



Air Force Sergeants Association Chapter 985
General membership Meeting Minutes
February 14, 2008



1. Meeting convened at 1138 hours, Vice-President Devenitch opened the regularly scheduled monthly General Membership meeting and announced we did have a quorum.
2. **Opening Ceremonies:** Pledge of Allegiance led by Vice-President Devenitch
AFSA Preamble read by Tabitha Nixon
3. **Members Present:**

Mike Devenitch	Michael Findley	Steve Brown	Christie England
Don Sullivan	Terry Turner	James Foltz	Raymond England
Jon Bennett	Jeff James	Duaine Ross	Parris Dron
Lisa Sears	Mike Crawford	Eric Harmon	Tabitha Nixon
Kristi Binard	Andre Dame	Rod Hartsook	Nicole Tubbs
Rebecca Galambos	Tim Ossinger	Doug Bynum	Steve Brown
			Tina Long
4. **Special welcome:** CMSgt Foltz, Chief Harmon, Chief Long, Chief Hartsook, Chief (ret) Russell, Chief (ret) Ossinger
5. **Introductions:** First time attendees: Nicole Tubbs, Chief Eric Harmon, Steve Brown
6. **Reports:**
 - A. **Legislative:** Vice-President Devenitch reported on various military issues going through Congress. He reported that he met with 7 state legislators within the last few months concerning both enlisted and Air Force topics. You can see the legislative report on the website, www.afsa985.org. Highlighted topics will also be sent out over the email list server.
 - B. **Activities:** Mary Kramer- Not Present. Vice-President Devenitch stated that there are no activities to report at this time.
 - C. **Communications:** Lisa Sears- The Team Tinker Report for January is available on the website and a few copies were available at the meeting. She is also waiting on a photo/article sent to AFSA Airman's Magazine regarding the base cleanup efforts after the last ice storm.
 - D. **Awards:** President Thompson- not present. Vice-President Devenitch stated that there were no base awards to report at this time. The AFSA annual awards banquet items are discussed under Old Business, item G.
 - E. **Treasurer's Report:** Rebecca Galambos – Rebecca gave a report of the January's budget. Don Sullivan made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, motion seconded by Tim Ossinger. Motion carried.
 - F. **Secretary's Report:** Kristi Binard advised all minutes from the Executive Council Meeting and General Membership meetings in January; along with the Executive Council meeting minutes from 7 February, are available on the chapter website. A motion was made to accept the minutes as written by Don Sullivan, seconded Chief Ossinger. Motion Carried.

- G. **Recruiting:** Terry Turner (Recruiting) briefed that as of 14 Feb, Chapter 985 has 1827 members. 39 new members for the year, and 9 retentions. Our chapter goal for the year is 400 new members and 100 retentions. The next recruiting opportunities are 22 and 29 February at the Newcomers briefing, NCOPEs 14 February, on 29 February at ALS, and 25 February at FTAC.
- H. **Retentions:** Rob Binard deployed. For retention efforts, see old business, item B.
- I. **Reports:** Rebecca Galambos- no reports to brief at this time.
- J. **Airman Activities Coordinators:** Ann Percy/ Heidi Chesser not present. Vice President Devenitch briefed that the AAC needs volunteer for the 28 February Saint Ann's Dinner and Dance. If you want to get on the AAC volunteer list, please email ann.percy@tinker.af.mil or heidi.chesser@tinker.af.mil.
- K. **Website:** President Thompson not present. The website is up to date. www.afsa985.org.

7. **Old Business:**

- A. **Chapter 985 Grants:** Lisa Sears reported that the committee is meeting 14 February at 1500 to read the applications and decide on winners. She received 8 grant applications in all. **(Item Open)**.
- B. **Unit Representatives:** Mike Crawford briefed that he is getting with senior leadership to suggest names as unit reps. Our chapter currently has 6 reps in 4 units. **(Item Open)**.
- C. **2008 Executive Council Elections:** Vice-President Devenitch announced that the general membership will be electing new officers at today's (14 Feb) meeting. Jon Bennett is the Presiding Officer. See attachment for results of elections. **(Item Open)**.
- D. **2008 Annual Banquet Chair:** SMSgt Bethann Fleming is the committee chair for the banquet. VP Devenitch reminded all involved in planning the banquet to have their updates to SMSgt Fleming by Feb 21 for the meeting on the 28th. **(Item Open)**.
- E. **Spring Handicap Dance:** Mike Devenitch announced that Stephanie Selmon will be helping him with the annual handicap dance on Sunday, 13 April. Volunteers are needed. **(Item Open)**.

➤ New Business

- A. **Edmond North JROTC:** President Thompson received a request from Edmond North High School for an AFSA member to present the AFSA award at their JROTC banquet on April 18, 2008. If you are interested, please let President Thompson know. **(Item Open)**.
- B. **Elections:** See attachment for election minutes. **(Item Closed)**.

8. There being no further new business, Vice-President Devenitch solicited comments from around the room.

- A. CMSgt Harmon thanked the chapter for their support through the new Command Chief welcome ceremony.

9. There being no further discussions, Tim Ossinger motioned to adjourn, seconded by Rebecca Galambos. The meeting was adjourned at 1225.

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Kristi L. Binard, Secretary

Approved as written
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Bryan K. Thompson, President

New Business:

ELECTION SCRIPT 2008

Stated by Jon Bennett

(1) 30 day notice of elections in accordance with AFSA Manual 100-2, Principle 6, was given at the General Membership Meetings December 13, 2007 and January 10, 2008. The name, phone number and e-mail address of Jon Bennett, Nominating Committee Chairperson and President Thompson were given at those times for members interested in running for office to contact.

(2) All positions are vacant this year and are one year terms except the Vice President which is a two year term beginning in even years.

(3) AFSA Manual also specifies that all Trustees can be elected or appointed for 1 or 2 year terms. Chapter Standing Rules 2007-3 and 2007-4, as approved by the general membership, specifies we will elect 3 Trustees for 1 year terms and allow the President to appoint two additional Trustees as desired. The Standing Rules also state we will use a pre-printed ballot for the trustee positions, and the trustee getting the most votes will be 1st trustee and so on. You should have a pre-printed ballot before you.

(4) Election may be by open or secret ballot. We have a preprinted ballot for the vice president and trustees and in the past have used the open ballot system for the president. May we have a motion to elect the President by open ballot. Motion made by Don Sullivan seconded by Tim Ossinger. Motion carried.

(5) We can have limited speeches by each candidate or their representative or not. Motion to eliminate speeches made by Terry Turner seconded by Lisa Sears. Motion carried

(6) We will now elect the President for a one year term. The following individual has been nominated.

President
Bryan Thompson

Bryan Thompson is out of the state, but has accepted the nomination. At this time, are there any other nominations for the office of President?

With no further nominations for the position of Chapter 985 President, a motion to close nominations was made by Tim Ossinger, Seconded by Lisa Sears. Motion carried.

There were no others nominated, so a motion to elect President Thompson by acclamation was made by Don Sullivan and seconded by Terry Turner. Motion carried.

CONGRATULATIONS TO: President Bryan Thompson

(7) “On the pre-printed ballot, the following individuals have indicated their desire to seek office and have accepted a nomination to run for the position of Vice President as indicated on the ballot for AFSA Chapter 985: They are listed alphabetically.

Would each of you stand as your name is called so everyone can see who you are: Please indicate that you still accept the nomination.

Vice President TSgt Michael Crawford – Accepted nomination
 MSgt Rebecca Galambos – Accepted nomination
 MSgt Mary Kramer – Accepted nomination

We will now elect the Vice President from the ballot for a two year term. Are there any other nominations from the floor for Trustee?

No nominations were made from the floor for the position for Vice-President.

Motion to close the ballot for Vice President was made by Jon Bennett and 2nd by Tim Ossinger. Motion carried.

Jon asked that the membership please circle the nominee they wished to vote for on the ballot provided. Tim Ossinger and Don Sullivan picked them up and counted the votes.

The membership was informed that Rebecca Galambos was the nominee that obtained the most votes. Tim Ossinger made a motion to elect Rebecca Galambos as Vice President by acclamation, 2nd by Tina Long. Motion carried.

Congratulations Vice President Rebecca Galambos.

(8) “On the next pre-printed ballot, the following individuals have indicated their desire to seek office and have accepted a nomination to run for the positions of Trustee on the ballot for AFSA Chapter 985: They are listed alphabetically.

Each nominee stood as their name was called so everyone could see who they are: Please indicate that you still accept the nomination.

Trustees: MSgt Bethann Fleming- not present
 MSgt Lisa Sears- stood and accepted
 MSgt Terry Turner- stood and accepted
 TSgt Michael Crawford- stood and accepted
 MSgt Rebecca Galambos- elected as VP
 MSgt Mary Kramer- not present

(9) We will now elect three Trustees from the ballot for a one year term. Are there any other nominations from the floor for Trustee?

Nominations for Trustee from the Floor:

Kristi Binard nominated Robert Binard for trustee, seconded by Terry Turner.

Don Sullivan made a motion to add Mike Crawford and Mary Kramer to the ballot for trustee, seconded by Rod Hartsook.

(Call for nominations from the floor again – 1 time)

There were no other nominations; motion to close made by Jon Bennett, 2nd Tim Ossinger. Motion carried.

You will note the newly elected Vice President is also on the ballot for Trustee. Please strike her name out and circle the three nominees you wish to vote for on the ballot provided. Don Sullivan and Tim Ossinger will pick them up and count the votes and tell us the top three vote getters.

Jon briefed that the President can use the remaining nominees on the ballot to appoint two other Trustees if he prefers, or select from some other source.

We have been informed that Mike Crawford, Terry Turner and Lisa Sears are the three nominees that have the most votes. Can we have a motion to elect these three by acclamation. Motion was made by Tim Ossinger, 2nd by Rebecca Galambos. Motion carried.

Congratulations to all. The elections are now closed. Jon Bennett turned the meeting back to Vice President Devenitch.

a.

Vice President Devenitch

President Thompson will contact those individuals he wishes to appoint to the other positions early next week. He will be appointing to the following position for a 1 year term:

4 th Trustee	5 th Trustee	Secretary	Treasurer
Airmen Activities Coordinator	Historian	Senior Advisor	

All elected and/or appointed officers are reminded you will be installed in office at 1815 the night of our annual awards banquet scheduled for March 14, 2008. Please be on time.

b. Please see the 14 February 2008 General Membership meeting minutes for final remarks.