

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
AIR FORCE RECRUITING ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (AFRAA)
18 May 2008

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

Meeting was called to order at 3:10 PM by board president Jerry Nelson. **Board members present:** Jerry Nelson, President; Stan Staples, Treasurer; Bob Cantu, Central Region Member-at-Large; Larry Carlton, interim Secretary; **Members absent:** Andy Coppi, Vice-President; Ron Lajoie, Secretary; Robin McGregor, Western Region Member-at-Large; and Jim Wheat, Eastern Region Member-at-Large. **Other members in attendance:** Candy Moore, Ron Moore, Frank Kapp, Don Haygood, Paul Hamilton, Greg Biava and Karen Gordon, Webmaster.

2. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Jerry Nelson announced that Ron Lajoie resigned as secretary for personal reasons. Ron was one of our Association Founders and has accomplished some great things for the organization. He will remain a member of the Association and will be available in an advisory role. As a result, Larry Carlton volunteered for the position and the Executive voted and approved his status as Secretary.
- B. Stan Staples addressed membership in the organization. He shared the current list and stated that in 2007 there were 132 new members and only 88 had renewed their membership in 2008. Stan Staples added that membership renewal has been made easy by going onto the website and renewing on line. He asked that we spread the word that renewals can be accomplished on line. Any new members should contact Stan Staples. A suggestion was made to set up Pay Pal for membership renewal as another option for members to pay. It was suggested that we provide an Opt Out form to help protect privacy.
- C. Jerry Nelson stated that we continue to use the e-mail system to keep members informed of association matters. He suggested we look into purchasing a mass e-mail program to assist with this task. Stan Staples said he has a program already built and we should try and stay with one person to send out e-mails to all members. He said he can be the primary since he is the one collecting dues. Karen Gordon suggested we get the webmaster to set up a primary and an alternate person in the event Stan's e-mail goes down. Stan Staples would print a list of members who have not renewed for 2008, split up the names among current members and call them to help increase membership. Stan will print out the list and email it to Candy Moore who will assist.
- D. Bob Cantu asked for the status of our organization becoming a Non-Profit Organization. Bob Cantu stated that Tom Strack would be willing to assist in completing all the necessary paperwork. Stan Staples agreed to contact Tom Strack to complete the paperwork.

- E. Karen Gordon is working hard to make sure the website is available for all members. Karen said she has an additional 100 websites and suggested that the association uses one of her websites and pay the \$20.00 difference instead of buying a separate website to save money. She is in constant contact with the web designer to ensure the website is user friendly and praised the work of the web designer. She suggested that we give the web designer an additional \$100.00 for a job well done. This was approved. She gave a demo on how the web site should work.
- F. Jerry Nelson stated that several members had asked for bulletin board capability in order to communicate with each other. This would help to get delinquent members to renew membership as well as provide real time communication for members. He said that Chuck Giles had volunteered to do all upkeep of the bulletin board if it was approved. After some discussion, a vote was taken and it was approved. Karen Gordon said it would take about a month to get the bulletin board operational. She would also contact Chuck Giles and give him instructions on the bulletin board operation.
- G. Jerry Nelson suggested we appoint 2 new positions, Membership Chairman and Member Service Chairman. Candy Moore volunteered to be Membership Chairman and Dan Haygood volunteered to be Member Services Chairman.
- H. Jerry Nelson introduced a News Letter to be sent out to all members. All members were given a copy to review and to send all suggested changes back to Jerry for final approval. He also introduced the association business cards to be mailed out in the News Letter to all members to help with membership.
- I. The Alumni General Membership meeting is scheduled for 26/27 Sept, 2008. We plan to have an afternoon golf tournament at Lackland AFB, followed by a mixer on Friday the 26th of September. We will have our meeting on Saturday morning the 27th, tentatively scheduled at AFRS Headquarters. Then go to the Cantu ranch for food and refreshments in the afternoon.
- J. The association will continue to keep strong ties with AFRS. We were asked by a group to help sponsor their mixer, however we declined this time but hopefully will be able to sponsor field events in the future. We were asked by the Recruiting School to sponsor the top graduate award from each of the graduating classes. We have been doing this since the beginning of this year. One of our Alumni members makes the presentation and says a few words at each graduation. If you are interested, please let Jerry Nelson know when you are available. We will continue to be involved with Operation Blue Suit. This year we stocked the hospitality suite, sponsored a lunch for the Blue Suit winners and presented each Blue Suiter with a Recruiting Service watch. Our association has also taken on the task of working

with sponsors in support of Blue Suit. This year we were able to get a long time former sponsor (Kellac) back into the agenda.

3. TREASURY REPORT

A. Stan Staples gave the treasury report;

Starting balance	\$7,107.00
Blue Suit	\$2,182.00
Office materials/ postage	\$1,645.00
Webmaster	\$100.00
Current balance	\$3,180.00

4. OTHER BUSINESS:

- A. Bob Cantu – The 342d Squadron is closing and they are having a big celebration of all former 342nd members. They asked us to help spread the word and we have placed their request on the web site.
- B. Ron Moore – Randolph AFB has a new Airman’s Park, he proposed a statue of a Recruiter, sponsored by the association and maybe with some help from RS, be placed in the park.
- C. Frank Kapp – 344th Squadron has a reunion every 4 years; this might be a good opportunity to spread the word about the Alumni Association. He attends these reunions and will represent our organization at the next event.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 PM.