

**National Guard Association of South Dakota
Mid-Winter Meeting
SD National Guard Museum, Pierre, SD
1400 hrs, (CST), 7 February 2013**

Call to Order President Fitzgerald

Pledge of Allegiance President Fitzgerald

Adjutant General's Comments MG Reisch

- Organizations are run by those who show up.
- We need to remember all of the benefits this organization has assisted in maintaining and receiving.
- 165 Soldiers deployed today and another 500 deploying in the next year.
- We need to look back on the last decade and capture the legacy of the guard.
 - We made our own history in the past 10-11 years with all of the state and federal missions we have been part of.
 - National Guard has come on the world stage.
 - Don't want to be a strategic force again, we want to be an operational force
 - Challenges for future:
 - Competition for resources due to the budget cuts.
 - Sequestration will require us to look at ways to scale back.

Roll Call Secretary Trygstad

- 36 units in attendance for the event

Reading and Approval of Minutes Secretary Trygstad

- CPT Trygstad reviewed the minutes, no changes were presented
- Approval: 1st - COL Marty Comes, 2nd - LTC Todd Bartunek

Treasurer's Report Treasurer Punt

- Report was presented by President Fitzgerald due to the treasurer not at the meeting.
- 1LT Adam Punt was voted in by the executive council to fill in for MAJ Miller while he is gone to school.
- Income is estimated at \$30,705 with operational expenses at the same level they have been in the past years.
- Approval: 1st - COL Don Hollis, 2nd - CPT Quenten Johnson

Warrant Officer Report Brett Anderson

- The Warrant officers are looking at sending another Veterans March Team this year.

- They will be meeting with CPT Wika on possible changes to the JOPD schedule for the conference in April.

Junior Officer Report

Chad Wika

- JOPD at the spring conference. Registration form will be sent out next week.
- Still looking for additional speakers for the event.

Corporate Sponsorship Report

Quenten Johnson

- Currently have four corporate sponsors. Three are paying members and one is a complementary member. Paying: Admiral Beverage, Global University, Northrop Grimond, with MCSP being the complementary membership.
- 50 additional letters were sent out to businesses around South Dakota asking for sponsorship.
- Request that association members look at other businesses that they would have a personal connection with. Recommendations need to be forwarded to CPT Quenten Johnson.

Membership Report

Steve Sewell

- South Dakota met the Early Bird goals this week.
- The Air Guard added an additional 17 members this past month.
- We are current at 93% paid.
- MCSP has paid dues for the deployed officers.
- LTC Fitzgerald reminded the association of our standing at the National Conference and how our membership % affects where we sit at the national conference.
- Currently have 40 members that have not paid.

Insurance Report

Jim Peterson

- New enlistees are offered the 1st year of the insurance policy free.
- Everyone who is in a drilling status gets an additional \$1,000 from the insurance program in the event something would happen to a service member.
- Need to work on getting our younger Soldiers involved in the program, many of the personnel involved in the program at approaching age 65.
- Need to look at other ways to get info on the program out.
- President Fitzgerald expressed how this program assists with the funeral cost. The check is sent out within days of a death.

Museum Report

Reid Christopherson

- Many changes were done to the museum in the past year and many more are planned for the next year.
- Kids programs conducted the past year have increased visitation numbers. 50 kids a week visited the museum this past summer.
- Looking at offering the same programs for kids this next year.
- The museum is in need of new unit displays.

Legislative Report

Steve Harding

- House and Senate bills were presented to the group. Mr. Harding discussed what each bill was and what the status of the bill is.

Call for Nominations

- President: CW4 Dressler
- 1st: LTC Scott Petrik
- 2nd: No nominations at this time
- Secretary: CPT Trygstad
- Treasurer: MAJ Kevin Miller
- Committee Assignments: need more personnel to volunteer to be on the different committees.
- CPT Johnson will be accepting nominations until Saturday of the state conference.

Call for Resolutions

Chad Wika

- 6-7 states usually present resolutions; South Dakota has not presented a resolution in the past two years.
- Resolutions have become laws that affected all of us.
- All resolutions need to be submitted through committee chair. CW4 Dressler and CPT Wika are the POC's for any resolutions.

Executive Director's Report

Bob Pasqualucci

- Federal dollars that we have used to send officers to the national conference have decreased.
- Junior officers are the bread and butter of our organization. Need to continue to look for more ways to get them involved and attend a conference.
- Looking into different events that we can do membership drives at.

Report on 135th National Conference

Bob Pasqualucci

- 20-23 September in Hawaii
- We currently have 35 rooms booked at the Sheridan Wiki for the conference. Cost will be \$179 per night.
- Looking into options to charter a flight if there are enough personnel attending the conference.
- Discussed what NGAUS has done for us in the past year and how our involvement is vital to our organization.

Report on 60th State Conference

Joe Hardin

- 2013 conference will be held at the Sioux Falls Downtown Holiday Inn.
- 21 March 2013 is the first due date for registration forms.
- Schedule of Events:
 - Friday and Saturday: Business Session
 - Friday: Dueling Pianos

- Saturday: Awards Banquet with the 147th Army Band entertainment at the Air Guard Hanger
- Encourage sponsorship of new officers

Administrative Announcements/Adjourn

President Fitzgerald

- President moved to adjourn meeting: 1st - LTC Todd Bartunek, 2nd - COL Don Hollis

ADJOURNMENT

Submitted by:

Approved by:

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CPT, SDARNG
Secretary

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President