**National Guard Association of South Dakota**

**Executive Council Meeting**

**0800 CST, 26 April 2019**

**Holiday Inn City Centre, Sioux Falls, SD**

**Call to Order President Bambas**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call Secretary Van Klompenburg**

* Roll call was conducted with 18 executive council members present. Quorum was met.

**Old Business**

**Approval of Agenda President Bambas**

* Motion was made for approval of minutes by Carl Stearns and seconded by Ben Smetana. Motion passed.

**Approval of Minutes President Bambas**

* Motion was made for approval of minutes by Jerry Duba and seconded by Kevin Miller. Motion passed.

**Treasurer’s Report Treasurer Mulder**

* ~$88,000 cash on hand. Received $50,000 insurance trust distribution on 4 April 2019.
* Budget adjustment from last year: Last year, $10,000 was donate to the 4-H military youth camp. As this was a one-time donation, the 2019 budget was adjusted accordingly.
* The new budget year began on July 1, 2018, and the Association remains with budget.
  + Budget Comparison and 2019 Proposed Budget found on pages 14-19 of booklet
  + Approximately $80,000 - $100,000 cash on hand with annual expenditure budget of $53,495.00.
  + 2019 Proposed Budget is appropriate for the upcoming year.
* Income:
  + Received $50,000 from the insurance trust distribution on 4 April 2019.
    - An even distribution between the enlisted and officer’s association from the insurance trust occurred.
    - Ongoing discussion of how money will be donated/distrusted
      * Discussion of forming an investment advising committee
  + ~$9,000 from NGAUS national office for early bird rebate.
* No other notable changes since last meeting.
* Ad hoc investment advising committee appointed by the President. Will further discuss in New Business and bring proposal to main body during treasurer’s report.
* Motion was made for approval of treasurer’s report by Kevin Miller and seconded by Quenten Johnson. Motion passed.

**Membership Report Cody Becker**

* Currently at 72% of goal, 383 paid (out of 529).
* Next target is 30 June 2019, where NGASD will receive a 25% rebate from NGAUS for the number of active life and paid memberships.
* NGAUS is restructuring the dues; $40 for CGOs, $80 for Field Grade, and $130 for Flag Officers
  + NGAUS is advising states to follow suite and restructure state dues. Will table until future meeting.
* As all dues must be paid online, need to update website to reflect changes.
* Motion was made for approval of membership report by Jim Linn and seconded by Kevin Miller. Motion passed.

**Executive Director’s Report Quenten Johnson**

* The 141th National Conference will be held in Denver, CO from August 30 – September 2, 2019.
* National Capital Summit attendees this year:
  + Pat Jones
  + Dacey Eggers
  + Shannon Jamison
* Motion was made for approval of Executive Director’s Report by Quenten Johnson and seconded by Kevin Curley. Motion passed.

**Retiree Report Jerry Duba**

* Retiree lunch today.
* Discussion on how to improve retiree engagement at state convention. Need to cater more to retirees as well as their spouses, preferably keep spouses together. Would also like to have a retiree specific presentation for retirees and spouses to attend.
* For upcoming state conventions, would appreciate having a place and time (preferably Friday morning/brunch) set up well in advance as to prepare a program and send out invitations in a timely manner to retirees.
* Motion made for approval of Retiree Report by Sally Ketchum seconded by Murray Thompson. Motion passed.

**Insurance Report David Burr**

* David Burr unable to attend today’s meeting. Martin Yost will report to general body.
* Received $50,000 insurance trust distribution on 4 April 2019.

**Junior Officer Report and NGAUS Bus Plan Jacob Vissia**

* Jacob Vissia was unable to attend today’s meeting. Quenten Johnson presented the information in his place.
* At previous meeting, NGASD approved to spend up to $10,000 for busing members to Denver for the National Conference.
* NGAUS bus from will depart on August 30, 2019 from Sioux Falls and head west for a pick-up in Rapid City later that evening. The bus will return on September 3, 2019.
  + Several bus estimates were presented; 3 originating from Sioux Falls, 1 originating from Rapid City.
  + Recommendation is to reserve one bus out of Sioux Falls very soon, and if enough interest, to reserve a second bus out of Rapid City.
  + Recommendation is to set a “Reserve by” date, i.e. June 1, with a $50 nonrefundable reservation fee.
  + Not limited to CGOs, but CGOs have first priority.
* NGAUS Bus information will be presented to main body.
* Motion made for approval of Junior Officer Report and NGAUS Bus Plan by Kevin Miller, seconded by Murray Thompson. Motion passed.

**Warrant Officer Report Ben Smetana**

* Unsure of how many Warrant Officers will be in attendance. However, there are a few new warrant officers registered for the conference and Ben will introduce them and make them feel comfortable.
* Motion made for approval of the Warrant Officer Report by Jerry Duba, seconded by Kevin Curley. Motion passed.

**Corporate Membership Report David Larson**

* Currently three Gold Members (pending payment), one Silver Member (pending payment), and four Bronze Members (pending payment).
  + Six of Eight Corporate Members are from South Dakota, which was an increase from last year.
  + $5,050 will be collected for 2019 by the end of the state conference.
* Motion was made for approval of the Corporate Membership Report by Jim Linn, seconded by Sally Ketchum. Motion passed.

**New Business**

**Resolutions Chad Wika**

* Chad Wika was unable to attend today’s meeting. Murray Thompson presented the information in his place.
* The resolutions committee met this morning. They recommend supporting four resolutions and investigating more into a fifth South Dakota originated resolution.
  + Resolutions 1, 2, and 3
    - Support administrative changes to NGAUS 140th Conference Joint Resolution – J#20 in three areas regarding personal pay and member benefits (1, 2, 3, and 4) by removing sections L, M, N as these sections are no longer necessary as US law has changed.
  + Resolution 4
    - Support a proposed resolution out of Wisconsin that suggests full aviation incentive pay (not 1/30th) for both Air and Army since flying requirements are the same for both active and reserve component aviators. Benefit will be retention.
  + Future South Dakota originated resolution
    - In the preliminary stages of researching data for a proposal to adjust early retirement benefit dates to include deployments back to possibly 9/11 (instead of only 2008).

**65th NGASD Conference/Time and Place Committee Steve Sewell**

* 65th NGASD Conference is scheduled to take place in Pierre next year. However, the CSSB is deployed and the RSG was going to host the state convention. However, the RSG will be attending NTC and will not be available. Need to look at Courses of Action for the 2020 State Convention.
  + COA 1: JFHQ hosts conference in Pierre, and RSG would host conference in Rapid City in 2020
  + COA 2: 153rd hosts conference in Pierre
  + COA 3: JFHQ hosts conference in Spearfish, and RSG would host conference in 2020.
* Motion was made to pursue COA 3 (JFHQ hosting in Spearfish, pending venue availability) with secondary of COA 1 (JFHQ hosting in Pierre) by Allen Godsell, seconded by Carl Stearns. Motion passed. Motion passed.

**Potential ROTC/OCS/WOCS Scholarship Steve Sewell**

* Proposal to take $40,000 of the $50,000 insurance money and create an endowment to be used for four scholarships. The money would go to the programs that produce officers and warrant officers for the SDARNG.
  + Three scholarships for the ROTC programs (SDSU, USD, and SDSM&T) and one scholarship for the OCS/WOCS program at the RTI.
  + The four organizations would be responsible for selecting the awardee.
  + NGASD can write eligibility requirements as they see fit
    - One recommendation for the ROTC scholarship would be to award the scholarship during the fall semester to a senior who will be assessed into the SDARNG. Scholarship could be used during spring semester or put towards student loans.
* A $10,000 endowment typically yields $300-$500 annually based on the market. The endowment would be managed by NGASD.
* Will continue discussion, potentially bring to floor during General Session.

**64th NGASD Conference Mike Fry**

* Welcomed the Executive Council to the 64th NGASD Conference.
* JOPD met this morning and Jenny Evans, the professional speaker, has started.
* Food trucks will be available at 1100 for lunch, located in the hotel parking lot.
* The first business session will begin this afternoon at 1300 where the governor will be addressing the main body.
* This evenings events will include casino games, cash bar, hors d’oeuvres, and prizes.
* The Company Grade Officers will meet for breakfast at 0730 with COL Oster presenting to the group.
* The second business session will be held tomorrow morning followed by social activities in the afternoon.
* Saturday evening, the picnic style banquet will be held on the terrace with a short award presentation.
* Spouses will have the opportunity to participate in axe throwing at Escape 605.
* Kids will visit the Washington Pavilion and swim at the hotel.
* ~275 Soldier, Airmen, spouses, and family are registered.

**Corporate Membership Program David Larson**

* The South Dakota National Guard has revoked the ability for our corporate members to participate in South Dakota National Guard events such as the Turkey Feed and the Golden Coyote Leaders Conference per the recommendation from the JAGs.
* Proposed revamping the Corporate Membership Program
  + Membership prices will be slightly lowered to due having less options.
  + Change membership from fiscal year to fiscal year to 365 days rolling membership.
    - NGASD Corporate Membership – Gold Member; cost $1000 annually
    - NGASD Corporate Membership – Silver Member; cost $500 annually
    - NGASD Corporate Membership – Bronze Member; cost $250 annually
* Motion was made for approval by Quenten Johnson, seconded by Emily Van Klompenburg. Motion passed.

**Fishing Tournament President Bambas**

* Will table discussion to business meeting where Mr. Bob DeJong will bring Fishing Tournament donation proposal to the main body.

**Call for By-Law Changes President Bambas**

* Credentials Committee By-Laws Change Kevin Curley
  + Article II, Paragraph 1. The Credentials Committee shall be composed of not less than three (3) or more than five (5) Active Members of the Association. This Committee shall examine the validity of absentee ballots, shall determine their eligibility, and make a report to the Conference.
  + Proposed changes to Article II, Paragraph 1 (*changes italicized and bolded*)
    - 1. The Credentials Committee shall be composed of not less than three (3) or more than five (5) Active Members ***appointed by the President but will include one (1) MACOM Membership chair. Committee chair will rotate annually between Army and Air reps.***
    - ***2. This Committee shall examine the credentials and qualifications of all members presenting themselves at any conference and shall determine their eligibility to vote. The committee shall render a report to the Conference consisting of the number of accredited members eligible to vote.***
    - ***3. Committee shall also examine the validity of absentee ballots, and determine their eligibility, and included in a report to the Conference.***
  + If Article II, Paragraph 1 is changed, then Article II, Paragraph 12 will also need to be changed.
  + Article II, Paragraph 12. Terms of Appointments. All appointments to either the chair or membership of the standing committees shall be fore one (1) year, and, until the chair or membership of said standing committee is replaced by the President of the Association, as nominated by their respective chain of command, except for the Resolutions Committee whose terms are provided in Paragraph 2, above. The terms and appointment shall start on the 1st of July, which coincides with the fiscal year of the Association. The incoming President of the Association shall announce the committee appointments, effective 1 July, at the Annual Conference specified under ARTICLE IX of the Constitution each year.
  + Prosed changes to Article II, Paragraph 12 (*changes italicized* *and bolded*)
    - All appointments to either the chair or membership of the standing committees shall be fore one (1) year, and, until the chair or membership of said standing committee is replaced by the President of the Association, as nominated by their respective chain of command, except for the ***Credentials Committee and*** Resolutions Committee whose terms are provided in Paragraph ***1 and*** 2, above. The terms and appointment shall start on the 1st of July, which coincides with the fiscal year of the Association. The incoming President of the Association shall announce the committee appointments, effective 1 July, at the Annual Conference specified under ARTICLE IX of the Constitution each year.
* The Executive Council is in support of the By-Law Changes and will bring forth to the main body during the business sessions.

**Website Update Rebecca Trygstad**

* Rebecca Trygstad unable to attend meeting today.
* Website needs to be updated and needs to have a content manager.

**Call for Nominations Ben Smetana**

* Nominations for Second Vice
  + None
* Nominations for Secretary
  + Emily Van Klompenburg
* Nominations for Treasurer
  + None

**Investment Committee President Bambas**

* In process of creating a three-person appointed investment committee.
* Developing proposal of committee make up and authority.

**President’s comments**

* Thanked Executive Council for all that they have done throughout the year.
* Thanked Air Guard for hosting the conference this year and JFHQ for hosting next year.

**Other new business**

* Lieutenant of the Year concerns
  + Concerns from the MACOM level as an LTC presides over the battalion and brigade Lieutenant of the Year board and a CPT presides over the state Lieutenant of the Year board.
  + Requesting further development of the Lieutenant of the Year board and discussion with the awards committee.

**Adjournment President Bambas**

* Motion to adjourn by Allen Godsell and seconded by Shane Skinner. Motion passed and meeting adjourned at 0930.

**Submitted by: Approved by:**

**Emily Van Klompenburg Shawn Bambas**

**1LT, SDARNG CW5, SDARNG**

**Secretary President**