

Lance P. Sijan Chapter Meeting Minutes

July 8, 2008

- The meeting was opened by President Tom Cavalli at 7:30 am with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- **President's Comments.** The Sijan chapter was selected as the winner of the Donald W. Steele AFA Unit of the Year – AFA's top award. This is the second time the Sijan chapter has been recognized in its 50 years of existence.
- **Minutes.** Minutes of the June 10, 2008 meeting have been posted to the website.
- **Treasurer's Report (Jim Hale).** Jim is wrapping up the SWS finances. Sponsor checks are coming in and it looks like we will finish with some profit. Jim closed the chapter's Edward Jones account and moved the funds to Wells Fargo. He is looking for some advice about investment options.
- **Veteran's Affairs (Dan Beatty).** Our new wreath was used at the Memorial Day ceremony in Memorial Park.
- **Community Partners (Debbie Estrem).** Renewals continue and new partners continue to join. Debbie presented a plaque to Frank Backes from Braxton Technologies, a new Community Partner.
- **Aerospace Education (Phil Hamann)** The seven women and three men who received scholarships at the meeting had an average GPA of 3.75. Six are in college and four are in high school. Their desired professions include: teaching, engineering, foreign service, business management and the law. The recipients are:
 - Daniel Lieber
 - Ariane Peveto
 - Jacqueline Peveto
 - Peter Vozzola
 - Kathleen Larkin
 - Phillip Reynolds
 - Rebekah Reynolds
 - Virginia Woodfork
 - Cassi Estrem
 - Melissa Peltzer
- **Communications (Jeanin Damery)** No report. There was discussion about ways to improve general communication with the chapter membership via newsletter and e-mail.

- **Government Relations (Brian Binn).** No report.
- **Professional Development (Roy Griggs).** The essay contest is on hold pending the assignment of an interested POC from the 50th SW.
- **Membership (CT Trafton)** We have gained 68 new members this quarter. The SWS was a major contributor to our membership growth and our continued membership success was a major contributor to the chapter winning the Steele award.
- **External Awards (Don Knight)**
 - o The Ops Excellence award is being prepared and will be ready for presentation at the State awards banquet.
- **Reports**
 - o Quarterly Activity Report (Kevin Estrem)
 - Kevin is preparing our 3rd Quarterly Activity Report (due July 15 to State).
 - o Quarterly Financial Report (Jim Hale)
 - Jim is preparing the 3rd Quarter Financial Report which will be sent to State on July 15.
- **Events**
 - o **Space Warfare Symposium (Henry Baird/Kevin Estrem)**
 - Registration was 250.
 - Another successful event although planning was made more difficult this year because of various AFSPC decisions. Some lessons learned for next year.
 - The Keystone resort's staff support was excellent
 - o **IMAGE Golf Tournament**
 - Aug 08, 2008, at Ft Carson Golf Course
 - Registration online at: <http://regonline.com/IMAGE2008>
 - o **AF Ball (Hank Scarangella)** Hank has agreed to serve as chairman for the 2009 Ball.
- **AFA State:**
 - o The Sijan Chapter will be responsible for hosting the State Convention and Awards Dinner on July 25, 2008. Kevin Estrem will be leading the planning effort for this event.
 - o The State meeting will be July 26 at the Challenger Learning Center.
- **AFA National:**
 - o National Convention is now September 15-17, 2008 in Wash DC. These are new dates.
- **Upcoming Schedule**

- July 25: AFA State Awards/Convention Dinner, location – Colorado Springs Marriott.
- IMAGE Golf, August 8, 2008, Ft Carson
- Next Meeting: August 12, 2008

Attendees

Tom Cavalli	Gayle Divine	Wes Clark
Jim Hale	Hank Scarangella	Frank Backes
Debbie Estrem	Bob Cooper	Phil Hamann
James Wood	Gus Hernandez	Mike Passafiume
Bob & Pete Vozzola	Tom, Colleen & Kathleen Larkin	Martha Woodfork
Ron, Pat, Ariane & Jackie Peveto	Richard & Daniel Lieber	

Submitted:

Hank Scarangella
Secretary