



## 2022 NGAM Annual Meeting and Business Session

**Date:** Saturday, May 21, 2022  
**Time:** 9:00 AM- 4:00 PM  
**Location:** MotorCity Casino and Hotel, Detroit, MI

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- A. Call to Order
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Opening Remarks
- D. Secretary's Report (Nicole Cosman)

### Roll Call

Only present representatives listed.

### **Executive Officers**

- 2nd Vice President: Tony Woodruff
- Secretary: Nicole Cosman
- Treasurer: Matt Ohrstrom
- Past President: Amie Kemppainen

### **Appointed Council**

- NGAUS State Representative: Ben Pharis
- EANGUS State Representative: Mark Anthony Sproviero
- Air Guard Retiree: Joe Stevens
- Army Guard Retiree: Mike Wilson

### **Ex- Officio Council Members**

- Executive Director: Jeff Frisby
- Family Programs: Dawn Dancer/ Tina Predmore

### **MSC Representatives**

- JFHQ- Army
- Camp Grayling JMTC
- Fort Custer Training Site/ 177th RTC

- 63rd TRP BDE
- 272nd RSG
- JFHQ- Air
- 127th Wing
- 110th AW

#### **NGAM Standing Committees**

- Awards and Scholarships Committee
- Bylaws Committee
- Finance Committee
- Legislative Committee
- Membership Committee
- Retiree Affairs Committee
- Veterans Support Grant Committee

#### **NGAM Special Committees**

- Nominations Committee
- NGAUS 2024

#### Approval Previous Minutes

- **Motion to approve previous minutes: Nicole Cosman. Second: Mike Wilson. Approved.**

#### E. Distinguished Guest Presentations

- MG Paul Rogers, TAG MING
- CSM William Russell III, SEL MING
- BG (Ret) Roy Robinson, NGAUS President
- Kevin Hollinger, EANGUS Legislative Director
  - NCO and Soldier of the Year Presentation

#### F. Break/ Visit Partners

#### G. Guest Speaker- Doug Howell

#### H. Lunch Break/ Visit Partners

#### I. Standing Committee Reports

- Awards and Scholarship (Tony Woodruff)
- Bylaws (Mike Wilson)
- Conference and Events (Nicole Cosman)
- Corporate Partners (Jeff Frisby)
  - Corporate program is growing – 44 partners at NGAM 2021 / 54 partners at NGAM 2022.
- Legislative and Resolutions (Jeromie Golab)

- Five letters of support have been written for NGAM.
- NGAM needs membership but the current organization is representing the force. We need ideas and communication from the field.
- Membership (Matt Ohrstrom)
  - 15 lifetime memberships and increasing.
  - Moved up in membership rankings from last to top third.
- Retiree Affairs (Mike Wilson and Joe Stevens)
  - Retiree committee taking new members.
  - Legends and Leaders promotes participation with both retirees and current members.
  - Retirees willing to come out to units and speak to currently serving members.
- VSG (Malorie Stephens)
  - \$350k + donated to recipients.
  - 36 applicants in 2021 and more expected in 2022.
  - 54 by 24 will help VSG grow nationally. VSG purchased one Guardian Dog and currently has \$60k toward that purpose.

#### J. Special Committee Reports

- Communications and Social Media Committee (Jeromie Golab)
  - Growth means larger processes and more people involved.
  - Great way to communicate successes.
- Motor City 2024 (Jeff Connell)
  - EANGUS and NGAUS same time same state – first time occurrence.
  - Strategic Planning conference in Grayling – 20+ committee chairs.
  - 6 hotels contracted – primarily lodged in the RenCen.
  - EANGUS – entire group lodged in RecCen.
  - Conference Center – Huntington Place.
  - CGO/WO Mixer – 4k people on Belle Isle / VI sponsored.
  - Governor’s Reception – Greenfield Village/Henry Ford Museum.
  - Golf – Country Club of Detroit / TPC.
  - Hospitality Night – Greektown.
  - Retiree luncheon – Yacht.
  - Spouses’ luncheon – DIA / NFL.
  - TAG Reception – Grosse Pointe War Memorial.
  - TAG Spouses’ Reception – Detroit Yacht Club.
  - Urbanathlon – most likely on the river.
  - Fundraising – reaching out to Michigan partners.
  - Grayling Derby Gala (80% community participants) / 5k race (200 participants) – raised \$30k.

#### K. Old Business

- None

#### L. New Business

- Bylaws Amendments (Mike Wilson)
- Amendment 2022-01
  - **Motion to approve: Matt Ohrstrom. Second: Mark Sproviero.** Discussion: None.
  - **Approve: 40. Disapprove: 0. Motion passes.**
- Amendment 2022-02
  - **Motion to approve: Jeromie Golab. Second: BG Teff.** Discussion: Change “Corp” to “Corps”.
  - **Approve: 40. Disapprove: 0. Motion passes.**
- Amendment 2022-03
  - **Motion to approve: Matt Ohrstrom. Second: Aaron Fiscelli.** Discussion: Currently reads “EANGUS State President”. EANGUS asked NGAM to change the title of the position due to serious concerns. NGAM attorney recommended name change. Primarily name change over change in responsibilities.
    - **Mark Sproviero requests the floor.** Chair yields to the gentleman.
    - NGAM is chartered by EANGUS. President of state organization defines the role.
    - **Katrina Golab requests the floor.** Chair yields to the lady.
      - Many states have two separate organizations – one alone representing EANGUS. Since Michigan does not have an enlisted organization, NGAM represents both, and has an enlisted representative to EANGUS.
    - **Matt Ohrstrom requests the floor.** Chair yields to the gentleman.
    - **Jeff Frisby requests the floor.** Chair yields to the gentleman.
      - If position went away, NGAM would still have charter with EANGUS. This is the representative
  - **Approve: 37. Disapprove: 3. Motion passes.**
- Amendment 2022-04
  - **Motion to approve: Ian Mihlfeld. Second: Matt Ohrstrom.** Discussion: Positions have previously been vacant.
  - **Approve: 19. Disapprove: 21. Motion does not pass.**
- Amendment 2022-05
  - **Motion to approve: Matt Ohrstrom. Second: Katrina Golab.** Discussion: this may create two standards on the Executive Council. This is all approved language.
  - **Approve: 35. Disapprove: 4. Abstain: 1. Motion passes.**

#### M. Break for Caucus Meetings

- Officer Corps Representative: Ben Pharis
- Junior Officer Representative: Buzz Larson
- EANGUS Enlisted Corps Representative: Katrina Golab
- Air Guard Retiree Rep: Joe Stevens
- Army Guard Retiree Rep: Mike Wilson
- Junior Enlisted Representative: Aaron Fiscelli

- SEL Representative: Champagne Cook

#### N. Executive Reports

- Treasurer's Report (Matt Ohrstrom)
  - NGAM in great financial shape.
  - \$370k operations budget.
  - EANGUS building fund.
- Executive Director's Report (Jeff Frisby)
  - NGAM Members play a role in the suicide problem that faces the military. Rate of suicide is a large concern for the DoD. 54 by 24 campaign working with Guardian Angels – 0% suicide rate amongst veterans.
  - Shinola Watches will donate 50% of cost of a watch to 54 by 24 campaign. Sell 7,000 watches = \$1.7M. Oshkosh may match donation.
  - NGAM will be engaged and involved at every level in every unit; spokesperson for future leaders.
  - TRICARE for all is a benefit for all Soldiers. NGAM is currently involved in trying to make that happen through legislative efforts.
  - NGAM entered into a partnership with a group of insurance agencies.
  - Ben Pharis has Motor City 2024 under control.
  - 600% growth in enlisted membership.
  - Ownership of the organization belongs to the members.
- President's Report (Simon Brackett)
  - Thank you.

#### O. Adjournment

- **Motion to adjourn meeting: Matt Ohrstrom. Second: Ben Pharis. Approved. Meeting adjourned at 1719.**