

Meeting Minutes
Kuwait Chapter 8601
Association of the United States Army
Executive Board Meeting
Saturday, 1 October 2011
Meghan McCabe's Residence

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Ziyad Selim, AUSA Kuwait Chapter President.

Attendees: Dr. Ziyad Selim (President), Meghan McCabe (Vice President-Marketing), Dr. Rania Azmi (Vice President-Vocational Development/ Communications), Dana Winner (Vice-President-Website), Gae Lyn Anderson (Vice President-Service Member Events), Darden Eure (Vice President-Fund Raising/Golf Tournament), Brian Freeman (Vice-President, Merit Chapter), Mike June (Secretary), Lole Meaole-Morrison (ASG-KU), SGM Melvin Johnson (U.S. Army Soldier Liaison), SSG Sharon Grimes {ARCENT LNO/EPS (LSA)}, SPC William Adams {ARCENT LNO/EPS (LSA)}, Maxine Meilleur, Sheena Pineda, Stephen D'Costa, Milt Dana, Dr. Vanessa Davis, and Sylvia D'Costa.

Purpose of Meeting: Monthly AUSA Executive Board Meeting and to address planning for the October General Membership Meeting, Thanksgiving Dinner event, and Golf Tournament.

I. Old Business

- A. Review of September Minutes: Approved as written after a motion to accept by Rania, which was seconded by Mike.
- B. Treasurer's Report: John was not present to report. However, the Chapter has been in good financial condition, especially as compared to the same month last year.
- C. Review Chapter Status: Now at 256 Points for 1 July 2011-30 June 2012, with our goal being 1400 Points.
- D. September Freedom Walk: This event was held on 15 September at the U.S. Embassy with Brigadier General Mattson (OMC-K) as the principal speaker. 10 new AUSA members were recruited, making the event even more successful.
- E. Update on NCO and Soldier of Year: SGM Melvin Johnson reported that planning is on schedule for the selectees and him to participate in opening ceremonies at the AUSA National Meeting on 10 October in Washington, DC. AAFES has increased their support of uniform expenses from \$50 to \$200.
- F. Attendance at AUSA National Meeting: Meghan and Mike indicated they plan to attend, along with Ziyad, SGM Johnson, and the NCO and Soldier of the Year selectees.
- G. Army Ten Miler Support: This event is scheduled for 2 October at Camp Buehring, while the national Army Ten Miler is scheduled for 9 October in Washington, DC. Ziyad recommended that the chapter consider supporting future Army Ten Miler events in Kuwait only if they are scheduled on the same day as the national event.
- H. Bylaws Review: Ziyad advised that the vote to accept the revised draft bylaws will now be taken at the next executive board meeting.

II. New Business

- A. General Membership Meeting (GMM): The GMM will be held at the Rotana Hotel in Fahaheel at 6:00 pm on Saturday, 22 October 2011. Ziyad stated that the guest speaker is confirmed, about 80 attendees are expected, and RSVPs will be required. Samar and Gae Lyn plan to staff a membership table.
- B. Thanksgiving Dinner: Colonel Cheatham (ASG-K Commander) has approved two venues for this event.

Ziyad discussed the planning needed to obtain sponsor

support. Maxine indicated that the American Women's League will donate 50 to 100 KWD toward expenses. AAFES hopefully will donate 30 turkeys. Dana and Randy will meet with to address lessons learned from last year's event.

- C. Golf Tournament: Darden will confirm that this event is planned for Sunday, 18 March 2012 instead of 17 March. Maxine indicated that the American Women's League might offer members to serve as event guides.
- D. Quarterly Newsletter: Ziyad emphasized the importance of publishing the next newsletter prior to the GMM and providing articles to Rania at the earliest opportunity. Articles will include Ziyad's coverage of AUSA National Meeting events and Brian's report on the September Freedom Walk.
- E. Education Week: In response to an inquiry from Gae Lyn, Ziyad indicated that the chapter has no plans to support Education Week events in November at Camp Arifjian.
- F. Clothing Locker: SSG Grimes reported that the clothing locker requires replenishing to support troops departing on emergency leave. Gae Lyn indicated that she will coordinate another shopping trip for needed items.

III. Next Meeting

The next meeting is planned for 5 November 2011 at the Al Corniche Club.

The meeting was adjourned.