



NATIONAL GUARD ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS

MINUTES OF THE NGAI BOARD MEETING 12 December 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 Tuesday, 12 December 2006, Via Teleconference.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

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| President | Ernie Hayes | (P) |
| President Elect | Bobby Edwards | (A) |
| 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

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

Also in attendance:

Bill Goddard

SGM Brian Brackemeyer

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

- ◇ The meeting was called to order by President Ernie Hayes at 7:05 P.M.
- ◇ Roll was called by Secretary Kelley Robards. A quorum was present.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

- ◇ Nothing to report.
- ◇ Ben motioned to accept the minutes as presented from the 13 October 2006 meeting. Ollie second. *Motion Passed*

TREASURER'S REPORT

- ◇ The Treasurer's report was presented to all board members (attached). The trial balance ends 31 Oct 2006. Ben Shakman had a few questions about Item 6530 NGAI conf Expense. Chuck will look into the expense and report back at the next meeting.

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

- ◇ CCMSgt Sunderland has requested \$200 to help offset the cost of the dinner for the NCO's of the year banquet. Steve Thomas motioned to approve the donation. Milt second. *Motion Passed*
- ◇ Des Plaines Publishing will increase their printing rate 4% beginning 1 Jan 07.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- ◇ Ernie asked members how their membership drives were progressing. Joe mentioned that since directors have not been showing up to the meetings they have not been pushing membership.
- ◇ Bill Goddard has had several insurance meetings with members at their units. Approximately 50-60 new insurance members are being enrolled on a monthly basis.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ernie said that new members are needed for the Committees. Members do not need to be on the board.

- ◇ *Legislative*
 - Nothing to report
- ◇ *Finance*
 - Nothing to report
- ◇ *Awards*
 - Awards can be submitted beginning now for the Apr 2007 Conference.
- ◇ *Time and Place*
 - A package has been received from Drury Hills for the 2009 Conference.
 - Milt would like to have the number of hotel rooms that were reserved at the 2006 Conference. Ben will get him the information.
 - Ben would like for JAG to look at all hotel contracts. Ernie said that Legal had already reviewed the 2008 contract.
- ◇ *Nominations*
 - Ben nominated SGM Brian Brackemeyer to fill the position of EANGUS Vice President, vacated by Jeff Bell. Ollie second. *Motion Passed.*
- ◇ *Resolutions*
 - Nothing to report

- ◇ *Scholarship*
 - Scholarship applications may be received beginning now for the 2007 Conference
- ◇ *Constitution and By-Laws*
 - Nothing to report
- ◇ *Membership*
 - Nothing to report

NGAUS

- ◇ Nothing to report

EANGUS

- ◇ The membership conference will be held in February at Gulfport.

OLD BUSINESS

- ◇ The database proposals will be forwarded to members upon receipt for consideration at the next board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- ◇ The 2007 Conference date and location has been changed to April 21 and 22, 2007 at the Collinsville Holiday Inn.
- ◇ Oklahoma was able to get legislation passed through their Department of Military affairs. SSLI can be retained at the same rate after a member separates from the military. This is a state run program, and NGAI receives the revenue from enrolled members.
- ◇ Ernie suggested that the Lt Governor of Illinois, Pat Quinn, be awarded the Lincoln Award. Ollie motioned to approve the recommendation. Milt second. *Motion Passed*
- ◇ SGM Brackemeyer said that there are approximately 375 troops that not yet received their military pay from when they were pulled from their civilian jobs to assist with the recent ice storm. There are too many steps that must be taken to get the money from both the Federal Government, that is then filtrated to the State, then to the military and finally to the troops. He suggested that the association work on legislation for the future to alleviate this problem and get the troops their money in a timely manner. To solve the immediate problem, Chuck will be making a phone call to the Lt Governor upon approval from Camp Lincoln. Chuck will also contact Dave Seaman to see if legislation could get started for the future. Brian also suggested that the Department of Military Affairs keep funds on hand to make payments to the troops in emergency cases then replenished by the Federal Government upon receipt.

ADJOURN

- ◇ Ben motioned to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Brian second. *Motion Passed.* The next meeting will be held January 12 in Springfield, 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

KELLEY D. ROBARDS
Secretary