

AIR FORCE RECRUITING ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 28, 2016

Present: President Mike R; V-P Robbin M; Secretary Ron L; Treasurer Stan S; AFRS/Blue Suit Liaison Bob C; President-Elect Andy C; RS Monument Coordinator Dale U; Bag Dragger Newsletter Editor Tom S.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Installation of 2016-2017 Board of Officers:** Out-going President Mike R. called the meeting to order at 12:30 PM. He gave a brief overview as to status of the organization. He discussed how we should go forward as an organization, how to reach the membership and recruit new members by making better use of social media. He also pointed out the need to re-energize the board and the membership. Also discussed need to show members the value they get from their dues. At this time, President Mike called for the induction of new officers for 2016-2018 term.
 - a. E-mail sent out to general membership requesting feedback or negative vote on installing board of officers by acclamation as each was running unopposed. As of the cutoff date of Friday, January 15, 2016, no negative responses received. By acclamation, we install the following officers for 2016 and 2017.
 - i. President: Andrew Coppi, CMSgt USAF (Ret.)
 - ii. Vice-President: Robbin McGregor, CMSgt USAF (Ret.) Incumbent
 - iii. Treasurer: Stanley Staples, CMSgt USAF (Ret.) Incumbent
 - iv. Secretary: Ronald Lajoie, CMSgt USAF (Ret.) Incumbent.
 - b. Other Positions:
 - i. President Emeritus: Michael Rowland, CMSgt USAF (Ret.)
 - ii. AFRS-AFRAA Liaison: Robert Cantu, also Blue Suit Liaison
 - iii. AF Recruiting Monument Coordinator/Liaison: Dale Ullrich, Colonel, USAF (Ret.)
 - iv. No changes to Regional Representatives
 - v. No changes to Group Liaisons.
2. **New President Goals/Focus:** New President Andy Coppi shared his goals for 2016-2018 term.
 - a. First and foremost, he felt we need to answer the questions: Are we a viable organization? If not, then we need to take the steps to dissolve it. If Yes, what do we do to give it value?
 - b. He felt that Communication with the membership was one of our biggest problems. What do we need to do to better communicate with the membership?
 - i. We need to not only inform them of what we are doing but also what AFRS is doing.
 - ii. We need to get imbedded with AFRS and get them involved in this organization. In our last contact with AFRS/CC, he feels strongly that AFRS and AFRAA need to be involved with each other.
 - iii. We need to set up a meeting with AFRS/CC and new President Andy C. also with Bob, Dale and Mike to further discuss this partnership and get the ball rolling.

- iv. We need to formulate an Action Plan of what we want AFRS to do, what we envision the relationship to be like and act on it.
3. **Approval of Board Meeting Minutes from 9-17-15:** Motion made by Stan, seconded by Andy to approve minutes as written. Passed.
4. **Financial Report:** Stan gave a financial report. His report is on file with the Treasurer.
5. **Membership Report:** Currently at 35 members.
6. **Membership Recruiting Campaign Planning:** We need to come up with an Action Plan to include AFRS.
 - a. Mike brought the subject of developing a relationship with the Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce. He pointed that the current Chamber leadership was comprised of General Peterson, Vice Chair; Ruben Gonzales, CMSgt USAF (Ret) V-P of Economic Development, who is an active member of AFRAA. He stressed that now is a good time to work in developing a good working relationship with the Chamber.
7. **General Membership Meeting(s) Schedules:** In past years, we have not had much success in holding General Membership Meetings. Andy explained that one of his goals was to hold at least one General Membership Meeting per year. He stressed that we need to work with AFRS to try to coordinate this meeting with one of their Group/Squadron leadership conferences. **ACTION ITEMS: AFRAA Leadership** to meet with new AFRS Commander to discuss AFRS and AFRAA interaction.
 - a. Andy also wants the board to meet at least once a month for a while to get things moving. Next meeting will be February 25, 2016 at Noon at Lion and Rose restaurant in the Forum.
8. **Recruiting School Graduations: On-Going:** Stan is the AFRAA lead and School Superintendent, SMSgt McCool is currently our contact but he has been promoted to CMSgt and will be leaving soon. Always in need of volunteers to attend and present the AFRAA plaque and say a few words (if you chose to).
 - a. Class: March 3, 2016 AFRAA Rep-TBA
 - b. Class: March 16, 2016 AFRAA Rep-TBA
 - c. Class: March 23, 2016 AFRAA Rep-TBA
 - d. Class: March 30, 2016 AFRAA Rep-TBA
9. **Monument Status-Project Approval and Construction Status:** Monument Coordinator/Liaison Dale U. briefed that there is a Facilities Board Meeting schedule for first week of February to determine site and approval of site selection at JBSA-Lackland AFB.
 - a. Dale also briefed that once we get an approved site, then we can put our Action Plan into action to sell pavers and work on getting other monies required to build the monument. **ACTION ITEM: Dale** will get status of Facilities Board Meeting and relay information to other Board members.
10. **Blue Suit Status:** Blue Suit/AFRS Liaison Bob has a list of the FY2015 winners.
 - a. Stan will order 12 male watches. Plan is to have AFRS/CC present to each winner at their annuals which now take place January/February timeframe. **ACTION ITEM: Stan** will order watches and deliver to Bob. **Bob** will deliver to AFRS.

- b. Bob and General Acker plan to meet with AFRS/CC today (1-28) to discuss importance of Blue Suit and importance of a relationship between AFRS and AFRAA.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 11. **Bag Dragger Newsletter:** Need to renew our efforts to get this rolling again. Tom is back and willing to be the chairman to get this moving. Need to discuss further at the next meeting.
- 12. **Website Management:** What do we need to do to get Website updated and work on keeping it relevant and worth accessing? Need to discuss further at the next meeting.
- 13. **TAPS:** Marshall Jones. Civilian who worked at AFRS for many years and also served in the Air Force.
- 14. As there was no other business, meeting was adjourned at 2 PM. Next meeting will be on Thursday, February 25, 2016 at Noon at the Lion and Rose restaurant in the Forum.