

# ADVOCATE EDUCATE SUPPORT

February 10, 2021

## Virtual Meeting Minutes



### **PRESIDENT: Jeff Addison**

- Opening remarks
  - This is our first ALL MEMBERS' Virtual Meeting
  - Chapter now has its own ZOOM account
  - Still plan on holding virtual meetings for a few more months
  - Looking forward to getting back to normal sometime
- Joint AFA/AOC March meeting with the Association of Old Crows (AOC)
  - Will have a joint speaker
  - Date to be determined based on speaker availability
- Meeting with other organizations to see where our activities may be overlapping
- Cassie Barlow, President of SOCHE, guest speaker 1200-1220

### **VICE PRESIDENT: Dave Babcock**

- Update involvement with the AFA AFIT Awards
  - The March 2020 awards were selected, but there was no ceremony
  - There will be an award's ceremony on Feb 25<sup>th</sup>
  - The OI criteria for the AFIT awards needed to be better defined, so it was rewritten

### **Cassie Barlow, President of the Southwestern Ohio Council for Higher Education**

- Cassie is the author of two books, "Saluting Our Grandmas", stories of WWII servicewomen, and "Journey Through the Unified Field", the journey of Emma with STEM
- SOCHE administers 18 active Councils and Committees
- They provide an opportunity for representatives from higher education to be a resource for one another
- They share information and best practices, identify common challenges, and, ultimately, broaden awareness of the resources, services, and activities in higher education in our region
- SOCHE is an alliance of 22 academic organizations
- Go to [SOCHE – Educated, Employed, Engaged](#) for all SOCHE information

### **TREASURER'S REPORT: Carl "Shof" Shofner**

- Banking summary (checking)
  - Jan Start: \$31245.71
  - Outflows
    - Support: \$500 for 2 Pitsenbarger Award winners
    - Advocate: \$9895 for DLC event
    - Operate: \$455 (website, post office box, Zoom)
  - Inflows: \$11000 from Sponsors
  - Jan End: \$31452.88
  - Expected outflows for Feb:

- Support: \$415 for combination of needs at VA Voluntary Services
  - Support: \$500 for Air Force Aid Society
  - Operate: \$320 for website support (does not include file backup to be discussed at this meeting)
- No expected inflows for Feb
- Banking summary (money market)
  - Jan Start: \$125839.18
  - Jan End: \$125842.39 (all from interest)
- Shof made a motion to approve the redistribution of the VA budget for 2021
  - Approved by Vita Eonta and seconded by Tom Koogler

#### **SECRETARY'S REPORT: Vita Eonta**

- 88th ABW continues to post updates at: <https://www.wpafb.af.mil/coronavirus/>
- Propose that the chapter use the AFA one drive for all chapter documents
  - Suggest we move all documents from Secretary's USB drive to the AFA one drive
  - Recommend Award docs, AE docs, etc. also be moved to one drive
- Recommend we contact the Top 3 to inform them that we want to support their scholarships and award ceremonies

#### **88<sup>TH</sup> ABW- Col Phillips**

- Beginning 6 March regrouping office space
  - There will be a new normal – not going back to old normal
  - Supervisors are seeing telework in a more positive way
- The second wave of vaccinations in the arm is getting under way
  - 4300 have been vaccinated so far
  - Second dose for round one is in progress
  - Still months before everyone will be vaccinated
- 88<sup>th</sup> has a new mission –
  - Host nations require restriction of movement before deploying
  - 88<sup>th</sup> Created a bubble for deployers
  - Joint USO/LRS effort
- There is a 100% mask wear on base
- There has been no uptick on Covid numbers
- Major renovations of 30 homes taking place in the Turtle Pond area
- AF Marathon planning opening up
  - Lots of virtual runs
- The 88th Air Base Wing is “working to infuse third party investment into the installation’s programmatic interest through an Enhanced Use Lease (EUL).”
  - The base is working with the Air Force Civil Engineer Center which oversees EUL leases

#### **ADVOCATE**

- **AF Ball / Slim Morgan**
  - 2020 AF Anniversary Ball was cancelled - no update
- **Dayton Airshow / Mike Evans**
  - 2021 Dayton Airshow scheduled for July 10-11

## EDUCATE

- Aerospace Education - Need a VP for Aerospace Education
  - Need to see if Debbie Madison is resubmitting her ToY package for National teacher of the Year
- STEM Outreach / Debbie Madison - no update

## SUPPORT

- Cadet Programs - Richard Hughes
- AFROTC Det 643
  - Arnold Air Society -Cadet Rossi
- **Veteran Programs - George Simons / Vita Eonta**
  - Dedication of the Lincoln Statue is scheduled for Wednesday, May 26, 2021
  - Salute to Veterans Week 8-12 Feb
    - Chapter donating \$250 to provide restaurant meals to be delivered to the nursing home veterans and/ or donuts for veterans
- Star Sponsors /Community Partners - Sam Ryals
  - Began sending out Sponsorship requests for 2021
- **AFA State of Ohio President - Kent Shin**
  - I have been talking to AFROTC Det 665 at University of Cincinnati and will be working with Steve Dillenberg and Rich Hughes to start a dialog with the commander and the cadets there.
    - Steve will be the liaison for Det 665
  - I am setting up a meeting with Colin and Chapter 371 in Youngstown to introduce an opportunity to start a government relations program in the chapter.
  - We will be setting up a virtual meeting with Ohio Rep Casey Weinstein and the chapter to introduce them to military efforts that the State is putting in place to help military personnel.
- **AFA GLR President - Tom Koogler**
  - AFA Celebrated its 75th Anniversary on 4 Feb 2021
  - Migration of Microsoft 365 to Great Lakes Region
    - Scheduled for 2 March 2021
    - Chapter will have 5 afa.org e-mail addresses.
  - State and Chapter Teacher of the Year
    - Submissions due at AFA National 30 April 2021
  - Aerospace Education Awards
    - State President Approved submissions to Region President 15 April 2021
    - Due to AFA National 30 April 2021
  - Unit and Individual Awards due at AFA National
    - State President Approved submissions to Region President 15 April 2021
    - Due to AFA National 30 April 2021
  - Chapter's 990 due to IRS NLT 15 May 2021
  - National Teacher of Year Package due at AFA National by 30 June 2021
  - Training Modules
    - Many modules are available for members to use
  - Chapter gained 21 new or renewed memberships from 12 Days of AFA

- Events - Christina Combs/Adrianna Templeton
  - Prepared to organize a zoom event for all members
  - Waiting to hear about a possible guest speaker
- Leadership Development/Awards Ron Goerges
- Communications - Pat Koogler
  - Continue to post Chapter relative information on Chapter's Facebook page.
  - Need Chapter related information to post on Chapter's Facebook page
- Public Relations - Libby Van Hook – no update
- Membership - Ronda Roberts /Betty Shellhorn
  - Rob Gauder – new member
  - Ronda will reach out to the new members at the Cincinnati Chapter
- Government Relations - Colin Ballein
  - Legislative update is posted to our website at <https://wrightmemorial.afa.org/> under programs
- Community Announcements
  - Need a chair person to identify scholarship/grant opportunities for Airmen and Civilians
  - Need a VP for Aerospace Education
  - Brown Bag Speaker
    - The propulsion directorate at Tinker AFB and WPAFB hosts the meeting.
    - Derrick Slatton is responsible for finding a contact every other month,
    - The presenter can be active duty, retired military, and most certainly civilian.
    - If interested contact [derrick.slatton.1@us.af.mil](mailto:derrick.slatton.1@us.af.mil)

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