



## NATIONAL GUARD ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS

### MINUTES OF THE NGAI BOARD MEETING 24 February 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 7:00 p.m. on Friday, 24 February 2006, via telephone conference.

#### EXECUTIVE BOARD

President	Dannie Stanbery	(P)
President Elect	Ernie Hayes	(P)
Vice President-Army	Bobby Edwards	(DEPLOYED)
Executive Vice President	Chuck Sparacino	(P)
Vice President – NGAUS	Tom Burhorn	(A)
Vice President – EANGUS	Jeff Bell	(A)
Secretary	Kelley Robards	(P)
Treasurer	Ollie Capra	(P)

#### DIRECTORS

33 <sup>rd</sup> ASG	Neal Kemp	(P)
65 <sup>th</sup> TCB	Ben Shakman	(A)
66 <sup>th</sup> IN BDE	Melinda Louck	(A)
Joint Forces HQ	Joe Schweickert	(P)
126 <sup>th</sup> ARW	Michael Pedersen	(P)
182 <sup>nd</sup> AW	Steve Thomas	(A)
183 <sup>rd</sup> FW	Shawn Green	(A)
404 <sup>th</sup> CHEM BDE	Ricardo Medina	(P)
Retirees	Milt Nichols	(A)

#### MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

- o The meeting was called to order by President Dannie Stanbery at 7:05 p.m.
- o Roll was called by Secretary Kelley Robards. A quorum was present.
- o Ernie Hayes motioned to approve the minutes from the January 20, 2006 meeting with noted changes. Neal second. *Motion Passed*

## TREASURER'S REPORT

- Chuck said that there was not a current Treasurer's report due to changing over the accounting software.
- Currently there is not any money in the account. Chuck will transfer money out of the AG Edwards money market account in the amount of \$10,000 to cover expenses.
- A balance sheet will be faxed to all members prior to the next meeting.

## LEGISLATIVE

- Dave Seaman sent an email to everybody about the Association sponsoring the pay grade increase on retirement. The Legislation was brought on by the previous board members. The bill is still sitting at the Senate level.
- Neal wanted to know who was going to recommend the Legislator of the Year. Dannie said that the TAG will have the recommendation by next week and get Dave's concurrence.
- Bill Goddard received a letter stating that the insurance could not be sold on bas. Ernie said that he had a letter from Gen Keistler disagreeing with the latest letter. The Association is part of a Professional Military Association which allows the selling of the insurance. It was noted that the Joint Ethics Regulations have changed, but other states are not aware of the change, therefore still continuing as normal.
- The item will be looked at closer and a final decision will be made.

## MILITIA INSURANCE TRUST (MIT)

- Ernie will attend the next MIT meeting in June.
- Three motions for consideration for favorable action were brought to the table by Austin:
  1. To approve increasing the \$250 free life insurance benefit available to every Participating National Guard Association of the Militia Insurance Trust to \$1,000. To be eligible, a Participating National Guard Association must be conducting the annual Benefit Briefings in the units.
  2. To approve NAGI to offer the \$1,000 free life insurance benefit pending approval of the Militia Insurance Trust.
  3. To Sponsor the Armed Forces Benefit Association (AFBA) Better Alternative group life insurance policy as part of the State Sponsored Life Insurance (SSLI) benefits.
- Chuck explained that the first 2 items were tied together. The first item must be approved by all states in the MIT for it to pass. Even if this Association approves the first motion, it may not pass if all states do not agree with the second motion.
- This insurance is in addition to USBA insurance and pays a higher rate back to the Associations.
- The first year of insurance is free to the individual, but instead of getting \$250, the individual would receive \$1,000. This money would come out of the experience fund. There were approximately 8 paid out over the years at the current fee of \$250.
- Dan questioned how the Association would be able to afford this increase. Bill explained that the two trusts are merging and that AFBA is paying 25% to the Association for each member, plus there are more states involved, that ultimately means more money to the Association.
- The attorney is drawing up the contract to reflect the option to get out of the deal after one year.
- Just because the states actually approve the agreement, it doesn't mean that all states must offer the \$1,000 option.

- Neal asked if AFBA is the same as USBA. There are charge backs; USBA is currently extending the charge back to 18 months. USBA and AFBA will be two separate trusts.
- Joe motioned to approve item #1 as presented. Ernie second. *Motion Passed.*
- Ollie motioned to approve item #2, Ernie second. *Motion Passed.*
- Neal motioned to approve item #3. Joe second. *Motion Passed.*

### CONFERENCE REPORT

- Ben met with Dannie, Joe, Col Burrow yesterday at Springfield to work out any issues with the hotel and to set the agenda.
- Ben has been working with partnering with other agencies, getting an early release for people at Camp Lincoln and in Springfield for the reception.
- There will be a courtesy shuttle from the hotel to and from the Golf Course and the Poker Run.
- The hospitality room will be moved to a larger room. The theme for the Hospitality room on Friday will be the “Spirit of USA”.
- Saturday:
  - 0800-1000 Business Session
  - 30 minute break
  - 1030-1200 Present reports
  - 2 hour lunch
  - 1500 – Strategic plan will be briefed
  - 1600 winner of the new officers will be announced.
- The Association had previously guaranteed 479 rooms total for all nights of the conference. The contract also had a breakfast guarantee for 350 people, which was cancelled. Therefore the conference meeting room rental is \$9,000, which will not be covered due to the 350 person breakfast cancellation. All of the credits only add up to \$1,000; all other activities are trying to be self sufficient. Seed money will be used for the Hospitality, Bands and rooms.
- Chuck reminded board members that they will need to make their own reservations.
- There will not be a board meeting in April on the Thursday prior to the conference. Instead all will gather at the museum at 1800 on Friday.

### PRESIDENT’S REPORT

- Dannie went to D.C. and had the pleasure of meeting with several Congressional Leaders and Military Liaisons. He, along with several leaders of the Illinois Army and Air National Guard were able to convey “Our Message” to our elected officials. They also asked the officials for their assistance in working with the Secretary of the Air Force in allocating additional missions to the Illinois National Guard, particularly the 183<sup>rd</sup> Fighter Wing station in Springfield. They voiced their concern on the Secretary of the Army’s proposed reduction in authorized strength of the Army National Guard.

### EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT

- Chuck briefed that EANGUS will pay EANGUS membership fees for one year to newly promoted E-5 or E-6 for calendar year 2006.
- There is a problem with the current e-mail system. Chuck has contacted Nancy about the problem.

- Ben motioned to approve life memberships 4769 and 4770. Ernie second. *Motion Passed.*
- Members will have to make their own reservations for the next meeting on March 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Neal expressed Milt's wish to end his terms as Time and Place Chairman. The 2008 conference time, place and sponsor still need to be set. Ernie said that John Foytlin would volunteer for the position. Chuck will get a list of places already contracted.
- A 1099 will be issued to individuals with over \$600 in reimbursements for tax purposes.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m. The next meeting will be a teleconference and is scheduled for 24 March in Springfield, 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

KELLEY D. ROBARDS  
Secretary