**WISCONSIN NATIONAL GUARD ENLISTED ASSOCIATION**

**2400 WRIGHT STREET, MADISON, WI 53704**

WNGEA QUARTERLY MEETING

JFHQ’s, Room 160, Madison, WI

DATE: 27 January 2024

**NOTE:** These minutes as presented, are unofficial until approved by the WNGEA Executive Council at the next council meeting.

**01. Call to Order:** The WNGEA Joint Executive Council meeting was called to order by the President at 9:35. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**02. Area V Directors Update.**

This is an Election Year for National Office. Chuck Viola is the new Area V Director for Army and Steph Gelbowitz is the new Chair.

**03. Unscheduled Guests or Presentations.**

Welcome to our guest, State Senator Julian Bradley! Senator Bradley talked about the recruitment problem. How do we identify ways to create jobs for retirees after retirement? What do we do after we retire or separate? What resources should be available? He also encouraged members to know who their senators are in the area they live in and get involved with legislation. Our voice really does matter. WNGEA works at the State and Federal level to transform its members’ ideas into legislative action and provides representation before members of Congress and their staff on the association’s priorities.

**04. Previous Meeting Minutes:** The meeting minutes for 28 October 2023 were accepted by the President with one minor revision – Under 13. Retire Affairs Report, adding Steve and Cathy who also attended and helped out at the Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD) at Fort McCoy.

**05. Treasurer’s Report:** Present, written report on file.

Treasurer’s report was accepted by the President.

**06. Ways & Means Report:** Not Present, no written report on file.

**07. Executive Director Report:** Present, written report on file.

**08. Legislative Report - National:** Present, no written report on file.

Jay Brody has accepted and will be the primary National Legislative Manager. Jason Walker will be the secondary and will assist Jay as needed.

**09. Legislative Report - State:** Present, no written report on file.

Jason Walker has accepted and will be the primary State Legislative Manager. Jay Brody will be the secondary and will assist Jason as needed.

**10. Resolutions Report:** Present, no written report on file.

**11. Membership & Marketing Report – Army-Air Team:** Present (Army), no written report on file. Position for Air is currently vacant.

**12. Junior Enlisted Report: Joint Army-Air Report:** Present, no written report on file.

Junior Enlisted Committee is working on an event during the Presidents Workshop.

**13. Retiree Affairs Report:** Present, no written report on file.

Currently working on making sure their briefing is scheduled at a better time and some good information for members.

**14. Corporate Partnership Report:** Position vacant, no written report on file.

**15. Bylaws Report:** Present, written report on file.

**16. Publications Report:** Present, no written report on file.

Next Bucky’s Bulletin to come out will be the 2024 Spring Edition. Deadline to submit any articles is Thursday, February 15, 2024.

**17. Education Selection Report:** Present, no written report on file.

Scholarships are now open. For details regarding the Scholarships that are offered please visit the following websites: [https://WNGEA.ORG](https://WNGEA.ORG/) or [https://EANGUS.ORG](https://EANGUS.ORG/) to learn more. Members, dependents of a member, and full-time students are eligible to apply.

**18. Awards Report:** PositionVacant, no written report on file.

Members discussed and voted on giving the Airman of the Year and Soldier of the Year winners, at the Junior level, a lifetime membership.

**MOTION:** Education Selection Chair and State Legislative Manager

Second: Secretary

Discussion: Members discussed giving the Airman of the Year and Soldier of the Year

winners, at the Junior level, a lifetime membership.

Vote: Passed by voice.

**19. Insurance Report:** Present, written report on file.

SSLI Over 70 Program is now available. For more information please visit WNGEA’s website at [www.wngea.org](http://www.wngea.org/)

**20. Leader of Prayer’s Report:** Present, written report on file.

**21. Historian Report:** Position Vacant, no written report on file.

The memorial book has been updated and most states are doing a good job of utilizing the on-line form.

**22. Special Projects Report:** Position Vacant, no written report on file.

**23. WEB Manager:** Present, no written report on file.

WNGEA website has a variety of resources/links to explore. Gary Hans continues to keep it updated.

**24. OLD BUSINESS:**

* None at this time.

**25. NEW BUSINESS:**

**2024 Presidents and EANGUS Legislative Workshop (24-28 February 2024), Washington D.C.**

**2024 WNGEA/WINGA Annual Conference & Professional Development, Osthoff Resort, Elkhart Lake, WI (26-28 April 2024)**

* This Conference will be hosted by the 426th Regiment and the Recruiting and Retention Battalion on 26-28 April 2024 at the Osthoff Resort in Elkhart Lake, WI.
* Professional Development classes and the Annual Business Meeting will be included.
* Be sure to download the “WNGEA App” for the latest Conference updates.
* More details can also be found in the Bucky’s Bulletin Spring 2024 Addition.

**2024 EANGUS Area V Caucus, Hunting Place, Detroit, MI (17-19 May 2024)**

* More details to come.

**2024 EANGUS Conference, Huntington Place, Detroit, MI (17-21 August 2024)**

* Hotel will be the Renaissance Center Hotel, will house all attendees.
* Until you take the time to attend a National Conference, you will not fully understand the impact the National Association has on issues that affect you.
* You will be able to sit on National Committees, vote on relevant Enlisted issues and meet our EANGUS Legislative Directors who work for our issues on a daily basis.

**26. GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

**A. Next Quarterly Meeting:** Location: Osthoff Resort, Elkhart Lake, WI

Date/Start Time: Saturday, April 27th at 10:30 a.m.

**B. Close of Meeting.**

**MOTION:** State Conference Committee Co-Chair

Seconded: Education Selection Chair and State Legislative Manager

Discussion: None

Vote: Passed by voice.

Meeting adjourned at 12:07 hrs.

Rhonda Martinson

WNGEA Secretary Transcribed 20 March 2024