

June Board Meeting Minutes

The MoNGA Board met Tuesday, 23 June 2009, in the Executive Conference Room, ISTS, Jefferson City, Missouri.

1. Invocation: LtCol Mark Bradley
 2. Call to Order: LtCol Mark Bradley, President, called the meeting to order at 15:00.
 3. Roll Call:

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| SFC Brenda Randles, Secretary | | |
| President, LtCol Mark Bradley | | Present |
| President-Elect, COL John Anderson | | Present |
| Immediate Past President, LTC Jay Banwell | | Present |
| Vice-President - Air, Col Ralph Schwader | | Present |
| Vice-President - Army, CPT Barbara King | | Present |
| Secretary, SFC Brenda Randles | | Present |
| Treasurer, Capt Marcus Jackson | | Present |
| Enlisted Committee Chair, 1SG Lonnie Brandon | | Present |
| Retired Committee, COL (R) William Johnson | | Present |
| Auxiliary President, Mrs. Debbie Cheshire | | Present |
| Chaplain, CPT Dustin Kennedy | | Not present |
| Insurance Trust Board, Col Mike McEnulty | | Present |
| Administrative Assistant, Suzanne Hardy | | Present |
| Executive Director, Vernon James | | Present |
| 131 FW | 1Lt Josh Hoorman | Proxy to SSgt Molly Conrey |
| | SSgt Molly Conrey | Present |
| 139 AW | Maj Byron Newell | Proxy to MSgt Darla Denny |
| | MSgt Darla Denny | Present |
| 157 AOG | Capt Wes Colebar | Proxy to SSgt Molly Conrey |
| | MSgt Mark Smith | Not present |
| JFHQ | | |
| | MSgt Veronica Hoffman | Proxy to CPT Barbara King |
| 70th TRP CMD | CPT Joseph Schmitz | Proxy to MSG Charlie Hinde |
| | MSG Charlie Hinde | Present |
| 35 EN BDE | CPT Scot Ratcliff | Present |
| | SFC Mark Crites | Present |
| 35 CBT AVN BDE | LTC Charlie Hausman | Present |
| | CSM Robert Maze | Present |
| 110 MEB | MAJ Brett Cooper | Present |
| | 1SG Ken Steinbeck | Present |
- There were enough Board members present for a quorum.
4. Approval of Minutes: Motion for the April Board Meeting minutes accepted as written (Brandon). Second (Johnson). No discussion. Motion carried.
 5. Treasurer's Report: Capt Marcus Jackson
 Association Account: \$8,632.95

Pending: \$10,000
(from Insurance Trust to Association)
Balance: \$18,632.95
(not including funds due NGAUS)

Conference Account: \$3,163.67

Industry Partners Account: \$23,172.88

Motion to accept Treasurer's report (King). Second (Steinbeck). Discussion: Is there a budget for this year? Answer: not at this time, but a budget will be done this week and sent out next week. Motion carried.

6. Committee Reports:

a. Legislative: Col Mike McEnulty

1. HB 82 (Missouri): provides for exemption from state income tax for military retired pay regardless of age. Delivered to Governor for signature.

2. HB 427 (Missouri): designates 1 May of each year as "Silver Star Families of America Day" to honor the wounded Soldiers of this state and the efforts of the Silver Star Families of America to honor the wounded members of the United States Armed Forces. Delivered to Governor for signature.

3. HB 861 (Missouri): allows the Adjutant General to assign the number of assistant adjutants general authorized by the National Guard Bureau (currently may only assign two assistants).

Legislative information will be posted on the website. Legislative Committee report accepted and filed.

b. Membership: LtCol Mark Bradley

1. There is guidance in regulations and policy memos for both the Air and Army on participation in and promotion of membership in MoNGA.

2. TAG is very engaged in MoNGA.

3. In educating Soldiers and Airmen in MoNGA, NGAUS and EANGUS are the only organizations solely for the Guard.

4. An information paper titled, "Strategic Environment," will be sent out. For instance, there were 10 deployments from 1950-1989. Also in those 40 years, we went from 64 divisions to 28. In contrast, from 1989-2009 (20 years), there were 46 deployments and there were now only 18 divisions. The percentage of GDP for the defense budget in WWII was 37.9%; during the build-up of the Reagan years the percentage was 6.2%; today the percentage is 3.9%.

5. Leverage the influence of the Retirees and Auxiliary to boost membership; there is nothing stopping those groups from promoting MoNGA.

Membership Committee report accepted and filed.

c. Finance: Capt Marcus Jackson

1. Any cost that is anticipated outside of normal business contact Capt Jackson, Treasurer.

2. Questions: does the Association have investments? No. Are there any outside accounts (scholarship, etc.)? No. Are there earmarks for the Industry Partners account? No. Are there any other accounts (i.e. Auxiliary, Retirees)? No.

Finance Committee report accepted and filed.

- d. Awards: Mr. Vernon James
 - 1. Still need to present NGAUS award to Senator McCaskill, which will take coordination between Senator McCaskill, TAG, and NGAUS Representative.
 - 2. We will be submitting Senator Bond for his award to coordinate with the end of his term. TAG will initiate the award recommendation. 15 May 2010 is the deadline.

Awards Committee report accepted and filed.

- e. Ways and Means: No report.
- f. By-Laws: Mr. Vernon James
Proposed EANGUS bylaws changes need to be submitted to 1SG Lonnie Brandon.

By-Laws report accepted and filed.

- g. Auxiliary: Mrs. Debbie Cheshire
 - 1. Auxiliary Board meeting is scheduled for July.
 - 2. Auxiliary membership is up; however, attendance at the MoNGA Conference for the Auxiliary is down.
 - 3. The Auxiliary offers their assistance however they can be utilized.
 - 4. A distribution list is set up for the Auxiliary membership.

Auxiliary report accepted and filed.

- h. Retired: COL (R) Willie Johnson
 - 1. Retiree Chapters are doing well.
 - 2. There are retiree chapters that are completely autonomous from MoNGA (collect own dues, track membership, etc.). Part of this stems from the riff created by the proposed Enlisted/Officer split several years ago.
 - 3. There is a lack of tracking and information flowing to retirees.

Retired Committee report accepted and filed.

- i. Enlisted: 1SG Lonnie Brandon
EANGUS Conference is 9-12 August in Rochester, MN. Missouri is allotted 10 Soldiers/Airmen for Professional Development.

Enlisted Committee report accepted and filed.

- 7. Vice President Reports:
 - a. VP Air: Col Ralph Schwader
Most issues on the Air side are related to membership.

VP Air report accepted and filed.

- b. VP Army: CPT Barbara King

1. After Action Review from the Conference in April is solicited, specifically Company Grade representatives.
2. Need to identify numbers for ODP for NGAUS Conference.
3. Army Command Representatives need to identify Unit representatives for better information flow.
4. CPT King is an Area IV Representative for NGAUS. There is an upcoming meeting; get any information to CPT King by the end of the month.

VP Army report accepted and filed.

8. Insurance Trust Report: Capt Marcus Jackson
 1. An Insurance Trust Board meeting is scheduled after the MoNGA Board meeting today.
 2. There are three accounts totaling \$235,734.54. One account is with Premier Bank, which is in receivership. \$90,000 has been moved from Premier to UMB, where an account has recently been opened in St. Joseph to have a more convenient location.
 3. One of the issues at the meeting today will be electing an Insurance Trust Chair.
 4. Insurance Trust Board minutes will be posted on the website.

Insurance Trust report accepted and filed.

9. Old Business:
 - a. 2010 EANGUS Conference:
 1. 7 July is the deadline for a slogan and for the op order.
 2. Missouri will give a presentation to EANGUS 1 February 2010 on the Conference plans.
 3. 5 committee chairs have been named. 18 are required.
 4. MSgt Leah Caldwell is the Conference Chair; however, she will be deployed shortly. 2 Co-chairs will be named to assist, 1 Army and 1 Air. Submit names to LtCol Bradley NLT 7 July.
 5. Working on securing an airlift for the 2009 EANGUS Conference. The deadline for decision on the airlift is 8 July.
 6. Missouri needs to generate \$70,000-100,000 for the Welcome Night activity. Proposal to hire a lobbying/marketing firm to raise money and continue after the initial money requirement is raised. As part of this proposal, Ways and Means Committee will be staffed to oversee the lobbying/marketing firm.

Motion to hire a lobbying/marketing firm to raise money for 2010 EANGUS Conference; the firm would be paid from the money they generate; interested firms will be interviewed and a tentative selection made NLT 7 August; tentative selection will be submitted to the Executive Council. Second (McEnulty). Discussion: is the Ways and Means Committee being tasked? That was not part of motion. If the motion carries we will be deciding to hire a lobbying/marketing firm? Yes. What time-frame would the firm be contracted for? Something along the lines of 1 year with a 3 year option. Recommend ethics/legal review of the contract before it is signed. Treat this like hiring an employee; talk to companies they've worked for, etc. Motion carried.

Motion to supply names of 2 Co-chairs by 7 July, 1 Army and 1 Air, in addition to MSgt Leah Caldwell; all would report to LtCol Bradley. Seconded. Discussion: suggestion for one Chair with 2 assistants. Primary POC needs to attend EANGUS Conference this year.

Motion changed: LtCol Bradley will select the Chair; two others will be Vice-Chairs. Deadline for submission of 1 Army and 1 Air is 7 July. Second (Brandon). Motion carried.

10. New Business:
 - a. NGAUS Conference:
 1. Airlift is being worked.
 2. 15 July is the deadline for registration.
 3. If airlift is not available, GSA vans will be used for items that have to be transported.
 - b. JFHQ Officer Command Representative: COL Mitch Passini has agreed to fill out the term.
11. President's Report: LtCol Mark Bradley
 - a. TAG emphasis on MoNGA membership and leveraging that to benefit the Guard.
 - b. 2010 MoNGA Conference Chair is LtCol Joe Meister; Capt Josh Hoorman is the alternate. MAJ Zimmerman from JFHQ is in charge of the golf tournament.
 - c. President attended NGAUS membership meeting. Also attended the Insurance Trust meeting.
 - d. TAG is re-invigorating Camp Challenge and using MoNGA to help.
 - e. New members are needed for the Scholarship Committee.
12. Immediate Past-President's Report: LTC Jay Banwell
 - a. LTC Banwell is now working at NGB and is energizing those from Missouri and encouraging them to attend EANGUS and NGAUS Conferences.
 - b. LTC Banwell would like to work on the Scholarship Committee.
13. Pledge of Allegiance: LtCol Mark Bradley
14. Benediction: LtCol Mark Bradley
15. The June Board Meeting adjourned at 16:35.

(Next Board meeting scheduled for 6 October at 15:00.)