

**AFCEA Tampa – St Pete Chapter
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
28 Feb 2008**

Members in Attendance:

Mike Deacy	Brandt Cosgrove
Tony Sanchez (in place of Secretary)	Pat Guarnieri
Karla Jund	Nadya Depontbriand
Amy Wright	Kim Henderson
Tym Caddell	Lou Ramos
Mark McKim	Hunter Trice
Mark Arrendale	Dale Hempel

OLD BUSINESS

1. Status of Chapter Website Enhancements
 - Read addendum notes provided by Jay Rose
2. Annual Schedule
 - **ACTION Michael Nicknadarvich: Determine the exact definitions and requirements of each action item and provide it at the next meeting for review. (In Progress)**
3. Joint luncheon between our chapter and local Association for Intelligence Officer (AFIO) chapter
 - Pat reported that May is good date for Joint Meeting. President/Founder Blackwater, Eric Prince, will attend. Clearwater Sea Cadets will also support with Color Guard. Plan is for Blackwater to present \$500 donation to Sea Cadets. Meeting has been announced by AFIO. Currently, Brandt is working speaker swap which can cause movement of Joint Meeting and subsequently, Blackwater cancellation along with Sea Cadet potential donation. Mike backs keeping Joint Meeting in May and suggests Col Davis to ask to move Microsoft to June or another amenable time. Other suggestion is to reschedule BGen from April meeting.
 - **Action: Pat to confirm speaker date with Blackwater as 20, 21, 22 May.**
 - **Action: Brandt coordinate availability with E-Club for those dates (confirmed)**
 - **Action: Mike to propose and vote on suggestion for Chapter monetary donation to Sea Cadets**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Key Reports

- President
 - Model chapter of the year for 2007 – submitted to International by Colonel Davis 2/5/08
 - Model chapter of the year for 2008 – submitted to International by Colonel Davis on 2/22/08
 - **Action: Lou will review and expects to endorse both**
- Secretary
 - Review minutes of January 24th meeting – delayed until next meeting. These minutes were recorded by Billy Hogan in Nick's absence
 - Annual report preparation due in March
- Treasurer
 - Status of funds-treasurer not present for this meeting
- Program Committee
 - February luncheon feedback
 - Collected \$350 on raffle; high attendance but no numbers available yet; suggested keeping current menu options and food quality and quantity has improved and is good.
 - Agreed that new procedure to pre-assign folks to corporate sponsored tables improved seating efficiency-random process
 - March – no luncheon – golf tournament
 - April - Tony Buntyn of Air force Cyber Command, Barksdale AFB will be the speaker (see notes above on Joint Meeting) Potential conflict between Microsoft and Tony Buntyn.
 - May – possible joint luncheon with AFIO (see notes above-general consensus is that Joint Meeting will go as scheduled in May)
 - New Item: Discuss option of moving Executive Committee meetings from O'club. O'club under new management. Mike will discuss options with club management and then decide if agreement can be reached.

2. Standing Committees

- Publicity Committee – articles are being submitted and all actions are up to date
- Awards Committee – AFCEA of month award nominations solicited; input coming but will seek to obtain template from Billy to ease in formatting
- Membership Committee – 620; steady count
- Scholarship and Education Committee (Briefs provided-will attach two PPT presentations obtained from Mark)
- Science Teacher Grants – see brief
 - Motion: To approve science grants as proposed in briefing-approved by the committee
- Student Scholarships Process – see brief

- Brandt proposed to change the wording of the AFCEA Scholarship purpose form a “must” to something more encompassing in regard to the types of degree programs required of students who apply.
- **Action: Brandt to draft proposed rewording and bring before the committee for a vote next meeting.**
- Corporate Membership committee
 - Status of 2008 sponsorships – 28 paid sponsors (2 short paid); 5 unpaid (2 declined, MCS Tampa and VEREX while 3 are outstanding, BAE, KEEN, SAIC)
 - Issue discussed pertaining to potential capping of dollar amount of raffle prize in response to complaints of inequity between large and small business ability to afford. It was stated that the act is voluntary and there is a minimum but not a maximum. The subject of business ethics in government was raised and this will be further discussed.
- Young AFCEANs – none present for meeting. Lou reiterates the need to encourage young participation.
- Small Business Committee – Proposed for Chapter to host a Small Business round table event; target Fall 08 timeframe to host this event.
- Chairperson at Large - nothing to report.
- Regional VP
 - Encourage more young AFCEANs participation in Tampa Chapter. Lou, in regard to future travel of young AFCEANs to annual event, need to ensure they have proper funding to travel on Sunday to be able to attend all events that begin on Mondays
 - Discussions between Tampa and Miami Chapters to provide mutual support for alternating TECHNETS are on going.