



Air Force Sergeants Association
Thunderbird Chapter 985
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General Membership Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2010

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

1. **Opening Ceremonies:** In lieu of Invocation a moment of silence was held.
Pledge of Allegiance led by President Bryan Thompson.
AFSA Preamble read by Treasurer Deb Johnson.

2. **Members Present:**

Bryan Thompson	Lawrence Bach	Terry Turner
Don Sullivan	Tim Ossinger	Tate Beaufeaux
Ronda White	Sheila Beaufeaux	Shatoria Lowe
Dick Russell	Duaine Ross	Tyler Wallace
Dwayne Ward	Brian Rogers	Debbie Johnson

3. **Special welcome:** CMSgts (ret) Tim Ossinger & Dick Russell. Also, newcomer; Tyler Wallace. We would also like to extend a special welcome to Michelle Devinney from First National Bank.

4. **Awards Presentations:** No presentations were made

5. **Elections:** President Thompson held chapter elections IAW AFSA Manual 100-2, Principle 6, Section 8. He used a formal script in this process ensuring the proper motions, seconds and votes were upheld.
 - A. He began by advising the membership of the requirements; and that all terms of office were for 1 year except the vice president, which was 2 years as approved and published in our Standing Rules.
 - B. He then asked for motions on open or secret ballots and speeches or no speeches. Don Sullivan motioned elections be by paper ballots and no speeches, Tim Ossinger seconded, motion carried.
 - C. Office of President: Three nominees were MSgt Michael Bartels, MSgt Terry Turner and MSgt Ronda White. Terry Turner and Ronda White stood and confirmed their acceptance of the nominations. Michael Bartels was unable to attend, but had confirmed his acceptance to President Thompson. President Thompson called for other nominations from the floor. There being none, Don Sullivan motioned to close the nominations, seconded by Tim Ossinger, motioned carried. Paper ballots were distributed, collected and votes counted by Don Sullivan and Dick Russell. President Thompson announced TERRY TURNER was elected President by majority vote.
 - D. Office of Vice President: Two nominees were SSgt Lawrence Bach and MSgt Ronda White. Both stood and confirmed their acceptance. President Thompson called for other nominations from the floor. There being none, Don Sullivan motioned to close the nominations, seconded by Tim Ossinger, motioned carried. Paper ballots were distributed, collected and votes counted by Don Sullivan and Dick Russell. President Thompson announced RONDA WHITE was elected Vice President for a 2-year term by majority vote.
 - E. Office of Trustee: President Thompson reminded all that we were electing three trustees and the newly elected president could appoint two additional trustees per our Standing Rules. Six nominees were TSgt Jeffrey Anderson, MSgt Sheila Beaufeaux, MSgt Tate Beaufeaux, TSgt Paul Findley, MSgt Deborah Johnson, and SMSgt Duane Ward. All stood and confirmed their acceptance except Jeffrey Anderson and Paul Findley who were unable to attend, but had confirmed their acceptance earlier. President Thompson then called for other nominations from

the floor. Don Sullivan nominated SSgt Lawrence Bach, and he accepted the nomination. There being no other nominations from the floor, Tim Ossinger motioned to close the nominations, Terry Turner seconded, motion carried. President Thompson advised to write Larry Bach's name on the ballot and to circle the three names of choice. The three getting the most votes would be elected. Paper ballots were distributed, collected and votes counted by Don Sullivan and Dick Russell. President Thompson announced DEBORAH JOHNSON, LAWRENCE BACH and SHEILA BEAUFEAUX were elected Trustees by majority vote.

- F. President Thompson closed the elections by congratulating those elected and thanking them for pledging their leadership for the coming year. He advised new officers would be installed at our annual recognition ceremony at 1500 hours at the Tinker Club on Tuesday, March 16, 2010. He gave President-Elect Terry Turner the names of those not elected and others that have declared an interest to appointed positions to be interviewed and considered for same if so desired. He then announced that it was not too late for anyone that had not already expressed an interest to serve in an Executive Council position or committee to contact him or President-elect Terry Turner. Positions to be filled by appoint are; 2 Trustees, Secretary, Treasurer, Airmen Activities Coordinator, Senior Advisor and Historian.

6. Reports:

- A. **Secretary's Report:** Secretary Lawrence Bach advised minutes from the January Executive Council and General Membership meetings were completed and disseminated via our list server and are posted on our web site at www.afsa985.org. Minutes from the January Executive Council meeting will be posted and distributed upon completion of review. Some hard copies were available in the front of the room with the sign-in sheet. The February Executive Council meeting minutes were not posted on the website yet, but printed copies were available for review at the front of the room. *President-elect Terry Tuner motioned to accept the Secretary's report, seconded by Brian Rogers. Minutes were accepted as written.*
- B. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Deb Johnson provided a comprehensive briefing of the January 2010 Treasurer's report. *Senior Advisor Tim Ossinger motioned to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Brian Rogers. Reports were accepted as written.*
- C. **Reports:** Treasurer Johnson stated all reports were up to date.
- D. **Legislative:** President Thompson for Trustee Lisa Sears gave an overview of February'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 front 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 Yaritza Liriano) briefed that we had no volunteer activities for January due to the change over in AACs. AAC Liriano took over duties today therefore more information for volunteer opportunities will be sent out via the AAC email list starting today.
- G. **Recruiting/Retention:**
- (1) **New Members:** President Thompson for Trustee Andre Dame briefed that Chapter 985 has 7 new members for January making 7 new members YTD. As of January 31, 2010 the chapter had a total strength of 1,839 active members with 117 in lapse status.
 - (2) **Recruiting Opportunities:** Upcoming events include FTAC, ALS, and NCOPEs.

- (3) **Retentions:** President Thompson briefed that Paul Findley contacted 47 out of 56 members whose memberships were expiring in January resulting in four renewals, by two retainers, and 87% contact of those members on termination roster.
- (4) **Bad Address List (BAL):** President Thompson for Trustee Lisa Sears reported she contacted 25 out of 105 and updated 4. That brings the BAL to 118.
- (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 January 2010 and the 2009 annual consolidated version are complete. President Thompson has submitted to Debra Kirby for our PO folder. 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.
- I. Awards:** See paragraph 4.
- J. Website:** President Bryan Thompson briefed we had 307 unique visitors in January. Our e-mail list server distribution is up to 2,732 addressees as of 31 January 2010.

7. Old Business:

- A. Executive Council Elections.** President Bryan Thompson chaired the annual elections, results posted in section 5. **(Item Closed).**
- B. Chapter 985 Annual Awards.** President Thompson reported a change to the date for the chapter social. We now have the Tinker Club reserved for 1530 hours, Tuesday, March 16, 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).**
- C. Chapter 985 Education Grants.** President Thompson briefed that Tinker Federal Credit Union donated \$1,500.00 to support our education grant program. 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>. Applications must be received by February 12, 2010. **(Item Open).**
- D. ALS Classroom.** Pres Thompson briefed 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. At the January General Membership meeting, *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).**
- E. New 72 ABW CCC/ Welcome Event.** Pres Thompson reported 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. A new item of business will be opened when more information is available. **Item Closed**).

F. Division 89 Conference. Pres Thompson briefed 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**).

G. ALS Icebreaker Vote. Pres Thompson noted 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. At the January General Membership meeting, Glenda Ipock suggested combining the Icebreaker with our recruiting briefing at ALS – President Thompson discussed the possibility with ALS Commandant James Peters and AFSA will now brief immediately before the ice-breaker, and the First Sergeants immediately after. At the February Executive Council meeting *VP Terry Turner motioned to fund an additional \$48.32 for the ALS Icebreaker bringing the total to \$198.32, seconded by Sec Lawrence Bach. Motion was accepted with no discussion.* (**Item Closed**).

7. New Business:

Spring Dance. Pres Thompson briefed that the spring dance will be held in May for 2010. We are expecting a bigger attendance to include volunteers. Funding was discussed. At the February Executive Council meeting *VP Terry Turner motioned to use \$500.00 for the Spring Dance, seconded by Trustee Ronda White. Motion was accepted with no discussion.* (**Item Open**).

8. Comments:

President-Elect Terry Turner thanked the Executive Council for their hard work and dedication over the past year.

9. There being no further new business, President Bryan Thompson asked for a motion to adjourn. Duaine Ross made a motion, seconded by President-Elect Terry Turner, the meeting adjourned at 1210 hours.

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Lawrence G. Bach, Jr., Secretary

Approved as written

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Bryan K. Thompson, President