

MONTANA NATIONAL GUARD ASSOCIATION

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

HELD: 07 APRIL 2000

A meeting of the Officers and board of Directors of the Montana National Guard Officer Association was held at 1600 hours on Friday, April 7, 2000 at the Heritage Inn, Great Falls, Montana. The following officers and directors were in attendance:

**Ltc. Peter Hronek, President
Ltc. Steve Mehring, Executive Director
Ltc. Jonathan Jackson, Director
Ltc. Tom Harrington, Director
Maj. Jim Oehmcke, Director
Maj. Bryan Fox, Director
Capt. Diane Seitz, Director
Maj. Monte Boettger, Secretary
CW3 John Nugent, Army retired rep.**

The meeting was called to order by President Hronek. The minutes from 07 January 2000 were reviewed. Ltc. Jackson moved to amend the minutes to indicate that under the ANew Business@the Board had approved Abuilding a budget@for calendar year 2000 verses actually approving a budget as stated in the minutes. The motion was seconded by Maj. Fox and passed by unanimous vote. The minutes were then approved as amended.

COMMITTEE / OFFICER REPORTS

Financial Report. Ltc. Hronek presented the proposed 2000 budget which was discussed. by the board. It was moved by CW3 (ret) Nugent and seconded by Maj. Oehmcke to approve the proposed budget. The motion was unanimously passed. As explained by Ltc. Hronek, there is very little surplus in the budget. The big issue as President Hronek sees it is, what are we doing as an organization? Can we do more? Are the dues currently assessed enough? Do we rely on the insurance money too much? Average dues are currently \$12.50. Ltc. Mehring reported that one way to increase revenues was to have dues payable by an earlier date in order to take advantage of the national rebate. Major Jim Moran, a guest in attendance, stated that some people feel that if they pay their dues early that they should get a break too. Ltc. Mehring indicated that this might be a possibility. Ltc. Mehring will study this issue further and report back at the

next meeting. President Hronek observed that too much time and effort goes into dues collection which takes time away from more important issues.

Membership Report. President Hronek reported for Ltc. Collins. Approximately 50% of the membership have paid dues, with approximately 73% of the Air side having paid, and 40% of the Army side having paid. A discussion was held on the need for everyone to be more involved in encouraging the membership to support the Association by making timely payment of dues. President Hronek requested continued input on ways to accomplish this goal.

Insurance Report. At this time, the Association is still waiting for approximately \$2300.00 to be received from the insurance program.

Scholarship Report. Three applications have been submitted with one having been selected. President Hronek stated that there is a need to encourage more participation in the scholarship program. One suggestion was to have applications ready by the October time frame in order to allow for earlier publication.

Resolutions. President Hronek proposed block passing most of the national resolutions at the upcoming general conference. In addition, several of the more important resolutions would be given special attention by the Association and sponsored.

Executive Director-s report. Ltc Mehring reported that, via the website, we will be able to talk to the membership about the executive director position and receive input as to how to make this position of maximum benefit to the Association. Maj. Moran suggested that it might be useful to have the capability for members to subscribe to email service via the WEB. Ltc. Mehring reported briefly on the upcoming national conference. More information concerning hotel accommodations, travel and activities will be provided at the next meeting of the board.

State Conference. Maj. Fox reported that all the arrangements for the State Conference have been made and the events will commence later in the evening on April 7, 2000. To date, 47 people have registered and 13 vendors will be in attendance. Many events and activities are planned and everyone should have a great time.

There being no further business, the board adjourned at 1730 hours.

**J. Pete Hronek
Ltc. MT ANG
President**