

National Guard Executive Directors Association Bylaws

(as of 25 January 2013)

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be the National Guard Executive Directors Association.

ARTICLE II - MISSION

The mission of this Association shall be as follows:

SECTION A: To provide a forum for the exchange of timely information of common interest for the mutual benefit of members and the organizations they represent.

SECTION B: To encourage and assist, when feasible, each state, commonwealth, territory and the District of Columbia to organize and maintain a National Guard association.

SECTION C: To participate in improving the operational readiness, training and image of the National Guard on both state and national levels.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

SECTION A:

1. STATE. Each state, commonwealth, territory and the District of Columbia shall be entitled to one voting membership in the Association. This membership shall be limited to that state, commonwealth, territory or District of Columbia organization of which a portion of the active members are entitled to join the National Guard Association of the United States (NGAUS).

2. INDIVIDUAL.

- a. ACTIVE. Active membership shall include executive directors/secretaries, elected officers, managers and insurance administrators of state national guard associations who, by virtue of their election or appointment, perform routine administrative/ fiscal functions or administer the group life insurance program for the associations and who meet membership requirements: make application, are accepted and remain in good standing by paying current dues. Active membership may be denied for cause by the majority vote of those present and voting at an annual or special meeting of the Association. (Amended Jan 03)
- b. 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.
- c. HONORARY. Honorary membership shall include those individuals who have rendered a conspicuous service to this Association and who are elected by a majority vote of the Executive Committee of the Association. (Amended Jan 12)

3. CORPORATE. Corporate membership shall include any company, firm, organization, or corporation upon approval of the Executive Committee and payment of an annual corporate membership fee. Neither corporate members nor their employees shall have voting rights in this Association.

ARTICLE IV - DUES AND FISCAL YEAR

SECTION A:

1. **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)

2. INDIVIDUAL.

- a. **ACTIVE.** Active members shall pay dues annually to the secretary/treasurer, on or before the convening of the annual meeting, in the amount of thirty dollars.
- b. **ASSOCIATE.** Associate members shall pay dues annually to the secretary/treasurer, on or before the convening of the annual meeting, in the amount of twenty dollars.
- c. **HONORARY.** Honorary members shall not pay dues.

3. **CORPORATE.** Corporate members shall pay dues annually to the secretary/treasurer, on or before the convening of the annual meeting, in the amount of two hundred dollars.

SECTION B: FISCAL YEAR. The fiscal year of the Association shall be November 1 to October 31.

ARTICLE V - ELECTIONS

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)

SECTION B: VACANCIES. If a vacancy occurs in the office of president, the first vice-president shall assume the president's duties. If a vacancy occurs in the office of first vice-president, the second vice-president shall assume the first vice-president's duties. If a vacancy occurs in both the office of president and first vice-president, the second vice-president shall assume the duties of the president. Vacancies remaining in these offices or the office of elected officer representative, after the provisions of this Section have been complied with, shall be filled by a consensus of the

executive committee and these officers shall serve until the next annual meeting or until their successors are elected and qualified. If a vacancy occurs in the office of secretary/treasurer, the president shall appoint an active member from the same state as the previous secretary/treasurer, if possible, to serve in that capacity.

SECTION C: TERMS. Officers shall take office at the time of election. The secretary/treasurer shall certify the results of the election.

ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS

SECTION A:

1. **PRESIDENT.** The president shall call and conduct all annual and special meetings, shall be responsible for the direction and administration of the affairs of the Association between special and annual meetings, shall appoint all standing and ad hoc (special) committees as well as name the chair and secretary thereof, shall be an ex officio member of all committees and shall give at least two reports to the members: an interim report at the annual NGAUS conference and a final report at the Association's annual meeting.

2. **FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT.** The first vice-president shall perform the duties of the president in the absence or unavailability of that officer, and shall perform those duties assigned by the president.

3. **SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT.** The second vice-president shall perform the duties of the first vice-president in the absence or unavailability of that officer, shall perform the duties of the president in the absence or unavailability of both the first vice-president and the president, and shall perform any duties as may be, from time to time, assigned by the president.

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

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)

5. **OATH OF OFFICE.** The oath of office is as follows: "I swear (or affirm) that I will execute the duties and fulfill the responsibilities of the office of which I am about to enter to the best of my abilities, and without reservation. I will uphold the highest ethical standards and deal fairly with all concerned. My sole purpose for entering this office will be to promote the aims of the association." Officers answer "I will."

6. **IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT.** The immediate past president shall provide advice and continuity for the executive committee, and perform any duties as may be, from time to time, assigned by the president.

ARTICLE VII - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SECTION A: MEMBERS. The members of the executive committee shall be president, first vice-president, second vice-president, elected officer representative, secretary/treasurer, and immediate past president. Votes of the executive committee shall be taken by the members, and reports of the actions of this group shall be submitted in writing to the next annual meeting to be incorporated into the records of the Association. (Amended Jan 13)

SECTION B: AUTHORITY. The executive committee shall be invested with the authority usually given to a board of directors.

ARTICLE VIII - MEETINGS

SECTION A: ANNUAL MEETING. The Association shall hold an annual meeting during January or February of each year at a place, date and time to be determined by the president with the advice and consent of the executive committee. Normally, this meeting shall be held at the place of the next NGAUS general conference. The agenda shall include, but not be limited to, reports of the president, secretary/treasurer and committees, and nomination and election of officers. Usually, workshops will be held on topics of mutual interest to the state organizations.

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.

SECTION C: QUORUM. A quorum for duly called annual and special meetings shall be the number of voting members who attend.

SECTION D: NGAUS. The president shall arrange for and conduct an informational meeting at the annual NGAUS general conference. Association business may only be conducted at this session if the requirements for a special meeting of the membership, above, shall have been complied with in advance.

SECTION E: PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE. Annual and special meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the latest edition of Robert Rules of Procedure except as otherwise provided for in these bylaws.

SECTION F: VOTING. Voting during the conduct of business at an annual or special meeting shall be by unit rule with one vote per state. This vote shall be cast by the designated representative or alternate of the organization possessing the voting membership.

SECTION G: RESERVE AUTHORITY. All authority, not set forth in these bylaws, shall be reserved for the voting membership.

ARTICLE IX - COMMITTEES

SECTION A: STANDING COMMITTEES.

1. **BYLAWS COMMITTEE.** The bylaws committee shall consist of three members serving staggered three year terms. Initially, the president shall appoint one member for a three year term, one member for a two year term and one member for a one year term. The bylaws committee shall review all proposed bylaw amendments and submit their recommendations, if any, to the

secretary/treasurer if not at an annual or special meeting, or to the membership directly if at an annual or special meeting.

2. **NOMINATING COMMITTEE.** The nominating committee shall consist of five members, at least two of which shall be past presidents of the Association and the immediate past president shall be the chairman. All members shall serve for a one year term. Nominations may be made by any member to the nominating committee sixty days before the annual meeting. The committee shall then, by a consensus of the members, propose a slate of officers and forward same to the secretary/treasurer at least thirty days before the annual meeting. Nominating committee members shall be appointed, whenever possible, with as much representation of different regions of the United States as possible. Officer candidates should likewise be selected, if possible, to reflect that diverse regional representation. Additionally, the primary criterion for officer nomination shall be the individual's potential to provide consistent, participating leadership during the years of rotation through the chairs.

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)

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.

SECTION B: SPECIAL (AD HOC) COMMITTEES. The president may appoint members of and give charters to special (ad hoc) committees as needed.

SECTION C: OPERATIONS. Both active and associate members may serve on all standing and special committees providing those members remain in good standing by paying their Association dues. Committee members may be removed from their position for cause by a vote of the membership at an annual or special meeting. The quorum for a committee meeting shall be those members attending, and actions accomplished by mail or telephone shall be valid. No committee votes shall be cast by proxy. Written records of all committee actions shall be promptly submitted to the secretary/treasurer. The committee chair shall normally call and conduct committee meetings. In the event that the chair fails or is unable to do so, a majority of the members of the committee may act in the place and stead of the chair.

ARTICLE X - PAYROLL DEDUCTION COORDINATING BOARD (PDCB)

(Rev. 1/20/90)

SECTION A: PURPOSES: The purposes of the PDCB shall be:

1. to represent and assist those states which have signed a memorandum of agreement for National Guard payroll deduction systems in the administration of their state sponsored or state association sponsored group life insurance programs in all matters pertaining to the establishment, operation and/or improvement in the National Guard payroll deduction systems authorized by the Department of Defense;
2. to establish and maintain close coordination with the Defense Accounting and Finance Center on all matters pertaining to payroll deduction, to include electronic transmission of data and changes in payroll deduction procedures, forms, etc.;
3. to receive and review recommendations submitted by the utilizing states for presentation to the Department of Defense on behalf of the utilizing states;
4. to keep the utilizing states informed, either directly or through NGEDA, of all matters pertaining to the utilization of payroll deductions for the stated purposes;
5. to maintain the official files and records of all matters pertaining to the use of payroll deduction on behalf of the utilizing states.

SECTION B: PROCEDURES.

1. Upon approval by a majority of the utilizing states, after discussion and coordination with the Defense Accounting and Finance Center, the PDCB shall present to the Department of Defense any recommendations for enhancement of the payroll deduction system on behalf of the participating states.
2. The chairman of the PDCB shall render an annual report of the activities of the Board at the annual meeting of NGEDA.
3. The chairman of PDCB shall provide the states with minutes of all Board meetings within sixty (60) days following the meetings.
4. Each state that has signed a memorandum of agreement for National Guard payroll deductions with an approved Certification of Allottee shall have one vote.

SECTION C. MEMBERSHIP.

1. The PDCB shall consist of five members.
2. Officers of the Board, as deemed appropriate, shall be elected by members of the Board.
3. The term of office for a newly designated member shall be five years beginning on 1 March following election and ending on the last day of February, five years later.
4. At the annual meeting there will be an election of a member whose name appears as the Certification of Allottee on the Memorandum of Agreement to fill each vacancy on the PDCB. Vacancies caused by resignations or death will be filled by appointment of an individual who meets stated criteria by the president of NGEDA. Such appointments will be for the unexpired term of the replaced member.

5. Those persons serving as members of the PDCB upon adoption of this amendment shall be deemed to have been duly elected.

ARTICLE XI - AMENDMENTS

SECTION A: PROCEDURE. These bylaws shall be amended as follows:

1. **TWO-THIRDS.** Those articles requiring a two-thirds vote of those voting members present and voting at an annual or special meeting duly called, shall be: Article I Name, Article II Mission, Article III Membership, Article V Elections, Article VI Officers, Article VII Executive Committee, Article VIII Meetings, Article IX Committees, Article X Payroll Deduction Coordinating Board, Article XI Amendments.
2. **MAJORITY.** The article requiring a majority vote of those voting members present and voting at an annual or special meeting duly called shall be: Article IV Dues and Fiscal Year.
3. **POSTING.** Copies of these bylaws, as amended from time to time, shall be either mailed to the membership or made available at an annual or special meeting of the Association within a reasonable time after being so amended.