

***EANGMT Executive Board Meeting
3 February 2010, 6:00 p.m.
Missouri River Inn, Hardy Creek, MT***

OPENING ITEMS

Call to Order

Roll Call of Members

Executive Members Present:

President – MSgt Patti Hagan

Secretary – MSgt Dorrie Hagan

Executive Member Air – TSgt Craig Barnes

Executive Member Army – SFC Tim Sowa

Executive Member Army – MSG Dana Lahti

Executive Member Army – 1SG Risi Stewart

Executive Member Army – 1SG Tom Sanburg

Others Present:

CMSgt (Ret) Roger Hagan, CMSgt (Ret) Chuck Deaver, Mrs. Cindy Sowa

Executive Members Not Present:

Treasurer – TSgt Duane Herigon - Excused

Executive Member Air –MSgt Scott Fink - Absent

1st Vice President – SFC Dennis Stoner - Excused

2nd Vice President – Vacant Executive

Member Army – SFC Nick Smith - Absent

Executive Member Army – MSG Dave Goroski - Absent

Retired Member Air – CMSgt (Ret) Paul Heppner - Excused

Retired Member Army– MSG(Ret) John Bagley - Absent

Past President – CSM Ronda Scott - Absent

MSgt Patti Hagan appointed the following proxy position: CMSgt Chuck Deaver for SFC Dennis Stoner. MMS&C to approve the appointment.

Copies of the minutes from the Executive Board Meeting, 10 November 2009 have been provided to all board members in previous e-mails from the President. MMS&C to accept the minutes as printed. Minutes from the last State Conference were still unavailable, therefore tabled.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Scholarship Report – MSgt Patti Hagan: Reported for the Committee that the form on the website has been updated.

Treasurer's Report – MSgt Patti Hagan: Reported for TSgt Duane Herigon. Handout provided to show monthly activity in each account for 2009. Tasked MSG Dana Lahti to track down missing bank statements for the last 3 months. Also need to verify with Ken's Catering the 2 charges for \$100. MMS&C to approve Treasurer's Report.

Membership Report – MSgt Patti Hagan: Current data from National Office shows our numbers dropping. Proposing to send a postcard to all members, drilling and retired, to see if we can generate some memberships. Current numbers show 457 as of 31 Dec 2009.

Ways and Means Report – tabled.

Legislative Report – CMSgt (Ret) Roger Hagan: American Legion has asked if we want to pursue Tax Exemption in 2011 for retirement pay. If so, we need a resolution 30 days in advance of April Conference. He has suggested to the Officers' Association that they draft a letter to the State Legislature

stating that we will ask for no money requests in 2011 due to the current budget crisis. He recommends that we do the same. He reminded us that he will not be lobbying in 2011 and asks that we actively recruit a replacement for him.

By-Laws/Constitution – Suggestion from CMSgt Hagan that we clarify our proxy policy.

Publications – President Patti Hagan briefed that our web site has moved to WWW.MTEANG.ORG. We have paid 3 years in advance for our domain name at \$10 per year, and hosting is costing us \$3.95 per month. Our balance with DCT, previous web host, is zero (\$0). Ruth Mortag has a computer issue so no updates are being uploaded but will be caught up as soon as she has a computer again. Our newsletter needs to be out soon as the Scholarship application has a March deadline. Our Conference book information needs to be at Heritage Publishers not later than 15 Feb. She asked if we want to include our reports in there or do our own smaller book. To be continued under new business.

State Conference – President Patti Hagan briefed for SMSgt Manzanares. We will meet in Missoula, 23-25 April 2010, with a Board Meeting at 1300 on Friday, 23 April. Saturday morning will be a combined session with Family Programs and the Auxiliary. Lunch will be a hoagy sandwich, and Family Programs will do their Volunteer Recognition. Dinner will be a three entrée buffet and EANGMT will conduct their business over dinner. SMSgt Manzanares is still researching entertainment and options. We have a \$500 donation from the Thrift Store at Fort Harrison. Suggestions have been made to have an “Ugly Sweater” contest and award prizes.

National Conference – President Patti Hagan briefed that the next EANGUS Conference will be 9-12 Aug 2010 in St. Louis, MO. All of our area, Area VI, will be in the Conference Hotel, the Hyatt. We are authorized only two delegates and our President, due to our low membership numbers. CMSgt (ret) Roger Hagan will be running for President of EANGUS at this conference.

Mid-Winter Caucus 2010 – MSgt Dorrie Hagan provided copies of her minutes from that meeting. She highlighted the report from the National Office on cuts that have been made due to the lack of a dues increase. Many of these will impact our State ability to function and add to our costs.

Insurance Report – President Patti Hagan reported from CMSgt (Ret) Paul Heppner that we are receiving our payments regularly. He has a full schedule of briefings over the next few months and will not be at our April conference.

Nominations – The following offices will need to be filled in April:

- 2nd Vice President
- Secretary
- Legislative Chair
- By-Laws/Constitution Chair

OLD BUSINESS

Membership DVD/Powerpoint – President Patti Hagan updated the Powerpoint CD and it is ready to be copied and distributed. Secretary Dorrie Hagan will get a listing of Army First Sergeants from the Army Personnel office, President Patti Hagan will burn copies of the CD, 1SG Tom Sanburg will contact CSM Cooper and solicit his assistance in distributing to senior NCO's, and Dorrie will do the same with CCM Mitch Brush on the Air side. MMS&C to buy CD-R's, mailing envelopes, and spend up to \$200 in postage to mail them out. SFC Sowa said he would donate the mailing envelopes.

Signs – 1SG Risi Stewart reported on prices of \$200 for 8' x 10' and \$150 for 38" x 8'. MMS&C to purchase two signs that say “Welcome home from the MT Enlisted Association”. MMS&C to purchase “Welcome home” signs in 38" x 8' size. MMS&C to purchase two more signs with just our name and new web site on them in 38" x 8' size and a replacement sign for internal use in 2' x 4' dimensions to use at Legislative Receptions, etc.

Tablecloth – SFC Tim Sowa reported that Recruiting has three we can borrow and he will check with MT Marketing to get prices on purchasing our own.

State Conference 2010 – MMS&C to have SMSgt Manzanares pursue alternate forms of entertainment up to a cost of \$1500 and not use a hypnotist. MMS&C to sponsor an “Ugly Sweater” contest on Saturday. MMS&C to award prizes not to exceed 4@\$20 and 2@\$40.

TAG meeting - President Patti Hagan is still waiting for input and needs it by 28 Feb 2010.

Marketing – MMS&C to purchase sticky note pads with “Working for Soldiers & Airmen” on the bottom and our new web site below that, and use the round pin on the left of the two sentences after it is simplified by Fred Verzani.

Debit card – tabled until next meeting

NEW BUSINESS

President Patti Hagan appointed TSgt Craig Barnes to be the Membership Chairman.

EANGUS Legislative Workshop has been cancelled for lack of participation.

Montana owes Area VI Hospitality dues for 2009 and 2010. MMS&C to pay the \$400 owed.

Membership Renewal program – due to the cut backs at the National Office, they will no longer send out dues renewals. MM and seconded to send out a color post card to all our members. Motion amended to send a black and white post card to all members. Amendment seconded and passed. Amended motion to send a black and white post card to all members passed.

MMS&C to establish a renewal program, to be worked out between President Patti Hagan and Membership chair TSgt Craig Barnes, at a cost less than \$200, before the April Conference.

CMSgt Hagan briefed the Board on his meeting with the Kyrgyzstan delegation in December. EANGMT was represented by him to brief the delegation on our Military benefits process and legislative efforts. They presented the Association a key chain and a small circular hanger, similar to a dream catcher. He coined all 14 members with his EANGUS Vice President coin.

President Patti Hagan reminded the Board that Roger Hagan will be running for National President in August 2010 at St. Louis, MO. He is not using any EANGUS funds for travel this year, and she asked the Board to consider making a donation to him in April at our Board meeting.

Time and place of next meeting is 1300, 23 April 2010, Missoula, MT.

Meeting adjourned at 2045 hours.

Secretary Dorrie L. Hagan