

AFA Executive Board Meeting Minutes

12 Feb 2025

Attendees

Mark Chapman

Max Friedauer

Fred Gross

Dann Mattiza

Announcements

- Mr. Ray Turczynski, 398 Chapter Member and former Chapter and State/Regional President and National Director, passed away on Monday, 10 February. Funeral details are pending.
- Mr. Lawrence “Stutz” Stutzriem has been selected as the new Executive VP for Air & Space Forces Association.
- FLORIDA State Winter Meeting will be held on Sat, 15 Feb, via TEAMS.
 - o Meeting starts at 0730/0800.
 - o Meeting agenda is not yet published

Treasurer Report

- The Treasurer’s report was presented. We are solvent and showing small growth within each of our investment accounts.
- Chapter will be processing our Tax Return soon.
- We have renewed our Post Office box at the Shalimar Post Office.
- Chapter received donation from Boeing to support the Unsung Heroes luncheon and a Community Partner donation from Emerald Coast FH.

Communications Update

- Newsletter inputs due to Mark ASAP
- Mark still works with Chappie James Memorial Foundation.
 - o Foundation is seeking \$1M in support from Escambia County Commissioners

- Mark will brief the plan to request support for the project from AFA Heritage Foundation during the State Winter Meeting on Sat.

Aerospace Education

- Chapter 398 Teacher of the Year letters have been sent out to various schools and POCs. Nomination Packages are due to the Chapter by 1 April. State deadline for nominations is 15 April.
- Mr. Mattiza will submit a copy of the TOY letters to Omni Broadcasting and Emerald Coast website for publication and advertisement.
- No word on whether any 398 teachers attended Space Camp this year
- Awaiting status of possible Teacher Workshop
- Need to reach out to Amy (Davis) Kranich for possible Aero Ed assistance. She worked with us several years ago and voiced a willingness to help.

Community Partners

- Eddie out of town. Covered by Dann in Treasurer's Report.

Unsung Heroes Luncheon

- Luncheon scheduled for 21 March at Hurlburt. Formal invites are not out at this time.
- 1 SOW is taking the lead on planning.

Panhandle Science Fair

- Chapter Members Max Friedauer, Mark Chapman, Susan Ault-Davis and Eddie Arroyo served as Judges and selected 1st and 2nd place winners in both the Junior and Senior Divisions for the STEM Special Category on 4 February.
- Senior Division winners were Ashley Summer House (1st Place) and Jackson Despard (2nd Place) Junior Division winners were Ian Allen (1st) and Eli Haley (2nd).
- Dann and Jean Mattiza attended the Awards Ceremony on 11 Feb and presented checks, Certificates and Chapter coins to the winners.

- During the discussion on the Science Fair, Mr. Mattiza suggested we increase the value of the awards to \$200 and \$100 from the current \$150 and \$75. THAT WAS APPROVED FOR 2026.
- The ExCom also approved a donation of \$200 to the Science Fair itself to be used as determined by the Science Fair Director, Ms Jennifer Cook.

Annual Award Packages

- Discussion centered on Chapter desires for award nominations for the year.
- Emphasis will be placed upon unit Level awards at State and Natl levels.
- TOY and AeroEducation awards will be as normal
- State Winter Meeting may alter State Awards and award elements from current listings.

Miscellaneous

- Upcoming events
 - o Unsung Heroes luncheon 21 March
 - o State Convention 18-20 Jul at MacDill AFB, FL
 - o National Convention 19-21 September at National Harbor, MD.

Next Meeting

- Mar 12, 2025 at the Clubhouse Grill