

MONTANA NATIONAL GUARD ASSOCIATION

P.O. BOX 4789
HELENA, MT 59604-4789

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

HELD: 15 OCTOBER 1999

A meeting of the Officers and Board of Directors of the Montana National Guard Officer Association was held at 1630 hours on Friday, October 15, 1999 at the RTI Conference Room, Fort Harrison, Helena, Montana. The following Officers and Director were in attendance:

LTC Peter Hronek, President
LTC Tom Harrington, Vice President
Major Bryan Fox, Director
Major Monte Boettger, Secretary
Major Jeff Ireland, Treasurer

LTC Kevin Collins, Member, was also present.

The meeting was called to order by President Hronek. The minutes from 09 July 1999 were approved. Absent Directors had given their proxies to the Director in attendance.

Posting of Bylaws: President Hronek then passed out a copy of the bylaws, which will be posted on the new Association Web page.

Update of Board addresses / email. LTC Collins provided updates of addresses and email addresses for all Board members to provide to Major Mehring.

COMMITTEE / OFFICER REPORTS

Financial Report. Major Ireland gave the financial report. The following payments were approved:

- \$66.00 for payment of new P.O. box. The new P.O. Box will be 6683, Great Falls, MT 59406.
- \$325.00 for Web Site development fees.
- \$12.50 to Steve Mehring for work on Web Site plus an additional \$40.00 for estimated cost of additional labor to develop the Web Site.
- \$534.60 for on line fee for Web Site.

-\$1000.00 for seed money for the year 2000 General Conference. Major Fox may request these funds as he needs them.

A discussion was held on where to maintain the bank account in order to ensure that financial transactions are carried out most effectively. Motion made, seconded and approved that Major Ireland will work with Major Mehring to resolve this and bring a recommendation to the Board at the next meeting.

Membership Report. LTC Collins reported on the individuals who had not paid dues. A discussion was held on presentation of plaques for units, which had 100% membership dues contribution. A plaque for 100% participation was approved for the Aviation Battalion in the amount of \$20.00. President Hronek will look into breaking the ANG into groups in order to facilitate 100% membership recognition for future years.

LTC Collins presented a copy of dues cost approved by NGAUS that shows there will be no increases for the next two years.

Insurance Report. At this time, the Association is still waiting for the \$4500.00 check that had earlier been reported to be forthcoming.

Scholarship Report. No report was made. A scholarship application is to be built into the Web Site.

Publication Report. President Hronek reported that beginning November, 1999 a publication will be mailed to the membership that will include a registration form for the State Convention and will also contain advertising for the Web Site and new mailing address. The Executive Director will be developing a newsletter. In January 2000 there is to be another publication mailed to advertise the Web Site and State Conference.

NGEDA Report. LTC Collins reported that next year's NGEDA conference is tentatively scheduled for the third weekend in January, 2000 in Atlantic City, New Jersey. Traditionally the President's expenses to attend this conference were paid by the Board. This should now be done for the Executive Director. It was moved, seconded and approved that the Executive Director be paid his expenses to attend this conference.

State Conference. Major Fox reported that the State Conference is scheduled for April 7-9, 2000 at the Heritage Inn in Great Falls, Montana. Contracts have been received from the Heritage Inn. There was discussion on the registration form and events to be offered, spouses luncheon, costs, entertainment, child care, exhibitors, vendors, guest speakers and business session speaker, hospitality room and agenda. LTC Harrington is in charge of confirming the guest speaker.

OLD BUSINESS:

Temporary Executive Director Appointment / Job description. LTC Collins has been serving as interim Executive Director since the July 9th, 1999 meeting, until a temporary Executive Director could be selected. The position was advertised after the July meeting. The membership at the 42nd Conference approved a one year pilot program to develop this position. The Executive Director is nominated by the President and approved by the Board. The Executive Director serves at the pleasure of the Board. President Hronek nominated Major Steve Mehring to serve as temporary Executive Director. After discussion, Major Mehring's nomination was unanimously approved. The Secretary was directed to develop bylaws to describe this position and duties pursuant to the guidelines previously discussed by the Board and to present the same at the next meeting. The Executive Director is not to be a Board member or Officer of the Board and has no vote. The Board stressed that even though an Executive Director is now approved, the President, Vice President and Board still need to be actively involved in all activities. The Board also indicated the need to look into a general revision of the bylaws

National Conference. LTC Collins reported on his attendance at the National Conference. Numerous resolutions were addressed and, membership dues were frozen for two years. A good summary of what NAGUS has done for guard members is contained in the September, 1999 issue of the National Guard magazine.

Review of Committee Assignments. President Hronek reported that all positions are currently filled except for insurance.

NEW BUSINESS:

Web Site Brief. President Hronek gave a presentation of the new Web Site located at www.mtnga.org. This site is fully interactive and contains information relating to all aspects of the Montana National Guard Association.

Next board meeting. The next meeting will be held January 7th, 2000 in the Operations Building Group Commanders Conference room, 120th FW, Great Falls, Montana at 1630 hours.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 1830 hours.

J. Pete Hronek
LTC MT ANG
President