

**ALAMO AFA
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING
10 Feb 2009**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Alamo AFA President Gary Copsey, at 1605 hours.

ATTENDANCE

The following individuals **signed in** as attending: Gary Copsey, Tom Peterson, Joan Lopez, Dave Stoltz, Dave Pope, Ralph Chalfant, Bill Croom, Mike Nishimuta, Randy Coggins, Jonathan Lacquement, Ed Reynolds, Debra Westmoreland, Pedro Lopez-Cruz, Chuck Ervin, Dan O'Neal, John Shroyer, Gina Vaccaro, James Ramirez, and Lionel Robertson.

GUESTS: None

INTRODUCTIONS

Gary Copsey introduced 2LT Gina Vaccaro, the new VP for Communications for the chapter. Those present then introduced themselves to the group.

SECRETARY REPORT

The minutes from last meeting were presented. Motion was made and seconded to approve as written. Motion passed.

2009 AETC SYMPOSIUM WRAP-UP

Randy Coggins gave a summary of symposium experiences. There were 3500 attendees and 104 exposition booths. Of those booths, five were from the recruiting service, nine from major sponsors, thirty from industry, and fifty-seven from military organizations. Mike Nishimuta listed lessons learned in Information Technology area of symposium. Debra Westmoreland reported the executive dinner was a success and provided valuable networking opportunities for those attending. After a general discussion of this year's experiences, Gary Copsey summarized by saying that for next year's symposium the goal is to work more of the chapter involvement areas by committee. Specifically, committees will be needed for executive dinner planning, exposition setup, sponsor recruitment and care, industry seminars, ball support, and receptions among others. For long term planning, next year's symposium is tentatively scheduled for 13, 14, and 15 January 2010. From the chapter AFA booth we were able to add 13 or 14 new members to the chapter roster.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The January 2009 report was accepted as presented by Dave Stoltz.

ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

Gary Copsey clarified that the 1206 forms for award nominees were requested so that those winners passed on for state and national awards would have all the information needed for timely submission

Jonathan Lacquement gave an update on banquet planning. VP Tickets were sent by mail on February 6th. Stevens High School will provide the Color Guard. The program is being developed and The LBJ ROTC Squadron from Texas state university will be providing escorts.

IN MEMORY

With deep regret the passing of Edward E. Kirkham on February 3, 2009 was announced at the meeting. Ed Kirkham was the President of the Alamo Chapter 1996-1998. A memorial website with more information may be found at

<http://memorialwebsites.legacy.com/RememberEd/homepage.aspx>

NEW BUSINESS

In March of 2010 there will be a large local celebration planned for the 100th anniversary of military flight, which occurred at Fort Sam Houston. We will be exploring our chapter involvement in future meetings.

The Alamo AFA Aerospace Education Foundation is looking for a volunteer to be the treasurer for the foundation. They are looking for an individual who would be able to commit to an extended period of support so that a continuity of experience can be provided. Interested parties should contact Dave Pope at pope_david@bah.com.

The meeting was adjourned by Alamo AFA Chapter President Gary Copsey at 1715 hours. Next meeting is March 10, 2009.

NOTE

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