

**MONTANA NATIONAL GUARD ASSOCIATION**  
**PO Box 6683**  
**Great Falls, MT 59406**

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

HELD: 13 December 2001

A meeting of the Officers and Board of Directors of the Montana National Guard Officer Association was held at 1500 hours on 13 December 2001 at the Dearborn Inn. The following Officers and Directors were in attendance:

LTC Loren Oelkers, President  
MAJ Bryan Fox, Vice President  
LTC Steve Mehring, Executive Director  
LTC Jonathan Jackson, Director  
LTC Jim Oehmcke, Director  
LTC John Swanson, Director  
MAJ Buel Dickson, Director  
CPT Tracy Anderson, Director  
2LT Timothy Crowe, Director

The following committee members were in attendance:

LTC(RET) Doug Remick, Retired Members Committee  
CPT Orlan Strom, Resolutions Committee, ARNG Company Grade Representative

**CALL TO ORDER/APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** The meeting was called to order by President Oelkers. The minutes from the 17 October 2001 meeting were approved.

**Motion to approve. Jackson/ Oehmcke. Unan.**

**COMMITTEE/OFFICER REPORTS**

**Financial Report.** LTC Oelkers gave the financial report. He reported that the Association currently has \$6,000.00 in the checking account to include \$2,400.00 recently deposited for membership dues. Some income was gained as a result of cancelled national conference registrations. Calendar year 2001 budget ended in the black by \$2,600.00. Presently there are no outstanding bills from 2001. The treasurer is preparing the budget for calendar year 2002. A motion was made to approve stipend checks for the authorized positions.

**Motion to approve. Oehmcke /Crow. Unan.**

**Membership Report.** All dues invoices have been sent to the membership. The association officers were asked to promote early collection to qualify for a national rebate. If 70% of the dues are paid by 28 February a 3% rebate will be paid. Currently 11% of the 2002 dues have been paid.

**Insurance Report.** LTC Remick reported Montana had three claims against the program versus none the previous year, yet the association received \$2,723.43 from the program. To date the program has seen 5-6 cancellations as a result of spouses SGLI. Analysis shows that for individuals 40 years or older the association rates or premiums are less expensive than SGLI and may be continued upon separation. The association should not plan on the same rebate dollar amount for future budgets. A recommendation was made to make the association insurance a featured item on the web page.

**Corporate Committee Report.** LTC Jackson provided the report. He stated his committee is close to finalizing the program. It was suggested that they add the values for the current membership classes; for example; \$1,000.00 donation costs the association \$350.00. It was recommended to study the possibility of adding a life time membership for corporations. Kick off will be 15 January, 2002 for the corporate drive.

**Scholarship Report.** LTC Oelkers stated the scholarship applications have been prepared. They will be posted on the Web Cite. A question was raised on eligibility and the scholarship committee will research the bylaws. Motion was made to approve the 2002 topic on Terrisom is the US.

**Motion to approve. Fox/Dickson. Unan**

**Company Grade Officer Report.** CPT Strom reported that a letter has been drafted and will be sent to all company grade officers on what the NG and MTNG Officer Association does for its membership in January. The executive director will assist in providing a data base and list of names for all association junior officers.

**Executive Directors Report.** LTC Mehring presented a letter USAA Corporation is using to fight the SGLI coverage for spouses and children. The thrust of the letter is the SGLI policy terminates when you leave the military. He has updated the web site with current information. January 26-29, he will attend the executive directors' conference in Long Beach California. He will attempt to secure military airlift for the national conference in San Diego. A list of potential retirees will be provided to the retirees committee to encourage involvement

**State Conference Report.** LTC Oehmcke briefed that the conference for 19-21 April 2002 at the Great Falls Heritage Inn is on track. The MTNG Enlisted Association will coincide their convention at the Holiday Inn Great Falls this same time. Presently it planned to have a Monte Carlo Night on Friday evening. The spouse's luncheon will be held at the Collins Mansion. The guest speaker will be LTG "Tex" Brown, Director of Personnel for the USAF.

**Judiciary Committee Report.** No Report.

**Resolution Committee.** No Report

**OLD BUSINESS** None

**NEW BUSINESS.** A discussion was held with the MTNG Enlisted Association concerning the up coming conference, in which details were worked out. In addition, Dorrie Hagan provided an overview of the National Guard Family Support Program. She suggested FSP training be held in conjunction with the association conventions. Roger Hagan suggested both associations begin work on the 2003 state legislative plan in January and identify their initiatives and propose them at the associations annual meeting. Some topics of consideration were pay equity, pay plan, allowances, state workman's comp while in state active duty status, fee waivers (licensee plates, fishing and hunting licenses), arrest authority. Jim Lantz stated the associations should come together to explore joint issues. He felt the synergy of both associations could greatly raise the awareness of the National Guard in all communities throughout Montana. Lastly Roger Hagan graciously agreed to waive the \$500.00 fee due him by the Officers Association. President Oelkers thanked him for this. Roger Hagan also suggested that the 2003 conference be held in February (14,15, &16) during the State Legislation Session.

**NEXT MEETING.** The next meeting will take place 24 January 2002 at 1500 hours at the Dearborn Inn, Dearborn MT.

**ADJOURN.** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1700 hours followed by an elegant dinner with spouses.

Loren Oelkers  
LTC MT ARNG  
President