



Chapter Established in 1936

Tuesday, March 10th, 2026

NDIA Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 5:00 CST on Tuesday, March 10, 2026 by Brittney Bensen

Attendees

Board Position	Name	Present
President	Brittney Bensen	X
Executive Vice President	Flint Znamenacek	X
Treasurer	Kevin Stevens	X
Secretary	Joshua Bruce	X
Program Director	Nick Santana	X
Symposium Lead	Logan Brincks	X
Scholarships	Karl Reuter	X
Awards	Todd Prouty	X
Membership	Todd Prouty	X
Publicity Chair	Natalie Linville-Mass	X
Nominations	Nick Santana	X
Donations	Khiraj Raghwani	X
National Policy Group	Brittney Benson	X
STEM Chair	Khiraj Raghwani	X
Director	Timothy Bower	
Director	Joy Fleming	
Director	George Rivard	X
Director	Mark Westrom	
Director	Celia M. Hadden	
Director	Jessica Horaney	X
Director	Jayson Couch	

1. Welcome (Brittney)

- Brittney Benson called the meeting to order and confirmed attendees were present and able to view shared materials.

2. NDIA Leadership Meeting Overview (Brittney)

- Brittney Benson noted that the leadership meeting overview had already been provided previously, and no further discussion was required during this meeting.

3. Prior Meeting Minutes Approval

The January 2026 Board Meeting Minutes were previously distributed for review.

- **Motion:** Approve January 2026 Board Meeting Minutes
 - o **Moved by:** Flint Z
 - o **Seconded by:** Kevin Steven
 - o **Vote:** Approved unanimously

4. Treasurer's Report (Kevin Stevens/Tood Prouty)

- Todd Prouty reviewed the Treasurer's Report, including current balances, deposits, and outstanding items.
- Key discussion points:
- Several recent deposits were reviewed, including symposium-related income via GivePulse.
- A **\$3,000 deposit** was identified that could not yet be traced. It is currently reflected in the account and will remain on the report until confirmed.
- Outstanding reimbursements and payments are delayed pending required invoices and updated W-9 documentation per National Office requirements.
- Transition to National Office payment processing continues to require more detailed documentation than previous local banking procedures.
- Budget overall remains healthy and within expectations.

- **Action Item:**
- Treasurer to follow up with NDIA National Office to confirm the source and validity of the \$3,000 deposit.

- **Motion:** Approve Treasurer's Report as presented, with noted follow-up on the \$3,000 deposit.
 - o **Moved by:** Flint Z
 - o **Seconded by:** Logan Brincks
 - o **Vote:** Approved unanimously

5. Symposium Update (Logan Brincks)

- 2026 NDIA Symposium
- Dates: June 2–3, 2026
- Venue: Vibrant / Heritage Hall & Golf Course (confirmed)
- Platform: GivePulse software purchased and operational for registration
- Status Updates:
 - o Draft agenda under development; speakers are being invited and confirmed.
 - o Registration is open and initial registrations have begun.
 - o Government employee registration language has been updated to allow complimentary registration as done in prior years.

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- o Afternoon activity and venue arrangements are confirmed.
 - o Website content and registration links are being updated as needed.
- Panel and Speaker Discussions:
 - o Significant discussion focused on the “Golden Dome” topic and structuring a panel with appropriate industry-to-government balance (to comply with NDIA guidelines).
 - o Industry panelists from major defense companies are being pursued.
 - o Government participation requests are in progress, with recognition that approvals may take time.
 - o John Deere inquiry was identified as outdated and no longer active.
- Next Symposium Committee Meeting:
 - o Monday, March 16, 2026 at 11:00 AM

6. Program Committee (Nicholas Santana)

Nicholas Santana outlined the 2026 program plan, including both in-person and virtual events.

Upcoming Events:

- **March 31, 2026:** Informal networking event at Edison’s Pub
- **April 22, 2026:** Morning networking event at Dead Poet’s Espresso
- **May 14, 2026:** Informal Army Birthday gathering at Barrel House, Davenport

Additional plans include:

- Monthly webinars featuring Small Business Offices (Rock Island Arsenal and Scott AFB)
- Joint events with AUSA and Riata where appropriate

Action Item:

- Nicholas to send a detailed email summary of planned events, costs, and sponsorship needs to the full Board.

7. Scholarship Committee (Karl Reuter)

- Approximately **10 scholarship applications** received.
- Review matrices distributed to committee members.
- Committee members to complete scoring and return feedback.
- Final ranking and award recommendations to be submitted to the Board.

8. STEM/Donations Committee (Dhiraj Raghwani)

- Ongoing outreach with regional STEM and veteran-focused organizations.
- Some donation requests are under further review due to eligibility and risk considerations.
- Iowa Regional Science Bowl request pending clarification on invoicing requirements.
- Future updates to be provided via email as decisions are finalized.

9. QCSEC Scholarship Presentation

- Brittney Benson and Natalie attended the QCSEC Scholarship Dinner.
- NDIA awarded a **\$2,500 scholarship** to **Emily Downing**, Cambridge High School.
- Recipient plans to attend the United States Naval Academy with a goal of becoming a pilot.

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- NDIA continues its long-standing support of this scholarship program.

Action Item:

- Await invoice and updated W-9 from QCSEC for payment processing.

10. Awards program Committee (Todd Prouty)

- Lifetime Achievement Award purchase status to be confirmed.
- Fontaine Consulting was nominated for the **Sridhar Award**.
- Brittney Benson will assist Todd Prouty with award nomination procedures once the national application opens.

11. Chapter Outreach (Nicholas Santana)

- Continued engagement with QC Chamber, RIADA, Michigan, Indiana, and Great Lakes NDIA chapters.
- Discussions underway regarding a potential Midwest regional collaboration.
- Congressional outreach ongoing; interest expressed by multiple offices.
- NDIA invited to host a table at Armed Forces Day on Arsenal Island.

12. Promotion (Natalie Benson)

- Website updates are ongoing, including SEO improvements.
- Social media posts continuing at 2–4 per month.
- Quarterly e-blast scheduled within two weeks of this meeting.
- Online Presence Management conducted quarterly.

13. Membership (Flint Z/Todd Prouty)

- Membership count reported at approximately **643 members**, showing improvement.
- Continued focus on outreach and retention.
- Discussion was held regarding potential future board involvement from external partners; no action taken at this time.

14. Nomination Committee

- No formal nominations presented.
- Advisory roles discussed as a possible option for non-members; to be reviewed further for compliance with NDIA guidelines.

15. New/Other Business

- Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at 5:00 PM (Teams)
- Meetings continue to be held on the 2nd Tuesday of each odd month.

16. Adjournment

- **Motion:** Adjourn the meeting
 - o **Moved by:** Flint Z
 - o **Seconded by:** Bruce Joshua
 - o **Vote:** Approved unanimously

Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:25 PM (CT).

Attachments

Appendix A- Action Log