

# National Guard Association of Washington

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

23 January 2025

### 1 **Opening**

2 The Board of Directors and Committee Members of the National Guard Association of  
3 Washington was called to order at 23 1700 January 2025, at the Camp Murray Museum  
4 and via call-in to Microsoft Teams™.

### 5 **Present**

*Association Officials & Members:*

Dan Wessman – President

Fernando Garcia – Vice President

Jim Kovell – Secretary

Missy Wessman – Comms Manager

Steve Vuleta – Director of Development

Tanya Ulsted – Director of Membership

Jesse Morgan – Legislative Director

Brian Golonka – Office Manager

### 6 **Agenda**

7 Opening Remarks & Call to Order

8 Vice President

9 Calendar Review

10 Closing Remarks & Adjournment

### 11 **President**

12 Opening Comments with discussion to soft launch an NGAW Bar in advance of the  
13 State Conference on 16 May 2025. Jim to take lead on securing waiver from TAG for  
14 alcohol service.

### 15 **Development Update**

16 **Steve** – Collected \$7,500 from Industry Day. Looking to kick off the Annual Giving  
17 campaign on or about the State Conference by engaging with previous TAGs and  
18 ATAGs.

19 Questions: (1) How do we want Corporate Sponsors to interact with members at the  
20 event? Industry day lite? Or more scaled back? (2) Should we try for Boeing as the  
21 primary sponsor again? Guest speakership?

22 **Dan** - Focus on primary sponsor and services type folks (non-GPC purchase types).

23 **Membership Update**

24 **Tanya** – Dip in membership numbers due to scrubbing list (deceased members).  
25 Noticed a problem with complimentary membership falling off. Looking to pilot an  
26 NGAW Coffee event in March, coordinated across the state. Will work with Missy to  
27 develop flyers for the State Conference, with an electronic ‘Save the Date’ followed by  
28 mid-March mailers.

29 **Brian** – Recommendation for a Jr. Enlisted-targeted event.

30 Discussion on piggy-backing on JSS events and looking to establishing a CGO council  
31 in the future.

32 **Legislative Update**

33 **Jesse** – Needs added to VLC distro. Fernando and Jesse both interested in  
34 participating in the National Legislative Workshop, will look for more participants. Capitol  
35 Summit is 11-12 March 2025, will need CGO volunteers.

36 **Calendar Review**

37 Scholarships projected to open 1 March -15 April 2025. Looking to announce elections  
38 in February Newsletter.

39 Discussion regarding planning for an Association Offsite.

40 **Open Business**

41 17 May 2025 State Conference in Marriott. Looking at a Breakfast event for Corporate  
42 Sponsors engagement with senior leaders. Guest Speaker options: Corporate Sponsor,  
43 MOH Recipient from Spanaway, MG Barry (Former TAG-NV). Additional speaker Dr.  
44 Perrin with the theme “Telling Your Story”.

45 Discussed a raffle option with board members supporting.

46 Looking to sponsor 1 Jr. Enlisted and 1 NCO per MSC/Wing with free attendance.

47 Conference SWAG: Notebook and Pen.

48 Will determine if Cathy Senn will be in town to present with a thank you basket.

49 **Closing Comments:**

50 Dan: Called meeting close at 1833.

Minutes, NGAW Board of Directors Meeting, 23 January 2025.

**Minutes Submitted by:** Jim Kovell, Secretary

**Minutes Approved:** \_\_\_\_\_/S/\_\_\_\_\_