



NATIONAL GUARD ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS

MINUTES OF THE NGAIB BOARD MEETING 20 January 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, 20 January 2006, at the Crown Plaza, Springfield, Illinois.

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	(P)
Vice President – EANGUS	Jeff Bell	(A)
Secretary	Kelley Robards	(P)
Treasurer	Ollie Capra	(P)

DIRECTORS

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Joseph Schweickert, Family Readiness

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

- The meeting was called to order by President Dannie Stanbery at 7:20 p.m.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was said.
- Roll was called by Secretary Kelley Robards. A quorum was present.
- President Stanbery requested that a report from A.G. Edwards representative, Stan Welsh be presented as the first item of business.

FINANCIAL

- Stan Welsh handed out a Fixed Income Survey which listed all invested money. All monies are currently invested in Government agency Bonds with an average maturity age of four years. There are 25 bonds secured with an average of 6% on them. The market value of the bonds is approximately \$302,000. The future indicates that the economy will slow and the yields will decrease, if this happens, the bonds will be changed to longer term therefore keeping a higher interest rate. There is 1 corporate bond with Ford that matures in Jan 07, with the problems Ford is currently experiencing; it may be wise to think about the future of this bond. The financial report is attached to the minutes for review.
- Chuck and Dannie both thanked Mr. Welsh for all of his past and future assistance. Ben asked if it would be wiser to combine all of the small bonds into one large bond and gain more interest. Mr. Welsh said that doing that right now would not be wise as the long term rates are expected to go up, and having \$100,000 in one bond would not be beneficial, especially if the Association needed money fast, it could hurt the Association financially instead.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

- Dannie said that the October minutes still needed to be approved since there was not a quorum in November. Ernie motioned to approve minutes as presented. Mike second. *Motion Passed.*
- Ben motioned to approve the November 2005 minutes as presented. Ernie second. *Motion Passed.*

FINANCIAL (con't)

- The Long term care proposal is being reviewed and negotiated. Ben motioned to table the item until after the review process has been completed and resubmitted to the Association for approval. Ernie second. *Motion Passed.*
- Chuck reported that the Home owners and auto insurance proposal has not yet been received. Ernie motioned to table the item. Ben second. *Motion Passed.*

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Ollie reported that a budget has been established and discussed later.
- An audit of all the accounts was completed. In the future there will be only 1 recap sheet for review for members. A lot of account cleanup was completed, and the accounting information will be transferred to QuickBooks within the next two weeks.
- Tax forms have already been completed.
- Chuck pointed out that in the future if a person requests a room for the night of a board meeting, the individual will be responsible for payment of the room, and the Association will then reimburse the expense. There has been a problem in the past with individuals requesting a room, not showing up, then the Association still having to pay for the room.
- Shaun motioned to accept the treasurer's Report as presented. Neal second. *Motion Passed.*

BUDGET

- Ollie proposed the budget. It currently shows a \$19,750 deficit after including all income. With the conference coming up soon, and with known expenditures there is an expected loss of \$7,000 which will be a new budget deficit.
- Joe asked if there was some way to cut the cost of the newsletter. Chuck said that the contract is good until December 06 and expects the cost to rise. Ben suggested

requesting proposals from other publishing companies. Ernie pointed out that the association does not want to give up quality and dependability. Chuck suggested lowering the number of pages produced to 18, which would then reduce the cost of printing by \$2,400. In the future members may opt to receive the newsletter electronically which would decrease costs tremendously.

- After a few modifications to the proposed budget, Joe motioned to accept the Budget with the new modifications. Ben second. *Motion Passed.*
- Dannie requested that \$1,500 be used to host a reception for all Illinois Delegates at the State of the State address during the first week of February. Ben motioned to approve. Ernie second. *Motion Passed.*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Conference-

- Ben reported the schedule. There will be two business breakouts, 0800-1000 and 1500-1700, with the time in between the two sessions to be an Army and Air Opportunity to do something.
- The hotel is being extremely uncooperative. He suggested that in the future the contract include something about exclusions for wars/disasters etc. The current 3 year contract with is at its end. The motorcycle Rally needs to make money to cover the loss from the hotel stuff. New safety rules will be in affect, which will probably drive the participation down.
- Hopefully the golf outing will benefit if there is not a lot of participation in the Rally.
- The registration form in the Prairie Minuteman is incorrect, a new one will be sent out.
- There will be 2 breaks, one after the first session, and one prior to the second session.

Strategic Planning-

- Neal reported that the committee had reviewed the old plan, ensured the same objectives are still the same, wants to emphasize: Leadership, membership, legislative, and communication. After the committee establishes the Association's goals and Achievements, the plan will then be submitted to the association for review.
- Joe reported that the Constitution and Bylaws are just about completed. There were a lot of administrative changes that needed to be accomplished after the realignment of the Army units. He suggested moving delegates #'s dependant upon the number of Battalion/Squadron, that way the Association may be able to get younger Association members as directors.
- One suggestion change will be the requirement of a 2/3 majority of board members to remove a board member for nonparticipation. If a member is deployed for a long time period, the board can find a replacement temporarily.
- Video Teleconferencing will also be added to the Bylaws.
- Ben motioned to make Joe Schweikert as the JF HQ director. Mike second. *Motion Passed.*
- Ben motioned to elect Neal as the 108th director. Joe second. *Motion Passed.*

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Dannie said that a letter had been drafted for the Military Family Relief Fund since it is now self sustaining, and the letter may help out if the Fund ever runs into problems.

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Chuck said that payroll deductions for insurance need to be mandatory due to deployments, and a problem with individuals being dropped out after 90 days.
- There is approximately \$740 in bad checks and credit cards. Directors are needed to assist with this problem. Chuck suggested that the Association could save a lot of money if credit cards were no longer taken.
- Ben motioned to approve life membership numbers 4730-4768. Neal second. *Motion Passed.*
- Chuch needs 1 page from each Director for the conference program.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m. The next meeting will be a teleconference and is scheduled for 24 Feb, 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

KELLEY D. ROBARDS
Secretary