

MONTANA NATIONAL GUARD ASSOCIATION

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

HELD: 20 APRIL 2001

A meeting of the Officers and Board of Directors of the Montana National Guard Officer Association was held at 1500 hours on April 20, 2001 at Chico Hot Springs, Pray, Montana. The following Officers and Directors were in attendance:

LTC Peter Hronek, President
LTC Loren Oelkers, Vice President
LTC Steve Mehring, Executive Director
Major Monte Boettger, Secretary
LTC (Ret) John Nugent, Director
CW4 Joseph Yuricic, Director
CW2 Jim Messer, Director
LTC Jonathan Jackson, Director
Maj. John Swanson, Director
Maj. Jim Oehmcke, Director
Maj. Bryan Fox, Director
LTC (Ret) Doug Remick, Insurance Manager

The following members/guests were in attendance:

Maj. Nikki Dewolf, Chair, Scholarship Committee
Col. Rex Tanberg

CALL TO ORDER/APPROVAL OF MINUTES. The meeting was called to order by President Hronek. A motion to approve the minutes from 10 January 2001 and 16 March 2001 was made by LTC Jackson and seconded by LTC Oelkers and unanimously passed.

COMMITTEE / OFFICER REPORTS

Discussion of 44th General Conference. President Hronek presented the proposed 44th General Conference agenda (to be held 21 April 2001) for review and discussion. A meeting will take place at 0830 hours on 21 April, prior to the business session, to discuss national resolutions as well as nominations for area representatives to work on these resolutions and prioritize them.

Financial Report. The books show a \$1500.00 loss for the year ending December 31, 2000. This loss is attributable to a 7% decrease in membership, a loss of insurance program

revenues and, higher than expected expenses for the year 2000 national conference. The proposed budget for 2001 would increase the deficit to a total of \$3000.00 even though the 2001 budget has been pared down greatly already. For instance, the proposed 2001 budget has nothing budgeted for year 2001 national conference expenses. However, even with such reductions it is also possible that there may have to be cuts in other areas as well, such as funding the legislative reception in Helena. The consensus of the Board was that the Association needs to maintain its legislative voice. President Hronek voiced his view that the Association's biggest achievements for its members are obtained through its legislative efforts. President Hronek stated we must not cut those areas that have made the Association effective with the legislature. President Hronek voiced his preference that the Association budget for its legislative lobbyist each year and not just in the years the legislature meets so that the Association continues to push its agenda in the non-legislative years as well.

Request for Donation Discussion was held whether to fund a request to contribute \$2500.00 toward the work of a written history of the Army National Guard. In light of the budgeting issues facing the Association it was moved by LTC Yuricic and seconded by LTC Jackson that consideration of this request be tabled. Motion passed unanimously.

Investment of Dues. Discussion was held on whether the Association should place dues money as they are received into some sort of interest bearing account or investment so that the Association is earning some money on the dues before they are paid over to NGAUS. Major Fox volunteered to look into various options that may be available and report back to the Board.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be determined after the 44th General Conference.

ADJOURN: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1630 hours.

Signed

J. Peter Hronek
Lt Col MT ANG
President