitable for us. \$5,127.00 profit so far this year; only unpaid bill (\$2,023.15) paid to NDNGEA Auxiliary today. Balance = \$115,205.71. Discussed scholarships - \$500 from USAA; we have plenty to cover the two annual scholarships; deadline is 1 Dec 2010 to Joe Lovelace. May increase scholarships to \$1,250 in 2011. Dan Job moved acceptance; second by Jess Hernandez. Motion carried.

Director – Army – We have a National Executive Board for EANGUS – Wade Swenson is the Area V Director, elected at the National EANGUS Conference in St. Louis, in August. There are positions open for the chairmanship of all the committees.

President's Report –

Gavel was turned over to Vice President Jess Hernandez. Jess called for the President's Report, which was presented by Roger Johnson.

Discussed Combined Conference/PDW/TAG's Family Symposium, slated for 3-6 Mar 2011, at the Best Western Ramkota Hotel, Bismarck. Website is established – <http://www.ndngea.com/default.aspx> – and conference registration, NDNGEA membership, and scholarship forms are available on website. Recommended \$300-\$350 expenditure to Russ Zerhoff to support web-based conference registration process (save 40 hours work for NDNGEA/Roger). Gerald Miller moved acceptance; second by Steve Gibson. Motion carried.

After CMSgt (Ret.) Roger Hagen (MTANG) was elected EANGUS President, he asked Roger Johnson to serve on the Ways & Means Committee as the chairman. (Ways & Means looks for ways for EANGUS to make money.)

Fargo-Moorhead Chamber of Commerce revitalizing their Military Affairs Committee; meeting 9 Dec 2010, at the Hjemkomst (Moorhead). Roger Johnson interested in representing the NDNG. Committee is represented by officers, enlisted, business members, & civilians. Many ND cities have active Military Affairs Committees.

Don Olafson moved acceptance of President's Report; second by Paula Johnson. Motion carried.

Past President's Report – none

Membership Committee Reports:

Army – Jeff Barta reported that they recently got 58 new members through a membership drive in Minot; Jeff's wife also helped get more NDNGEA Auxiliary memberships. NDARNG currently has 556 members; 143 are life members; 118 are retirees; 24 associate memberships (of which some are life associates). Twenty Soldiers' memberships expire 1 Dec 2010. 164 Battalion is leading the state in memberships.

Air – no report (Kasin sick)

Resolutions Committee – no report

President Roger Johnson encouraged NDNGEA Exec Board members to submit ND proposals to be presented at the Area V Caucus (20-21 May 2011, Deadwood, SD); specific wording can be changed once the proposals are at Regionals. Jess Hernandez is researching ND license plates for NDNG Soldiers and Airmen (free to NDNG members).

Audit Committee – no report

Scholarship Committee – As of last week, no applications in yet for the two NDNGEA scholarships. The paperwork required for our NDNGEA scholarship process is mirrored after EANGUS' scholarship process so NDNGEA winners application packages are ready to go to nationals for possible scholarship award. Will contact Scholarship Committee about increasing amount of NDNGEA annual scholarship from \$1000 to \$1,250 and ratify later for 2011. Announcement of 2010 winners (if any) will be at the State Combined Conference Banquet 5 Mar 2011 in Bismarck.

Insurance Committee – need replacement; individual needs to be licensed in order to sell insurance. Wade Swenson is looking into this with New York Life (16 hours training).

By Laws – no report

Publications – Paula Johnson sent dues information to the ND Guardian for publication.

Legislative –

Roger discussed Legislative Social in Washington, D.C., 24 Feb 2011. Senators Hoeven, Conrad, Congressman Berg, NDNG generals, colonels, SEL, CSM, CCM, etc., and reps from Minot, Grand Forks, and Bismarck. Motion made by Gerald Miller to send NDNGEA President Roger Johnson to the 2011 ND Legislative Social in Washington, D.C., and pay for transportation and lodging; second by Dan Job.

Time and Place – Next NDNGEA Executive Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 1 February 2011 at 1700 hours (5 p.m.); this is an earlier time than previous meetings.

Old Business –

Reminded all NDNGEA members to pass the word that the National EANGUS Conference is 14-17 August 2011, in Charleston, West Virginia. The NDNGEA will again charter a bus to transport members to the conference.

Reminded all NDNGEA members to register for the State Combined Conference/Professional Development Workshop/TAG's Family Symposium, to be held in March in Bismarck. NDNGEA Committees and members need a few hours each day to conduct association business during the Combined Conference: prefer 1400 to 1600 at a minimum.

Meeting adjourned at 2100 hours. The next meeting will be held on 1 Feb 2011, at 1700 hours – same locations.

Paula Johnson
Acting Secretary