



Air Force Sergeants Association Chapter 985  
General membership Meeting Minutes  
April 10, 2008



1. Meeting convened at 1130 hours, President Thompson opened the regularly scheduled monthly General Membership meeting and announced we did have a quorum.
2. **Opening Ceremonies:** A moment of silent prayer in lieu of an invocation  
Pledge of Allegiance led by President Thompson  
AFSA Preamble read by Lisa Sears
3. **Members Present:**

Bryan Thompson	Duaine Ross	Tabitha Nixon	David Brau
Mike Devenitch	Terry Turner	Lawrence Bach	Michael Findley
Jon Bennett	Mike Crawford	Stephanie Selmon	Andre Dame
Lisa Sears	Bethann Fleming	Nick Pivrnec	Greg Fleming
Kristi Binard	Lance Turner	David Lowe	Jeff James
Don Sullivan	Eduardo Assmann	Amanda Erdmann	James Foltz
Gemma Clark	Timothy Ossinger	Eric Harmon	Nicole Tubbs
4. **Special welcome:** CMSgt Foltz, CMSgt Harmon, CMSgt Fleming, CMSgt Dunham, CMSgt Brau, CMSgt (ret) Russell, CMSgt (ret) Ossinger, CMSgt (ret) Pivrnec
5. **Reports:**
  - A. **Secretary's Report:** Lawrence Bach advised that all minutes from the General Membership meeting on 13 March; along with the Executive Council meeting minutes from 3 April, are up to date and available on the chapter website. A motion was made to accept the minutes as written by Don Sullivan, seconded by Timothy Ossinger. Motion Carried.
  - B. **Treasurer's Report:** Rebecca Galambos – Not Present. President Thompson gave a report of the March income and expenses. Don Sullivan made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, motion seconded by Timothy Ossinger. Motion carried.
  - C. **Reports:** Rebecca Galambos – Not Present. President Thompson briefed all reports are up to date and noted the AFSA FY2008 ends April 30, 2008.
  - D. **Legislative:** Kristi Binard reported on various military issues going through Congress and referenced the AFSA HQ webpage having a template for 'How to construct a letter to Congress'. You can see links to many legislative sites on our website, [www.afsa985.org](http://www.afsa985.org). Highlighted topics will also be sent out over the email list server.
  - E. **Activities/Programs:** Mary Kramer - Not Present. President Thompson briefed information about the new POW/MIA coin to be sold for fundraising. There are no other activities to report at this time.
  - F. **Airman Activities Coordinators:** Eduardo Assmann briefed multiple volunteer opportunities in the local area to include a "Safe-Kids" event, Oklahoma Food Bank, the Red Cross and Centerplate. Centerplate is a fundraising organization based through Bricktown Ballpark; Eduardo Assmann will provide more details at the next meeting. If you want to get on the AAC volunteer list, please email [eduardo.assmann@tinker.af.mil](mailto:eduardo.assmann@tinker.af.mil). President Thompson will be e-mailing a list of the activities via the list server.

- G. **Recruiting/Retention:** Terry Turner briefed that as of 10 April, Chapter 985 has 135 new members for the year. Bethann Fleming briefed that we have 14 retentions for the year and reminded everyone that we should be making an active effort to contact those AFSA members we know personally to make sure they have the resources to renew their membership. Our chapter goal for the year is 400 new members and 100 retentions. The next recruiting opportunities are: FTAC- 21 Apr; NCOPEs- 30 Apr.
- H. **Communications:** Lisa Sears- The Team Tinker Report for February is available on the website and copies were available at the meeting. Meeting reminders were published in the Tinker Take-off.
- I. **Awards:** President Thompson awarded Kristi Binard with a certificate and coin for her participation as emcee at the AFSA Annual Awards Banquet.
- J. **Website:** President Thompson reported the website had 46 unique visitors in March and we have 1976 members on our email list. [www.afsa985.org](http://www.afsa985.org). Our new webmaster has been creating a new site design and we expect it to be up and operational by the end of May.

## 6. Old Business:

- A. **Unit Representatives:** Mike Crawford briefed that he and President Thompson met with the First Sergeants' Council to request assistance in naming unit reps. Our chapter currently has 6 reps in 4 units. **(Item Closed)**.
- B. **2008 Annual Banquet:** Bethann Fleming reported the final count for the March 14, 2008 banquet was 125 attendees, including 2 general officers, the installation commander, 11 AFSA Chapter 985 NCO of the Year Nominees and 12 AFSA Chapter 985 First Term Airman of the Year Nominees. Total cost to the chapter was \$742.13. **(Item Closed)**.
- C. **Spring Handicap Dance:** Mike Devenitch/ Stephanie Selmon/ Nicole Tubbs. Stephanie Selmon briefed that the dance would be from 1300-1700 on Sunday, 13 April. An MC is still needed. **(Item Open)**.
- D. **JROTC Awards banquets:** Volunteers are needed to help out with the following JROTC banquet presentations: **(Item Open)**.
  - 1) **Midwest City:** 3Apr 1830 hrs MWCHS Cafeteria – JENNIFER JONES
  - 2) **Edmond North:** 18Apr at 1830 hrs – MIKE CRAWFORD
  - 3) **Southeast:** 24 Apr at 1845 hrs Tinker Club – REBECCA GALAMBOS
  - 4) **Carl Albert:** 30 Apr at 1800 hrs CAHS Field House – ED ASSMANN
  - 5) **Crooked Oak:** 9 May at 1845 hrs Tinker Club - LISA SEARS
  - 6) **Choctaw:** 2 May at 1830, Choctaw High School – BRYAN THOMPSON
- E. **Annual Audit:** President Thompson will appoint two non-executive council members to form the Chapter Audit Committee. A couple of names were suggested and President Thompson has contacted these individuals and is waiting for a response. The annual audit must be conducted for AFSA FY2008 between May 1 and May 15<sup>th</sup>. **(Item Open)**.
- F. **Division Convention:** Hotel reservations should be made by March 25<sup>th</sup> and registration by April 11<sup>th</sup> for the Division 8/9 annual convention, held April 24-26 at the Old Town Hotel in Wichita, Kansas. As far as we know now, 7 members are going from the Chapter: Bryan Thompson, Mike Devenitch, Jon Bennett, Don Sullivan, Dick Russell, and our NCO of the Year and First Term Airman of the Year winners; SSgt Runyon and Ekker, respectively.

Don Sullivan motioned that President Thompson be the chief delegate per standing rules as chapter president. Mike Devenitch and Jon Bennett will be the alternate chief delegates. He motioned that Don Sullivan, Terry Turner, Dick Russell, Jeremy Runyon, and Joseph Ekker be voting delegates. All delegates, except Runyon and Ekker to share equal votes; with any odd votes going to the chief delegate - Runyon and Ekker will have one vote each. The chief delegate will also cast all votes of any absent delegate. The chief delegate is authorized to add delegates up to and including at the convention site until our credentials are turned in at the convention site. The motion was seconded by Kristi Binard, motion carried. Motion passes as written. **(Item Closed)**.

G. **Senior NCOPEs.** President Thompson briefed that we budget \$100.00 every year to help this large class purchase snacks for the 3-day orientation. There will be 2 classes this year that will need a donation, and President Thompson is concerned the \$100.00 will be inadequate to support both. Bethann Fleming advised that the first class will be April 7 – 11 and will only have 15 attendees. The larger class scheduled for later in the year will be held at the Tinker Club with snacks to be provided. President Thompson advised the budgeted \$100.00 will be adequate for the April 7<sup>th</sup> small class and we can decide on the larger class as more information becomes available. **(Item Closed)**.

H. **FY2009 Budget.** President Thompson briefed the budget for FY2009 prepared by Vice President Galambos based on spending in FY2008. The budget will be submitted for approval at the May 8, 2008 General Membership meeting. **(Item Tabled)**

7. **New Business:**

A. **Supporting an ALS Award:** President Thompson reported that the Airman Leadership School will again accept awards sponsors from professional organizations. The John Levitow Award is the most prestigious award. The award cost is \$135.00 each and is given at 7 graduating classes throughout the year for a total of \$945.00. CMSgt Harmon and CMSgt Foltz asked to stay the vote so they could verify unit funding for the awards. **(Item Tabled)**.

B. **Install remaining Officers:** President Thompson installed Lawrence Bach as the Secretary of AFSA Chapter 985.

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

9. There being no further discussions, Stephanie Selmon motioned to adjourn, seconded by Chief Fleming. The meeting was adjourned at 1207.

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Lawrence G. Bach, Jr., Secretary

Approved as written  
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Bryan K. Thompson, President