



## NATIONAL GUARD ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS

### MINUTES OF THE NGAIB BOARD MEETING

23 April 2006

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the National Guard Association of Illinois, a Not-For-Profit Corporation of the State of Illinois, was held pursuant to notice at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, 23 April 2006, at Crowne Plaza, Springfield, Illinois.

#### EXECUTIVE BOARD

President	Ernie Hayes	(P)
President Elect	Bobby Edwards	(DEPLOYED)
Vice President-Air	John Chojnacki	(A)
Executive Vice President	Chuck Sparacino	(P)
Vice President – NGAUS	Joe Schweickert	(P)
Vice President – EANGUS	Jeff Bell	(A)
Secretary	Kelley Robards	(P)
Treasurer	Ollie Capra	(P)

#### DIRECTORS

33 <sup>rd</sup> BCT	Robert Guy	(P)
65 <sup>th</sup> TCB	Ben Shackman	(P)
108 <sup>th</sup> SB	Lorenzo Fiorentino	(P)
Joint Forces HQ	Tim Franklin	(P)
126 <sup>th</sup> ARW	Christ Mauk	(A)
182 <sup>nd</sup> AW	Steve Thomas	(P)
183 <sup>rd</sup> FW	Steve Baggerly	(P)
404 <sup>th</sup> CHEM BDE	Philip Czajkowski	(P)
Retirees	Milt Nichols	(A)

#### Others in Attendance:

John Pietrusinski, 126 ARW Alt-Director  
Mike Pedersen, 2007 Conference Chairman  
Ricardo Medina, Alt-Director, 404<sup>th</sup> CM

#### MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

- ◇ The meeting was called to order by President Ernie Hayes at 10:00 a.m.
- ◇ Roll was called by Secretary Kelley Robards. A quorum was present.
- ◇ Minutes from March 24, 2006 were handed out to all. Since there new members, the minutes will be reviewed and accept minutes at next meeting.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- ◇ Ernie welcomed all of the newly elected board members, and everybody introduced themselves.
- ◇ Ernie reported that he spoke with the TAG at the banquet and will make an appointment to speak with him at a later date, hopefully prior to the May meeting.
- ◇ Kelley handed out the proposed schedule. Ernie encouraged all directors to attend meetings or send an alternate.
- ◇ Bill Goddard will be getting out to all of the Brigades and Wings to start briefing personnel about the Association.
- ◇ At each meeting, directors will report their respective unit's membership. There will be a membership drive in September.

## EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- ◇ Chuck gave members a brief history of the Association.
- ◇ He stressed that directors are vital to getting information to their personnel in each unit. Directors are the conduit to the commander.
- ◇ There is no division between Army and Air, all members are Guard members.
- ◇ The Prairie Minuteman will be getting a face lift. More legislative information will be published.
- ◇ Corporate membership has been looked at very closely, and it has been decided that the original plan will not work; the Association would lose its Not-for-profit status. The item will be revisited.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### *Conference-*

- ◇ There is open alcohol that can be used at next year's conference. Ernie will take the alcohol for next year's conference, since the 126<sup>th</sup> ARW will be hosting it.
- ◇ Joe will email a Conference survey form to Kelley. She will format it so that it can be put on the website and filled out on line.
- ◇ The poker run was well coordinated, had 38 riders, 170 miles long with many stops at armories and other various places.
- ◇ There were 97 people at the Golf outing, it was well organized, great value for the money.
- ◇ The cook out at the museum was well received.
- ◇ The hospitality room on Friday night was too small to accommodate all individuals.
- ◇ The Business session ran too long, and needed more breaks.
  - Next year committee reports will be time limited
  - More breaks will be incorporated
  - Vendors should be set up at 0700 for viewing prior to Business session.
  - Having the break in the vendor area was a very good idea.
- ◇ The Lincoln Museum tour was a good idea, but since the Business session ran long, it was hard for everybody to get to go on the tour.
- ◇ Maybe don't have a guest speaker next year.

- Ernie will speak with the TAG and get a suggested Guest speaker list for the Banquet.
- ◇ The Banquet went well, but the TAG doesn't like the march or having a raised head table.
- ◇ Possibly have a fun run next year.
- ◇ There were some complaints about having a Conference fee. Ben pointed out that this time was the first time and it helped cover a lot of costs. After 2 more years, there wouldn't be any complaint. It is a great tool for tracking conference participants.
- ◇ Ben spoke with hotel management about a new contract for the 2008 Conference. Dannie was able to get some of the charged dropped if a contract for 2008 is signed. It will be reviewed by an attorney.
- ◇ There use to be a binder that was handed from one Conference hosting unit to the next. Steve said that he gave it to Dannie in May 05; it will be located and collected.
- ◇ The director of the host unit will be a member of the Conference committee.
- ◇ Ben motioned to spend no more than \$200.00 for an attorney to review the contract if needed. Steve second. Motion Passed.
- ◇ Ernie proposed the new board meeting schedule, May 12 will be held at Northfield Inn in Springfield. Mike motioned, Ben second. Motion passed.
- ◇ There needs to be an SOP for accommodations and other things developed.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m. The next meeting will be held May 12, 2006 at the Northfield Inn in Springfield.

Respectfully Submitted,

KELLEY D. ROBARDS  
Secretary