

## 2018 NGSBA Annual Conference Minutes

President Colleen Chipper (NJ) called the annual conference business session to order at 1000 on Wednesday, 17 January 2018 in New Orleans, LA. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, John Angelos (LA) led the assembly in the Invocation and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Angie Green (MI) said the Pledge of Allegiance. President Chipper made opening comments and expressed gratitude to Greg Parker, John Angelos, and the entire Louisiana team in their assistance with the annual NGSBA meeting.

Introduction and Roll Call of States was conducted by Secretary Michele Henry with 18 of 34 associations present. Following the Roll Call, she made Administrative Comments and was followed by Colleen Chipper who reviewed the conference agenda.

President Chipper called for approval of the minutes of the 2017 general conference, and the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held in June 2017. All were approved as written.

President Chipper recognized NGSBA members that have served the organization for 25, 15, 10 or more years. She made remarks concerning the importance of industry to the National Guard. President Chipper presented a sincere NGSBA vote to corporate members and sponsors. (See attached list).

President Chipper called upon Ron Stone (AL) Chair of the By-Laws Committee for their report. He had nothing to report.

President Chipper called upon Angie to give the Audit report. He reported to the membership that the records were found to be in good order and followed the rules of the organization. He recommended that the Executive Committee review the current language that mandates an independent financial audit to be done every five years. NGSBA is a 100,000 a year organization and the audit would probably cost over 1,000. He felt this was excessive for our size of organization.

President Chipper called for a recess of the business session at 1000 to allow members a sponsored break.

President Chipper called the meeting back to order at 1045.

Past President Mike Sturm, Nominations Chairperson, reported on the results of the Nominations Committee and placed Len Graham, ED of DL, for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and Rustin Jenkins to the POGB for another five years. With the resignation of Wanda Thomas (AR), President Chipper announced that the Executive Committee appointed Cindy Butler, (NC), to fill the remainder of her term until 2021.

Past President/Treasurer Sturm presented the financial report.

President Chipper called upon Mark Martin and Laura Rosenzweig presented the new Continuity Book report.

Greg Parker the host state chair for the 2018 NGSBA Conference, provided a short explanation of the upcoming NGSBA conference and explained the hotel tour procedures for the rest of the day.

President Chipper closed the business session for the day at 1145 so that the association members could visit the hotel. The members were asked to attend the business session scheduled to resume at 1045 on 18 January 2018.

No business session was held on Thursday, January 18 due to a day of state hotel assignments, training sessions and updates/reports. We did have General Sessions. No minutes are required for General Sessions.

Business Session was recommenced at 0800 on Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup>.

President Chipper announced the breakfast sessions and led the Executive Directors session. Association Officers breakfast session was led by Mike Teyler. The Insurance Administrators breakfast was led by Tim Marlar. A feedback report was presented by each area.

Next Tim Marlar presented the POGB report and asked people to contact the POGB and run (PFA) with insurance issues.