

April Board Meeting Minutes
18 April 2008

The MONGA Board met on 18 April 2008. The Board Meeting was held in Jefferson (A) at the Capitol Plaza hotel in Jefferson City, MO.

1. Invocation: COL Bruce Pearre, Immediate Past President

2. Call to Order: Col Mike McEnulty, President, called the meeting to order at 0915.

3. Roll Call:

President, Col Mike McEnulty		Present
President-Elect, LTC Jay Banwell		Not present
Immediate Past President, COL Bruce Pearre		Present
Vice-President - Air, MSgt Leah Caldwell		Present
Vice-President - Army, LTC Ed Gargas		Present
Secretary, SFC Brenda Randles		Present
Treasurer, Cpt Bill Miller		Present
Enlisted Committee Chair, SFC Brenda Randles		Present
Retired Committee, SFC(R) Jim Dunn		Not present
Auxiliary President, Mrs. Debbie Cheshire		Present
Chaplain, Fr. Joe Weber		Not present
Administrative Assistant, Suzanne Hardy		Present
Executive Director, Vernon James		Present
131 FW	1Lt Josh Hoorman	Present
	Chief Edwin Kolb	Not present
139 AW	Maj Byron Newell	Present
	SSgt Kent Harms	Not Present
157 AOG	1Lt Josh Hoormann	Present
	TSgt Akinyela Taylor	Proxy to Josh Hoormann
JFHQ	MSgt Veronica Hoffman	Present
70 TRP CMD	MAJ John Benson	Present
	SSG Teresa Hollis	Not present
35 EN BDE	Scott Ratcliff	Present
	Tony Couples	Not present
20 CBT AVN BDE	LTC John Anderson	Proxy to COL McLemore
	MSG Lonnie Brandon	Present
110 MEB	LTC Brent Beckley	Present
	John Sportsman	Not present

There were enough Board members present for a quorum.

4. Approval of Minutes: Minutes for the January Board Meeting were approved as written with no discussion.

5. 2008 MoNGA Conference Update: Veronica Hoffman
- Golf Tournament on Thursday was a success.
 - Registration is open. COL Geiser is running registration and has done an excellent job.
 - Friday Night Mixer: wristbands are in each registration packet and must be worn. Participants will also be strictly carded, and those under 21 will be given an additional wristband to wear. All activities are located in rooms past the hotel lounge. The live auction will be in the Carnegie Room; the 135th Army Band will be playing in the Lincoln Room; outside will be the beer garden and antique car show. Participants are encouraged to dress in 20's, 30's, and 40's costumes. A photographer will be taking pictures.
 - A schedule of events is in each registration packet.
 - Hospitality rooms are on the 2nd floor. Drinks will not be allowed on the 1st floor.
 - Conference registration was set up on the website. There were bugs in the system, but these will be worked out and website registration utilized for EANGUS / NGAUS Conferences.
 - No Senators or Representatives will be speaking at the General Business Session.

6. Treasurer's Report: Cpt Bill Miller

Account Balance - Jan 2007*	\$19,244.00
Income	142,670.00
Expenditures	<u>120,841.00</u>
Current account balance:	\$ 41,082.00

* includes NGAUS and EANGUS dues paid

Conference Account - Jan 2007	\$3,847.00
Income	68,581.00
Expenditures	<u>44,200.00</u>
Current Conference Account balance:	\$28,228.00

Industry Partners Account balance (no expenditures):
\$10,720.00

Treasurer's Report was accepted.

7. Committee Reports:

- a. Legislative: COL Jim Kesterson
 - 1. The CNGR (Commission on the National Guard and Reserves) report has been published. Among other recommendations:
 - Relegate the Air / Army National Guard to a civil support role.

- 2 day's pay for 2 day's of drill (currently 4 active duty day's pay for a MUTA 4).

It's important to keep membership up in order to fight these issues.

2. On the State side, there was a bill last year to eliminate income tax on military retired pay. There were not enough votes to pass as is, so it was rolled into Social Security tax relief affecting those individuals over the age of 62. House Bill 1788 for this year proposes the total elimination of income taxes on military retired pay regardless of age. Sponsoring legislators are working on securing support for this bill, which would be forwarded to the Senate after approval from the House.

b. Membership: Executive Director, Vernon James
1. We are currently transitioning the membership database to improve tracking. The database is now in sync with the NGAUS database.
2. The Adjutant General wants 100% membership in NGAUS, EANGUS, and MoNGA.

3. We need to find new ways to get the word out about membership and giving Command Reps the tools to push membership. Answer the question, "What do these organizations do for individuals?"

- c. Finance: See Treasurer's Report (6).
- d. Awards: MSgt Veronica Hoffman
Scholarship awardees will be announced at the General Business Session.
- e. Ways and Means: No report.
- f. By-Laws: MSgt Veronica Hoffman
(Recap: at the January Board meeting, the proposed By-Laws changes were approved for publication on the website and in the Conference newsletter, with a vote to be called at the General Business Session.)

A summary of the By-Laws changes was furnished to all Board members. There was discussion among Board Members regarding Article IV Section 5, requiring past participation on the Board for eligibility to run for Board positions. A By-Laws Committee meeting is scheduled for 1500. This will actually be an open forum for any member wishing to attend.

- g. Auxiliary: No report.
 - h. Retired: No report.
 - i. Enlisted: Defer to New Business (11. a., c.).
8. Vice President Reports:
a. VP Air: MSgt Leah Caldwell

Membership is down. Action is underway to energize the Command
Reps.

- b. VP Army: LTC Ed Gargas
 1. Comments echoed the report from VP Air.
 2. CPT Barbara Bullard is running for VP Army.
9. Insurance Trust Report: MSgt Leah Caldwell
There will be a meeting of the Insurance Trust Board immediately following the Board meeting.
10. Old Business:
 - a. By-Laws Updates: See By-Laws Committee report above (7. f.).
 - b. Membership: See Membership Committee report above (7. b.).
11. New Business:
 - a. EANGUS Conference: The 2008 EANGUS Conference is in Savannah, GA, in August. The biggest obstacle is getting the allotted delegates (delegates cannot be on orders) due to the cost of attending.
 - b. NGAUS Conference: The 2008 NGAUS Conference is in Baltimore, MD, in September. A trip to NGB is planned during the Conference. Senator Claire McCaskill is receiving an award at the NGAUS Conference.
 - c. 2010 EANGUS Conference (St. Louis, MO): Conference committees will be assigned at the July MoNGA Board meeting.
 - d. Missouri Society for Military History: motion for MoNGA to become an Associate member of the MO Society for Military History (\$250 per year). Motion carried.
 - e. Motion to revise the conduct of the General Business Session (effective for 2009 MoNGA Conference) in order to allow for presentation of MoNGA 101 brief. This would require a change to the Conference SOP. NGAUS and EANGUS will support this briefing. Motion carried.
 - f. Scholarship Committee: Need to look at change to the Scholarship Committee. The Committee Chairman has no criteria on the conduct of the Committee. Item will be on the July Board meeting agenda. Need names from Units who will actually serve on the Committee. Goal is to have four primary Committee members with one serving as Chairman, and at least three alternates.
There is also no criteria for evaluating applications. Proposed oversight from MoNGA Board; suggestion to have at least one Board member on the Committee.

Oversight of Scholarship Committee falls under Ways & Means Committee. MoNGA Board should be designating money for scholarships.

MAJ Lance Shaffer deserves an award. He took over as Chair of the Committee for someone else and has been doing it since.

g. Command Reps: Command Caucuses should elect people as Command Reps who really want to serve.

12. President's Report: Col Mike McEnulty

There were complaints about the cost of the MoNGA Conference when people registered. Need to think about the price of the Conference. The Insurance Trust Board can donate money to the Conference, but there has to be a request from MoNGA.

13. Immediate Past-President's Report: COL Bruce Pearre

It has been a great three years serving on the Board. COL Pearre is deploying for a year starting in June and retires soon after his return. COL Pearre is looking forward to being an active Retired Life member.

14. Benediction: COL Bruce Pearre, Immediate Past-President

15. The April Board meeting was adjourned at 11:40.