



# Executive Council Meeting

22 April 2010

Ramkota Hotel, Rapid City, SD

**P**resident Gary Kafka called the meeting to order at 1505 hours in the Lincoln Room. Pledge of Allegiance was conducted. Roll Call was taken, a quorum was present.

Special guests were acknowledged (Auxiliary Members and Past Presidents)

Minutes from last meeting were handed out and as printed in the Spring 2010 Edition of the ECHO.

Ben Lamp motioned to approve, Roger Hansen seconded.

**Treasures Report** – Pat Jones- No report given as he is still writing checks out to reimburse rooms and registration fees for conference, detailed report will be given at the conference. Discussion on the Black Hills Veterans March website is now being paid by the Enlisted Associations general account. Now that the Veterans March is becoming more popular and becoming self sustaining it is suggested that the funds from the Veterans March pay for the Black Hills Veterans March website instead of the Enlisted Associations general account.

## Committee Reports

**Investment Committee** - will meet later to discuss possible future investment plans (like investing some money into CDs).

**Audit Committee** - the Committee met on 21 April and audited the organization's books. All accounts balanced and no discrepancies were found.

**Nominations Committee** - for Committee Members at Large there will be 2 open positions that need to be filled at this year's Conference.

**Sponsorship Committee** – this year we started off with 11 possible sponsors. However, there are four people being sponsored this year. Three are being sponsored by the organization and one is being sponsored by his unit. The JEC and Chiefs are also sponsoring two airmen. For next year, SCSM Zimmerman is trying to come up with a professional development class for state conference and also is making a goal to bring more junior enlisted members to National Conference.

**Membership Committee**- will present report during the business session since Jim Poppen was unable to attend the today's meeting.

**Black Hills Veterans March Committee**- The committee talked about sticking with one color for the shirts instead of having a color for the marchers and a different color for the volunteers/helpers. So far we have 12 volunteers registered on website. If you are a volunteer and have not registered yourself on the website as a volunteer please do so. As of today we have 35 people signed up for the Veterans March in September. Bob Aiken and Ed Revell are POC's if you are interested in helping sell mile maker signs. The signs are selling for \$50.00 a sign.

**Legislative Committee**- Don List went over the resolution on Senate Bill 76-Revise composition of State Veterans that will be presented to the body on 24 April 2010.

## Old Business

On the 20-23 May 2010 there is an Area V Meeting. The new president will coordinate who will attend the meeting.

The Presidents Workshop is on 14-16 May 2010 held in St. Louis, Missouri.

Black Hills Veterans March (25 September 2010) - still trying to determine if we will be using the Comfort Inn or the Lodge in Deadwood. If the Lodge will give us a government rate that would be more ideal than the Comfort Inn in Deadwood, SD.

National Conference- Pat Jones- talked about hosting a National Conference in Sioux Falls. Jones met with the City of Sioux Falls and information packets will be handed out tomorrow during session. There are a few concerns about hosting a National Conference they are: Room rate, Transportation (could rent busses but cost \$26,000), Hotels-because some hotels will not allow hospitality rooms to bring their own alcohol, the alcohol would have to be purchased from the hotel. We are working on solving the three presented issues. Sioux Falls is capable of hosting a National Conference. South Dakota could possibly host the 2013 National Conference, but in order to get the ball rolling we need to form a committee.

A motion was made by Pat Jones to consider hosting a National Conference, Dale Greenfield seconded the motion. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Dan Weber to form a committee to address hosting a National Conference, Pat Jones seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Volunteers for Hosting National Conference Ben Lamp- Kathy Anderson-Jody Smith- Dan Weber- Dallas Vallery- Shawn Siemonsma

## New business

**Scholarship committee**- The Committee only had two candidates for three scholarships. Some issues discussed were the wrong POC was out there as older versions of the applications were out there, another issue is people not knowing if they qualify for a scholarship or not.

**Auxiliary Scholarships**- No one applied for any Auxiliary scholarships. Need to get the word out for next year so more people will apply for these scholarships.

AG's Golf Tournament is 14-15 August 2010 in Sioux Falls, SD.

Room reservations for National Conference should be made no later than 1 July 2010. The organization pre-registered 10 people.

**Nominations for new positions:** we have one person interested to run for each of the following positions: 1<sup>st</sup> vice- Roger Hansen, President- Dale Greenfield and Treasure- Pat Jones. Please consider running for a position at this year's conference.

**ECHO** - USSA is an advertisement sponsor but we need more ads to pay for the publication. The deadline for advertisement is 15 May 2010. POC is Calvin Christie

The South Dakota National Guard Enlisted Association now has a Post Office Box to have mailings going to a standard address. It is PO Box 1212 in Pierre, SD, Jim Poppen and Gary Kafka have keys to check mail regularly.

Bruce Anderson gave an idea for a resolution for dues: those over 18% stay at \$9.00 annually- those states that do not have 18% membership will pay \$12.00 or \$15.00 or what National decides they want to raise them to. Bob Funk would like to see a graduated scale comparing states, which will be handed out during the business session.

Next meeting is Friday, 24 September 2010, lodging TBA.

Ed Revel made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Bob Aiken seconded the motion. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned at 1705