



**National Guard Executive Directors Association**  
**Minutes of Annual Meeting**  
**22-24 January 2015**  
**Gaylord Opryland Hotel**  
**Nashville, TN**

**Thursday, 22 January 2015**

1. President Kenny Moix (AR) 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 Kenny Moix (AR) - President, Roberta Janssen (OR) - First Vice-President, Mike Sturm (IN) - Second Vice-President, Ray Lindner (TX) - Secretary-Treasurer, Byron Deel (TN) - Elected Officers Representative, and Janet Cowley (WY) - Past President. The invocation was delivered and First Vice-President Janssen led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. President Moix then gave a brief welcome to NGEDA, and called on COL (Ret) Jim Wells, chairman of the NGAUS 2015 Conference Committee to introduce MG Max Haston, Adjutant General of Tennessee. MG Haston welcomed the attendees to Nashville on behalf of the governor and mayor. President Moix next recognized attendees with over 10 years of NGEDA attendance. He then introduced special visitors, BG Roy Robinson, Vice-Chairman, Army of the NGAUS Board of Directors, and MG (Ret) Gus Hargett, President of NGAUS. President Moix then asked that each attendee stand and introduce him or herself. First Vice-President Janssen next presented a brief overview of the agenda for the conference, followed by Secretary-Treasurer Lindner who covered some administrative items and minor agenda time and location changes.
3. Secretary-Treasurer Lindner was called upon to present the minutes of the 14-16 January 2014 annual meeting held in Chicago, IL, 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 Moix then called upon Secretary-Treasurer Lindner to present the Executive Committee Report for June 2014 and for January 2015. 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 Moix directed that these reports be incorporated into the minutes (see Appendix A and Appendix B).
5. President Moix then recognized the NGEDA Corporate Members and presented membership certificates to those present.
6. Past President Cowley gave the Nominating Committee report as follows:
  - For 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Colleen Chipper (VA)
  - For PDCB – Roy Robinson (MS)
7. President Moix 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 Moix 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 Moix stated that elections would be held on Saturday.

8. Ron Stone (AL) gave the Bylaws Committee report. There were five proposed bylaws amendments that had been received by the Bylaws Committee. The amendments were presented as follows:

Recommended Change to Article VI, Section A, paragraph 4

4. ELECTED OFFICER REPRESENTATIVE. The elected officer representative shall represent the elected officers of the member state associations. (Amended Jan 09)

should be changed to read

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Recommended Change to Article VI, Section A, paragraph 5

5. SECRETARY/TREASURER. The secretary/treasurer shall serve as recorder at all annual and special meetings, shall be responsible for the day to day operation of the Association, shall maintain all records, shall keep current voting and non-voting membership records, shall receive and account for all dues paid, shall be the custodian of all funds of the Association, shall pay all bills or other claims of the Association at the direction of the president, shall have an annual review of the Association finances done by an outside agency, at the direction of the Executive Committee, and shall cause all required tax and corporate submissions, if any, to be timely filed and shall be bonded in an amount to be determined by the president. The secretary/treasurer shall be appointed by, and serve at the discretion of, the executive committee. (Amended Jan 03)

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Recommended Change to Article VIII, Section B

SECTION B: SPECIAL MEETINGS. The president may call special meetings of the membership upon fourteen days written notice mailed first class postage to all state and individual members then in good standing.

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Recommended Change to Article IX, Section A, paragraph 4

4. FINANCE COMMITTEE. The executive committee shall serve as the finance committee. This committee shall prepare a budget, if deemed necessary, and shall generally oversee the finances of the Association.

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Recommended Change to Article IX, Section A, paragraph 3

3. INSURANCE COMMITTEE. The insurance committee shall consist of five members, two of whom shall be executive directors, two of whom shall be insurance administrators, and one of whom shall be an executive director who serves as his/her state insurance administrator. The insurance committee shall review those insurance-related matters referred to it and shall report the results thereof to the secretary-treasurer and to the next following annual or special meeting. Each member shall serve a three-year term. Initially, the president shall appoint one executive director and one insurance administrator to one-year terms, one executive director and insurance administrator to two-year terms, and the executive director who is also an insurance administrator to a three-year term. Terms shall expire on the last day of February, and the sitting president shall appoint replacement members. Should any member resign before completing a term, the president shall appoint a replacement member with the same office qualifications to serve the remainder of the term. (Amended Jan 09)

should be deleted.

President Moix recognized Chairman Stone's report of the amendments as two motions, one grouping the first four amendments and a second being the fifth amendment. The first motion

was seconded, there was a brief discussion, and it was voted and passed. The second motion was seconded, there was discussion, and the motion was withdrawn.

9. President Moix declared a recess at 1000 hours.

10. President Moix gavelled the meeting back to order at 1045 hours. The Nashville NGAUS Committee gave a short presentation and explained the procedures for the hotel tour. The General Session was then adjourned until 1345 hours.

11. Tours of the hotels were conducted from 1100 to 1200 hours.

12. President Moix gavelled the meeting back to order at 1345 hours. The Nashville NGAUS Committee gave a report on planning and venues for the 2015 NGAUS Conference. The General Session was then adjourned until 0900 hours, 23 January.

13. A training seminar for all attendees, "Developing a Membership Culture", was conducted from 1415 to 1515 hours.

14. The Insurance Committee held an open session from 1600 to 1640 hours.

15. The PDCB held an open session from 1640 to 1715 hours.

### **Friday, 23 January 2015**

1. A training session was conducted from 0800 to 0900 hours with the following three breakout topics offered: Alternative Revenue Sources, Harnessing Technology, and Association Financial Responsibility.

2. President Moix gavelled the General Session back to order at 0900 hours. He introduced BG Roy Robinson, NGAUS Vice-Chairman, Army, who offered brief comments and an update on NGAUS Chair MG Deborah Ashenhurst's new assignment.

3. President Moix then introduced MG (Ret) Gus Hargett, President of NGAUS, who gave the NGAUS report. Following this, President Moix recessed the meeting until 1315 hours.

4. A training seminar for all attendees, "How Other States Work", was conducted from 1045 to 1145 hours.

5. President Moix gavelled the meeting back to order at 1315 hours. President Moix then introduced Chip Lunn, President of the NGAUS Corporate Advisory Panel, who gave the CAP report. President Moix recessed the meeting until 1515 hours.

6. A training seminar for all attendees, "Association Strategic Thinking", was conducted from 1330 to 1430 hours.

7. President Moix gavelled the meeting back to order at 1515 hours. He then called upon Austin Jenkins, President of the PDCB, to give the PDCB Report, and to give attendees a brief overview of the SSLI program. Following the report, President Moix recessed the General Session until 0800 hours on Thursday, 24 Jan.

8. Bruce Kahl (MD) facilitated an open mike session with MG (Ret) Gus Hargett from 1545 to 1630 hours.

## **Saturday, 24 January 2015**

1. President Moix reconvened the meeting at 0800, and the Nashville NGAUS 2015 Conference Committee announced the hotel assignments. President Moix recessed the meeting until 1045 hours.
2. A training session was conducted from 0815 to 0915 hours with the following three breakout topics offered: *Corporate Partnerships*, *Exploiting Social Media*, and *Legislative Efforts*.
3. The executive directors, elected officers, and insurance administrators and staff conducted separate breakout sessions from 0915 to 0945 hours.
4. A brief feedback session was conducted from 0945 to 1000 hours. Vice-President Sturm reported on the executive director breakout, and LTC Byron Deel (TN) reported on the elected officer breakout. LTC (Ret) Beresford Edwards (VI) was announced as the new Elected Officer Representative for 2015-2016. Wanda Thomen, Insurance Administrator (AR), reported on the insurance breakout.
5. President Moix gaveled the meeting back to order at 1045 hours. Secretary-Treasurer Lindner facilitated a discussion on the architecture and content of the NGEDA website.
6. The Baltimore NGAUS 2016 Conference Committee gave a report on the planning for the NGAUS 2016 conference. President Moix recessed the meeting until 1515 hours.
7. The NGEDA Awards Luncheon was held from 1145 to 1300 hours. Larry McKnight (TN) was presented the Gamble Award.
8. President Moix gaveled the meeting back to order at 1300 hours.
9. Mike Williams (WI) gave the Insurance Report.
10. President Moix gave the President's Report.
11. Vice-President Janssen gave the audit report. An audit of the Association books was conducted in December 2014 in Austin, TX, and covered FY 2013-14. No material deficiencies were found.
12. Secretary-Treasurer Lindner gave the Treasurer's Report for the twelve-month period ending 31 October 2014 (see Appendix C). As of 31 October 2014, the Association reported assets of \$113,851 and liabilities of \$3,227, giving it a total equity of \$110,624. The Statement of Financial Activity was then reported. The Association reported net income of \$3,658 for the year. Finally, the budget for 2014-2015 was presented. Income for the year was projected to be \$80,600, expenses were projected to be \$85,150, and Other Income was projected to be \$144, resulting in a projected \$4,406 decrease in equity for the year.
13. President Moix asked for Old Business. There was none.
14. President Moix asked for New Business. There was a motion to create a committee to explore the possibility of NGEDA soliciting donations on behalf of state associations in a national campaign. The motion was seconded, there was discussion, and the motion was voted and passed. There was a motion to schedule a social event for the state association presidents at NGAUS. The motion was seconded, there was discussion, and the motion was voted and passed. There was a motion to coordinate with NGAUS to secure meeting space to conduct association officer training at NGAUS. The motion was seconded, there was discussion, and the motion was

voted and passed. There was a motion to appoint an ad hoc conference committee to collect recommendations to present to NGAUS as NGAUS conference improvements. The motion was seconded, there was discussion, and the motion was voted and passed.

15. President Moix then announced the nominee for Second Vice-President was Colleen Chipper (VA). Since there was no contest for the office of Second Vice-President, in accordance with Article V, Section A of the bylaws, he instructed the Secretary/Treasurer to cast one ballot for the nominee. The ballot was cast and Colleen Chipper was elected Second Vice-President.

16. President Moix then announced the nominee for PDCB was Roy Robinson (MS). Since there was no contest for the position on the PDCB, in accordance with Article V, Section A of the bylaws, he instructed the Secretary/Treasurer to cast one ballot for the nominee. The ballot was cast and Roy Robinson was elected to the PDCB.

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

9. President Janssen thanked Past-President Moix for his service and presented him with a gavel and stand.

10. President Janssen then appointed Ray Lindner (TX) as Secretary-Treasurer and Bruce Kahl (MD) as Parliamentarian. She announced the following committee assignments:

PDCB

Austin Jenkins (MA) Chair (2018)

Tim Marlar (KS) (2017)

Roy Robinson (MS) (2020)

Tad Shuey (VA) (2019)

Mike Williams (WI) (2016)

Insurance Committee

Mike Williams, Chair (WI, IA) (2016)

Mike Krouse (AZ, ED) (2017)

Mike McHenry (OH, IA/ED) (2018)

Mike Sturm (IN, IA) (2016)

Wanda Thomen (AR, IA) (2017)

Nominations Committee

Kenny Moix, Chair (AR)

Janet Cowley (WY)

Mike McHenry (OH)

Mary Paul (FL)

Augie Grace (MA)

ByLaws

Stoney Stone, Chair (AL) (2016)

Bruce Kahl (MD) (2017)

Steve Mehring (WY) (2015)

Technology

Mark Martin (MN)

Steve Mehring (MT)

11. First Vice President Sturm then conducted a brief hotwash of the conference.
12. President Janssen then announced the next NGEDA annual meeting would be held in Baltimore, MD, on 21-23 January 2016.
13. With no further business before the body, President Janssen adjourned the annual meeting.
14. First Vice-President Sturm then conducted the 2016 lottery.

Respectfully submitted,



Ray Lindner (TX)  
Secretary-Treasurer