

MONTANA NATIONAL GUARD ASSOCIATION
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MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

HELD: 13 March 2001

A meeting of the Officers and Board of Directors of the Montana National Guard Officer Association was held at 1430 hours on 16 March 2001 by telephone conference call. The following Officers and Directors were in attendance:

LTC Pete Hronek, President
LTC Loren Oelkers, Vice President
LTC Steve Mehring, Executive Director
LTC Jonathan Jackson, Director
MAJ Bryan Fox, Director
CW4 Joe Yuricic, Director

The following guests were in attendance:

MAJ Nikki Dewolf, Chair, Scholarship Committee

CALL TO ORDER/APPROVAL OF MINUTES. The meeting was called to order by President Hronek. The minutes from the 10 January 2001 meeting are to be reviewed at the 20 April 2001 board meeting at Chico Hot Springs.

COMMITTEE/OFFICER REPORTS

Financial Report. LTC Hronek gave the financial report. He reported that the Association began the year with operation balance of \$8,452.00 and expended \$7,146.00 throughout the year.

This year's budget reflects a potential \$3000 shortfall. The amount of future potential income from the insurance fund remains uncertain. Corporate Sponsors will be solicited as a source of future income.

The 2001 budget will be put before the membership at the association conference at Chico Hot Springs.

Membership Report. LTC Mehring reported that overall 63% (56% Army & 86% Air) have paid 2001 membership dues. He stated that we did not meet the minimum percentage of "Good Standing" members to qualify for the 28 February NGAUS Early Bird dues rebate.

Insurance Report. There was no insurance report made at this time.

Insurance/Corporate Committee Report. LTC Jackson has begun work on putting a plan and goals together to begin soliciting corporate sponsors. He is inviting them to advertise their products on our Web page, Conference packet etc.

Scholarship Report. MAJ Dewolf gave the report. The association will honor two essay winners for 2001. In addition, a Memorandum Of Understanding between the Officer and Enlisted Associations needs to be drafted to insure payment of the one \$500.00 scholarship for the Challenge Program. MAJ Dewolf stated that the State House of Representatives has approved \$250,000 for National Guard member scholarships, and now awaits Senate approval. Finally, the deadline for National Guard scholarships has been extended from 01 March to 31 March.

Executive Directors Report. LTC Mehring tabled his report for the new business discussion.

State Conference Report. LTC Oelkers reported that initial response has been very positive. To date 65 members with 29 spouses have registered for the upcoming Conference in Chico Hot Springs. The Friday night social will consist of a mock of the "Dating Game" game show. 49 letters have been sent to potential vendors. RET COL Goss and BGEN McKinley have confirmed their attendance.

Judiciary Committee Report LTC Hronek will ask MAJ Boettger to review and update the bylaws for the following areas; Committees and Duties, the Montana National Guard Distinguished Service Award, and the proposed dues structure.

Resolution Committee. LTC Hronek reported that COL Tanberg is in the process of drafting a resolution that will allow Air Technicians to donate sick leave versus annual leave to impaired coworkers. In addition he will present 5 to 6 additional resolutions that his committee feels warrant sponsorship.

OLD BUSINESS

MTNGA Awards (selection process). LTC Oelkers and LTC Hronek will each nominate one Army and Air Candidate respectively for the Montana National Guard Association Distinguished Service Award. Criteria for the award includes; a MTNGA member in good standing, active or retired commissioned or warrant officer, award recipient nominated and approved by the association board of directors, nominee can not be a board of director or staff member.

NEW BUSINESS

State Dues review. LTC Mehring presented 6 options to modify the existing dues structure. These options each came with a dues analysis. The options are as follows:

1. A flat \$5.00 increase across the scale would result in an additional \$1,790.00.
2. A flat \$10.00 increase across the scale would result in an additional \$3,580.00
3. Assess a percent of one UTA adjusted every 4 years, income gain unknown at this time.
4. Assess 40% of the National Dues which would result in an additional \$8,518.00
5. Assess 50% on the National Dues, which would result in an additional \$10,648.00
6. Solicit corporate support, income gain unknown at this time.

A recommendation for a revised dues structure will be put forth to the membership for vote at the 20 April 2001 Officers Associations convention. At this time the board will recommend a fee schedule based on 40% of the scale used for national dues.

NEXT MEETING. The next meeting will take place April 20, 2001 at 1500 hours at Chico Hot Springs.

ADJOURN. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1645 hours.

J.Peter Hronek, LTC, MT ANG
President