**National Guard Association of South Dakota**

**Mid-Winter Meeting**

**South Dakota National Guard Museum**

**Pierre, SD**

**1400 CST, 1 February 2018**

**Call to Order President Linn**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Adjutant General’s Comments MG Tim Reisch**

* Legislative Update
  + Asking for $44,000 for new utility money, $20,000 for both Air and Army National Guard
  + Asking for funding for 9 FTE/$451,000 of funding
  + One agency bill in legislature this year: HB 1043
    - Act to allow $500,000 of general funds on a one-time basis to build readiness facility in Rapid City in FY19 for construction costs.
  + One bill was proposed in committee to decrease alcohol drinking age to 18 in establishments if person was in the armed forces. Did not make it past committee.
    - Took a “watch” stance.
  + Pistol Permit Bill
    - Two-part bill: Last year it entered as allowing members of armed forces to carry concealed pistol without a permit. The second section proposed making it illegal to try to take the pistol from the carrier. From many offices, this was seen as controversial with worry of potential implications.
    - In 2018, the second section was removed, thus much less controversial.
    - Took a “watch” stance.
* Federal budget
  + Current resolution will expire in one week if another resolution is not passed.
* Readiness
  + Encouraged leadership and commands to maintain readiness in the face of potential conflicts.

**Roll Call Secretary Van Klompenburg**

* Roll call was conducted and quorum was met.

**Approval of agenda**

* Motion was made for approval of the agenda by Martin Yost, seconded by Kevin Curly. Motion passed.

**Approval of Minutes**

* Motion was made for approval of the minutes by Todd Bartunek, seconded by Scott Petrik. Motion passed.

**Treasurer’s Report Treasurer Mulder**

* Income: Thus far, just over $8,000 have been collected in state dues for this dues season; $5,200 has been received from NGAUS from 2017 early bird membership; Insurance trust check $500 dollars has also been received.
* Operational Expenses: Within budget. Last year, National Conference hospitality room budget was increased and has since been within budget.
* Special Projects: Budget available for NGAUS pins/handouts and NGASD polo shirts for attendees; $10 Domestic Non-Profit Corp Fee has been paid with the state of South Dakota.
* Approximately $33,000 in checkings/savings, $37,000 in CDs, State Life Account has about $5,000. Total of approximately $120,000 for association, which is within normal range.
* Approximately $15,000 will be sent to NGAUS for national dues once information has been received by Membership Chair.

**Warrant Officer Report Wes Walker**

* The Mount Rushmore Warrant Officer Chapter is celebrating its 100-year anniversary.
  + A Raffle will be conducted along with the celebration. 250 raffle tickets will be sold.
  + Celebration will be held in July
* Thanked the Association for their continued support for the Veterans March.

**Junior Officer Report Jodi Gilberti**

* Will be holding JOPD sessions at the State conference in April 2018.
* Working on having more JOPD information available via NGASD website, Facebook, and Gmail account.
* Asked commands to encourage and communicate JOPD opportunities.

**Executive Director’s Report Steve Sewell**

* In January, Steve Sewell attended NGEDA in New Orleans, LA.
* NGAUS National Conference will be held in New Orleans, LA from 24-28 August 2018.
* NGASD has the Hilton hotel for NGAUS this year, which is the only hotel connected to the convention center.
  + 28 rooms are reserved
* For NGAUS 2019 (Denver), NGASD has lottery number 35.
  + Denver National Conference is over Labor Day weekend.
* Steve Sewell is resigning as the Executive Director as he is taking on a new position that will not allow him to attend National Conferences. He thanked the organization for their support over the past several years!

**Corporate Membership Report Quentin Johnson**

* David Larson was not available to attend meeting today.
* Currently the NGASD Corporate Membership Program offers three different membership levels.
* Potential issues to be addressed:
  + In 2017, only one Gold membership was from the state of South Dakota. Although out of state sponsorship is important, need to refocus membership back to South Dakota driven businesses and give them the opportunity to network and advertise within the organization.
  + Reemphasize that Bronze and Silver memberships are just as important to reaching future organization goals.
  + Accessing businesses/business leaders in major communities who are also NGASD members to increase business membership.
    - Send names to David Larson and he will reach out to them
  + Reassess how the association is advertising
* Goal to raise $10,000 in 2018.
* Currently working with past corporate sponsors for continued supported and working with 7-8 new leads

**Membership Report Kevin Curley**

* In 2016, NGASD reported 423 members, in 2017, 551 members, and in 2018, 539 members.
  + 283 members (53%) are paid thus far in 2018 compared to 378 (69%) last year.
* Breakdown by MACOM:
  + 196th MEB: 184 total (66%)
  + 114th FW, 93 total (68%)
  + 109th RSG, 154 total (29%)
  + JFHQ, 109, (49%)
  + 196th RTI, (5%)
* Overall, membership is now from last year. Memberships are due by 31 March 2018 in order to capitalize on the NGAUS early bird rebate program.

**Museum Report Sonja Johnson**

* National Guard Bureau was able to help by give funding of $4,500 to the South Dakota National Guard Museum.
  + Replace and added additional storage upstairs;
* South Dakota National Guard Museum was selected as a site location for the Amazon Prime Fireball Run series.
  + The “Big Country Series” will be released this September
* In process of reconfiguring gallery, especially the Walk-Through Timeline.
  + Working to have the historical piece through 2010 completed soon.
  + Working on restoring some artifacts.
* The Museum had 1,677 visitors last year and 851 summer camp participants.
  + Total of 2528 visitors, an increase of 7% from the previous year
* Twenty-six members filled out membership forms and paid dues.

**Insurance Report Dave Burr**

* As of December 2017, 357 members were insured. In 2017, 8 policies were gained and 32

policies were lost. Of the 32 lost polices, 9 were Retiree’s that turned 65. The remaining 23 Soldiers cancelled their policy, left the Guards, or did not maintain their policy.

* One policy was paid out last year.
* Last year, the Insurance program paid $6,000 to each Association.
* Mr. Burr would like to continue to set up briefings with units to brief the Soldiers on the insurance program.
* The insurance carrier is changing to better support each state insurance program.

**Call for Nominations Ben Smetana**

* Nominations are open now until 21 April 2018.
* Second Vice
  + No nominations at this time
* Secretary
  + Emily Van Klompenburg
* Treasurer
  + Joelle Mulder

**Call for Resolutions Ben Smetana**

* In 2017, NGASD co-sponsored resolutions with Wisconsin pertaining to the Modernization of ANG F-16 Fleet. No joint or Army resolutions were sponsored.
* No resolutions have been presented at this time for consideration. If any issues should be considered at the conference in April, please contact Chad Wika, the resolutions co-chair.

**Report on 63rd State Conference Rebecca Trygstad, Shane Skinner**

* Star Wars themed promo video shown to promote state conference in Brookings at the Days Inn hotel in April 2018.
* The schedule has been posted on the website and printed on the flyers for the Mid-Winter Meeting
* Lefford Fate (from John Maxwell) will address the body.
* Saturday night will be a formal Star Wars themed “prom” dinner.
* Registration is now available.

**President’s Comments President Linn**

* Announcement of the new elected Executive Director. Quentin Johnson was elected.
* Hospitality room to open upon adjournment of the meeting.

**Adjournment President Linn**

* Motion to adjourn by Kevin Greise and seconded by Martin Yost. Motion passed and meeting adjourned at 1530.

**Submitted by: Approved by:**

**Emily Van Klompenburg James Linn**

**1LT, SDARNG LTC, SDARNG**

**Secretary President**