

October Board Meeting Minutes

The MoNGA Board met Tuesday, 6 October 2009, in the Executive Conference Room, ISTS, Jefferson City, Missouri.

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

SFC Brenda Randles, Secretary	
President, LtCol Mark Bradley	Present
President-Elect, COL John Anderson	Present
Immediate Past President, LTC Jay Banwell	Not present
Vice-President - Air, Col Ralph Schwader	Proxy to MSgt Darla Denny
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	Not present
Administrative Assistant, Suzanne Hardy	Present
Executive Director, Vernon James	Present
131 FW	1Lt Josh Hoorman Not present
	SSgt Molly Conrey Present
139 AW	Maj Byron Newell Not present
	MSgt Darla Denny Present
157 AOG	Capt Wes Colebar (Capt Zorn)
	MSgt Mark Smith Not present
JFHQ	COL Mitchell Passini Not present
	MSgt Veronica Hoffman Present
35 CBT AVN BDE	LTC Charlie Hausman Not present
	CSM Robert Maze Present
35 EN BDE	CPT Scot Ratcliff Present
	SFC Mark Crites Present
70th TRP CMD	CPT Joseph Schmitz Present
	MSG Charlie Hinde Not present
110 MEB	MAJ Brett Cooper Present
	1SG Ken Steinbeck Not present

There were enough Board members present for a quorum.

4. Approval of Minutes: Motion for the June Board Meeting minutes to be accepted as written. Second. No discussion. Motion carried. Motion for the 15 September Board Meeting minutes to be accepted as written. Second. No discussion. Motion carried.
5. Treasurer's Report: Capt Marcus Jackson

Association Account:	\$8,787.35
Pending transactions:	\$2,568.25

Balance:	\$6,219.07
Conference Account:	\$1,198.79
Industry Partners Account:	\$23,053.94

Upcoming expenditures include printing of 2010 membership brochures and Executive Director's salary. Money may need to be transferred from Insurance Trust to cover these expenses. Motion to accept Treasurer's report. Second. Discussion: What if any is the projected revenue? Answer: the 2010 membership drive is the only projected revenue at this time. Motion carried.

6. Committee Reports:

a. Legislative: Col (R) Vernon James

This was one of the most successful State legislative seasons:

1. HB82 was signed by the Governor and provides exemption of military retirement income for tax purposes to be phased in over 5 years.
2. A bill was signed by the Governor to name state highways for Guardsmen.
3. Another bill, written by a Missouri Guardsman, would stay child custody hearings until a Soldier re-deploys.
4. HB862 authorizes an assistant Adjutant General.

Legislative Committee report accepted and filed.

b. Membership: Col (R) Vernon James

Missouri has an overall membership percentage of 11.3%; officer membership in NGAUS is 28.6%; enlisted membership in EANGUS is 9.7%. We are 3.1% lower than the previous year.

Membership Committee report accepted and filed.

c. Finance: Capt Marcus Jackson
(see Treasurer's report)

d. Awards: LtCol Mark Bradley

Senator Bond departs office January 2011. He has received every award NGAUS offers. We are looking at some unique award to present him for his dedicated years of service.

Awards Committee report accepted and filed.

e. Ways and Means: No report.

f. By-Laws: No report.

g. Auxiliary: Mrs. Debbie Cheshire

1. Auxiliary Executive Board met. The Auxiliary requests to be present at Conference walk-throughs.

2. The Auxiliary is offering to allow the Family Readiness Group (FRG) to have their training seminar in conjunction with the MoNGA Conference if non-conflicting time slots can be worked out.

3. EANGUS Auxiliary has tasked our Auxiliary with some responsibilities for the 2010 EANGUS Conference hosted by Missouri. The Auxiliary requests to be present with future EANGUS Conference walk-throughs.

Auxiliary report accepted and filed.

h. Retired: COL (R) Willie Johnson

COL (R) Johnson is identifying retirees and retiree chapters throughout the state, reaching out to bring them back into active participation in MoNGA. Retired chapters will be listed on the MoNGA website with contact information.

Retired Committee report accepted and filed.

i. Enlisted: 1SG Lonnie Brandon

1. The 2009 EANGUS Conference was 9-12 August in Rochester, MN. Missouri was very well represented.

2. Looking forward to kicking off the 2010 membership drive. The goal is to double the enlisted membership.

Enlisted Committee report accepted and filed.

7. Vice President Reports:

a. VP Air: No report.

b. VP Army: CPT Barbara King

1. MoNGA Executive Director sends out membership reports sorted by Unit, which can be used by Command Representatives in membership drives.

2. CPT King needs AAR's on the NGAUS Conference, specifically regarding OPD, for the next NGAUS Board meeting 20 October 2009.

3. Command Representatives need to start thinking about the articles for the MoNGA Conference yearbook.

4. Start planning for the 2010 membership drive.

5. Included in the call to meeting email was a paper that outlines what we can and cannot do to promote MoNGA.

6. OCS graduates and new Warrant Officers get a 1 year complimentary membership in NGAUS when they join MoNGA.

VP Army report accepted and filed.

8. Insurance Trust Report: LtCol Mark Bradley and Col (R) Vernon James

1. A report from Barnes Law Firm was sent to Board members. Updates are needed to our bylaws and to our Insurance Trust agreement.

2. An account was discovered in the Hawthorne Bank from the 1990's with Ron Benward and James Weber on the signature card. There is an agreed intent to sign over that account to the current Treasurer.

3. Concerning the Insurance Trust agreement, the Ted Shuey Group administers the program with little liability on the Insurance Trust Board as their duties are only to collect applications and forward to the insurance company. There is more liability on the

MoNGA Board. Formerly a surety bond was used to cover the Insurance Trust Board, but this has not been done for several years.

4. We may not need an Insurance Trust Board since we no longer administer the insurance program. Other states have LLC's or an Insurance Committee. The current bylaws require an Insurance Trust Board. A rewrite of the bylaws to allow options for how MoNGA runs the insurance program is needed. These options could include a Trust, an LLC, or a committee. Bylaws changes would have to be done prior to the January Board meeting to allow proper notification of MoNGA members for vote at the MoNGA Conference in April 2010.

Motion to support the Bylaws Committee to action changes to the bylaws for consideration at the January Board meeting. Second. No discussion. Motion carried.

Insurance Trust report accepted and filed.

9. Old Business:

a. LLC Setup: Tabled.

b. VISA card: National Guard Foundation, directed by Tony Bamvakais and BG Danner, would administer the VISA card with River Region Credit Union (RRCU). This would be a credit card that anyone could apply for that would provide money back to the National Guard Foundation, which could then donate money to MoNGA. The National Guard Foundation is a not-for-profit, as is MoNGA. One not-for profit can gift money to another not-for-profit. This item was tabled until more information is available.

10. New Business:

a. 2010 EANGUS Conference:

1. COL Anderson and a group from Missouri met with EANGUS and toured the facilities in St. Louis for the 2010 EANGUS Conference. Vendors will stay at the Millennium Hotel. The Convention Center has a lot of space. The bulk of Conference attendees will stay at the Hyatt. Those working the Conference will stay at the Holiday Inn Select. Hampton Inn has been identified as the overflow hotel (not utilized unless all the other hotels are filled). Another site visit is planned for February and May. It is recommended that the MoNGA Board do a walk-through.

2. EANGUS needs to know how much audio-visual equipment Missouri can provide.

3. The feasibility of holding the Welcome Night activities at the Convention Center in the exhibitor area was discussed. This would require going through the Convention Center for food, but we wouldn't have to pay another facility fee.

b. 2010 Membership Brochure/2010 Membership Drive:

Proposed 2010 membership brochure was sent out to Board members. Suggestion made to put something on the brochure explaining the NGAUS complimentary membership. This will be done if space can be found. If the brochure is approved today, the website will be switched over today.

Motion to approve the 2010 membership brochure. Second. No discussion. Motion carried.

c. KC/St. Louis airport Parking Affinity Program: Tabled.

d. Bylaws:

The following individuals were appointed to the Bylaws Committee:

Col (R) Vernon James
MSgt Veronica Hoffman
CPT Barbara King
COL (R) Willie Johnson

Motion to accept the above names for the Bylaws Committee. Second. No discussion. Motion carried.

e. Fund-Raising proposal:

A fund-raising proposal from Targeted Strategies Group, Inc., was emailed to Board members. On the first page of the proposal, under Overview of Services, Item 1 a and b, there is a question of whether MoNGA can act as a receptacle or if a new LLC should be created. LtCol Mark Bradley received an email from the lawyer that there are no problems with MoNGA entering into an agreement with a fund-raising company and acting as a receptacle for money generated. Targeted Strategies Group would be paid \$6,000 for the first month's operating expenses. After the first month, the \$6,000/month operating expenses would come from money raised or paid by MoNGA. The Insurance Trust would gift MoNGA money to cover the first month operating expenses. Specifics about how the company would be paid would be in the contract. Money generated could put MoNGA in a higher tax bracket. It was suggested that in the future we look at accepting bids for contract work in order to keep our business open and transparent.

Motion to enter into a contract with Targeted Strategies Group, Inc., and give LtCol Bradley the authority to sign with the approval of the Executive Council, and require and give the MoNGA Board a detailed monthly report. Second. Discussion: suggestion to pay the company for monthly operating expenses, not just let them take their fee off the top. The Executive Council will get to see the contract along with our lawyers' recommendations. Motion carried.

f. Incorporating the EANGUS Conference process:

Need to look at creating an LLC for hosting the 2010 EANGUS Conference, MoNGA Conferences, and any national conferences we host in the future. This is common business practice for hosting conferences and protects the Association from liability associated with hosting conferences.

Motion to create a business entity for the 2010 EANGUS Conference and possibly beyond with legal counsel and approval of Executive Council. Second. No discussion. Motion carried.

11. President's Report: LtCol Mark Bradley

The biggest issue facing the Board is updating the structure of the Association to keep current.

12. Immediate Past-President's Report: No report.

13. Pledge of Allegiance: LtCol Mark Bradley

14. The October Board Meeting adjourned at 17:05.