

EANGUT STATE CONFERENCE MEETING MINUTES 20 June 2009

1. President Raelynn Oman called the meeting to order at 0815
2. Colors were posted and the pledge of allegiance was recited. Norman Rentschler gave the invocation.
3. 0825 The minutes from the previous meeting held in March were read and approved.
4. 0830 Executive Reports:

Vice President Army: CSM Dimond has worked this year on coordinating the state conference. He has had a lot of help from various EANGUT members to do this. This year there will be no out of pocket expense for attendees. He also did a site visit to Rochester Minnesota for the National Convention. Utah is well represented at the conference and well respected also.

Vice President Air: Joe Guimond has pushed to increase Air Guard membership this year. Not only has it increased but they have almost doubled membership. Right now there 170 air guard members and they are still pushing.

Treasurer: Chris Williams reported on the accounts as they stand right now. EANGUT's overall account has \$38,517.41. That breaks down to \$28,399.39 in checking, \$5,845.85 in scholarship/ savings and \$4,272.17 in the CD. He has a full financial report/printout for anyone interested.

5. 0836 Committee Reports:

Finance Committee: Joe Spencer reported that the finance committee met at 0700 this morning. They prepared the financials and they are now available in MS Excel format and it is recommended that the Treasurer start using it immediately. It was recommended that the EANGUT president submit the 2010 budget to the Finance Committee NLT 1 Oct 09. The Finance Committee also believes that incorporating a more thorough process of accounting will be a valuable tool for EANGUT.

Insurance Committee: Richard DeWolf said there are two ways of earning money for EANGUT other than membership; ways and means and insurance. Utah along with 16 other states participates in a state sponsored life insurance. It is payroll deductible and dividends come back to EANGUT. The group meets in a conference once a year. They subtract payouts then they break out the dividends to the different states. This year Utah received \$22, 130.70. We split this evenly with the officers giving us \$11, 065.35. We also received an additional \$900 some dollars. So for the year from April to April we received approximately \$13,000 from the insurance. If there is any other questions please contact Richard DeWolf.

Legislative Committee: Dell Smith was not present but Jennifer Butler reported on different issues that are the legislatures push this year. The Youth Challenge program is going to be a main focus this year, as well as Tricare and retiree benefits. Some other main issues will be family SGLI and retirement programs.

Membership Committee: Norman Rentschler reported on the status of EANGUT membership. Our EANGUT members dictate how many representatives we get at the national level. The more members we have the more votes we get. They count our membership for the year on Dec 31 of the previous year. CSM Summers has given new guidance to each MACOM CSM. They are currently the MACOM representative for EANGUT. He has also said every MACOM should have an EANGUT brief in their NCODP every year to inform all their soldiers that EANGUT is not a club but an organization that helps Soldiers. Another new thing SFC Rentschler has implemented is sending a letter to all new and reuping members and also sends a letter informing a member when their membership is about to expire. EANGUS is now on face book but need other ways to increase publicity and information about EANGUT. Last year our membership was at 328 this year we have 1032. Of those, 571 were USAA signups and we don't have a lot of contact information for these members. USAA is also no longer paying for any memberships. There are two ways to sign up for EANGUS. The best way is over the internet at eangus.org. The other is to fill out a form and mail it in. SFC Rentschler is still working on being able to update personal information at the state level. Right now only national can do it but they are usually pretty responsive. The booth at Governors day last year was a good venue. SFC Rentschler also has a presentation that will be on the web soon that you can give at NCODP that covers EANGUT/ EANGUS as well as some other organizations.

6. 0945 Unfinished Business:

Chris Williams wants the finance committee to look into supporting local Utah business by using a local bank. If they are able to offer what a national bank can. Joe Spencer will bring this to the financial committee as well as exploring all options to find the best place for EANGUT money.

Jennifer Butler would like annual conference to be moved up in the year to better coincide with legislative conference. If the conference is held later in the year the resolutions we push forward can't be seen until the following year. There is also a new president workshop in May that our new presidents miss. There is a motion by Evenson that the annual EANGUT conference be held in-between January 15 and the end of February. Specific dates during that time period will be determined prior to Sept 30th each year. CSM Spencer seconded the motion. The motion is put to a vote and carries.

7. 1010 New Business:

Joe Spencer puts forward a discussion to extend the elected officers for two years instead of one. Regionally, the elected officers have two year terms and the council is elected at different times (half on odd years, the other half on even). Originally the

terms were established because if someone was doing a good job they could be reelected. If they weren't they could be voted out. Many pointed out that it takes a year to understand all the job entails before they catch on then they are voted out. There are provisions in the by laws to get an officer out of office if they are not doing a good job. Although will anyone the practicality of this is questioned. CSM Oman pledges to get the by-laws up on the website by the end of June so everyone can look at this if they want to submit a proposal, like this, to change them.

There is more discussion on having a retiree representative. It was determined that this is a president appointment and does not need a vote.

Jim Slade proposed a discussion to change how membership into EANGUT is done. He proposes memberships expire at the same time every year for everyone. The officers currently do this in January. That way everyone would know when their membership was due again. One issue brought up with this is that the national organization still does it whenever the Soldier signs up not on one date so there would be two expiration dates- one state one national for the soldier. SFC Rentschler could possibly go to the national membership conference and see what different options could be worked on at that level. In South Dakota they ask each soldier to pay for their EANGUS membership while they are in line for chow. New recruits are told about EANGUS at RSP although Todd Perry pointed out it would be more affective to discuss this after they have been through AIT and have been in the Army a little longer. Alan Jackson would like EANGUT posters made, something with higher visibility, to inform his Soldiers about EANGUT. Anyone interested in helping increase membership should contact SFC Rentschler.

8. Elections

Nominations for President

Derek Dimond is nominated by Joe Spencer seconded by Brad Howell

Richard DeWolf is nominated by Jim Slade and seconded by Sid Cardon

Each candidate is given three minutes to speak. Derek Dimond wins by majority vote.

Nominations for Vice President Army

Todd Perry is nominated

Wyatt Davis is nominated and

Scott Evan is nominated

Each candidate is given three minutes to speak. Scott Evans wins by majority vote.

Vice President Air

Joe Guimond is nominated

There is a motion to elect Joe Guimond by acclamation. The motion carries. Joe

Guimond wins by acclamation

Treasurer

Chris Williams is nominated

There is a motion to accept Chris Williams by acclamation. The motion carries. Chris Williams wins by acclamation.

Secretary

Wyatt Davis is nominated

Jennifer Butler is nominated and

Robert Pope is nominated

Each candidate is given three minutes to speak. Jennifer Butler wins by majority vote.

9. 1200 Break for lunch
10. President Oman swears in the new officers
11. Area 6 report: Brad Howell reports the biggest change coming down from national is the cost of membership. Right now the cost per soldier is not effective. They haven't changed the price of membership in years and EANGUS can't keep up. The funds are dwindling. There will be a resolution at the national conference to change the fees from \$9 to \$15 for national membership. Eventually this will have to be enacted. EANGUS is also looking into a new membership database. Also, the executive director is retiring so they are starting to look for a replacement. There is also a job opening for our legislative director.
12. Site Visit: Scott Evans reports on the site visit for the national conference in Rochester Minnesota. It is one of the most veteran friendly towns and also the birth place of spam. The conference fee is \$100 before July 1st and \$125 after. The conference is scheduled for Aug 9-12. There will be a state showcase, National Guard awards luncheon, all area hospitality night. It is a really good chance to see how the organization works and all the issues that are addressed for Soldiers. www.eangus.org is where you register.
13. 1230 President Oman closes the business portion of the meeting and introduces the two speakers— SSG Dennis Boorman and SPC Guy Mellor.
14. 1320 the break out sessions start.