

MONTANA NATIONAL GUARD ASSOCIATION

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

HELD: 15 JUNE 2000

A meeting of the Officers and Board of Directors of the Montana National Guard Officer Association was held at 1630 hours on June 15, 2000 by telephone conference call. The following Officers and Directors were in attendance:

LTC Peter Hronek, President
LTC Loren Oelkers, Vice President
LTC Steve Mehring, Executive Director
LTC Jonathan Jackson, Director
Maj. Bryan Fox, Director
Capt. Mark McGinley, Director
2Lt. Larry Gardner, Director
CW4 Joseph Yuric, Director
Major Monte Boettger, Secretary

LTC Kevin Collins, Member, was also present.

CALL TO ORDER/APPROVAL OF MINUTES. The meeting was called to order by President Hronek. The minutes from 07 April 2000 and 08 April 2000 were approved.

COMMITTEE / OFFICER REPORTS

Financial Report. LTC Hronek gave the financial report. LTC Hronek reported that the Association has approximately \$11,000 - \$12,000 in the bank. It is estimated that the Association should have between \$5,000 and \$6,000 after all expenses have been paid.

Maj. Fox reported that he has \$200.00 to give back to the Association: \$100.00 which was provided as seed money for the Annual Conference as well as \$100.00 which was a loan from the Association.

The stipends for the first quarter of 2000, January - March, have been paid. In that there are adequate funds in the treasury the stipends for the second quarter, April - June, 2000 were approved.

Membership Report. LTC Mehring reported that there remain five officers on the air side who have not yet paid membership dues. It is believed that most of these officers will pay their dues. A number of officers on the Army side have still not paid dues. If all dues are paid by July 1, the TAG receives a membership plaque at the National Conference. LTC Collins reported that even if all of the payments are not received by July 1, he believes that all dues will be paid this year. LTC Collins felt that It may be in the Association's interests to advance the payments for the membership dues before the July 1 deadline. LTC Collins will monitor this situation and report back to LTC Hronek and LTC Mehring.

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

Scholarship Report. LTC Mehring reported that he had received a letter from LTC (Ret.) Nugent with proposed guidelines on the scholarship program. In the letter LTC Nugent recommended that in order to be eligible to participate in the scholarship program the applicant should be a member of the air or army national guard. It was discussed that this restriction was not presented at the general conference, that is at the general conference it was stated that membership in the air or army national guard was not a requirement to participate in the scholarship program. LTC Hronek proposed tabling this matter until the October meeting at which time criteria for the scholarship program and the Challenge Program scholarship would be decided on. Resolving these matters by October would allow sufficient lead time for potential applicants to participate in these scholarship programs. Motion to table approved.

Executive Director's Report. LTC Mehring gave the report:

Mailings - Reminder letters to those who have not yet paid dues will not be sent out on the air side. If the army decides to send reminder letters it may submit a bill for stamp and envelope costs.

Web site - The executive director welcomes input on how much to cover national resolutions on the web site. LTC Mehring also reported that he had sent the TAG an email explaining how other states have their TAG at the front of the Web page with a letter supporting that particular state's officer's association. As a result, LTC Mehring reported that the TAG has sent a letter of support to the Association which he may publish on the Web site.

2000 General Conference Report. Maj. Fox reported that the State General Conference held at Great Falls went well with the exception that attendance was down. There were 12 vendors present. Sixty-two members registered for the conference with forty-eight attending the banquet. Sixteen spouses attended the banquet. \$3000.00 was taken in as income and \$3000.00 was expended with \$50.00 of that amount given as a gift certificate.

The next General Conference is set for April 2001 with the proposed site of the conference at Chico Hot Springs. There was discussion that because of the location and cost of Chico that attendance may suffer.

Alternatives to Chico were discussed, with Helena a possible alternative. LTC Oelkers will continue to look into this issue with the goal of having a site located and possibly reserved no later than October, 2000. LTC Hronek proposed trying to get a speaker from NAGUS for the business session of the 2001 general conference

as the speaker from NAGUS at the 2000 General Conference was well received.

OLD BUSINESS

Committee Appointments. LTC Hronek reviewed the committee assignments for the Association and made various new committee assignments. The newly composed committees/members will be posted on the Association's Web page. LTC Oelkers is to make a recommendation to LTC Hronek for the army vacancy on the Publications Committee. Maj. Boettger is to research and report back if there is a need to continue with a Judiciary Committee or whether the present By-Laws Committee would be sufficient to handle any matters relating to the judiciary. LTC Hronek stated that it was his intention that all committee vacancies be filled by the October meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

National Conference: LTC Mehring reported on the upcoming National Conference:

National Conference delegates - The Association usually gets 1 delegate per 50 paid state members plus the TAG. This should equal 8 delegates as follows: 2 company grade officers (1 each from both army and air); 1 for the TAG; 1 AGR each from army and air; 1 Technician each from army and air; 1 retired member. The AGR and Technician delegates are paid for by the State.

National Conference fees - The Association has historically paid the registration fee and one-half the room expense for delegates. These expenses have again been approved for delegates attending the 2000 National Conference. August 15, 2000 is the deadline to sign up for attending the conference. Military Air is authorized. LTC Hronek is continuing to look into air transportation and will report back to LTC Mehring who will keep potential delegates informed.

Membership drive - LTC Hronek reported that he would like to send out a mailing in October, 2000 to kick off the membership drive for 2001. LTC Mehring reported that within the next couple of months the Association will have the capability to take dues via credit card over a secure connection on the Association's Web site. This feature will hopefully make it even easier for members to pay their dues.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will take place October 12, 2000 at 1630 hours by conference call.

ADJOURN: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1750 hours.

J. Peter Hronek
LTC MT ANG
President