



**National Guard Executive Directors Association**  
**Minutes of Annual Meeting**  
**21-22 January 2016**  
**Renaissance Harborplace Hotel**  
**Baltimore, MD**

**Thursday, 21 January 2016**

1. President Roberta Janssen (OR) called the annual meeting to order at 0900 hrs, the meeting having been properly announced as to the time, place, and agenda. Officers of the Association present were Roberta Janssen (OR) - President, Mike Sturm (IN) - First Vice-President, Collen Chipper (VA) - Second Vice-President, Ray Lindner (TX) - Secretary-Treasurer, Beresford Edwards (VI) - Elected Officers Representative, and Kenny Moix (AR) - Past President. The invocation was delivered and Vice-President Sturm led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. President Janssen then gave a brief welcome to NGEDA, and introduced MG Linda Singh, Adjutant General of Maryland. MG Singh welcomed the attendees to Baltimore on behalf of the governor and mayor. President Janssen next recognized special visitors, MG (Ret) Deborah Ashenhurst - Chairwoman of the NGAUS Board of Directors, BG Roy Robinson - Vice-Chairman, Army of NGAUS, MG (Ret) Gus Hargett - President of NGAUS, and CMSgt John Harris - President, Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States. President Janssen then asked that each attendee stand and introduce him or herself. Secretary-Treasurer Lindner next covered some administrative items and agenda time changes to facilitate a condensed meeting time frame due to the impending blizzard. Vice-President Sturm then highlighted some key agenda items.
3. MG Hoyer
4. Secretary-Treasurer Lindner was called upon to present the minutes of the 2015 annual meeting held in Nashville, TN, which had been previously distributed. There was a motion from the floor to dispense with the reading of the minutes. The motion was seconded, there was no discussion, and the motion passed. There was then a motion from the floor to accept the minutes as written. There was a second to the motion, there was no discussion, and the motion passed.
5. President Janssen then called upon Secretary-Treasurer Lindner to present the Executive Committee Report for May 2015 and for January 2016. In accordance with Article VII, Section A of the NGEDA Bylaws, reports of the actions of the executive committee are to be submitted in writing to the next annual meeting to be incorporated into the records of the association. Secretary-Treasurer Lindner summarized these reports and President Janssen directed that these reports be incorporated into the minutes (see Appendix A and Appendix B).
6. President Janssen then recognized NGEDA attendees who had attended at least 10 years, and also those who had attended at least 15 years.
7. President Janssen next recognized NGEDA Corporate Members and presented membership certificates to those present.
8. Past President Moix gave the Nominating Committee report as follows:
  - For 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Augie Grace (MA)
  - For PDCB – Wanda Thomen (AR)

9. President Janssen then asked for nominations from the floor for the office of Second Vice-President. Mike Stowell (CO) was nominated. There being no further nominations, it was moved and seconded to close nominations for Second Vice-President. There was no discussion, and the motion passed. President Janssen then asked for nominations from the floor for the PDCB position. There were no further nominees for the PDCB position. It was moved and seconded to close nominations for PDCB position. There was no discussion, and the motion passed. President Janssen stated that elections would be held on Friday.

10. Ron Stone (AL) gave the Bylaws Committee report. There was one proposed bylaws amendment that had been received by the Bylaws Committee. The amendment read as follows:

Recommended Change to Article IV, Section A, paragraph 1

3. STATES. The state, commonwealth, territory or District of Columbia organization entitled to a voting membership in the Association shall annually, on or before the convening of the annual meeting, pay dues in the amount of two-hundred dollars to the secretary-treasurer. Dues so paid shall be for the year then beginning. Organizations not paying the required dues within the time specified shall not be entitled to vote on Association business until those delinquent dues are remitted to the secretary-treasurer. State dues shall include three individual, active memberships. These names shall be provided to the secretary-treasurer at the time of remittance of the state dues. (Amended Jan 11)

should be changed to read

3. STATES. The state, commonwealth, territory or District of Columbia organization entitled to a voting membership in the Association shall annually, on or before the convening of the annual meeting, pay dues in the amount of ***three***-hundred dollars to the secretary-treasurer. Dues so paid shall be for the year then beginning. Organizations not paying the required dues within the time specified shall not be entitled to vote on Association business until those delinquent dues are remitted to the secretary-treasurer. State dues shall include three individual, active memberships. These names shall be provided to the secretary-treasurer at the time of remittance of the state dues. (Amended Jan ***16***)

President Janssen recognized Chairman Stone's report of the amendment as a motion. The motion was seconded, there was a brief discussion, and it was voted and passed.

11. Vice-President Sturm gave the audit report. An audit of the Association books was conducted in January 2016 in Austin, TX, and covered FY 2014-15. No material deficiencies were found, but recommendations were made to improve accountability and to reduce using NGAT and personal accounts where possible (credit card, Pay Pal, etc.).

12. Secretary-Treasurer Lindner gave the Treasurer's Report for the twelve-month period ending 31 October 2015 (see Appendix C). As of 31 October 2015, the Association reported assets of \$130,614 and liabilities of \$8,825, giving it a total equity of \$121,788. The Statement of Financial Activity was then reported. The Association reported net income of \$14,343 for the year.

13. President Janssen declared a recess at 1000 hours.

14. President Janssen gavelled the meeting back to order at 1045 hours. The Baltimore 2016 NGAUS Committee gave a short presentation and explained the procedures for the hotel tour. The General Session was then recessed until 0800 hours on Friday, 22 Jan.

15. Tours of the hotels were conducted from 1100 to 1700 hours.

### **Friday, 22 January 2016**

1. President Janssen gavelled the General Session back to order at 0800 hours.
2. President Janssen then called for the two nominees for NGEDA Second Vice-President to speak to the attendees. A vote for the office of Second Vice-President was called, ballots were distributed to each state, and collected. Augie Grace (MA) was declared the new Second Vice-President. There being only one nominee for PDCB representative, Wanda Thomen was declared the new PDCB representative.
3. President Janssen then released the Elected Association Officers to conduct their election.
4. Austin Jenkins (IA, MA) gave the PDCB report.
5. Mike Williams (ED,WI) gave the Insurance Committee report.
6. President Janssen gave the President's report.
7. The Elected Association Officers returned to the session. Lt Col Mike Taylor (AL) was announced as the new Elected Association Officer on the NGEDA BOD.
8. Past-President Moix swore in the new officers.
9. MG (Ret) Gus Hargett, President of NGAUS, introduced members of the NGAUS staff in attendance, and presented a NGAUS update. He then introduced members of the NGAUS legislative staff, who gave a brief update on legislative issues.
10. President Sturm introduced a Membership Panel consisting of Roy Robinson (MS), Larry McKnight (NGAUS Membership), and Laura who offered reports and comments on NGAUS membership issues.
11. The NGAUS Corporate Advisory Panel (CAP) presented a brief seminar on working with industry. Chip Lunn (Chairman of the CAP), Cindy Ramirez, Cathi Anthony, and Trisha Callahan participated from the CAP.
12. President Sturm called for old business. He announced that he would form a committee to draft a new Hotel Lottery plan to be presented for adoption at the NGEDA annual meeting in Louisville.
13. President Sturm then called for new business. He announced that he would form a new committee on NGAUS Conference Operations to present NGAUS with suggested changes for their annual conference. He also reported that he would fill committee assignments at a later date due to the early departure of so many attendees.
14. Mark Martins (MN) conducted a training session on Exploiting Social Media.
15. A training session on Small Staff Operations was then conducted.
16. President Sturm then recessed the meeting until 0900 hours, Saturday, 23 January.

**Saturday, 23 January 2016**

1. President Sturm reconvened the meeting at 0900.
2. The Louisville NGAUS 2017 Conference Committee gave a report on the planning for the NGAUS 2017 conference.
3. Secretary-Treasurer Lindner gave an overview of the planning for NGEDA 2017 in Louisville, NGEDA 2018 in New Orleans, and NGEDA 2019 in Denver.
4. Attendees then conducted an informal discussion on a wide range of topics and issues.
5. President Sturm then conducted the 2017 lottery.
6. The NGEDA Awards Luncheon was held from 1400 to 1500 hours. Kenny Moix (AR) was presented the Gamble Award. President Sturm thanked Past-President Janssen for her service and presented her the President's Award. Larry McKnight (TN) was awarded an Honorary Life Membership.
8. With no further business before the body, President Sturm adjourned the annual meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Ray Lindner (TX)  
Secretary-Treasurer