**National Guard Association of South Dakota**

**61st State Joint Enlisted/Officer Conference**

**Officer Association Business Session**

**Ramkota Hotel, Rapid City, SD**

**April 22-23, 2016**

**Approval of the Agenda and Minutes**

* Motion was made and approved to approve the Agenda (M – LTC Deb Bartunek, 2 – COL Petrik).
* Motion was made and approved to approve the 2015 general session and business session notes (M – LTC Todd Bartunek, 2 – MAJ Yost).

**Old Business**

**Nominations Brian Maschino**

* 2nd Vice nominees are Kevin Kurly and Shawn Bambas.
* Secretary nominees are Carla Mentele and Emily VanKlompenberg.

**Time and Place Report Steve Sewell**

* Encouraged people to join the time and place committee.
* Rapid City, 21-23 April for the 2022 State Conference.
* Deadwood, 20-22 April for the 2023 State Conference.

**Treasurer’s Report Kevin Miller**

* Received SDNG insurance trust check, $6500; early bird membership $6508.25 from NGAUS; $613.81 NGAUS insurance trust; $317 interest on CDs; $4800 corporate sponsorship.
* 126 members paid online this year. Some improvements can be made on tracking those payments.
* Will remove line items 211 and 305.

**Membership Report Eric Borah**

* Membership down this year: JFHQ 78%, ANG 77%, MEB 96%, RSG 77% AND RTI 94% for a total of 84% on report.
* 133% of NGAUS goal and #1 in the nation for early bird membership.
* 90 more officers to collect dues from to be 100%.
* Mr. Borah is looking for a replacement as the chairman of the membership board.

Motion made and approved to Adjourn until 0900 23 APRIL 2016 (M – COL Croymans, 2 – LTC Degroot).

**Executive director’s report Steve Sewell**

* Briefed on the National Conference, can find this information online
* State conference (this year about 148 for attendance)

**Legislative Brief** **LTC Murphy**

* Senate passed nearly 100 bills this year, house around 120 –
* Senate Bill 71 – veterans receiving %40 or more disability, with a reduced fee
* House Bill – veterans preference in job interviews
* House bill 1203 – regional vs votech schools tuition fees/rates
* President’s budget
  + 2.1% Pay increase, markups not likely to occur until after the election
* Modernizing UCMJ in areas such as sexual assault (harsher punishments)

**Museum Report** **Sonja Johnson**

* 2124 visitors at this calendar year – up 20% from last year and 77% from 2014
* Increase in numbers from 2014 from this year due to museum being closed and lack of summer programs
* 1274 likes on facebook page
* 15 museum memberships paid this year
* Last fall installed some new front doors that helped enable new visitors, glass doors and handicap push button
* Old library converted into kids classroom that holds 25
* Will be installing a new flagpole this summer
* In the process of creating a new museum webpage – with the intent of being able to pay museum webpages and shopping gift shop

**Resolutions Report** **Chad Wika**

* Met 22 APR, 7 members present
* 12 draft resolutions with 2 primary drafts
  + (1) (Kevin Kurly) – F16 modernization, maintaining and stability. Get SLEP program involved to gain an F16, Reset maintenance cycles

“the rest of the 92 post block F16s in the ANG will be ‘SLEPT’

* + (2) (Zach Hague) – Sentate 2279 – veterans health care improvement act – supports updated veterans affairs nursing handbook. Grant all APNs,RNs, PAs, CRNAs, nurse midwives, in the system full authority and the ability to practice on their own. (History, there’s a severe backlog and lack of good care in the VA) This bill would allow staff to practice full care to relieve some of that backlog and compromised care. Each VA has it’s own policy—this bill will create a blanket policy across the country in case veterans travel or move. This is not a way for the VA to cut corners. MG Hargett reported that this draft was very well received, but may have some need for refining and better clarifying. VA has trouble retaining providers and recruiting anesthetists. \*Note this is NOT a degradation of care. Welcome to questions and discussion online.

**Warrant Officer Committee Report Todd Dressler**

* 20 in attendance in committee – Beckler and Besten to fill RSG vacancies, and Borah filled MEB’s vacancies – talked JOPD, and made a team for the veterans march and encouraged the national conference. Discussed fedreq process

**Credentials Report** **Joe DeGroot**

* 138 attendees, please ensure you’ve paid your fees

**Corporate Membership Quenten Johnson**

* Thanked staff for leads for corporate membership, 3 at Gold and 2 and Silver? Discussed tiered levels of corporate membership. $10K goal each year. Challenged staff to produce a lead from the field. Needs a new chairman – Adam Rounds will be new chairman as determined at session.

**62nd State Conference** **Dana Limbo**

* Hosted by RTI with support of the 881st – Deadwood Mt. Ground. April 20-22, 2017 Theme - “Strike it rich”

**Insurance Report** **Dave Burr**

* Started prior to SGLI – available to all guardsmen and family members. Payroll deduction from check. Pays w/in 24 notice of that claim. Overall dropped 40 members since 2014 – 399 members at this time. Need members to maintain pay outs – recommend getting into units for 15-20 min brief. Last year, they paid $6500 into associations. Board members are 5 members of enlisted/off combination. Appointed by the NGASD president, NACHTIGALL, YOST, HILL, WERMERS, MALLINGER. Meet on a quarterly basis.

**Retired Officers Report** **Jerry Duba**

* Brunch at JFHQ with 59 attendees with MG REISCH AND MG HARGETT – 6 retirees registered for the conference. Would like to increase the conference attendees. Asked retirees to stop by their desk in the hallway.

**Junior Officer Professional Development Jodi Gilberti**

* Roughly 35 junior officers attended JOPD, with three successful breakouts and discussion on the future of SDNG JOPD. Representatives will remain the same until next year’s conference.

**Sponsor Appreciation Joe Jacobson**

* Wiley X, USAA, Modern Woodmen of America, Army ROTC, VFW, United Healthcare, Tricare, Navy Fed Credit, Kaplan University.

**No changes for constitution and bylaws, no old business:** Motion made and passed to approve treasurer’s report (M- COL Petrik, 2- COL Weber).

**Resolutions** – 2 recommendations

1. SDANG post block F16 SLEPT – Motion made and passed to approve recommendation (M- COL WALZ, 2 – BG Jamison).
2. VA draft bill 2279 – Motion made and passed to approve recommendation (M - MG Reisch, 2-Brenden Murphy).

**Nominations Brian Maschino**

2nd Vice – Kurly vs Bambas, no other nominations

Secretary – Mentele vs. Vanklompenburg, no other nominations

Treasurer – Miller, no other nominations

COL DeGroot spoke on behalf of Kurly

COL Oster spoke on behalf of Bambas

MAJ Moore spoke on behalf of Mentele

Siemonsma spoke on behalf of Vanklompenburg

New 2nd Vice is Bambas

New Secretary Vanklompenburg

**President report** **President Wolfe**

* Confirmed no new business
* 20 year coin presentations, CPT Richard Baumann, CW2 Eric Borah, MAJ QJ, CW2 Jorgenson, LTC Siemonsma, CW2 SIMON, CPT TOM STERWAR, CW2 SHANE TOUPAL
* Thanked all the RSG and executive staff. Spoke of the decline of dues payments – recommended using the conference to reiterate what NGAUS does on behalf of our state and because of our payments. Spoke of the national conference and how Ray Henderson received award – as he as attended every conference since 1986. Commented on the attendance of the state conference, and how executive council’s decision on how to spend the extra money from NGAUS and the rebate amounts of 8K (reducing costs of state conference and adding professional development to conferences). Commented on partnering with SMFS to hold the youth and family symposium in conjunction with the conference. Presented the association with a new gavel from Suriname – and passed onto incoming President, Quenten Johnson. President Johnson made comments and presented MAJ Wolfe with gift for service.

**Final resolution comments by RSG** **Joe Jacobson**

* Tonight’s event features Malcom Chapman, dress is business casual, final drawings for door prizes, and a special surprise guest.
* \*\*At this time, Ray Henderson addressed the session by thanking NGASD members for all the support, hard work and recognition of him and his wife’s attendance and involvement.

Following a few administrative comments, a motion was made and passed to adjourn session. (M- COL Jordan, 2 – MAJ Muzzy).

**Submitted by: Approved by:**

**Jodi Gilberti Tracy Wolfe**

**Secretary President**