

**WISCONSIN NATIONAL GUARD ENLISTED ASSOCIATION
2400 WRIGHT STREET MADISON, WI 53704**

**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING
TAGO, Madison, WI
DATE: 23 October 2010**

NOTE: These minutes as presented, are unofficial until approved by the WNGEA Executive Council at the next council meeting.

1. Call to Order: The WNGEA Executive council meeting was called to order by President Jim Cieslewicz at 0939. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Wayne Sedgwick requested a change of agenda to only address items that require a vote, so as to expedite the meeting. President Cieslewicz added there would be limited debate of only 2 minutes per person on discussion items. President Cieslewicz stated the only new information from Area 5 was Roger Hagan sent out a request survey looking for Committee volunteers for the National Conference. President Cieslewicz stated he met with Tom Krueck to roadmap priorities for CSM Stopper and CCM Chisholm which he plans on presenting to them prior to the holidays. Also his next project will be to work on Corporate Membership Program by approaching major local businesses. The focus would be for state membership to keep the money here and help with the State Conference.

2. Previous Quarter Minutes:

MOTION: by Wayne Sedgwick to approve the meeting minutes from 24 July 2010 as changed by removing the word "undo" from the Treasurer's report.

Seconded: Kaye Olson. Discussion: No discussion. Vote: Passed by voice.

3. Treasurer's Report: Present. Written report on file: yes, however it is an annual report as there were no significant changes this past quarter.

Significant Income for past Year: \$28,533.97

Significant Expenses for past Year: \$32,000.16

Net Income (loss) for past Year: \$3,466.19

MOTION: by John Olson to accept the Treasurers' Report.

Seconded: Mark Spitz

Discussion: Lengthy discussion to separate Conference operation money from the Association's operation money to give accurate funds on hand data throughout the year and accurate budget planning for the next year. This subject was tabled for new business of having a separate account for the Conference.

Vote: Passed by voice.

4. Ways & Means Report: Present. Sales report on file. Written report on file, Yes.

Sales for the Quarter: \$245.25

WNGEA Costs: \$122.85

Profit for the Quarter: \$122.40

Donations Made: \$ None

Discussion: Should we produce sale items with old logo or new logo. Gerald Parchem was looking for a motion on this and it was determined none was needed. President Cieslewicz stated you are empowered to do as you see fit and encouraged new ideas to help with sales.

MOTION: by John Olson to accept the Ways and Means Report as corrected.

Seconded: Bonnie Moser

Discussion: Wayne Sedgwick brought up the need to correct the report by changing the number of starting Red Arrows on hand to 11, and correcting all numbers across the line to account for this item.

Vote: Passed by voice.

5. Executive Director's Report: Present. Written report on file, Yes.

Concerns of not all email addresses are working and should we start sending post cards at a cost of \$352.00. All military members have a valid military account and we will try to contact through this account

before we do a post card mailing.

6. Area V Director's Report: Present. Written report on file, No.

7. National Legislative Report: Not Present. Written report on file, Yes.

8. State legislative Report: Position open. Written report on file, No.

President Cieslewicz stated that AJ Salas is still interested in filling this position and that he and Tom Krueck would meet with him in the next couple of weeks.

9. Resolutions Report: Present. Written report on file, Yes.

10. Membership and Marketing Report – Army and Air: Not Present – Army, currently there is no Air representative. Written report on file, Yes.

David Stansfield has been finishing the power point presentation.

11. Junior Enlisted Report: Not Present. Written report on file, No.

Andrea is deployed at this time. Looking for someone to update and keep the Face Book page current.

12. Publications Report: Present. Written report on file, Yes.

Discussion on cost saving by producing 2 electronic bulletins per year and mailing out 2 bulletins per year. The cost to publish 2 bulletins would be \$5,262.00. Electronic copy would cost \$375.00 each which would format and post to the web page. This would help save us Approximately \$1,200.00 per year. There was concern voiced as to the members who do not have access to an electronic copy that they would be missing out on important information. Bob Serrahn will present numbers of how many do not have access at our next meeting.

MOTION: by Mark Spitz to continue 1 more year of 3 hard copies with announcing we would go to 2 electronic and 2 mailings starting in 2012.

Second: John Olson. Discussion: No discussion. Vote: Passed by voice.

13. Retired Liaison Report: Not Present. Written report on file, No.

14. Chaplains Report: Not Present. Written report on file, Yes.

15. State Conference Planning Report: Not Present. Written report on file, No.

Brad Shields has no update as of yet. The planned hotel does not have the facilities to accommodate the Family Support Program also. Conference will be 29-30 Apr and 1 May at the Hyatt in Milwaukee for \$70.00 per night. Looking for a corporate sponsor to offset the cost of the main banquet. We need an article for the next Bucky Bulletin and registration form of the next State Conference.

16. Education Report: Present. Written report on file, No.

17. Benefits Report: Present. Written report on file, No.

18. Awards Report: Present. Written report on file, Yes.

All award nominations need to be submitted on the correct form or they will not be considered. President Cieslewicz took this time to present awards received at the National Conference to Wayne Sedgwick, John and Kaye Olson for their generous contributions to the EANGUS Memorial Building Fund. He also acknowledged that the Bucky Bulletin received the 1st place award again as the best news publication.

19. Insurance Report: Not Present. Written report on file, Yes.

20. Bylaws Report: Present. Written report on file, Yes.

21. Historian Report: Present. Written report on file, No.

22. Auxiliary President: Present. Written report on file, No.

Shirley Spitz addressed the Council to inform us that the Auxiliary would be going dormant due to the lack of participation and low membership. Need support from the Association as all our spouses should be members and helping with the programs. They have the same 3 people doing the work which is not enough to run the programs. They have enough money for 2 more years of scholarships and 1 news letter per year. When the money runs out they will fold.

23. OLD BUSINESS:

A. ISSUE: Filling open positions. President Cieslewicz will approach AJ Salas for the State Legislative Chair position and Vice President Tom Krueck will be the State Conference Planning Manager.

B. ISSUE: 501(c)3 Project. Report filed by Lowell Koehler and John Olson. We are currently under 501(c)19 tax code however we cannot locate the documentation to prove this. A request was sent to the IRS for a copy of our paperwork that they have on file from 1987. A 501(c)19 is a Veteran's Organization and a 501(c)3 is a charitable organization. Membership dues are not tax deductible but contributions to the association are.

MOTION: by Mark Spitz to proceed with our current tax status and not change it.
Second: Bonnie Moser. Discussion: No discussion. Vote: Passed by voice.

C. ISSUE: Protocol Officer Ol.

MOTION: by Kaye Olson to accept SO2-Ol as written.
Second: Wayne Sedgwick. Discussion: No discussion. Vote: Passed by voice.

D. ISSUE: New Letterhead not logo. Designs were passed around for review.

MOTION: by Wayne Sedgwick to adopt the subdued Minuteman for the letterhead with pertinent information at the top of the page. Second: John Olson.

Discussion: Where to place the address and pertinent information, or let the President determine where to layout the pertinent information.

Vote: Failed by show of hands, 5 yes to 7 no.

MOTION: by Bonnie Moser to select the Minuteman silhouette at the top of the letterhead with the President and Executive Director to decide where to place the address and other pertinent information.

Second: John Olson. Discussion: No discussion. Vote: Passed by show of hands, 11 yes to 2 no.

E. ISSUE: Tabled Conference Report of Finances. Changes to the report were the removal of the seed money and then to include the hotel refund.

MOTION: by John Olson to accept the corrected report.
Second: Mark Spitz. Discussion: No Discussion. Vote: Passed by voice.

F. ISSUE: Postage rate increase.

MOTION: by Wayne Sedgwick to not purchase additional postage at this item as it is not a concern at this time. Second: Robert Serrahn. Discussion: No discussion. Vote: Passed by voice.

G. ISSUE: Membership Drive Contest. Report submitted by Robert Serrahn. The idea of a chance to win prizes as you sign up new members. The more you sign up the more you can win. Is the prize structure supportable with our limited finances? Discussion of taking a personal approach of meeting with the units seems to be the most productive. Or change it to if you sign up 5 members then you have your dues for the year free.

MOTION: by Kaye Olson to try the membership contest for one calendar year to sign up 5 people and receive a free membership for the year. Second: John Olson.

Discussion: If Life Members should be eligible to participate.

MOTION: by Wayne Sedgwick to amend the original to not include Life Members in this contest.

Second: Mark Spitz.

Discussion: No discussion. Vote: Failed by voice. Vote: Original motion passed by voice.

H. ISSUE: 2010 Calendar Raffle update. Problem of unclaimed prize money.

MOTION: by Bonnie Moser to wait until the January meeting to decide what to do with unclaimed prizes.

Second: Mark Spitz.

Discussion: Have a time limit on cashing the checks for the next raffle, or they would expire.

Vote: Passed by voice.

I. ISSUE: Lease for our office. Looking to have a 5 year lease renewal so as not to have to address this item every year. Our lease is up in July 2011. The President will meet with the TAG prior to our next meeting and present an update at that time.

24. NEW BUSINESS:

A. ISSUE: Dues increase. Our policy will have to change due to the voted increase for 2011. EANGUS raised the Life membership dues by \$250.00. Recommend we have a committee do an analysis report to present at our next meeting showing the numbers and how they change with the increase. Do we want to increase our state dues?

MOTION by Mark Spitz to table this issue until our next meeting in January.

B. ISSUE: State Conference Book. Heritage Company would like to submit a bid for our Conference book and they produce minimum of 750 copies. Discussion was that we are not interested in receiving a bid.

C. ISSUE: Reorganize Council Meetings. Suggestion to eliminate the July meeting to help save some money. If we cut down to 3 meetings a year they would be lengthier. We should keep the meetings the same for now and will consider one meeting be an electronic type. For now we will have quarterly meetings.

D. ISSUE: Raffle License. Renew it so we have it for State Conference.

E. ISSUE: National Conference Registration Fee. Conference registration fees of personnel that could not attend at the last minute can we reimburse these folks. Donald Barwick will contact National and see if that can be accomplished.

F. ISSUE: Budget. Proposed report by Gary Hans was gone over line by line and adjustments were made according to the discussion of the council members.

MOTION: by John Olson to adopt the drafted budget.

Second: Wayne Sedgwick. Discussion: No Discussion. Vote: Passed by voice.

25. GOOD OF THE ORDER:

A. ISSUE: Wayne Sedgwick has red arrows available.

B. NEXT MEETING: January 22, 2011 in Milwaukee at the Hyatt at 0930 so we can tour the facility for the State Conference. If the facility is not available we will meet at TAGO, the President will keep us posted.

C. Close of meeting:

MOTION: by Mark Spitz to adjourn the meeting.

Second: Roberta Coker. Discussion: No discussion. Vote: Passed by voice.

Meeting adjourned at 1410 hrs.

Patti A. Winter-Schmidt

Approved on: 22 JAN 2011

Secretary

Transcribed on: 4 Nov 2010