



General Membership Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2010

Meeting convened at 1132 hours with President Thompson presiding. A quorum was declared.

1. **Opening Ceremonies:** Invocation given by chapter Chaplain Lance Turner
Pledge of Allegiance led by President Bryan Thompson
AFSA Preamble read by member Lisa Muth

2. **Members Present:**

Bryan Thompson	Lawrence Bach	Terry Turner
Don Sullivan	Andre Dame	Tim Ossinger
Ronda White	Lance Turner	Zhenhua Xie
Vanessa Smock	Christina Lindstrom	Lowell "Doug" Bynum
Glenda Ipock	Sheila Beaufeaux	Shatoria Lowe
Dick Russell	Mike Bartels	Lisa Muth
Lino Hernandez	Mary Rokitka	Jason Sears
Tate Beaufeaux	Lisa Sears	LaWanna Washington

3. **Special welcome:** CMSgts (ret) Tim Ossinger & Dick Russell and CMSgt Tony LeGree. Also, newcomers; Shatoria Lowe, LaWanna Washington, and Alfredo Benavides.

4. **Awards Presentations:** No presentations were made at this time. Pres Thompson announced that this will be the last meeting for Chaplain Lance Turner, Trustee Steve Crowder and Jason Wakefield. They are headed for bigger things and their service to the chapter is very appreciated.

5. **Reports:**
 - A. **Secretary's Report:** Secretary Lawrence Bach advised minutes from the December Executive Council and General Membership meetings, and minutes from the January Executive Council meeting were completed and disseminated via our list server and are posted on our web site at www.afsa985.org. Some hard copies were available in the back of the room with the sign-in sheet. *Historian Don Sullivan motioned to accept the Secretary's report, seconded by Senior Advisor Tim Ossinger. Minutes were accepted as written.*
 - B. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Deb Johnson was unable to attend and no report was available.
 - C. **Reports:** President Thompson stated all reports were up to date.
 - D. **Legislative:** Trustee Lisa Sears gave an overview of January's Legislative report; the report was also distributed via the list server. If you did not receive it, you can visit www.afsa985.org for more updates. Extra copies were available in the back of the room as handouts.
 - E. **Activities/Programs:** President Thompson stated that there are no new activities at this time.
 - F. **Airman Activities Coordinators:** President Thompson (for AAC SanJuanita Bates) briefed that we are still furnishing volunteers as an ongoing project to different charities. In December, we supplied 5 volunteers for 3 different Habitat for Humanity projects. Upcoming events for January include the Special Olympics being held in Norman and Oklahoma City January 8-9, 2010. More information for volunteer opportunities will be sent out via the AAC email listing.
 - G. **Recruiting/Retention:**
 - (1) **New Members:** Trustee Andre Dame briefed that Chapter 985 has 102 new members for December making 486 new members YTD. As of December 31, 2009 the chapter had a total

strength of 1,998 active members with 152 in lapse status. Chapter 985, on December 4th, had its first FTAC class where 100% of the students were recruited to AFSA.

- (2) Recruiting Opportunities: Upcoming events include FTAC, ALS, Newcomers, and NCOPES.
- (3) Retentions: President Thompson briefed that Paul Findley contacted 72 out of 85 members whose memberships were expiring in December resulting in 4 renewals, bringing us to a grand total of 46 retentions for 2009 by 7 different retainers, and 90% contact of those members on termination roster.
- (4) Bad Address List: Trustee Lisa Sears reported she contacted 42 out of 122 and updated 15. 2 members PCS'd. That brings the BAL down to 105.
- (5) Unit Representatives: Misty Givens was unable to attend. No new information on unit reps.

H. Communications: Trustee Ronda White advised that the AFSA Team Tinker Newsletter for December 2009 is complete and submitted to Debra Kirby for our PO folder. The Annual Team Tinker is nearly complete; it is being reviewed by President Bryan Thompson and Historian Don Sullivan. The Team Tinker Newsletter will be distributed via the list server and can be viewed on our website at www.afsa985.org once it is updated. Also, the General Membership meeting was announced in the Tinker Take-off.

I. Awards: See paragraph 4.

J. Website: President Bryan Thompson briefed we had 252 unique visitors in December. Our e-mail list server distribution is up to 2,732 addressees as of 31 December 2009.

6. Old Business:

- A. Holiday Gift Wrap Fundraiser:** Secretary Lawrence Bach reported that this fundraiser was our best ever in spite of the weather on Christmas Eve. 243 volunteers worked 1,005 hours to make this our most financially successful year on record. Thank you to everyone that helped, especially Don Sullivan, Terry Turner, Jason Wakefield, Christine Stone, and Paul Findley. A special thank you to the BX for letting us use the space and for the large donation they made of gift wrap and gift boxes for next year's wrapping booth. **(Item Closed).**
- B. Executive Council Elections.** President Bryan Thompson stated: AFSA Chapter 985 annual elections will be held at our February 11, 2010 general membership meeting in accordance with AFSA Manual 100-2, Principle 6, Section 8 which requires notification be given AT LEAST 30 days prior to annual elections. All positions are open and will be 1-year terms except the vice president which will be a 2-year term. We will elect a president, vice president, and 3 trustees. The elected president will appoint up to two additional trustees, a secretary, treasurer, airman activities coordinator, chaplain, historian and senior advisor. President Bryan Thompson, who will not be running for any position, will serve as the Nominating Committee Chair. Anyone interested in any position, elected or appointed, please contact him at president@afsa985.org.
- C. Chapter 985 Annual Awards.** President Thompson briefed we currently have the Tinker Club reserved for 1430 hours, Friday, March 12, 2010. We will replace our customary formal banquet with a more informal recognition social format similar to the annual Honor Guard event per the desires of our membership. New chapter officers will be installed just prior to the event as in past years. Trustee Lisa Sears will assist President Thompson in this events preparation. President Thompson forwarded the new requirements for the Airman and NCO of the Year packages to the Command Chiefs, Tinker Chiefs Group and First Sergeants via email on

December 31st. The submission will be a full page 1206 and will have a section devoted solely to AFSA contributions. Submission deadline for nominees is February 11, 2010 **(Item Open)**.

- D. Chapter 985 Education Grants.** President Thompson briefed that the Tinker Federal Credit Union donated an additional \$500.00 this year to their annual contribution of \$1,000.00. Therefore, our total grant amount will be \$2,500.00, which will all be awarded to qualified grant applicants. You must be a member of Chapter 985 and be taking college classes to qualify. Applications and accompanying instructions were distributed via our list server on January 6, 2010. They are also available on our website <http://afsa985.org>. Submission deadline is February 12, 2010. **(Item Open)**.
- E. Chocolate for Troops in Afghanistan Update.** President Thompson noted that after we donated \$100.00 to Chapter 872, Scott AFB who was POC for Division 89 on this project. Our division purchased 125 pounds of chocolate from the \$670.00 donations received. A total of 21,000 pounds of chocolate was sent. BAF has an “expeditionary” AFSA chapter who also participated in sorting and sending out the chocolate throughout the AOR. **(Item Closed)**.
- F. Toiletries for Troops.** Pres Thompson noted that Doug Bynum sent approximately \$250.00 worth of supplies to Airmen overseas with the help of a donation from our Chapter. **(Item Closed)**.

7. New Business:

- A. ALS Classroom.** Pres Thompson reported that he and ALS Commandant James Peters held a discussion about a classroom that is available for redecorating. A lot of material is available such as CMSAF photos, but may need new frames. We will be permitted to include AFSA memorabilia if we adopt this project. Cost cannot be estimated, but should be minimal. At the January executive council meeting Historian Don Sullivan motioned to adopt this project, VP Terry Turner seconded, motion passed. *Chaplain Lance Turner motioned to use \$200.00 for the ALS redecorating, seconded by VP Terry Turner. Motion was accepted with no discussion.* **(Item Open)**.
- B. 552ACW Annual Awards.** President Thompson briefed that Chapter 985 received a request for a \$150.00 donation for the 552 ACW Annual Awards Banquet. At the January executive council meeting VP Terry Turner motioned to support this request, Trustee Ronda White seconded, motion passed. **(Item Closed)**.
- C. Mid-Del Food Pantry.** Pres Thompson briefed that we received a thank you letter from the Mid-Del Food Pantry for the \$100.00 donation made by our Chapter. **(Item Closed)**.
- D. New 72 ABW CCC/ Welcome Event.** Pres Thompson briefed that we will be holding a welcoming event for the new 72 ABW CCC. The time and date are still to be determined. More information will be forthcoming. **(Item Open)**.
- E. Division 89 Conference.** President Thompson reported that the Division 89 Annual Professional Airmen’s Conference will be held from 29 April to 1 May at Rapid City, SD. Registration forms can be obtained and hotel reservations made on the host chapter’s website – www.afsa951.org. **(Item Open)**.
- F. ALS Icebreaker Vote.** President Thompson briefed that the vote for the ALS Icebreaker funding will be coming up in April. AFSA voted last April to support the Icebreaker with up to \$150.00 per function for 12 months. Glenda Ipock suggested combining the Icebreaker with our recruiting

briefing at ALS. Pres Thompson will contact ALS Commandant James Peters and discuss the possibility. **(Item Open)**.

G. Veterans Day Event at OK Capital. VP Terry Turner briefed that the Oklahoma Veterans Council would like to invite all veterans and their families on February 11, 2010 to the 2010 Oklahoma Veterans Awareness Day at the State Capital. The House of Representatives and Senate will hold a joint session to honor all Oklahoma Veterans. The program will commence at 9:30am. We would like to have a large showing, especially from AFSA members. It is a great way to see our government at work. **(Item Closed)**.

8. Comments:

A. Glenda Ipock shared a special thank you to AFSA Chapter 985 for their donation supporting this year's 552 ACW annual awards banquet.

B. Dick Russell mentioned that Div 89 scholarships are available for dependents of AFSA members but it is very important to fully complete the application, follow all the instructions and include all necessary documentation. Instructions/Applications can be downloaded from Division 89 website www.afsativ89.org.

9. There being no further new business, President Bryan Thompson asked for a motion to adjourn. Historian Don Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Senior Advisor Tim Ossinger, the meeting adjourned at 1221 hours.

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Lawrence G. Bach, Jr., Secretary

Approved as written

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Bryan K. Thompson, President