

Tuesday, 13 February 2023, 5:00 – 6:00pm (Mountain)

Location: Zoom Meeting

<https://scottishrite.zoom.us/j/89945522879>

Meeting ID: 899 4552 2879

Attendees: Linda, Paul, Bruce, Jennifer Miller, Doug, Darius, Scott Gilson, Greg, Philip

President's Comments/Update (Paul Bailey)

- Election of Chapter Vice President—Bruce volunteered, Doug nominated Bruce, Linda seconded, unanimous vote
- Paul will send Bruce a veteran's council memo; he will sign and send it in
- Paul asked if anyone was working on Chapter Teacher of the Year—Linda noted that our VP for AE, Jeff Womelsdorf, needs to be the main POC and should contact last year's TOY for suggestions. She will forward that information to Jeff.
- My procedural issues - reappointment of Chapter representative to the local Veterans Council
- Chapter officer attendance at upcoming AFA State Meeting 25 Mar 2023 in Pueblo—Linda will attend the meeting to represent Sijan
- Space Force Association (SFA) summer (26-27 July scheduled) 2023 Industry Days Chapter Representation at Peterson SFB—need someone to man the table at the Officer's Club; Darius will plan on attending and if Jennifer is in town, she will attend too
- Presentation by Chapter of JROTC AFA Cadet Medals to the five AFJROTC and one SFJROTC High Schools; Report on Mitchell HS Drill Meet;
- Chapter representation at USAFA Best Squadron Award;
- Status of Chapter Non-Profit Tax preparation—Bill Mills, Treasurer, has sent the information to Felipe Rodriguez for preparation; it's being worked now and will be done on time.
- Memorial Day Wreath Laying ceremony at USAF Monument downtown Colorado Springs on 30 May, 11:00am; Bruce will plan on attending
- AFA National Space Working Group (SWG)—Scott is attending right after this meeting; Scott gave a summary of what's been going on with the SWG—along with the Space Senior Steering Group, SWG is part of AFA Space Caucus; want to keep the Guardian interest integrated with the Air Force and AFA; the SWG was advisory on the change to "Air & Space Forces Association"; and they're doing other things including AFA integration and collaboration with Space Force Association (SFA), and National Security Space Association (NSSA); Scott will keep us informed
- Any Chapter officers going to the Space Foundation Space Symposium? Jennifer plans to attend; Paul will give her some handouts and she can talk to folks
- Need a Chairman for the Air & Space Ball in 2023 or 2024;
- Budget/money - present and upcoming issues – Mitchell HS Drill meet support—Linda said she hadn't seen any new members come out of this in the past years; Paul says there is at least one. Paul proposed \$250 and Linda seconded—no dissenting votes, so it passed. Veterans Council dues—about \$160 (10 cents per member); Paul described the benefits; Paul proposed \$160 for Council—no dissenting votes, so it passed;
- USAFA Best Squadron Award requests \$250 (30 May 23); Paul proposed and Doug seconded; motion passed

- Christmas party requested cost—want \$1,650 for our partial of the Christmas Party in December 2022. Much discussions on this; we need to do more investigation.

Vice President's Comments/Update (Bruce)

- Will try to visit Govt officials in the next couple of weeks to keep in touch with them

State President's Comments (given by Linda)

- Update on the chapter taxes—Linda provided update on what her husband is doing for our taxes
- Our use of Constant Contact—we're paying for this; are we using it? Paul says we probably are not. We need to do better because we're missing outreach to 1600+ people
 - Regarding Constant Contact we are not using it at all. Newsletters are posted to the website which now automatically creates and posts a LinkedIn notification but they are not sent via Constant Contact to the wider membership. Jennifer will get with Angelo (previous President who used it) and schedule time to learn Constant Contact so we can make better use of it to communicate with our membership.
- Linda will be guest speaker on May 6th, Ft Collins Det 90 Dining In

Treasurer's Report (Bill Mills) ABSENT

- TBD

Secretary's Report (Doug Kendall)

- This is Doug's last meeting as Secretary of the Board; family issues will prevent him from participation for at least the next two years. I love the Air & Space Force Association, especially the Sijan Chapter and will miss it, but family must take precedence. I'll remain an AFA member but not be on the board.
- Jennifer will put a notice for Secretary volunteers on the Sijan website
- We will also need someone to take over as VP of Community Partners

Vice Presidents' Reports:

VP, Membership (VACANT—need someone to fill)

VP, Community Partners (Doug Kendall) will be VACANT next time

- Doug is checking on the renewal of ENSCO's CP membership; **with Doug's resignation, we need someone to fill this position**

VP, Aerospace Education & Scholarships (Jeff Womelsdorf) ABSENT

- TBD

VP, Communications (VACANT—need someone to fill)

- TBD

VP, Veteran's Affairs (VACANT—need someone to fill)

- *Upcoming events:*

VP, Government Relations (Bruce Hall)

- He will reconnect with Govt officials to keep connections going; considers it part and parcel to the Sijan VP position and responsibilities

VP, Programs (Gayle) ABSENT

- TBD

VP, Community Relations (Phillip Taylor)

- Getting with Jennifer to start planning some events; Paul suggested he present some of the medals to the High School folks when in uniform—Phillip agreed to support. We will need to identify someone to take over Community Partners too.

Other Business:

- Jennifer will kick off an event committee and requested volunteers to meet on week of 21 February to start exploring and discussing events—prefer in-person meeting; want to get back to regular events; may also discuss Constant Contact. Jennifer has two volunteers on standby (indicated on website); will send out an invite

- In January's meeting, Jennifer had suggested we form an event planning committee to discuss possible events including the Ball, but not limited to the Ball. Paul requested Jennifer to Chair the committee and she agreed to co-chair with Phillip.

2023 AF Ball: We have canceled the February date for the Ball but the Event Committee will consider rescheduling for October if an experienced Chairperson can be recruited in time

UPCOMING AFA EVENTS/ SIGNIFICANT DATES 2023

February 2023

14 – Board Meeting & Valentine's Day
20 – President's Day
24 – Air & Space Force Ball—postponed!

March 2023

12 – Daylight Savings Time Begins
15 – Board Meeting—**NOTE THIS IS CHANGED TO WEDNESDAY**
20 – First Day of Spring
25 – State AFA Meeting, Pueblo, 9:30, Weisbrod Aircraft Museum

April 2023

1 – April Fool's Day (No Fooling)
9 – Easter
11 – Board Meeting

May 2023

9 – Board Meeting
14 – Mother's Day
20 – Armed Forces Day
29 – Memorial Day

June 2023

13 – Board Meeting
14 – Flag Day
18 – Father's Day

19 – Juneteenth
21 – First Day of Summer

July 2023

4 – 4th of July Holiday
11 – Board Meeting

