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Date: 15 September 2016

To: NGEDA Association Members

Subject: September 10, 2016 NGEDA Special Meeting

The NGEDA Breakfast was called to order by President Mike Sturm at 0735 on Saturday, September 10, 2016 followed by an invocation by 2nd Vice President Augie Grace. 1st Vice President Colleen Chipper then led everyone with the Pledge of Allegiance. President Mike Sturm then welcomed everyone, made opening comments and introduced the head table consisting of the NGEDA Executive Committee, with Mike Taylor, Association Officer Representative absent. Everyone then enjoyed the breakfast.

Following breakfast, President Sturm called the Special Meeting to order at 0805 and asked for a roll call of the states followed by introductions of attendees. This was conducted by Secretary Kenny Moix with 47 states and territories present and seven absent.

President Sturm then explained the events that led to the necessity of calling the Special Meeting and asked that Michele Henry, Executive Director (ED) of Kansas to make her report.

Michele reported on the actions of an ad hoc committee formed by President Sturm and named, "The Gray Beards Committee". This committee consisted of six NGEDA Past Presidents with Michele Henry as Chairman. She explained the purpose of the committee was to review the impact of Ray Lindner, ED of Texas, stepping down as ED and NGEDA Secretary/Treasurer. The committee met May 17-18, 2016 at the Tennessee Association office and was hosted by Tennessee ED Byron Deel. The committee discussed the incorporation of NGEDA in Texas, Ray Lindner as the NGEDA corporation registered agent, the operations and administrative support by the National Guard Association of Texas (NGAT), NGEDA future audit, splitting the positions of NGEDA Secretary and Treasurer to be in compliance with the Texas Business Code and the subsequent need for a change in the NGEDA Bylaws. Since this committee was formed to review issues and how they pertained to the future of NGEDA and had

no executive power, their findings were submitted to the NGEDA Executive Committee for any actions.

President Mike Sturm thanked Michele and the committee for their work.

President Sturm reported that in June 2016, the Executive Committee voted via a teleconference to terminate NGAT from conducting future NGEDA operations and administrative duties. During the NGEDA Executive Committee midyear meeting conducted the last week of June 2016 it was agreed that NGEDA needed to become compliant with the Texas Business Code and voted to separate the duties and positions of the NGEDA Secretary/Treasurer and to have the immediate Past President serve as Treasurer. This required a NGEDA Bylaws change and decided to call a Special Meeting of the NGEDA membership. The Executive Committee also discussed the training to be conducted during the 2017 annual conference.

President Sturm called upon Second Vice President Augie Grace for his report. 2nd Vice President Grace reported that he had made a review of all the NGEDA Bylaws with appropriate changes and submitted them to the NGEDA Bylaws Committee consisting of Chairman, Joseph "Stoney" Stone, Insurance Administrator of AL; Bruce Kahl, ED of Maryland and Steve Mehring, ED of Montana.

President Mike Sturm then called upon NGEDA Bylaws Committee Chairman Stone to make his report. Chairman Stone discussed the review of the Bylaw changes conducted by the Bylaws Committee and recommended approval of the bylaw changes as written. Michele Henry, ED of Kansas, addressed her concerns of having the Treasurer appointed each year and how it would affect an audit. Chairman Stone addressed the qualifications of the immediate Past President and that an outside audit would still be conducted every five years. Marshall Kennemer, ED of Georgia, addressed the need to post the Bylaws on the NGEDA website.

President Mike Sturm then asked for any other discussion and explained that by using the immediate Past President as Treasurer there would not be a need to increase the size of the Executive Committee. There was no other discussion and President Sturm called for a voice vote and the Bylaw changes were unanimously approved by the members present.

President Sturm then addressed New Business and announced the formation of an ad hoc committee to review the current hotel lottery procedures. Maria Kelly, ED of OH, was named Chairman and the remainder of the committee consisted of Steve Sewell, ED of SD; Bryon Deel, ED of TN; Colleen Chipper, ED of VA and NGEDA 1st Vice President and Russ Krouse of Colorado. This committee will make their report at the NGEDA annual conference in January 2017.

President Sturm also requested that Association EDs consider attending NGAUS Industry Days during December 12-13, 2016 and the NGAUS Legislative Workshop usually in February of each year. He then reminded everyone that membership in

NGAUS is required to be a member of NGEDA and that we are bound together as “sister” organizations. President Sturm commented on the training that would be conducted at the annual conference in January 2017.

President Sturm called upon Jim Simms, ED of KY, and the 2017 NGAUS host state to provide an update of the 2017 NGAUS annual conference. Bruce Kahl, ED of MD, and host state of the 2016 NGAUS annual conference also made comments concerning the 2016 NGAUS conference. President Sturm then announced that the 2017 NGEDA annual conference registration form should be on the NGEDA website by 1 October 2016.

President Sturm asked for a motion to adjourn. Marshall Kennemer, ED of GA, acknowledged the service provided by the National Guard Association of Texas and moved to adjourn.

President Sturm then closed the meeting at 0850, September 10, 2016.

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Kenny Moix
Secretary