

SDNGEA Executive Council Meeting
April 24, 2003
Ramkota Hotel Best Western
Rapid City, SD

President Craig Towns called the meeting to order at 1600 hours. The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted. Roll call was taken with a quorum present.

President Towns welcomed the members.

Minutes of the previous Executive Council meeting February 6, 2003 were approved as written in the Enlisted ECHO.

Treasurer's report was given by Bruce Anderson. He noted one \$10 discrepancy that will be corrected at no cost to the Enlisted Association. Report was accepted.

Committee reports will be brief, as most will be given before the body at the Conference.

Committee Members at Large:

Membership report was submitted by Gary Kafka. We currently have 2,797 paid members compared to 2,732 paid at this time last year. We currently have 291 Life Members, which is an increase of five from last year. With a lot of personnel and being activated the dues have trickled in slow this year, but everyone has done a great job collecting. This year we have 24 units that qualified for the 100% membership award compared to 30 units last year. He also added that there were 4 bad checks for annual dues. He had emailed the individuals and units with no response. These were noted by units represented and will be followed up. Report accepted as given.

Constitution and By-Laws report was given by Wayne Fokken. Discussed a possible change in the process of dues collecting. No motions for change were brought forward. The deadline for dues collection will remain 31 December for member to be able to receive \$1000 Life insurance, but members will still be able to continue to pay dues up to the SDNGEA Conference for voting strength. Also discussed was how the website will facilitate this process. Report accepted as given.

All nominations to run for office need to be turned into Tom Eichacker.

Old Business:

President Towns introduced Lori Hoop the present webmaster for the SDNGEA webpage to update the Executive Council on the status of the website. The domain registration needed to be updated (domain name, admin name and billing information) to President Towns name and work address. The webpage will be up and running by June 1, 2003. The website address is www.sdngear.com. Key words to access the site are: South Dakota National Guard Enlisted Association, SDNGEA, South Dakota National Guard, Enlisted

Association, National Guard. Lastly, she discussed a hosting plan and explained desired features and cost. Her first recommendation for a Host server was to use www.hostforweb.com. Report accepted.

New Business:

Header designed by Nancy Ausland for the Website was passed out for review.

Bruce Anderson motioned to make the webmaster a full time position to the Executive Council in the constitution, in addition to the two Junior Enlisted Members. Must bring this up from the floor and need 2/3 approval at the Conference. Lori Hoop was voted in to be webmaster for website next year.

Donavon List led discussion about what constitutes a quorum and the necessity of the roll call of units for both Friday and Saturday. It was determined according to the Constitution and By-Laws that the roll call of units was only necessary for voting purposes on Saturday and that a roll call of officers was all that was necessary on Friday for a quorum to conduct business.

Ben Lamp brought to the table the new membership packets that will be brought before the Conference.

Bruce Anderson announced his resignation as the Treasurer and has applied to be the new Executive Director. President Towns motioned to appoint Bruce Anderson as the New Executive Director. Jim Wranek seconded the motion. Motion carried. A new treasurer will be voted in at the Conference.

No motion made to change constitution by-laws to include webmaster on Executive Council, because they may not be military in the future.

Discussed National Conference in Niagara Falls, NY in August. We have 20 rooms blocked and Minnesota has a bus going for those interested.

Dave Heeren moved to adjourn Executive Council Meeting and Gary Kafka seconded the motion. All approved. Meeting adjourned 1740 hours, April 24, 2003.