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## PROPOSED NGANJ BY-LAWS CLARIFICATIONS AND ADDITIONS

In accordance with the bylaws of the National Guard Association of New Jersey (NGANJ), these proposed clarifications and additions to our by-laws were to be to the President at least 60 days out, and were Emailed to her on 19 December, well before the 60 days. These have been emailed to the membership and posted to our website on 9 January, well before the 30-day rule.

**Change 1.** In ARTICLE I, DUTIES AND POWERS OF OFFICERS, SECTION 1., PRESIDENT, item f. states “The President shall have the authority to approve such incidental expenses as may be necessary, in a total sum not to exceed \$250.00 each year in office.” We are proposing to raise the amount to “\$500”. This number has not been increased for over a decade, and it would alleviate the need for additional meetings to add a budget item.

**Change 2.** In ARTICLE I, DUTIES AND POWERS OF OFFICERS, add EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, change REMOVAL FROM OFFICE to SECTION 9. Make SECTION 8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. Add this language: “a. The Executive Director shall have charge of day to day operations on behalf of the Association at the direction of the President. b. The Executive Director shall have all duties and powers authorized executive directors of corporations organized under Title 15 (Corporations Not For Profit) of the New Jersey Statutes. c. The Executive Director shall serve as a member of the Executive Council.”

**Change 3.** In ARTICLE II EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, SECTION 2. DUTIES, item ‘j. After the words “The President”, **add ‘Executive Director** as a delegate to the Annual General Conference of the National Guard Association of the United States. This is a newer position and the Executive Director does much of the day to day business of the NGANJ.

**Change 4.** Under ARTICLE II EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, SECTION 2. DUTIES add “As part of the executive directors’ duties, funds will be allotted for attendance at the annual National Guard Executive Directors conference, as well as for the President or Secretary at the President’s discretion. Other meetings throughout the year, including NGAUS Industry Day or a similar event, the Annual Insurance Conference, and legislative workshops should also be attended in order to increase the efficiency of the

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*Association. Funds allotted for these events should be limited to two people and only for travel and lodging if not already accounted for. Meals will be at the expense of the Officers.”* this language strengthens language already in this section concerning Elected Officer delegates slots subject to supporting funds availability.

**Change 5.** In ARTICLE III – COMMITTEES, SECTION 1. STANDING COMMITTEES, a. THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE, (1) Shall consist of three active regular members, selected as described in Article IX” change IX to VIII, it was a typo and that part is in Article VIII.

**Change 6.** In ARTICLE III – COMMITTEES, SECTION 1. STANDING COMMITTEES, k. THE JOINT INSURANCE COMMITTEE, in item (3) budget, we propose to add: “Keep \$15,000 in the Insurance account to aid in accounting for funds generated by that committee and to aid in funding the Joint Leg Committee in the performance of its mission of State and Federal engagement. The remainder shall be disbursed in a 50/50 split between NGANJ and EANGNJ by October of the year.” This sets a business practice between the two associations.

**Change 7.** In ARTICLE IV – DUES, SECTION 1. ANNUAL DUES , the NGANJ Elected Officers heard a motion that was seconded at our 10 SEP 19 meeting to follow NGAUS and simplify and reduce our dues as listed. A vote was completed electronically and was unanimous to simplify and reduce dues.

The new language in this section should now read:

“a. The annual dues of the association shall be due and payable on the first day of January of each year. There may be an early payment at the discretion of the President or Executive Director in line with early dues collection by NGAUS beginning as early as the first day of October.

b. Annual dues for members shall be as follows:

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| O-1, O-2, O-3, WO-1, CW2, CW3: | \$20 |
| O-4, O-5, O-6, CW4, CW5:       | \$40 |
| O-7, O-8, O-9, O-10:           | \$70 |
| Retiree Regular                | \$15 |
| Spouse                         | \$10 |
| Special Member                 | \$ 5 |

### SECTION 2. LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

Life memberships may be purchased by any category of members at the following rates:

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| Active Life Member | \$250 |
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| Retired Life Member | \$125     |
| Special Members     | \$ 50.00  |
| Spouse Members      | \$ 50.00” |

These are the proposed changes to the NGANJ ByLaws for the February 2020 annual meeting.

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