



General membership Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2009

1. Meeting convened at 1130 hours. President Thompson declared a quorum.

2. **Opening Ceremonies:** Observed a moment of silent reflection in lieu of Invocation
Pledge of Allegiance led by President Thompson
AFSA Preamble read by Steven Crowder

3. **Members Present:**

Bryan Thompson	Don Sullivan	Terry Turner	Mary Kramer
Rebecca Galambos	Glenda Ipock	Gemma Clark	Yaritza Liriano
Jorge Liriano	Martha Johnson	Mary Hagan	Andre Dame
Lisa Sears	Joseph Sachleben	Steven Crowder	David Weller-Fahy
Bethann Fleming	Trina Johnson	Scott Kegans	Ronda White
Michael Stine	Tammy Snyder		

4. **Special welcome/recognition:** CMSgt Mary Hagan, Tammy Snyder-FNB and first time attendees Trina Johnson and Scott Kegans.

5. **Awards Presentations:** President Thompson presented a certificate of Lifetime Trusteeship to Bethann Fleming who will PCS soon. Past Vice President & Awards Chairperson Rebecca Galambos presented the Chapter Member of the Year Award to President Bryan Thompson. She and Vice President Terry Turner presented him with a clock & pen deskset with a chapter logo disk. This award was presented early because President Thompson will leave for 6-month deployment in 2 days.

6. **Reports:**

A. **Secretary's Report:** Secretary Lawrence Bach unable to attend. Don Sullivan advised minutes from the February 5 Executive Council and January 8th General Membership meeting minutes were disseminated via our list server and are posted on our web site. Extra copies were available for members that hadn't seen them. Yaritza Liriano motioned to accept the minutes as written, Terry Turner seconded, motioned carried.

B. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Deb Johnson is deployed. Rebecca Galambos provided a comprehensive briefing of the January 2009 Treasurer's Report. David Weller-Fahy motioned to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Terry Turner, motion carried.

C. **Reports:** Rebecca Galambos stated all reports are up to date. President Thompson stated he reviewed and submitted the AFSA quarterly Activities and Americanism and Financial Reports for FY3Q09 via e-mail to Div. 9 President and 72d FSS/FSRO for our PO folder on February 5, 2009.

D. **Legislative:** President Thompson briefed that the Chapter February legislative report was distributed via our list server and is posted on the web site. Extra copies were available at the front of the room for anyone wanting a copy. He additionally briefed the freeze President Obama put on bills introduced during the last month of President Bush's administration did not include the GI Bill. Also House Resolution HR816 was introduced in the 111th Congress to prevent DoD from raising TRICARE annual premiums and co-payments. VP Turner furnished brochures of AFSA's 2009 Legislative Platform and Benefit Providers for anyone wanting a copy.

E. **Activities/Programs:** Mary Kramer advised she received the files containing last year's scripts, invitations, programs, etc., from our 2008 awards banquet. She will start preparing soon. President Thompson advised more will be discussed in Old Business.

F. **Airman Activities Coordinator:** Yaritza Liriano briefed that we are still furnishing volunteers for ongoing projects to 3 different charities; Jesus House, Habitat for Humanity and Feed The Children. Calls for volunteers have been sent via the AAC email list server for these February projects. She is trying to get 75-100 volunteers and has 50 to date. She also sent out a March volunteer opportunity for a Moore, OK garden project.

G. **Recruiting/Retention:**

- (1) **New Members:** Terry Turner briefed that Chapter 985 recruited 33 new members in January and 17 in February for a total of 50 so far in calendar year 2009. Our total strength is 1,928 members. He relayed a message from Jon Bennett that AFSA now has a 5-Star program. Upon recruiting 5 new members, you are enrolled in this club. Three chapter members – Bryan Thompson, Terry Turner and Jon Bennett already qualify. Our FTAC briefing schedules are changing from Monday to Friday in the afternoon. The next opportunity will be February 27, 2009 time to be decided.
- (2) **Retentions:** Bethann Fleming briefed the January Termination Roster had 55 names; she contacted via email 46 and President Thompson 9 – resulted in 4 renewals. 32 names have been contacted on the February roster. So far 3 have renewed. She also mentioned that some of the SNCOs on the termination list are renewing online which makes it difficult to track.
- (3) **Unit Representatives:** Yaritza Liriano briefed she has added 1 more to the current 6 reps now giving us a total of 7.
- (4) **Newcomers Briefing:** Terry Turner advised tomorrow's newcomer briefing was cancelled because of family day. Newcomers briefings are held every Friday at 1000 hours. Anyone interested in helping, please contact him.

H. **Communications:** Lisa Sears – nothing new to report.

I. **Awards:**

(1) President Thompson distributed the AFSA Airman and NCO of the Year guidelines to the Command Chiefs, Tinker Chiefs Group and First Sergeants Group on January 2, 2009 and a reminder on February 6. He extended the original deadline for receipt of 1206 submissions from February 10, 2009 to February 11, COB. He only got one additional package by doing this. This year is our worst response in years with 1206 packages received for 7 Airmen and 6 NCOs.

(2) Team Tinker Quarterly Awards for the 4th quarter 2008 has been rescheduled from February 13 to February 20, 2009. VP Turner will represent the chapter.

J. **Website:** David Weller-Fahy reports 195 unique visitors in January. VP Turner advised our e-mail list server distribution is to 2,226 addressees as of today.

7. **Old Business:**

A. **Education Grants.** VP Galambos disseminated the chapter grant information and applications via e-mail to the Tinker First Sergeants Group and additional addressees on Friday, January 9, 2009. A reminder was sent via our list server February 11, 2009. The number of recipients and monies per recipient awarded will be dependent upon total applications received and approved. The deadline for the application to be sent to her is February 27, 2009. To date she has received “zero” applications. **(Item Open).**

B. **AFSA Annual Recognition Ceremony.** Trustee and POC Mary Kramer reserved the club for 1200-1600 hours, March 20, 2009 for a retirement type ceremony for approx. 200 people per previous approved actions. President Thompson offered his opinion that due to the poor showing of packages received for the AFSA Airman and NCO of the Year Awards that such a ceremony probably would not be well attended and we would be better served proceeding with a different venue of recognition. Don Sullivan agreed and added that attendance of the 7 units, plus interested AFSA members “might” total

more like 50 attendees. After much discussion, the general consensus was to cancel the Chapter Recognition Ceremony this year and try to restore this program next year. President Thompson will check with CCM Harmon to see if it will still be possible to present these 2 winners at the Team Tinker Annual Awards Banquet on March 13, 2009. Chapter achievers can then be recognized and new officers installed at the March 12, 2009 general membership meeting. Don Sullivan after receiving no objection motioned to cancel our event accordingly and proceed as discussed above, Rebecca Galambos seconded, motioned carried. Trustee Kramer will cancel our reservation with the club. **(Item Open pending complete resolution).**

8. New Business:

A. 552 ACW Annual Awards Banquet. Vice President Turner obtained approval via an e-mail vote of the majority of the executive council to donate \$150.00 for the 552ACW Annual Awards Banquet. The funds have been donated; this is merely being read into the minutes for record. **(Item Closed).**

B. FY2010 Budget: Prepared by current and former Treasurers Deb Johnson and Rebecca Galambos, respectively, before they deployed. Will be discussed again and presented to the general membership for approval before its May 2009 due date to AFSA. **(Item Open).**

C. Division 89 Professional Airmen's Conference (formerly convention): President Thompson briefed this year's conference will be an interesting one since the 2 divisions will be merging into 1. It will be hosted by Division 8/Chapter 872 (Scott AFB) April 30 – May 2, 2009 at the Drury Hotel in O'Fallon, IL. Fact/sheet and registrations are available and will be posted on our web site. Anyone that can go is strongly encouraged to attend. There is minimal chapter funding budgeted for this event to be shared among the attendees (if not otherwise funded). **(Item Open).**

D. Elections. President Thompson asked if there was any other new business before he conducted the elections for new officers. There being none, he proceeded:

President Thompson

(1) 30-day notice of elections in accordance with AFSA Manual 100-2, Principle 6, was given at the general membership meetings December 11, 2008 and January 8, 2009, as well as numerous e-mails. The name, phone number and e-mail address of Bryan Thompson, Nominating Committee Chairperson and President were given at those times for members interested in becoming a chapter officer to contact him.

(2) The office of President and three elected Trustees are vacant this year and are one-year terms.

(3) AFSA Manual also specifies that all Trustees can be elected or appointed for 1 or 2-year terms. Chapter Standing Rules 2008-3 and 2008-4, 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 each Trustee position is named according to the chair they will fill. A pre-printed ballot was provided to all attending members.

(4) Elections may be by open or secret ballot. We have a pre-printed ballot for the Trustees and in the past have used the open ballot system for the President. May we have such a motion? Don Sullivan motioned, seconded by Terry Turner, motion carried.

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

(6) We will first elect the three Trustees for one-year terms. The individuals whose names appear on the pre-printed ballot have indicated their desire to seek office and have accepted a nomination to run for the positions of Trustee for AFSA Chapter 985. Would each of you stand as your name is called so everyone can see who you are, and please indicate that you still accept the nomination?

For the Office of Legislative Trustee – MSgt Lisa Sears

Are there any other nominations from the floor for Legislative Trustee, There were none

For the Office of Membership Trustee – SMSgt Andre Dame

Are there any other nominations from the floor for Membership Trustee, There were none

For the Office of Programs Trustee – TSgt Steven Crowder

Are there any other nominations from the floor for Programs Trustee, There were none

In the absence of any other nominations, President Thompson requested electing the three by acclamation. Terry Turner so motioned, Rebecca Galambos seconded, motion carried. Congratulations to the three newly elected officers.

President Thompson turned the elections over to Historian Don Sullivan

Don Sullivan

For the Office of President

(7) We will now elect the President for a one-year term. Since we have no formal declarations of desire to run – are there any nominations from the floor for the Office of President? There being none, it was repeated. Rebecca Galambos nominated current President Bryan Thompson to another term. She advised that in the absence of any other nominations, although he will deploy for a portion of the year, he has effectively run the chapter from a deployed location before and has sufficient talent in place to run the chapter in his absence. President Thompson accepted the nomination. I ask again if there are any other nominations for the Office of President. There being none, Rebecca Galambos motioned to elect by acclamation, seconded by Yaritza Liriano, motion carried. Congratulations to President Thompson. Congratulations to all, the elections are now closed – Mr. President I turn the meeting back to you.

9. President Thompson advised that anyone interested in being appointed to the other 2 Trustee positions, Secretary, Treasurer, Airman Activities Coordinator or Historian to please contact him. He will be appointing a Senior Advisor who has served as a past chapter president. He reminded all elected and/or appointed officers they will be installed into their office just prior to the general membership meeting March 12, 2009. He asked that they please be on time.
10. President Thompson asked around the room if there were any other comments or business, there being none - President Thompson asked for a motion to adjourn. Rebecca Galambos so motioned, Terry Turner seconded, the meeting adjourned at 1230 hours.

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Don Sullivan, Acting Secretary

Approved as written

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Bryan K. Thompson, President