



# AFCEA Greater Omaha Chapter Board of Directors Meeting 31 May 07/1130L/Offutt Room, Patriot Club

**1. Attendance:** Meeting was held on 31 May 07 at 1130 hrs in Patriot Club's Offutt Room, Offutt AFB, NE.

Col Sheron Bellizan (President)  
1st Lt Isaac Finkbeiner (Secretary)  
Mr. Greg Campbell (Public Affairs)  
Ms. Christy Carpino (Corp Affairs)  
SrA Marilyn Leonard (Young AFCEAN)  
Maj Bill Hibbard  
SSgt Jessica Jackson

Capt Shawn Bendig (Exec VP)  
Col Christopher Moore (Awards)  
Mr. David Waite (VP Membership)  
MSgt Eldon Kilburg (Treasurer)  
1st Lt Owen Freeland  
Mr. Dorest Harvey

**2. Next BoD Meeting** is scheduled for 13 Jun 07 at 1130 hrs in the Patriot Club, Offutt Room.

### **3. Discussion:**

➤ **Board approved 01 May Minutes**

- 1st – Capt Bendig
- 2nd – Ms. Carpino

➤ **Golf Tournament**

- Current participation level – 23 golfers, no military members among them
- Sponsors and partnerships sold – 2 gold, 1 silver
- Discussion: Should we prepay for 72 golfers to lock in a closed course?
  - Must have all paid for by 05 Jun
  - Competing tournaments have made sponsorships/participation difficult to obtain
  - Board members must go “face-to-face” to recruit
  - College World Series tickets may be a good incentive
- Action: Ms. Carpino will make a direct appeal to all our corporate sponsors
- WG/PA will spread to downtown papers and churches
- Colonels Bellizan and Moore each pledged to sign up a 4-some

➤ **Luncheon**

- Lt Gen Elder is scheduled for 14 Jun
  - Motion: Approve sum of \$540 dollars for hor d'oeuvres
    - 1st – SrA Leonard
    - 2nd – Mr. Harvey, all approved
  - Lt Kasperek has volunteered to assist with DV escort and programs
- 27 Jun End-of-year Luncheon
  - Each BoD officer will brief an info slide at the 27 Jun luncheon
  - AFCEA International meeting has changed, now them is “Transformation Warfare” Col Bellizan will brief at 27 Jun luncheon
  - Slide template will be sent to all BoD members NLT 6 Jun
  - Chapter coins and certificates of appreciation will be presented to board members and Ms. Sutherland
  - Changes in bylaws will be presented and voted upon by the general membership
  - Discussion: Book award at the 27 Jun luncheon?
    - Motion: Do present a book award
      - 1st – Mr. Waite
      - 2nd – Mr. Harvey, approved 7-2

➤ **Finance**

- MSgt Kilburg passed out the month's financial report
- Total chapter assets \$52,802
- 13 corporate sponsors have paid for 2007
- Rebate check for \$347 will be given for year's membership
- No money was made at the Air Show due to weather-related cancellations
- An iPod and coin boxes have been purchased for the next luncheon

➤ **Awards**

- Chapter has been awarded the "Model Chapter"
- Membership has been given the "Achievement Award"
- Four individual awards were earned this year
  - Ms. Carpino – Meritorious Service
  - Col Bellizan – Medal of Merit
  - Mr. Theophanous – Emerging Leader
  - SrA Johnson – Young AFCEAN
- Col Bellizan and the rest of the board thanked Col Moore for all his hard work this year working award packages

➤ **Membership**

- Chapter membership now totals 353
  - even for the month
  - +92 for the year
- These figures constitute a 35% jump in membership over the previous year

➤ **BoD Replacements**

- Capt Bendig did a great job getting info sheet out to members
- Diversity and Exec VP jobs are still open
  - Those interested are encouraged to e-mail Col Bellizan directly
- Col Bellizan will schedule the next BoD meeting to focus on the golf tournament

➤ **Public Affairs**

- A new camera was purchased, the old one sold for \$25 dollars
- An article and pictures will be published in the Air Pulse recognizing chapter award winners
- Discussion: Have we given more money to scholarships than any other AFCEA chapter? If so, it would be good public affairs info.
  - Not likely, though AFCEA may give more than any other organization on base
  - MSgt Kilburg will calculate and determine if it is so
- Website/E-mail transition to new systems is complete

➤ **Academic Affairs**

- Col Bellizan praised Mr. Theophanous' work with scholarships
- There will be a gap between Mr. Theophanous' departure and his replacements return from deployment
  - Ms. Crews volunteered to fill during this time

➤ **Corporate Affairs**

- No new sponsors for the coming year so far
- As many as 4-5 have not paid for the current year
- Ms. Carpino will contact them all by the end of the week
- Motion: Approve policy to maintain current sponsorship rates
  - 1st – Mr. Waite
  - 2nd – Mr. Campbell, all approved
- DoJiggy will now list 07-08 sponsorships

➤ **Other Business**

- Action Item: Col Bellizan will present GOC logo at next BoD meeting.
- Discussion: Fund Ms. Carpino's trip to accept award (provided she is willing/able to attend)?

- 1st – Mr. Harvey
- 2nd – Capt Bendig, all approved
- Col Bellizan thanked the entire board, listing the many achievements over the past year. Stressed desire to end on “high notes” with the remaining luncheons and golf tournament.
- Next BoD meeting will be 13 Jun 1130, Patriot Club. Mark your calendars.

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**Isaac C. Finkbeiner, 1st Lt USAF, Secretary**