

Executive Council Meeting

17 APRIL '08

Spearfish Holiday Inn and Convention Center

The meeting was called to order at 1503 hours.

President Fokken welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced our guests. Kathy, a representative from TRICARE informed us that she would have a booth set up in the hallway through out most of the weekend and encouraged us to stop by. She would be giving a quick briefing tomorrow during the meetings.

Julie Jones from the Rapid City Convention and Visitors Bureau was there to represent the city of Rapid City. She said that Rapid City would love to host us for our up-coming co-located conference with the officers. There were many services that the Convention and Visitors Bureau such as welcome bags and name tags and other services. She then introduced Cheryl Gabert and Domico Rodriguez from the Rushmore Plaza/Holiday Inn. They are centrally located with in Rapid City and are a non-smoking hotel. We would be able to have 200 of 205 rooms. Even with the hotel full they would still be able to have meeting rooms. Hospitality rooms are available on the second floor and we would be able to bring in our own beverages. They are able to accommodate us with many meal choices for our banquet that can fit any budget.

Jan Gusin and Kerina Yackley are from the Ramkota Hotel and Conference Center. They will offer us the season government rate for the rooms. They have a shuttle that can take us many places with in Rapid City from 5am to midnight. There are many facilities with in walking distance from the hotel such as restaurants, pools, work out facilities, etc. The mall and theaters are very close as well. They made the same offer to the officers organization when they bid previously. They do not charge for meeting rooms or the tables and chairs. They have 276 rooms and we would be able to block 240 rooms at a time.

Roll was taken at this time and quorum was met.

A motion was made by John Ball and seconded by Don Stewart to except the minutes from the last meeting as printed in the Echo. Motion passed.

Nancy Ausland gave the treasurer's report. The CD is now in the savings account. The items under "miscellaneous" are for new items that we did not have set as a line item on the budget. She handed out a detailed budget and explained what everything was for and gave a few suggestions for next year. Motion by Don List and seconded by Ed Reville to except the treasurer's report; motion passed.

Committee Members At-Large Reports

Area 2: 153rd units did not make the 100% membership but most have made it close to the 100% mark.

Area 5: membership is at 73% for the Air Guard.

Membership: Our total membership is at 3333 which is up 309 from last year. This year we have 10 new life members, with five from the Army, four

from the Air and one retiree. This we had 80 members take advantage of the USAA membership program. Early indications from National Head Quarters are that this program will not be offered this next year. We had 29 units achieve the 100% membership mark this year and recommend that in the future that we do not include the Recruit Sustainment Program soldiers in the numbers for the assigned units, unless the unit collects dues from these soldiers. This will reflect more closely how the Air Guard does this with their Student Flight members.

Time and Place: Chair, Dale Greenfield and Vice Chair Pat Jones will have a report to give to the body at the meetings this week.

Nominations: Chair Ed Revell asks that we get all nominations to his as soon as possible.

Constitution and By-Laws: Chairman Bruce Anderson will give a report at the meetings this weekend.

Scholarships: Chairman Ed Revell said that we have three scholarships that will be given out. One of the recipients will be in attendance on Saturday evening at the banquet.

Scholarships chosen and will be announced (no presentation at the conference)

Several judges are teachers in the Sioux Falls area.

WINNERS: Sarah Eichacker \$1000

Philip Day \$1000

Anthony Peterson \$500

Amber Opbroek \$100

Legislative: Chairman Don Lists will give his full report on Saturday.

With the new president and new board this year, we are asking new people to step up and take responsibility. Please look at the By-Laws and see the duties that would be asked of you and see what you might be interested in.

Old Business

Update on status of equipment for the memorial at the state conference:

We were given \$150 for this project. People have donated time and energy to help us with this. Retirees, the Fab Shop at the Air Guard and Bob Funk have done a great job with finishing this project. We are looking to get a case for it.

2011 EANGUS conference up date: No update as of now but we will have more information after the conference in August in Savannah, GA.

C3/C19 Status: Bruce Anderson- He has met with the lawyer, Roger Hunt and they talked about the paper work the we need to do to be able to file correctly with the government. We need to get many documents in order still, but we are working on this and it is getting done. Our Constiution and By-Laws will govern a lot of what we can and cannot do. The change will allow us to change our deductible status. If someone were going to donate to our organization they will be able to write it off their taxes. The lawyer mentioned that it will cost about \$750, to have him help us with this matter. A motion was made my Ed Revell and seconded by Roger Hanson to spend up to \$750

for this. Motion passed.

State Conference Unit Signs for State Conerence: There are signs that show were you can sit as a group.

Certificate of Deposits Status for Re-Investment (Due in April)

We have gained \$317 through the CD and we moved that money to a savings account.

Area V (next meeting at Ho Chuck Casino, Baraboo, WI, May 16-17)

We Typically fund three people to go to this. They will help us get ready for the National Conference in August.

2 or 3 years for Co-Located conferences with the officers

Our policy states that we are co-located every three years. We need to go by our policy for this. Everyone agreed to this and it was decided that we would be co-located every three years.

New Business

EANGUS President's Workshop and site survey, Savannah, GA May 30-31. Our new president will go to a meeting to look at where we will be and what we will be doing at the national conference in August.

Adding Honor March Position to the Executive Council (Constitution and By-Laws change)

Would this person be appointed as a position on the board? Can this person be reimbursed?

Mile Markers for the Veteran's Honor March- Please get sponsorship for the mile markers. You can get a form and they are only \$50. That is the suggested amount or they can donate more. We need support from the Executive Board and anyone that can help. Thank to those who have sold some already.

Retiree Web Site Update

We will be adding a link for our retirees on our website to access the retiree website so our retirees can stay up to date and in touch with others.

AG's Golf Tournament

This will be held 28-29 June in Sioux Falls. If you sign up by 1June the cost is \$100 for the weekend.

Presidents Cup— Every three years it is an event with the co-located conferences.

It was decieded that the conference committee for the joint conference should be the ones in charge of this event. Motioned by Don Stewart and seconded by Bruce Anderson, motion passed.

EANGUS Conference in Savannah, GA 17-21 August 2008.

If you are riding the bus we need to know soon so we can have numbers ready at the Area V Caucus. This will be a two day trip with an over night stay. We will be staying in the Hyatt at the conference. We will have more information after the Area V caucus.

Our next meeting will be 19September at 1600 in Deadwood.

Motioned by Don Stewart to adjourn the meeting; second by Ed Revell, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 1636.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie McGuire
State EA Secretary