

## January Board Meeting Minutes

The MONGA Board met on 8 January 2009 via teleconference.

1. Invocation: LtCol Mark Bradley
2. Call to Order: LTC Jay Banwell, President, called the meeting to order at 16:00.
3. Roll Call: SFC Brenda Randles, Secretary

President, LTC Jay Banwell	Present	
President-Elect, LtCol Mark Bradley	Present	
Immediate Past President, Col Mike McEnulty	Present	
Vice-President - Air, MSgt Leah Caldwell	Proxy to Col McEnulty	
Vice-President - Army, CPT Barbara King	Present	
Secretary, SFC Brenda Randles	Present	
Treasurer, Capt Marcus Jackson	Not present	
Enlisted Committee Chair, MSgt Leah Caldwell	Proxy to Col McEnulty	
Retired Committee, Jim Dunn	Present	
Auxiliary President, Mrs. Debbie Cheshire	Present	
Chaplain, CPT Dustin Kennedy	Not present	
Administrative Assistant, Suzanne Hardy	Present	
Executive Director, Vernon James	Present	
131 FW	1Lt Josh Hoorman SSgt Molly Conrey	Not present Present
139 AW	Maj Byron Newell SSgt Kent Harms	Proxy to Col McEnulty Proxy to Col McEnulty
157 AOG	Capt Darren Whitehorn MSgt Mark Smith	Not present Present
JFHQ	LTC Jerry Sanders MSgt Veronica Hoffman	Not present Present
70th TRP CMD	MAJ John Benson SSG Teresa Hollis	Present Proxy to MAJ Benson
35 EN BDE	2LT Travis Miller SFC Mark Crites	Not present Not present
20 CBT AVN BDE	COL John Anderson MSG Lonnie Brandon	Present Proxy to SFC Randles
110 MEB	LTC Brent Beckley 1SG Ken Steinbeck	Present Not present
Visitor:	MAJ John Martin	

There were enough Board members present for a quorum.

4. Approval of Minutes: Minutes for the October Board Meeting were accepted as written with no changes or discussion.

5. Treasurer's Report: Mr. Vernon James, Executive Director  
Account Balance: \$12,534.31  
\$4,000 are dues to be paid to NGAUS and EANGUS
- Conference Account: \$ 3,000.00
- Industry Partners Account: \$15,895.03

Dues are coming in from the website and mail-ins.

Treasurer's report accepted.

6. Committee Reports:
- a. Legislative: Mr. Vernon James  
No report due to recess of state and national legislatures. Senator Bond has decided not to run for re-election in 2010.

- b. Membership: Mr. Vernon James  
Membership percentages for 2008 are as follows:  
32.1% - NGAUS  
8.1% - EANGUS  
16% - MoNGA

Membership Committee report accepted.

- c. Finance: No report  
(Capt Marcus Jackson, Treasurer, is no longer a technician. He took a job with the VA.)

- d. Awards: Mr. Vernon James
1. Need to present the Patrick Henry Award to Seth Appleton and Charles Dick Award to Senator Clair McCaskill at 2009 NGAUS Conference.
  2. Since Senator Christopher Bond is not running for re-election in 2010, may want to consider the Patrick Henry Award for him to show appreciation for all he has done for the military during his service in the Senate.
  3. Awards presented at the Conference Banquet need to go to 1SG Lonnie Brandon.

- e. Ways and Means: No report.

- f. By-Laws:  
There is no structure set up in current membership dues for Associate Life. A By-Laws change would have to be submitted to add this.

By-Laws report accepted.

g. Auxiliary: Mrs. Debbie Cheshire  
The Auxiliary is working towards the Conference.

Auxiliary report accepted.

h. Retired: No report.

i. Enlisted:  
The Area IV Mid-Winter is 13-15 February at Olive Branch, MS.

Enlisted Committee report accepted.

7. Vice President Reports:

a. VP Air: No report.

b. VP Army: CPT Barbara King

1. Email was sent to all Army Units for articles on what the Units are doing for the MoNGA membership drive. Suspense was 14 January.

2. Suspense for Conference yearbook articles submission is 1 March.

3. Elections for Army and Air company-grade representation will be held at the Conference. More information will follow.

4. The 548th Trans Unit has requested a MoNGA brief.

VP Army report accepted.

8. Insurance Trust Report: No report.

9. Old Business: No Old Business.

10. New Business:

a. Membership: Mr. Vernon James

1. The Army side has a tougher time with membership since Units are spread out all over the state, unlike the Air side. Also, full-time personnel at Armories may not drill with a Unit at that Armory.

2. There is still a perception that Units cannot discuss membership in MoNGA during drill. An ethics briefing has been released that permits this as long as other organizations are allowed the same opportunity. Mr. Vernon James will disseminate the ethics brief.

3. Peer pressure seems to work to encourage membership.

4. The 2009 Membership Drive is critical. The website is working well. It is important for our membership numbers to be up prior to the Conference.

b. Updated website: Mr. Vernon James

Software has been purchased to set up the structure for the website. Quite a lot of the information on the website is now updated. By Conference time,

significant progress will be made. Any suggestions for the re-designed website, contact the Executive Director, Mr. Vernon James.

- c. 2009 MoNGA Conference: LTC Banwell
  1. The registration form needs to be completed so that it can be added to the "Call to Conference" newsletter.
  2. VP Air and Army are asked to get delegate names to the Secretary prior to the Conference.
  
- d. Associate Life: LTC Banwell

\$100 would be about 9 years of annual Associate dues.  
Motion: proposed By-Laws change to include an Associate Life membership option with dues to be set at \$100. Motion seconded.  
Discussion: is there a possibility of allowing an option for payment plan for Associate Life membership (as well as, possibly, other life memberships). The Executive Director and Administrative Assistant are part-time positions. We are not set up to track a payment plan option.  
Motion was approved.
  
11. President's Report: LTC Jay Banwell
  - a. Continue to push membership.
  
  - b. Thanks to all the work everyone has done this year for MoNGA.
  
  - c. Next Board meeting will be the Friday morning of the Conference.
  
12. Immediate Past-President's Report: Col Mike McEnulty

Board meetings are being run very professionally, which reflects on the professionalism of the organization.
  
13. Pledge of Allegiance: LTC Jay Banwell
  
14. Benediction: LtCol Mark Bradley.
  
15. The January Board Meeting adjourned at 17:05.