

2017 NQEDA Annual Conference Minutes

President Mike Sturm (IN) called the annual conference business session to order at 9:30 on Tuesday, 17 January 2017 in Louisville, KY. 1st Vice President Colleen Chappin lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance and 2nd Vice President Rupa Green led the invocation. President Sturm made opening comments and expressed gratitude to Jim Strain, CO of KY, for his part in the Monday, 16 January Reception.

Roll Call of States was conducted by Secretary Kerry Miles with 48 of 51 associations present. Following the Roll Call, he made Administrative Comments and was followed by Colleen Chappin who reviewed the conference agenda.

President Sturm called for a recess of the business session at 9:30 to allow members to attend training from 9:30-10:30. A sponsored break followed until 1:00.

President Sturm resumed the business session at 1:00 and made remarks concerning the importance of industry to the National Guard. President Sturm presented a success NQEDA case to corporate members and sponsors. (See attached list)

President Sturm called for approval of the minutes of the 2016 general conference, the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held in June 2016 and the minutes of the NQEDA special meeting in September 2016. All were approved as written.

1st Vice President Roberto Sanchez, Nominations Chairperson, reported on the results of the Nominations Committee and placed John Angelico, CO of LA, for 2nd Vice President and Tom Martin to the POCB for another four years. With the resignation of Ray Robinson, CO of MS, President Mike Sturm announced that the Executive Committee appointed Maria Kelly, CO of OR, to fill the remainder of Ray Robinson's term until 2020.

1st Vice President Joseph "Money" Stone presented the Bylaws Committee report announcing the committee approved the two bylaw changes. (see attached). The changes would cause the elimination of the Insurance Committee and make the POCB to also conduct routine routine insurance issues, if any, and will be renamed the POCB/Insurance Committee. The other change is the formation of the NQEDA Conference Advisory Committee. Changes were moved and seconded and will be discussed on Thursday, January 19th and voted on, if needed.

2nd Vice President Chappin reported no audit had been conducted in 2016 because of the transition of all NQEDA administrative/operational issues from the National Guard Association of Texas (NGAT) to NQEDA and that no financial procedures had been established that could be audited.

1st Vice President Sanchez presented the financial report. (see attached) announcing a deficit of \$1700 had been forecasted due to the transition of financials from NGAT, the rebidding of the NQEDA website and the Northern DEAS contract. In reality, the NQEDA showed a profit of \$24,000. She also reported that the major insurance companies affiliated with NQEDA had agreed to take over the payments of the Northern contract. With this additional income, the 2016-2017 NQEDA budget is forecasted to be a balanced budget.