

## April Board Meeting Minutes

The MONGA Board met Friday, 17 April 2009, in the Ramada Oasis Convention Center Board Room, Springfield, Missouri.

1. Invocation: CPT Dustin Kennedy
2. Call to Order: LTC Jay Banwell, President, called the meeting to order at 10:30.
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	Present	
Vice-President - Army, CPT Barbara King	Present	
Secretary, SFC Brenda Randles	Present	
Treasurer, Capt Marcus Jackson	Present	
Enlisted Committee Chair, MSgt Leah Caldwell	Present	
Retired Committee, Jim Dunn	Present	
Auxiliary President, Mrs. Debbie Cheshire	Present	
Chaplain, CPT Dustin Kennedy	Present	
Administrative Assistant, Suzanne Hardy	Present	
Executive Director, Vernon James	Present	
131 FW	1Lt Josh Hoorman	Not present
	SSgt Molly Conrey	Not present
139 AW	Maj Byron Newell	Present
	SSgt Kent Harms	Not present
157 AOG	Capt Darren Whitehorn	Not present
	MSgt Mark Smith	Not present
JFHQ	LTC Jerry Sanders	Not present
	MSgt Veronica Hoffman	Proxy to CPT King
70th TRP CMD	MAJ John Benson	Present
	SSG Teresa Hollis	Proxy to MAJ Benson
35 EN BDE	2LT Travis Miller	Not present
	SFC Mark Crites	Not present
35 CBT AVN BDE	COL John Anderson	Present
	MSG Lonnie Brandon	Present
110 MEB	LTC Brent Beckley	Present
	1SG Ken Steinbeck	Not present

There were enough Board members present for a quorum.

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

5. Conference Update (New Business (a)): COL Thomas

Approximately 450 registered for the Conference. Mixer Friday night will be in the Convention Center; live auction will precede the Mixer followed by food provided by hotel, cash bars, and professional karaoke. Business Session will be in the same location Saturday morning. Planning on feeding 475 for the banquet Saturday night; entertainment provided by Nick, Ruell, & Ned the Band. Hospitality Rooms were first set up to open to the parking lot, but due to high chance of rain, were moved to open into pool area. Conference account is in the black.

6. Treasurer's Report: Capt Marcus Jackson

Association Account: (as of 1 May 2008)	\$ 36,797
Income:	128,762
Expenditures:	146,510
Balance today: (not including pending transactions)	19,049

Association is financially stable but not in the best position it could be. Insurance Trust Board voted in 2007 to transfer funds to the Association but had not done so yet. This will happen to ensure that obligations (i.e. Executive Director salary) continue to be met.

Conference Account: (seed money)	\$ 3,000.00
Income:	19,258.00
Balance today:	22,258.00

Does not include registrations and income that have not been deposited, and any expenditures that have been paid.

Industry Partners Account:	\$11,514.00
Donations:	9,650.00
Balance:	21,164.00

Does not include additional funds that have come in.

Treasurer's report accepted.

7. Committee Reports:

a. Legislative: Mr. Vernon James

1. HB 82 (Missouri): provides for exemption from state income tax for military retired pay regardless of age. Last year a similar bill made it through the House but came up 5 votes short in the Senate. This year's bill is written to be phased in over a 5-year period. An email will go out to Command Reps to pass down to their Soldiers and Airmen to contact their Senators and Representatives for support of the passage of this bill. Bill Ratcliff is working on getting support for this bill as well. Retirees move out of Missouri to states (Illinois and Kansas, for example) with no income tax on military retired pay.

2. Recommend Senator Christopher Bond be submitted for the Sonny Montgomery Award from NGAUS.

Legislative Committee report filed.

b. Membership: Mr. Vernon James

The membership database is completed except for retirees. It is also difficult to keep the Army side in the correct Unit of assignment due to frequent moves.

Online membership transactions have been improved by linking the membership information page to paypal. The membership page comes first with required fields to be entered before going to the paypal page.

Membership Committee report filed.

c. Finance: Report given in Treasurer's Report.

d. Awards: Mr. Vernon James

1. Since Senator Christopher Bond is not running for re-election in 2010, will submit write-up for the Sonny Montgomery Award for presentation in May 2010 to show appreciation for all he has done for the military during his service in the Senate.

2. 15 May is the deadline for this year's awards to be submitted to NGAUS.

Motion to amend January's Board minutes: to propose the Sonny Montgomery Award for Senator Christopher Bond, instead of the Patrick Henry Award as written. Motion seconded; no discussion; motion carried.

Awards Committee report filed.

e. Ways and Means: No report.

Future goal to get Ways and Means Committee re-energized.

f. By-Laws: Mr. Vernon James

1. One By-Laws change to be voted on tomorrow in the Business Session. MoNGA Board voted in October to propose a By-Laws change to add Associate Membership to the dues structure. This would be \$12 annually or \$100 for Life membership.

2. Amendments from last year included submitting By-Laws changes. Changes must be submitted to the By-Laws Committee NLT January Board meeting. Board will review the submitted changes, then post on the website and publish in the "Call to Conference" newsletter for review by membership at large 60 days prior to the annual Conference, and the change(s) will be brought up for vote at the Business Session.

By-Laws report filed.

g. Auxiliary: Mrs. Debbie Cheshire

1. The Auxiliary requests Mr. Vernon James address the Auxiliary tomorrow concerning legislative issues.
2. Would like to update the Auxiliary page on the website.
3. EANGUS Area IV Auxiliary has sent our Auxiliary money for the 2010 EANGUS Conference in St. Louis. Our Auxiliary has volunteered to assist however needed for the 2010 EANGUS Conference.
4. There are 30 currently registered for the Auxiliary Brunch tomorrow.
5. The FRG Workshop scheduled for the same weekend as the MoNGA Conference conflicts with the Auxiliary.
6. The Auxiliary President was asked to address the Business Session tomorrow.
7. The Auxiliary will be presenting scholarships to children of Auxiliary members at their Brunch.

Auxiliary report filed.

- h. Retired: SFC (R) Jim Dunn  
The Retirees will meet at 14:00 this afternoon. They will be voting to fill the slate of offices set down in the By-Laws.

Retired Committee report filed.

- i. Enlisted: MSgt Leah Caldwell
  1. EANGUS Area IV Director Max Miller will address the Enlisted Committee this afternoon at 13:00.
  2. The new Enlisted Committee Chair, as of 1 May, will be 1SG Lonnie Brandon.
  3. 2010 EANGUS Conference committee seats are being filled. All volunteers are welcome.

Enlisted Committee report filed.

8. Vice President Reports:
  - a. VP Air: MSgt Leah Caldwell
    1. Delegates and Committee members from the east side of the state are not clear.
    2. Membership is being pushed throughout the state.
    3. The 131st BW/FW is now in two locations (St. Louis and Whiteman AFB). They have requested Command Reps for both. After discussion, the remedy is to designate POC's at Whiteman AFB for contact from the Command Rep.

VP Air report filed.

- b. VP Army: CPT Barbara King
  1. Communication is key from Command Reps to VP Army.

2. The first Company Grade/Warrant Officer Caucus is scheduled this afternoon. CPT King is the POC.

VP Army report filed.

9. Insurance Trust Report: MSgt Leah Caldwell

1. At the January meeting it was decided to gift \$10,000 for the 2010 EANGUS Conference.

2. The Insurance Trust is doing very well.

3. Premier Bank (which holds the Insurance Trust account) is in receivership. The Insurance Trust Board is looking to protect their money.

4. Due to the sound financial status of the Insurance Trust, they are looking to invest \$50,000 to protect their assets.

5. Currently have 2,199 enrolled in SSLI.

10. Old Business: covered above.

11. New Business:

b. Company Grade/Warrant Officer positions: This is the first year for the Company Grade/Warrant Officer Caucus. There are two new positions on the Board: 1 Air, 1 Army. Each Command Caucus will provide nominations for respective positions for vote this afternoon.

c. Motion to do a feasibility study to see if we can upgrade the database program to its own server. Information will be presented in July. Motion seconded; no discussion; motion carried.

d. 175 members of the 1140th will be deploying tomorrow. Senior members of the 70th Troop Command will be occupied tomorrow with the deployment ceremony.

12. President's Report: LTC Jay Banwell

a. Getting Commanders' help to drive membership is essential.

b. Communication is key.

c. Work is in progress to formalize committees in the future.

d. Future new business: as we update our website, more information will be included in each Committee page. The By-Laws will be posted on the website.

13. Immediate Past-President's Report: Col Mike McEnulty

Congratulations to LTC Banwell for his outstanding job during his tenure as President.

14. Pledge of Allegiance: LTC Jay Banwell

15. Benediction: CPT Dustin Kennedy
16. The April Board Meeting adjourned at 11:55.