

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Kuwait Chapter 8601**  
**Association of the United States Army**  
**Executive Board Meeting**  
**Saturday, 14 January 2012**  
**Better Books and Cafe**

The meeting was called to order by President Ziyad Selim.

**Participants:** Dr. Ziyad Selim (President), Randy Williams (First Vice President), Meghan McCabe (Vice President – Marketing), Dr. Rania Azmi (Vice President – Vocational Development/Communications), Samar Mansour (Vice President – Meetings), Gae Lyn Anderson (Vice President – Service Member Events), Anthony Gittens (Vice President – Membership, Brian Freeman (Vice President – Merit Chapter), Dana Winner (Vice President – Website), Darden Eure (Vice President – Fund Raising/ Golf Tournament), Mike June (Secretary), Lole Meaole-Morrison (ASG-KU), Nola Maloney (ASG-DIS), CMSgt Craig Poling (U.S. Air Force), CMSgt George Orescan (U.S. Air Force), SGM Melvin Johnson (U.S. Army Soldier Liaison), Cathy Gottcent, Milt Dana, and Maxine Meilleur.

**Purpose of Meeting:** Monthly AUSA Executive Board Meeting and to address planning for the 21 January General Membership Meeting (GMM), the 17 March Corporate Sponsor Appreciation Banquet, and the 18 March Golf Tournament.

**I. Old Business**

- A. Review December Minutes: Approved as written after a motion to accept by Rania, which was seconded by Samar.
- B. Treasurer's Report: Ziyad reported that the Chapter remains in good financial condition.
- C. Review Chapter Status: Individual membership is 168 with 11 expiring. 758 points have been accumulated so far for the year 1 July 2011 - 30 June 2012. The year's total point goal is 1,400.
- D. Newsletter Update: Randy reported that completion and issue of the November newsletter was successful. He further advised that a special newsletter regarding the two Thanksgiving events would be published. Articles in this newsletter will cover the eight sponsors, in addition to including an updated calendar and the President's Corner.

**II. New Business**

- A. January GMM (venue, guest speakers, invitations, sponsor recognition): The general membership meeting on 21 January will be held at the \_\_\_\_\_ Randy indicated that the guest speakers scheduled are retired MGEN Mohamed Mubarak, Kuwait Air Force (Iraqi POW) and Mike Smothers, Anti-Fraud Task Force. Also, Rania will provide a 10 minute overview concerning AUSA and a plaque will be presented to Commercial Bank of Kuwait for providing ATMs at the Thanksgiving Day events. Other arrangements that were discussed include the membership table (Samar), photography (Milt), and gift books (Maxine).

- B. Corporate Sponsor Appreciation Banquet: This event is scheduled for 17 March 2012 at the Regency Hotel with a speaker from AUSA National expected. Planned attendance is 650, including 500 service members.
- C. Funding Solicitations for March events: Ziyad reported that he is writing and sending letters to potential sponsors for the appreciation banquet and the golf tournament scheduled on 17 March and 18 March, respectively.
- D. Golf Tournament Planning: This event is scheduled for 18 March at the Darden and others addressed planning issues such as invitations, golf carts, gift bag contents and stuffing, and door prizes.

### **III. Next Meeting**

The next meeting is planned for 4 February 2012

The meeting was adjourned.