



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



1. Meeting convened at 1135 hours. President Thompson was flying and unable to attend; Vice President Galambos opened the regularly scheduled monthly General Membership meeting and announced we did not have a quorum. Don Sullivan motioned to waive quorum requirements, Jon Bennett 2nd, motion carried.
2. **Opening Ceremonies:** A moment of personal reflection in lieu of an invocation
Pledge of Allegiance led by Vice President Galambos
AFSA Preamble read by Mary Kramer
3. **Members Present:**

Rebecca Galambos	Don Sullivan	Jon Bennett	Mary Kramer
Dan Lester	Jose Tolentino	Terry Turner	Sharona Cortez-Sablan
Dick Russell	Nicole Strauss	Lisa Sears	Adrian Wineland
Duaine Ross	James Foltz		
4. **Special welcome:** CMSgt Foltz and CMSgt Russell
5. **Introductions:** First time attendees – MSgt Lester, Acting 966AACS First Sgt. (completed application for new membership) and SrA Nicole Strauss, OC-ALC/JA (coming from Ramstein).
6. **Reports:**
 - A. **Secretary's Report:** Lawrence Bach convalescing from back surgery. Vice President Galambos advised that the minutes from the July 8th Executive Council meeting were posted on our web site. She had extra copies at the front of the room for anyone that didn't have a chance to read them. The June 12th General Membership Meeting minutes are pending (Secretary Bach drafted and e-mailed them to President Thompson, but the attachment was removed). Jon Bennett motioned to accept the July 8th minutes as written, seconded by Lisa Sears. Motion Carried.
 - B. **Treasurer's Report:** Rebecca Galambos provided a comprehensive briefing of the June 2008 Treasurer's Report. Don Sullivan motioned to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Terry Turner. Motion carried.
 - C. **Reports:** Rebecca Galambos reported that all reports were up-to-date. AFSA FY1Q09 ends July 31, 2008. She doesn't anticipate any problems having the quarterly reports prepared and submitted by the August 15th due date. All were requested to get AFSA Team Tinker items for July in to Lisa Sears as they occur so the reports can be prepared.
 - D. **Legislative:** Kristi Binard TDY. Vice President Galambos reminded members that President Thompson briefed at the Executive Meeting that although Kristi is TDY and we've not actually had a chapter legislative report for a couple of months, that he has forwarded bulletins/issues to members via our list server.
 - E. **Activities/Programs:** Mary Kramer – Reported she has sold 268 POW/MIA coins, and she is in the process of collecting the final proceeds. There are no other activities to report at this time.
 - F. **Airman Activities Coordinators:** Eduardo Assmann - unable to attend. He briefed at the Executive Council meeting that he had sent an e-mail for July volunteer opportunities, but some report they didn't receive it – so he is resending. President Thompson also advised that rather than have a separate AAC mailing list on our website list server, he will provide the AAC with instructions on how to add names to the primary list. The AAC can then advise those on his volunteer e-mail listing that we are merging

the two and how they can add their names to the primary list. Volunteer opportunities will then be distributed to over 2,000 addresses versus under 100 now.

G. **Recruiting/Retention:** Jon Bennett advised that his co-chair of the AFSA International Membership Committee resigned to focus on studies while attending the Senior NCO Academy. Jon is now the sole Chair of the Intl. Membership Committee. He further advised that he checked membership statistics on the AFSA website this morning, which showed the following results (Terry Tuner confirmed the numbers by a check also):

(1) New Members. Chapter 985 currently has two (2) Skyhighers; Terry Turner with 102 new members and Bryan Thompson with 106. The third, Jon Bennett has 36. Jon also has 38 retentions for the year. Bennett briefed we will have at least 4 Skyhighers for the year and hopefully 5.

(2) Retentions. Jon Bennett briefed that President Thompson and Trustee Bethann Fleming are currently making personal contact to those appearing on the membership expiration rosters. Terry Turner said 36 members appeared on each of the July and August rosters. Jon had a letter and tri-fold brochure to mail out to these individuals, but will hold off mailing for now since personal contact is the most preferred and effective method.

(3) Unit Representatives: Mike Crawford TDY. SSgt Misty Givens volunteered to be our Unit Representative for 72MDSS. Misty was unable to attend today, so VP Galambos gave her certificate of appointment to her first Sergeant Lisa Sears to deliver to her.

H. **Communications:** Lisa Sears advised that the AFSA Team Tinker for June 2008 will be completed for review by close of business today. Notice of today's general membership meeting was published in this week's Tinker Take Off.

I. **Awards:** Vice President Galambos advised the Junior Enlisted Council will present their Chapter 985 sponsored "Supervisor's Excellence Award" for CY2Q08 at their July 17, 2008 meeting. The CY2Q08 Team Tinker awards luncheon is scheduled for August 5, 2008.

J. **Website:** President Thompson previously briefed we had 21 unique visitors in June, and we have 2,019 members on our email list server (up from 1830) www.afsa985.org.

7. Old Business:

A. **PAC Registration:** Registration for the 23-27 August Professional Airman's Conference in San Antonio is open. The forms can be found on the AFSA website www.hqafsa.org Register early and reserve your hotel room because it will fill up fast. The attendees that we know are planning to attend are:

- (1) Bethann Fleming for Career Advisor Conference.
- (2) Mary Kramer and Lisa Sears for First Sergeant Conference.
- (3) Terry Turner added his name as an attendee along with Bryan Thompson, Jonathan Bennett and Michael Devenitch for the AFSA Conference/Convention.

We would normally elect delegates during our August general membership meeting, but AFSA International President 'Doc' McCauslin will be in attendance and we want to keep the business part of the meeting short to permit him more time to address the attendees. Therefore, we will elect delegates today.

Don Sullivan motioned that Bryan Thompson serve as our Chief Delegate, Terry Turner and Jonathan Bennett serve as Alternate Chief Delegates, and Michael Devenitch serve as a Delegate at the 2008 AFSA International Professional Airmen's Conference (PAC). Votes will be divided equally between

all delegates with any remaining surplus numbers going to the chief delegate. Further, the chief delegate will have the authority to add delegates and assign number of votes at the convention site if appropriate. The chief delegate will cast the votes of any absentee delegate. The alternate will have and cast the votes in the same manner as stated above in the chief delegate's absence. Lisa Sears seconded, motion carried **(Item Closed)**.

B. **International President John "Doc" McCauslin Visit.** President McCauslin's last visit was in 2006. A visit is scheduled for our August 14 general membership meeting. President Thompson and VP Galambos will be handling the lodging and briefing schedule details for his stay at Tinker. A DV suite has been reserved for the night of August 13th. Coordination is currently being effected to schedule meetings with Wing Commanders/Command Chiefs and possibly any ongoing PME classes. VP Galambos advised that President Thompson mentioned he wanted to buy the buffet lunch for the first 50 people that RSVP for this meeting. He has arranged with the club for a cost of \$5.00 each (member or non-member), but the club wants a roster in advance. This is still currently being developed. Chief Foltz advised that he can furnish 25 attendees and maybe Chief Harmon can do the same or divide with 3rd Herd Supt. to make up the 50. The general consensus was this was a good idea to insure maximum attendance. VP Galambos will coordinate this with President Thompson and he can brief Chief Foltz on the outcome. **(Item Open)**.

C. **Executive Council Openings.** TSgt Kristi Binard and SrA Eduardo Assmann have assignments. MSgt Lance Turner volunteered to replace Kristi as the Chapter Legislative Committee Chair. SSgt Sharona Cortez-Sablan volunteered to replace Eduardo as the Airmen Activity Coordinator. Vice President Galambos installed Sharona as the new AAC at this meeting. **(Item Closed)**.

D. ACC Command CMSgt Sullens Visit, Aug 3-5, 2008. Not discussed. President Thompson will be TDY. He will check with 552ACW/CCM CMSgt Foltz for expectations. Event will be before the next meeting. **(Item Closed)**.

8. **New Business:**

A. **985 New Website.** VP Galambos advised Webmaster David Weller-Fahy is designing a new chapter website. The Executive Council is currently reviewing and providing input on the first model presented. **(Item Open)**.

9. There being no further new business, Vice President Galambos solicited comments from around the room.

10. There being none, Lisa Sears motioned to adjourn, seconded by Duaine Ross. The meeting was adjourned at 1203 hours.

////signed – Don Sullivan for////
Lawrence G. Bach, Jr., Secretary



Approved as written
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Rebecca A. Galambos, Vice President