

ENLISTED ASSOCIATION of the ARKANSAS NATIONAL GUARD
Building 8100, 8th Street and Arkansas Avenue
Camp Joseph T. Robinson, North Little Rock, AR 72199-9600

MEMORANDUM FOR Enlisted Association of the Arkansas National Guard, ATTN:
BOD Building 8100, Camp Robinson, North Little Rock, AR 72199-9600

SUBJECT: Meeting Minutes 23 January 2015

1. **Call to Order.** The Board of Directors meeting for 23 January 2015 was called to order by President, Jeff Frisby at the Holiday Inn and Convention Center in Springdale, AR.

2. **Roll Call.** Mike Ellis, Secretary, called the roll in order to establish a quorum. The following were the results:

Board Members Present:

SFC	Jeff Frisby	President
MSG	Jennifer Broach	Past President
SFC	James Howard	1 st Vice President
MSgt	Michele Malone	2 nd Vice President
SFC	Mike Ellis	Secretary
1SG	Kevin Osnes	Dist 2 / 142 nd FiB
MSG	Derrick Young	Dist 5 / JFHQ
MSgt	Brian Mays	Dist 7 / 188 th FW
SSgt	Stephanie Cummiford	Dist 8 / 123 rd
CMsgt (R)	Richard Green	Dist 11 / Retired Air

Present by Proxy

MSgt	Mike Lenahan(Michele Malone)	Treasurer
SFC	James Williams(Mike Ellis)	Dist 1 / 39 th IBCT
SSG	Ben Harding(Derrick Young)	Dist 4/ 87 th TRP CMD

Board Members Absent:

SFC	John Murphy	Dist 3 / 77 th AV
SMSgt	Myra Cross	Dist 6 / 189 th AW MSgt
TSgt	Tim Lenahan	Dist 9 / AF at Large
MSgt	Paul Wilkerson	Dist 10 / AFHQ, GSU
SFC	Mark Burrus	Parliamentarian
	Vacant	Dist 12 / Retired Army

A quorum was present.

3. MSG Jennifer Broach made a motion to deviate from the printed agenda. Mike Ellis seconded the motion, there was no discussion, and the motion passed unanimously.

4. **Previous Meeting Minutes.** The minutes from the Board of Directors meeting from 23 October 14 were presented by Mike Ellis and reviewed. A few recommendations of changes were made: as read “James Howard testified” change to “Jeff Frisby testified”. A motion was made by Jenifer Broach to accept the minutes and James Howard seconded the motion, there was no further discussion, and the motion passed unanimously.

5. **Reports.**

(a). **Treasurers Report.** President Jeff Frisby presented the Treasurers Report. The Treasurer recommended moving CD #11 to the business account upon maturity. Michele Malone made a motion to accept the recommendation and Mike Ellis seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed. A discussion was made about turning in the old credit card machine, since EAANG is currently using a different device. Everyone agreed to turn in the old credit card machine. No motion or vote needed. Jennifer Broach made a motion to accept Treasure Report as written, James Howard seconded the motion, there was no further discussion and the motion passed.

(b). **Membership.** 2d Vice President Michele Malone presented the report to the board. 930 current members, that is 294 more than this time last year. Michele Malone urged Districts to sponsor junior Soldiers and Airmen. The membership report is an informational report and it was filed for record.

(c). **Legislative Report.** James Howard presented the Legislative Report. James Howard presented Legislative Update for the Arkansas 90th General Assembly and the 114th US Congress. EAANG’s retire tax exception resolution will be introduced into the Arkansas House of Representatives and we are confident that if the House passes the bill, the Senate will pass it also for the Governor to sign it. The NDAA 2015 elevated the Guards Senior Enlisted Leader to a “G.O. Billet” but there wasn’t any change to Tuition Assistance. The legislative report is an informational report and it was filed for record.

(d). **Publications.** Jeff Frisby discussed the progress of the new website. The new website is still being worked on and should be up and running before the state conference. The online merchant is working, now it requires us to build units, membership goals, and do the cosmetic work.

(e). **Ways & Means.** Jeff Frisby presented the Ways and Means report. Our fund raising efforts have been great this year, we have exceeded over \$10K in revenue, however, we are doing all of our events with just a few of the same volunteers, Directors should make the effort to work when they can. The ways and means report is an informational report and it was filed for record.

(f). **Area IV Directors Report.** Jeff Frisby gave report on behalf of EANGUS. He discussed the upcoming Mid-Winter Conference, a brief insight into the vacant executive director position, and discussed the upcoming look at moving the National Office out of our current building and placing it in the National Guard Memorial Building.

(g). **Insurance Trust.** Jeff Frisby discussed the insurance trust. The trust currently has over \$1 million invested in it. This year, the trust will allow us to give away 50 Scholarships in the amount of \$750 each. Once the trust gets past \$1 million there will be a payment distribution to each Association, one recommendation was for those payments to go towards new memberships.

(h). **Scholarship.** Michele Malone gave the scholarship report. So far, there have been 98 applications but 10 were not eligible for various reasons. Jeff Frisby attempted to make contact with those individuals to make corrections. The review committee will need four individuals to represent EAANG, 2 Air and 2 Army. Currently, Michele Malone (Air), Jessica Bredeson (Army) and John Murphy (Army) are sitting in those slots.

(i). **2014 National Conference.** Jeff Frisby discussed some of the events that came out of the 2014 National Conference. All Conference reports are on the EANBGUS website. There were several By-Laws changes, 12 total resolutions, and the new EANGUS President is John Harris from Louisiana.

(j). **2015 National Convention.** Jeff Frisby discussed some of the details for the 2015 National Conference to be held in Indianapolis, IN. Louisiana will take the lead on the Hospitality Suite and Oklahoma will be responsible for All-States night. Arkansas does not have the final delegate count yet, but expects to have a total of 9 votes. Area IV selected to stay in the Ramada Inn but are last on the priority list.

(k). **Auxiliary Update.** Monica Williams presented the Auxiliary report to the Board of Directors. She has been working with Kevin Osnes on the Hospitality Suite and overall conference. We will have a combined Hospitality Area again this year with all the MACOMS working together. She mentioned the Spouse of the Year Award and asked for applicants. There is a planning meeting 8 February at the NGAA BLDG at 1500 for the state conference and each MACOM representative needs to be there.

6. **Old Business.**

(a). During an electronic vote, the Board of Directors approved the StuidoG photography contract for the state conference.

(b). During an electronic vote, the Board of Directors approved the Heritage Publications contract for 2 years to resume publication of our annual Conference Book.

7. **New Business.**

(a). **PHA Membership Booth.** This is an incredible opportunity for this association, we need MACOM's to work on the details of trying to provide a person to man that booth if they have a unit going through the PHA site.

(b). **Mid-Winter.** The Mid-Winter Conference this year will be held in Tulsa, OK from 21-22 February. Deadline for registration is 31 January. If anyone plans to go,

they need to get with Jeff Frisby to discuss the details and make room and travel arrangements.

(c). **Legislative Conference.** This year's EANGUS Legislative Conference will be 31 January thru 3 February 2015 in Washington DC. The Legislative team will be able to visit all 6 congressmen to discuss our resolutions and several other issues.

(d). **State Conference.** Jeff Frisby discussed the committee break outs for the state conference. There will be a meeting in March for those committees. During the Banquet, Arkansas will do the Best Warrior and Airmen of the Year awards ceremony. Preregistration and hotel reservations should be made now.

- (1) There are currently 4 By Laws changes to be discussed:
 - i. Change of the Life Time Due structure
 - ii. Annual versus Calendar Membership
 - iii. Corporate Membership Program
 - iv. Change District 7 to 188th Wing

Notification of the final By-Laws proposals must be sent out to the membership at least 30 days prior to the conference in order to require a 2/3 Majority vote.

(2) Resolutions. James Howard presented the EAANG Resolution Submittal Form. He is currently working a new Resolutions SOP that will be approved by the board at the next board meeting. He also published the CALL FOR EAANG RESOLUTIONS.

(3) Awards. The Call for Awards has gone out to the membership. This year, to accompany the Best Warrior and Airmen awards, our Banquet will highlight our awards program as well as the spouse of the year.

(4) Hospitality Room. Some of the idea's being incorporated into this year's hospitality booth are a photo booth, dance area, social area, food, and drink. There will be multiple raffles and give aways. Each MACOM needs to bring their door prize and anything else that they want to give away. The theme will be a red, black, or white Masquerade. Food and drink distribution will be determined at the Auxiliary meeting in February. The ice is somewhat limited at the hotel, however, the 142nd will be able to help out at some local armories.

(5) Election of District Representatives. Each MACOM will need to appoint and elect district representatives, either new or retained. They will be sworn in during the State Meeting.

(6) Conference Book: Heritage will be publishing this year's conference book, however, if you have any photos or information you would like highlighted, email those to Monica Williams before March 1st.

(7) Audio Visual. We haven't signed an AV contract yet, if it gets to costly, we may have to ask the 188th to provide some AV support.

(8) Professional Development. SGM Ingram is the chair for this professional development program. The thought is to incorporate the professional development into a senior leader's conference, to bring in the E8's and E9's.

(9) Banquet. The banquet will be in the hotel. David Smith will be the Master of Ceremonies. SGT Champion was nominated to be responsible for the Parade of CSM's and CMSgt's. MACOM's were reminded to bring their guidons.

(10) Silent Auction. Everyone is reminded to bring items for the Silent Auction.

(11) Vendors and Corporate Sponsors. Vendors are needed! \$500 is the price of the booth.

(12) Color Guard. The color guard for this year's conference will be a joint color guard.

(13) Menu. The board elected to have the following meals for the conference:

- i. TAG Luncheon: Lemon Chicken
- ii. Saturday Lunch during the meeting: Box Deli Lunch
- iii. Banquet Dinner: Option of Prime Rib, Chicken, or Vegetarian

(e). **Site Visit.** The hotel staff will be giving the Board a site visit of the hotel as the conclusion of this meeting.

8. **Next Board Meeting.** The next Board meeting will be 24 April at Holiday Inn Convention Springdale AR, the time will published at a later date.

9. **Adjournment.** A motion to adjourn was made by Brian Mays and seconded by Michele Malone. There was no discussion. Motion Passed unanimously and everyone was dismissed.

JEFF FRISBY
SFC
President