

Meeting Minutes
Kuwait Chapter 8601
Association of the United States Army
Executive Board Meeting
Saturday, 3 December 2011
Al Corniche Club

The meeting was called to order by First Vice President Randy Williams.

Participants: 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), Mike June (Secretary), Lole Meaole-Morrison (ASG-KU), Nola Maloney (ASG-DIS), CMSgt Craig Poling (U.S. Air Force), SGM Melvin Johnson (U.S. Army Soldier Liaison), SSG Sharon Grimes (U.S. Army), Milt Dana, and Maxine Meilleur.

Purpose of Meeting: Monthly AUSA Executive Board Meeting and to address planning for the January General Membership Meeting (GMM) and the March 2012 Corporate Sponsor Appreciation Banquet/Golf Tournament events and related funding.

I. Old Business

- A. Review of November Minutes: Approved as written after a motion to accept by Samar, which was seconded by Rania.
- B. Treasurer's Report: Randy reported that the Thanksgiving events were financial successes. He also advised that the Chapter remains in good financial condition, even better than last month.
- C. Review Chapter Status: Individual membership is 166 with five expiring. Total points for 1 July 2011-30 June 2012 will increase from 402 once the Thanksgiving events are counted. The year's total point goal is 1400 Points.
- D. Review Thanksgiving Events (venues and banquets, organization and volunteers, membership drives, and photos and web/newsletter inputs): Milt and others summarized the positive and negative aspects of various activities at each of the two venues. The consensus is that both events were thoroughly enjoyed by all participants and impressive successes overall, to include the recruitment of six new members. The availability of Thanksgiving event photos from several sources was reconciled, postings on the website will proceed, and associated articles will be published in the newsletter after the one currently being finalized.
- E. Newsletter Update: The newsletter is late in distribution due to the failure of several contributors to submit their inputs as promised. Randy emphasized the importance of all concerned in keeping their commitments for articles, especially since the newsletter is crucial to the success of other Chapter activities. Rania reconciled a list of articles, and corresponding authors, still not received. A deadline of Tuesday, 6 December 2011 was established for submission to allow publication to proceed at the earliest opportunity.
- F. ByLaws: Randy announced that the Chapter's new bylaws have been approved by AUSA National with only minor modifications. Nola and Mike agreed to distribute the

bylaws for filing by the ASG-K Commander and SJA offices and for use by the Chapter's board members, respectively.

II. New Business

- A. January GMM (venue, guest speakers, invitations, sponsor recognition): After several first and second motions, Saturday 21 January 2012 was established as the meeting date with the [redacted] as the venue. Samar will invite members and sponsors, while SGM Johnson will coordinate invitations for 15 – 20 troops. Meghan and Randy addressed the importance of appropriate recognition for sponsors. The buffet line will open at 1800. Other details will be forthcoming, with planning to be reviewed at the next board meeting.
- B. Corporate Sponsor Appreciation Banquet Venue: If approved by ASG-K Security, the venue will be the [redacted]. The event is scheduled for 17 March 2012 with a speaker from AUSA National expected.
- C. Funding Solicitations for March events: Sponsor funding requests for past events sometimes have been prepared and delivered late, creating subsequent extraordinary effort. So Randy emphasized the importance of timely requests for funding in support of the appreciation banquet and golf tournament planned on 17 and 18 March 2012, respectively.

III. Next Meeting

The next meeting is planned for 14 January 2012 at [redacted].

The meeting was adjourned.