



National Guard Executive Directors Association
Minutes of Annual Meeting
14-16 January 2014
Chicago Marriott
Chicago, IL

Tuesday, 14 January 2014

1. President Janet Cowley (WY) 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 Janet Cowley (WY) - President, Kenny Moix (AR) - First Vice-President, Roberta Janssen (OR) - Second Vice-President, Ray Lindner (TX) - Secretary-Treasurer, Steve Mehring (MT) – Elected Officers Representative, and Michele Henry (KS) - Past President. The invocation was delivered and First Vice-President Moix led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. President Cowley then gave a brief overview of NGEDA, and recognized attendees with 10 and 15 years of NGEDA attendance. She then introduced special visitors, and invited MG Deborah Ashenhurst, Adjutant General of Ohio, to address the attendees about her candidacy for Chairman of the Board, NGAUS. President Cowley then asked that each attendee stand and introduce him or herself. Secretary-Treasurer Lindner then covered some administrative items, and was followed by First Vice-President Moix who presented a brief overview of the agenda for the conference.

3. Secretary-Treasurer Lindner presented the minutes of the 22-25 January 2013 annual meeting held in Honolulu, HI, 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.

4. President Cowley then called upon Secretary-Treasurer to present the Executive Committee Report for June 2013 and for January 2014. 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 Cowley directed that these reports be incorporated into the minutes (see Appendix A and Appendix B).

5. President Cowley then recognized two members who had completed 10 years of service to NGEDA and were thus recognized for the NGEDA Service Recognition Award, to be awarded to those members who had completed 10 and 15 years of service to NGEDA. The following people were recognized for ten years of service:

Roberta Janssen

Kenny Moix

6. President Cowley then recognized the NGEDA Corporate Members and presented membership certificates to those present.

7. Past President Henry gave the Nominating Committee report as follows:

For 2nd Vice President – Mike Sturm (IN)

For PDCB – Tad Shuey (VA)

8. President Cowley then asked for nominations from the floor for the office of Second Vice-President. There were no further nominees for the office of Second Vice-President. It was moved and seconded to close nominations for Second Vice-President. There was no discussion, and the motion passed. President Cowley 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 Cowley stated that elections would be held on Thursday.

9. Ron Stone (AL) gave the Bylaws Committee report. There were two proposed bylaws amendments that had been received by the Bylaws Committee. The first amendment was as follows:

The NGEDA Bylaws, Article III, Paragraph 2b is amended as follows:

ASSOCIATE. Associate membership shall include former members of this Association who meet membership requirements: make application, are accepted and remain in good standing by paying current dues.

is amended to read

ALUMNI. Alumni membership shall include former active members of this Association who meet the following membership requirements: make application, are accepted by the Executive Committee, and remain in good standing by paying current dues. Alumni members neither have a vote in Association business nor are allowed to cast a vote.

and

Article IV, Section A, Paragraph 2b is amended as follows:

b. ASSOCIATE. Associate members shall pay ...

is amended to read

b. ALUMNI. Alumni members shall pay ...

President Cowley recognized Chairman Stone's report of the first amendment as a motion which required no second. There was a brief discussion, and motion was then voted and passed.

Chairman Stone presented a brief report of the committee's consideration of a request to amend the Bylaws to change the term of the Elected Officer Representative to a two year term. The committee did not receive written language for the amendment, and did not pursue further consideration. There was discussion, but no floor motion to amend the Bylaws.

The second amendment was then presented as follows:

The NGEDA Bylaws, Article V, Section A is amended as follows:

SECTION A: PROCEDURE. Each year a second vice president shall be elected by the membership. Nominees must have served 3 years as an active member of the association, as defined in Article III - Membership, Section A, Para 2. The progression of elected officers will be second vice-president, first vice president, president, and past president. On the first day of the annual meeting, the

nominating committee shall present a nominee for second vice-president. At the same time, the presiding officer shall receive written or oral nominations from the voting membership. The elections shall be held on the last day of the annual meeting. Balloting shall be by secret ballot and a plurality of votes shall determine the winner. Election of the elected office representative shall occur in the elected officer breakout session. If there is no contest for an office, the secretary/treasurer may be instructed to cast one ballot for the nominee and that individual shall be declared to be elected. The secretary treasurer shall rule on the eligibility of members to vote in any election or on any issue. That ruling shall be subject to confirmation by a majority vote of the voting membership. (Amended Jan 13)

is amended to read

SECTION A: PROCEDURE. Each year a second vice president shall be elected by the membership. Nominees must have served 3 years as an active member of the association, as defined in Article III - Membership, Section A, Para 2. The progression of elected officers will be second vice-president, first vice president, president, and past president, ***and will occur yearly upon the election of a new second vice president.*** On the first day of the annual meeting, the nominating committee shall present a nominee for second vice-president. At the same time, the presiding officer shall receive written or oral nominations from the voting membership. The elections shall be held on the last day of the annual meeting. Balloting shall be by secret ballot and a plurality of votes shall determine the winner. Election of an elected office representative shall occur in the elected officer breakout session. ***The elected officer representative shall serve a one year term.*** If there is no contest for an office, the secretary/treasurer may be instructed to cast one ballot for the nominee and that individual shall be declared to be elected. The secretary treasurer shall rule on the eligibility of members to vote in any election or on any issue. That ruling shall be subject to confirmation by a majority vote of the voting membership. (Amended Jan 14)

President Cowley recognized Chairman Stone's report of the second amendment as a motion which required no second. There was a brief discussion, and motion was then voted and passed.

10. President Cowley declared a recess at 1000 hours.

11. A training session was held from 1045 to 1145 hours with the following three breakout topics: Membership Panel, Corporate Programs, and Parliamentary Procedure.

12. President Cowley gavelled the meeting back to order at 1145 hours.

13. The Chicago NGAUS Committee then gave a short presentation and explained the procedures for the hotel tours.

14. The General Session was then adjourned until 0900 hours, Wednesday, 15 January.

15. Tours of the hotels were conducted from 1300 to 1700 hours.

Wednesday, 15 January 2014

1. A training session was conducted from 0800 to 0900 hours with the following three breakout topics offered: State Conferences - Best Practices, SSLI - History and Practice, and Association Management 101.
2. President Cowley gavelled the General Session back to order at 0900 hours. She introduced BG Reed, Assistant Adjutant General of Wyoming, to introduce the guest speaker. Gen Reed introduced GEN (Ret) Ronald R. Fogleman. GEN Fogleman presented remarks, then answered questions. President Cowley thanked GEN Fogleman for his remarks, then declared a recess at 1000 hours.
3. President Cowley gavelled the meeting back to order at 1045 hours. She then introduced MG (Ret) Gus Hargett, President of NGAUS, who gave the NGAUS report.
4. President Cowley recessed the meeting until 1315 hours.
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6. President Cowley then introduced Daryl McCall, who gave the CAP report.
7. President Cowley recessed the meeting until 1515 hours.
8. A training session was held from 1330 to 1430 hours with the following three breakout topics: State Legislative Panel, Harnessing Technology, and Joint Ethics Guidelines.
9. President Cowley gavelled the meeting back to order at 1515 hours. She then introduced MG Edward W. Tonini, Adjutant General of Kentucky, and BG Harold E. Reed, Deputy Adjutant General - Air of Wyoming, who presented an AGAUS overview and perspective of state associations. President Cowley then thanked them for their insight, and recessed the General Session until 0800 hours on Thursday, 16 Jan.
10. NGAUS then presented a class on the new membership software.

Thursday, 16 January 2014

1. President Cowley reconvened the meeting at 0800, and the Chicago NGAUS Conference Committee announced the hotel assignments.
2. President Cowley recessed the meeting until 0930 hours.
3. The executive directors, elected officers, and insurance staff conducted separate breakout sessions from 0815 to 0930 hours.
4. President Cowley gavelled the meeting back to order at 0930 hours.
5. A brief feedback session was conducted. Vice-President Janssen reported on the executive director breakout, and Col Steve Mehring (MT) reported on the elected officer breakout. LTC Byron Deel (TN) was announced as the new Elected Officer Representative for 2014-2015.
6. Vice-President Moix gave the audit report. An audit of the Association books was conducted in December 2013 in Austin, TX, and covered FY 2012-13. There was no material deficiency found.

7. Secretary-Treasurer Lindner gave the Treasurer's Report for the twelve-month period ending 31 October 2013 (see Appendix C). As of 31 October 2013, the Association reported assets of \$117,366 and liabilities of \$10,151, giving it a total equity of \$107,215. The Statement of Financial Activity was then reported. The Association reported a net loss of \$14,279 for the year, due primarily to increased expenses encountered in Hawaii. Finally, the budget for 2013-2014 was presented. Income for the year was projected to be \$95,550, expenses were projected to be \$108,675, and Other Income was projected to be \$240, resulting in a projected \$12,885 decrease in equity for the year.

8. Mike Williams (WI) gave the Insurance report.

9. Tim Marlar (KS) gave the PDCB report.

10. President Cowley recessed the meeting until 1045 hours.

11. President Cowley gaveled the meeting back to order at 1045 hours.

12. The Nashville NGAUS Conference Committee presented plans for the NGAUS conference to be held in Nashville TN on 10-13 September 2015.

13. Past President Henry presented a brief overview of the diversity of NGEDA. Secretary-Treasurer Lindner conducted a brief overview of planning for the 2015 conference, and solicited comments on several conference options.

14. President Cowley then presented the President's Report.

15. President Cowley asked for Old Business. There was none.

16. President Cowley asked for New Business. There was none.

17. President Cowley then announced the nominee for Second Vice-President was Mike Sturm (IN). Since there was no contest for the office of Second Vice-President, in accordance with Article V, Section A of the bylaws, she instructed the Secretary/Treasurer to cast one ballot for the nominee. The ballot was cast and Mike Sturm was elected Second Vice-President.

18. President Cowley then announced the nominee for PDCB was Tad Shuey (VA). Since there was no contest for the position on the PDCB, in accordance with Article V, Section A of the bylaws, she instructed the Secretary/Treasurer to cast one ballot for the nominee. The ballot was cast and Tad Shuey was elected to the PDCB.

8. Immediate Past President Henry then swore in the newly elected officers.

9. President Moix thanked Past-President Cowley for her service and presented her with a gavel and stand.

10. President Moix then appointed Ray Lindner (TX) as Secretary-Treasurer. He announced the following committee assignments:

PDCB

Austin Jenkins (MA) Chair (2018)

Tim Marlar (KS) (2017)

Roy Robinson (MS) (2015)

Tad Shuey (VA) (2019)

Mike Williams (WI) (2016)

Insurance Committee

Mike Williams, Chair (WI, IA) (2017)
Mike Krouse (AZ, ED) (2017)
Mike McHenry (OH, IA/ED) (2015)
Mike Sturm (IN, IA) (2016)
Mike Stowell (CO, ED) (2016)

Nominations Committee

Janet Cowley, Chair (WY)
Colleen Chipper (VA)
Michele Henry (KS)
Mary Paul (FL)
Claire M.S. Potier (CT)

ByLaws

Stoney Stone, Chair (AL) (2016)
Bruce Kahl (MD) (2017)
Steve Mehring (WY) (2015)

Technology

Mark Martin (MN)
Steve Mehring (MT)

11. President Moix then announced the next NGEDA annual meeting would be held in Nashville, TN, on 21-24 January 2015.
12. Second Vice President Sturm then conducted a brief hotwash of the conference.
13. With no further business before the body, President Moix adjourned the annual meeting.
14. During the NGEDA Awards Luncheon which followed, Ken Andresen (IA) was presented the Jim Gamble Award.
15. First Vice-President Janssen then conducted the 2015 lottery.

Respectfully submitted,



Ray Lindner (TX)
Secretary-Treasurer