# American Society of Military Comptrollers Aviation Chapter

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Chapter President Ane Graham May/Jun 2020

#### Greetings Aviation Chapter!

This is my last President's message as my term ends in July when Sheena Fast will be taking over as the Aviation Chapter President for the 2020-2021 term. Looking back, we have certainly had a challenging year filled with uncertainties and cancellations of many of our Chapter events, such as monthly meetings, mini-PDI, National PDI, as well as volunteer opportunities at the Dayton Air Show. Nonetheless, we overcame some of those obstacles and began offering virtual membership meetings in June which proved to be quite successful so we look forward to continuing with the virtual platform and hope attendance will continue to increase due to the ease of access.

As telework continues to be the norm, many organizations are learning more and more how to connect in a virtual environment, and ASMC is no exception. A virtual ASMC National Council Meeting was held on 28 May and several different areas of interest were discussed. Although National PDI 2020 had to be canceled, ASMC has been busy recording some of the briefers who were scheduled to present at the PDI in Nashville in order to create a virtual PDI, and even better – there will be no registration fee! Planning for National PDI 2021 in Orlando is still underway and might be offered as a mixed virtual and personal attendance event.

National ASMC is also offering webinar trainings for members. Some webinars will be free (like the Teksouth Dashboard Virtual Tips and Tricks), while others will require a registration fee to help offset ASMC costs. Upcoming classes will cover topics on financial management, leadership, and personal development.

ASMC has partnered with Pearson VUE to offer online proctored CDFM and CDFM-A testing which became available on 1 June. Candidates who wish to take the online proctored test will still be required to follow all the steps listed in the CDFM Candidate Handbook. To learn more about the online proctored exams, please visit https://asmconline.org/exams. This new delivery method will not replace in-person testing, and in-person testing is expected to resume at approximately 150 Pearson VUE test center locations on a limited basis this summer.

If you would like to connect with other ASMC members, visit the organization's Engage social platform, an online professional collaboration tool that is available to ASMC members and chapters. Engage offers several different communities for memberships and for local chapters as well as for local chapter executive officers and committee chairs. Engage can be accessed via the ASMC website at https://asmconline.org/.

Earlier this year, JR Frazier, Aviation Chapter Competition Committee Chair, began compiling all the necessary documentation to submit our chapter for the National ASMC Chapter Competition. The results have been released and our Aviation Chapter did quite well thanks to all of the hard-working Executive Board Officers, Committee Chairs, members, and volunteers! Aviation Chapter was recognized for the following award categories:

• <u>Overall Chapter Competition</u>: <u>Meritorious award in the A1 Category</u> (Presented to the chapters earning the greatest number of verified points in the competition areas. Local chapters are categorized by their size, with A1 being the largest by having 351+ members. The chapter selected for the Meritorious award will receive a plaque or plate and \$500.)

Twitter: @asmctweets Facebook: www.facebook/pages/American-Society-of-Military-Comptrollers Website: http://www.asmc-aviation.org/ • <u>Five Star Recognition</u> (Awarded to well-rounded professional chapters which supports the mission of the society in 2019-2020. The chapters that earned Five Star Recognition will receive a plaque or plate.)

• <u>Community Service</u> (Awarded to chapters that have demonstrated exceptional community service and have met the required number of hours in their chapter size category in 2019-2020. The chapters recognized for Community Service will receive a plaque or plate.)

• <u>Communications</u>: <u>Meritorious award in the A1 Category</u> (The chapters recognized for Communications will receive a plaque or plate.)

If you're interested in taking on a more active role with your local Aviation Chapter, please consider volunteering for one of the Executive Board positions. Despite operating in a mostly virtual environment, there are still plenty of opportunities to serve. Please refer to the list below of current and upcoming Officer and Committee vacancies along with a description of the responsibilities. If you are interested in filling any of these roles, please let me know or get with your organization's ASMC Vice President and let him or her know.

• <u>Secretary</u> shall record the proceedings of the meetings of the Chapter and the Executive Board. The Secretary shall also electronically retain copies of Chapter membership rosters and shall be custodian of all documents and permanent papers of the Chapter including prior year financial records. The Secretary shall be responsible for the distribution of official mail to appropriate board and committee members.

• <u>Audit Committee</u> shall consist of Active members considered qualified by the President-Elect. On a quarterly and annual basis, this committee will audit the Treasurer's accounts and procedures, verify bank balances, inventory Chapter property, and perform similar functions for the President. The committee shall also report to both the President and President-Elect any discrepancies or irregularities found to exist. An Audit Committee meeting shall also be convened by an incumbent President due to a mid-term relief or removal of the Chapter Treasurer, and at any times deemed appropriate by the President, but in no instance less than annually.

• <u>Professional Development Committee</u> shall be responsible for advancing the training and education of the Chapter membership. Specifically, this Committee shall establish education and training goals for the Chapter; plan, coordinate and arrange any seminars, training sessions or classes conducted by the Chapter; and accomplish other educational activities as directed by the Executive Board to include mini-PDIs. This Committee shall serve as liaison between the Chapter, ASMC National Headquarters, and the Host Chapter for all matters relating to the ASMC National PDI. When this Chapter shall participate as Host, and/or co-Host, for a national PDI, the Committee shall be responsible for planning and programming of such events.

• <u>Program Committee</u> shall arrange, schedule, and coordinate chapter meetings and social affairs. This Committee shall also be responsible for printing, distributing, and controlling tickets for the monthly meetings. This committee shall coordinate its activities with both the Communications and Ways and Means Committees. A specific function of the Program Committee shall be to obtain qualified speakers for Chapter meetings.

• <u>Photographer</u> will provide photographic support for chapter functions, establishing and maintaining a photographic library, and submitting pictures for publication and/or electronic posting.



ASMC Aviation Chapter and National awards were announced in the April newsletter. Due to the cancellation of National PDI, trophies for Aviation Chapter National winners were mailed to Christopher Lahmann, the Aviation Chapter Awards and Recognition chair. The Executive Board is discussing ways to present our local awards along with the National awards to each of our winners.

The Dayton Air Show has officially been canceled for 2020, but dates have been announced for next year on 10-11 July 2021. The Aviation Chapter will discuss volunteering to work the vendor booths in the months preceding the event.

The Aviation Chapter held its first virtual luncheon on 17 June. Mr. Todd Baker, Director of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Financial Management and Comptroller), DEAMS Functional Management Office, briefed on, "The Importance of Writing and Communication Skills for FMers to Progress in their Careers", a very fitting topic in today's virtual environment. Forty-seven participants signed into DCS and another 67 joined via phone, making it a very successful event and everything went smoothly with the connection and presentation. Please be sure to join us for July's virtual luncheon on Thursday, 23 July. Mr. Raymond Casul, Director of Air Force Financial Systems Operations, will be speaking on "Robotic Process Automation (RPA)". Sign-in details will be sent out via the VPs and ticket representatives.

As I step down from the role of President and leave the duties in Sheena's capable hands, I appreciate having been given this opportunity to lead such a successful ASMC Chapter. I am very grateful to have had the support of the Aviation Chapter Executive Officers and Committee Chairs who were always willing to step up and lend a helping hand when needed. There were times that I thought certain tasks would be impossible to achieve, but each time they managed to rally together and exceed my expectations. It has been a pleasure to work with each and every one of you and I thank you for the experiences we shared together this past year.

Please continue to stay safe and take care of yourselves and your families.



## **AVIATION CHAPTER LUNCHEON**

### **June Virtual Member Meeting**

The Importance of Writing and Communication Skills for FMers to Progress in their Careers, was presented by Mr. Todd Baker, SAF/FMF DEAMS, on 17 June. Below is a summary of the topics he presented.

- Effective written communication is a critical FM competency
- Differentiator in the FM workforce
- No specific style
- Practice them all
- Endless opportunities
- Involve and learn from others
- Learn "pitfalls" from experience

Teksouth's Tips and Tricks was presented by Mr. Ed Fritts, Teksouth, on 25 June. Mr. Fritts covered topics on:

- Intro Pivot Enhancements
- Format Data & Creating Pivot Table
- Adding Fields Names
- Creating Customized Design Subtotals
- Creating Customized Design & Value Columns
- Creating Slicers Timeline
- Generate Reports
- Slicers Multiple View

Slides/video can be found at: https://www.teksouth.com/2020/06/25/june-tips-and-tricks-dashboards/An additional July class is being taught by Ed Fritts and will be held on July 23rd. Registration is now open for the morning and afternoon class. You can register at: https://www.teksouth.com/vtt-reg/. This time around, Ed will be taking you through the "4-Star Scorecard".

These presentations and previous Member Meetings can be found at: https://www.asmc-aviation.org/ luncheon/

Upcoming Member Meetings:

23 July – Mr. Raymond Casul, Director of Air Force Financial Systems Operations, will be speaking on "Robotic Process Automation (RPA)"



## **CHAPTER MEMBER NEWS**

#### Welcome

Carrie Denny from AFLCMC to HQ AFMC/FMM Division Chief

Brig Gen Michael Greiner to HQ AFMC/FM

Lt Col Joshua Wolfram to 88 CPTS/CC

Lori Usserman to HQ AFMC/FMAH Branch Chief

#### Farewell

Maj Gen James Peccia from HQ AFMC/FM to SAF/FMB

Lt Col Stephen Gray from 88 CPTS/CC to DFAS/HAB

Deanna Golem-Imlay from HQ AFMC/FMM to AFLCMC

#### Congratulations

Major General James Peccia pinning on his second star.

Francela Ripley to GS-14 DEAMS FMO Business Operations and Compliance Lead (SAF/FMFS)

Markina McKnight to GS -13 DEAMS FMO Compliance Audit Lead (SAF /FMFS)

Congratulations to Aviation Chapter who received the following awards during the 2019-2020 Chapter Competition:

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Please share with your organizations and congratulate our members for helping our Aviation Chapter to achieve Five Star Recognition!



#### Air Force Financial System Modernization – The Long Road to the Future By Todd Baker and Jeffrey Woelfer, SAF/FMFS DEAMS

The Department of Defense (DoD) has been on a long road to modernize its business systems, to include its financial and accounting applications. After numerous starts, twists, and turns, that journey continues today. Throughout this trip, the Department's financial managers have been in the driver's seat, along for the ride, and sometimes left in the dust. With advancing technology and new perspective on acquisition, development, and sustainment of these systems, the Department is poised to turn the proverbial corner and make significant progress on its journey to the future. Therein lies an opportunity for financial managers, at all stages of their careers, to become part of this fast-moving future.

#### **The Rearview Mirror**

Since the early years of the twenty-first century, each of the Services and defense agencies have fielded new accounting systems based on commercial Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) systems. Each varies in scope and level of maturity. They generally share a common data standard called the Standard Financial Information Structure, but are always in various phases of implementation. Each system remains as unique as the culture of each military service, with different underlying core software and customized business processes. The largest are based on either Oracle or SAP core products featuring various levels of modules in service and degrees of customization. Collectively, they have yet to fully modernize the DoD's vast network of obsolete legacy financial systems and processes.

The Air Force financial management community's journey is no different. Since the 1960s, the Department has evolved an interconnected set of software tools, processes, and micro-applications collectively making up its legacy financial system environment. The primary system suites have acronyms familiar to generations of Air Force financial managers, such as GAFS, IAPS, ABSS, and CRIS. While most of these systems are built on obsolete technology, and do not comply with current accounting standards, we had grown highly dependent on using these tools. This dependency continues because our financial operations, staffing, and policies also evolved around the capabilities and limitations of these systems. The Air Force base Comptroller Squadron's functions and organizations, and its division of work with the Defense Finance and Accounting Service, grew from these early mainframe systems operating on independent servers and databases. This structure allowed processes to diverge and evolve within each organization and location. After nearly 40 years on this path, we changed course, followed the rest of the DoD, and set out to modernize our financial systems based on industry best practices and commercial ERP software available at the time.

In 2010, the Air Force assumed the role of the functional lead for a United States Transportation Command (USTRANSCOM) sponsored financial ERP named Defense Enterprise Accounting and Management System (DEAMS). As the name implies, it was originally envisioned as a joint enterprise system across USTRANSCOM, the Air Force, and eventually, the defense agencies. The program was later re-scoped to the Air Force and its supported combatant commands. DEAMS was also intended to integrate with Air Force logistics and personnel ERP programs to provide seamless financial processing. All of these programs, and most of their DoD counterparts, shared similar acquisition and development methodologies mandated at the time. This methodology was characterized by emphasis on using the core commercial software functionality to meet an extensive list of very detailed requirements that were expected to remain static and deliver fully functioning capability at set milestones. Referred to as the waterfall methodology, it represented the standard, at the time, to provide a logical, sequential method for project management applied to complex software solutions. It relied heavily on known and well-understood requirements at the beginning of the process that could provide developers and implementers with every variance and scenario prior to the start of any software configuration or development. This method proved extremely difficult for the Department to follow in successfully implementing its business systems in its complex, decentralized, and ever-changing operational environment. Many programs were eventually canceled or delayed as they restructured. While suffering its own delays, DEAMS still fielded well ahead of other planned enterprise system modernizations and this timing necessitated complex backwards compatibility with legacy financial feeder systems. The result was a far more customized solution than originally envisioned. Further hindering fielding was the rigid contract structure and long development times that meant lessons learned and evolving needs would have to go to the back of the line where they could again become stale requirements before reaching implementation.

By the end of FY 2019, the DEAMS program had reached about seventy-five percent of the Air Force financial management community. Significant integration work remains with new contracting, acquisition, logistics, personnel, transportation, and other emerging business systems still under development. The software application landscape had also significantly changed since DEAMS was envisioned. The trend toward a single, highly structured, monolithic ERP performing all business functions had subsided. In its place has arisen an ecosystem of evolving applications, rapidly changing, and responding to meet user needs. We are adopting new data strategies and tools that do not rely on a single vendor, and rapidly adapt to changing requirements. The industry standard is now around smaller, specialized, and highly flexible cloud hosted applications that share a common data structure. Under the Department's previous procurement and development methods, this remaining DEAMS work could have taken another decade to implement and be obsolete before the first delivery.

Fortunately, Air Force leadership, with the support of the DoD and Congress, recognized this dilemma and began a push for a new way of delivering software development for all weapon and business systems. This new philosophy recognizes that software, like the business processes it supports, is never done. There is no longer an end state where software stops advancing



and transitions to static sustainment. In today's environment, software should always be improving, adjusting, or quickly retiring. The functional, acquisition, contracting, and program management aspects of software delivery have to adapt to this new reality.

#### The Road Ahead

To mitigate some of the aforementioned challenges encountered through the waterfall methodology over the last several years, a much greater emphasis has been placed on incorporating Agile Software Development within the DoD. Congress included language in the FY 2018 and FY 2019 National Defense Authorization Acts addressing "agile or iterative development," to the extent of creating a pilot program targeting various systems across the Services to apply these methods. There are a number of senior leaders within the Air Force championing these techniques. One is Dr. William Roper, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, who has been a prominent advocate of Agile development and driving the Air Force toward faster speeds in software development. This push has helped lead to over 30 rapid coding organizations across the Air Force enterprise .

Agile development concepts have been used successfully in the commercial sector for decades, but really gained momentum in 2001 when a group of software engineers created the "Manifesto for Agile Software Development," which focuses on four core values:

1) Individuals and interactions over processes and tools

- 2) Working software over comprehensive documentation
- 3) Customer collaboration over contract negotiation
- 4) Responding to change over following a plan

These concepts have been further expanded and enhanced into methodologies that are extremely successful in practice. One of the most popular methodologies, and the one at the heart of the DEAMS Agile implementation strategy, is Scrum. This framework complements the development of a financial system, because it emphasizes collaboration, functioning software, team self-management, and the flexibility to adapt to emerging business realities.

Scrum uses sprints, which are short, time-boxed periods that end with a potentially fieldable capability. At the end of each sprint, stakeholders and team members meet to see a demonstration of the potentially fieldable product increment and plan its next steps. Scrum is a simple set of roles, responsibilities, and meetings that never change. By adding this consistency to the process, the team is in a better position to cope with the unpredictability of continuous discovery and learning. Through the implementation of Agile development, we are moving away from the traditional waterfall methodology, which is a well-proven process that is highly repeatable, but leads to enormous levels of documentation, heavy upfront planning, and little delivered until the end. The Agile approach targets functional modules of short iterations, encourages changes, and embeds product owners, in this case financial managers from the field, who sit in the DEAMS Functional Management Office throughout the process. These product owners act as the value-maximizers, ensuring the development team focuses on the work that is most impactful to the user community.

While the benefits of the transition from waterfall to Agile are encouraging, there are significant challenges to implementing these new methodologies effectively. The DEAMS program is proceeding cautiously, remaining mindful of some that came before and fell in the trap of "fake Agile," or a hybrid of waterfall and Agile development, which has been coined "Agile-Scrum-Fall." This is actually so common that the Defense Innovation Board (DIB) has created the "DIB Guide: Detecting Agile BS." It offers guidance to help programs remain as pure to Agile development as possible.

An important area when moving to Agile development is the organization's ability to adapt to change. Implementing the four core values of Agile Software Development often results in drastic changes to a set of processes and procedures that have been in place for decades for most programs. Adjusting to Agile methodologies is a huge cultural shift with which many struggle. The mentality changes from focusing on highly-refined processes and tools, significant levels of documentation with substantial planning up front, to a much more dynamic environment, with emphasis on teamwork and staying flexible to adapt quickly to changes. The needs of the customers in all phases of the process must also be considered.

Although the DEAMS program is still relatively new to Agile Software Development, there have already been vast improvements in the ability to collaborate and communicate with the system integrators as products are built. By completing smaller increments, we are able to find issues early, resolve them, and get the product moving forward, rather than finding these problems late in the game, which was common under waterfall. There is also more transparency, from what the user requirements are driving, to what the developers are creating. These are exciting new changes, which over time will increase our ability to field capabilities faster and more efficiently, while keeping the needs of the user community at the forefront.



#### Merging into the Fast Lane Opportunities

With the growing emphasis on Agile development and what that means to the finance and accounting systems across the DoD, now is the ideal time for financial managers to consider opportunities within the exciting world of defense business systems. These opportunities might include finding your way into a position that has a core role on a Scrum team, or functioning as an extended team member offering feedback into the programs as increments are deployed to the field. Even if just interested in the latter, ensuring continuous feedback from users is essential to not falling into the "fake Agile" trap. If you would really like to broaden your career beyond using IT systems, to building the solutions, consider pursuing a certification related to Agile development. Two organizations that offer reputable certifications are Scrum.org and AgileAlliance.org.

The DEAMS functional management team members all came from the field. They were accustomed to dealing with system changes, but with little or no control over the process. We now have the incredible feeling that we can drive impactful changes quickly and provide higher quality products to support our financial management career field and the Air Force mission. Defense business system modernization has been down a long and winding road, but it is set to turn the corner at last and there has been no better time to jump into the fast lane.

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# TREASURER'S REPORT

## **May 2020**

## Treasurers: Dawn O'Connell and Rebecca Workman



	WPFCU -	Fidelity -	Fidelity -
	Chapter General Funds	Chapter Investments	Augsburg Scholarship
Beginning Balance	\$15,527.21	\$102,831.33	\$107,040.94
+ Income	\$54.06	\$8,567.07	\$5,650.83
- Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,100.00
Ending Balance	\$15,581.27	\$111,398.40	\$109,591.77

Note:

The Fidelity ending balances are 31 May 2020. The Fidelity account balances are investments and fluctuate with the market. This causes unrealized gains and losses, which are captured in the Income.

Aviation Chapter Calendar		
July	23 July – Mr. Raymond Casul, Director of Air Force Financial Systems Operations, will be speaking on "Robotic Process Automation (RPA)"	
August	TBD	



#### **Boosting Home WiFi Range**

For some users, getting a stable WiFi signal around their home can be a challenge. WiFi is a radio signal that is affected by range between your router and device as well as everything in between (e.g., walls, appliances, pipes, people). Unfortunately, we cannot always control the materials between our device and router and staying close to the router sort of defeats its purpose. Over the last few years, WiFi boosting technology has seen some helpful improvements. Below is a very high level breakdown of some of the more common WiFi boosting options.

**Wireless Repeaters** – Repeaters are the first generation of WiFi boosters. Many were small devices which plugged into a wall outlet between the router and your target area. Unfortunately, they simply repeated the signal they received without doing anything to improve the signal quality.

Wireless Range Extenders – Range extenders are very similar to repeaters. These devices would actually boost the signal on a different channel than your router's. This approach helped improve the signal quality and prevented the chances that the extender would cause interference with the router if you were actually in between the two. WiFi Network Extenders – Network extenders are also small devices which plug into your wall. However, they do not use the WiFi signal from your router. Network extenders use a network cable to plug directly into your router. Once connected, the network extender acts as its own isolated extension of your WiFi network. The benefit to these devices is that they are only limited by how far you can run a network cable and enable you to be more specific in the location your WiFi is available.

**Mesh Networks** – A mesh network is like a hybrid of range extenders and network extenders. These devices do not require a direct network connection. Your router acts as the main hub while the smaller devices act as nodes which you can place around your home to shape your network to your needs. A major difference in these devices is that they not only extend your WiFi but they communicate with each other and automatically forward the connection to the next node as you move through your home without your device noticing.

**Beamforming** – Some newer, higher end routers are coming with the ability to use beamforming. In short, most routers emit their signal as a sphere where beamforming enables a router to focus the signal in a specific direction. Beamforming can help your WiFi signal cover greater distance or compensate for physical barriers between your device and the router.

All of the options above will likely cost you some extra money. You may want to experiment with changing where you place your router first. Moving a router can resolve a variety of signal issues. Consider what is physically between the router and where you are trying to use the WiFi. Reconsider storing router inside of a cabinet or near any other radio/ electromagnetic sources (e.g., microwaves, furnace). If you are in apartments or a neighborhood where the homes are close together, you may be able to switch to a less crowded channel. Keep in mind, your WiFi is a radio signal which everyone has access to. The WiFi password is the only thing stopping the outside world from accessing your network so make sure it is strong. Additionally, simply increasing the power or coverage of your WiFi network will ultimately extend how far it can be accessed outside your home and should be done carefully.

#### **Copy and Paste Between Filtered Excel Tables**

Sometimes we need to copy and paste data between tables in Excel. Unfortunately, this can become easier said than done if you are using filters, data grouping, or simply hiding rows/columns. In general, if you paste data into a range with hidden or filtered rows/columns, the paste will put the copied data into the hidden rows/columns. Similarly, if you copy data from a range with filtered or hidden data, Excel will often copy the non-visible and visible data within the selected range. Excel has a "Visible cells only" feature which can help you get around this challenge. The process is the same whether you are copying or pasting from a range with hidden or filter data. Select the range you wish to copy from or paste to. Then go to the 'Find & Select' drop down in the Editing group of the Home tab in Excel ribbon. In the drop down options, click on 'Go To Special'. The Go To Special window will open with a variety of options. Select the 'Visible cells only' option and click OK. Excel will then select only the visible cells. From there you can copy and paste as needed. This article (https://www.myonlinetraininghub.com/excel-copy-and-paste-visible-cells-only) provides a good walk-through of the steps.

#### **Random Outlook and Word Shortcuts**

Ctrl+Shift+K in Outlook and Word, enables SMALL CAPS SMALL CAPS vs REGULAR CAPS

Ctrl+Shift+D in Outlook and Word, double underlines the selected text

The SharePoint archive of the past Weekly Computer Tips is available here: https://my2.eis.af.mil/ personal/1292315828c/\_layouts/15/start.aspx#/Documents/Forms/All.aspx?RootFolder=%2fpersonal%2f1292315828c %2fDocuments%2fShared%20with%20Everyone%2fWeekly%20Computer% 20Tips&FolderCTID=0x012000B6CCEF0933130A4C8499C14D466FB7B2



### **EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

#### ASMC – Aviation Chapter Executive Board Meeting Minutes 23 June 2020 (1330 - 1430)

#### I. President: Ane Graham

#### II. Attendance/Reports

Treasurers: Rebecca Workman (A), Dawn O'Connell Secretary: JoAnne Wills President-Elect: Sheena Fast (A) Vice-Presidents AFAA: Kathryn Nash AFIT: Eliminated AFLCMC: David Ohs AFMC: Terri Desch (A) AFRL: Kristen Wentworth (A) At Large: Amy Williams (A) Contractors: Patrice Solorzano (A) 88th CPTS: Shannon Noles (A)

#### **Committee Chairs:**

Audit: Susan Duening Augsburg Scholarship: JoAnne Wills Awards and Recognition: Chris Lahmann (A) Chapter Competition: JR Frazier Communications: Colleen Robinson (A) Community Activities: Rhonda Pepitone Health & Wellness: Fernando Mason (A) Membership: Angela Brown (A), Cynthia Payne Professional Development: Markina McKnight Programs: Tammy Pendergast (A) Ways & Mean: Nathaniel Belvo (A) = In Attendance

III. Meeting called to order by Ane at 1332

#### IV. General Business:

- A. OLD:
  - i. Open positions: Audit Committee Chair; Programs Committee co-chair; Professional Development co-chair; Golf Outing POC; Photographer, Secretary
  - ii. 5-Star Status update? JR said he doesn't have any updates
  - iii. Chapter coins: need to move forward with purchase since it's been approved in the budget



## ASMC – Aviation Chapter Executive Board Meeting Minutes 23 June 2020 (1330 - 1430)

#### B. NEW:

- i. Ane attended a virtual ASMC National Council Meeting a couple weeks ago:
  - 1. National ASMC is working on recording a virtual PDI and offering it for free
  - 2. ASMC will be offering webinars, some are free but others may have a registration fee to help offset ASMC costs
  - 3. Planning is underway for PDI 2021 in Orlando; it might be mixed virtual and personal attendance
  - 4. ASMC is looking at conducting CDFM online testing, proctored at home
  - 5. Engage is an ASMC social platform that has several different communities for general membership, local chapters, presidents, communications, treasurers, training & development, awards, website design. You must be an ASMC member to join.
- ii. Colleen Robinson announced that she is not getting much response from the VP's monthly call for inputs for the monthly Newsletter; she is also looking for articles from members to include in the Newsletter because she struggles to find content each month
- iii. Chris Lahmann has received the annual awards that were to be handed out at National PDI. They were mailed to his residence.
- iv. Discussion: plan for presenting Aviation Chapter and National awards to winners: no input, Ane will send out email to Executive Board members to solicit ideas
- v. Mini-PDI 2020 Discussion: Should the Chapter continue with plans to postpone or should we cancel? Executive Board voted to cancel
- vi. Dayton Air Show has been canceled for 2020; the air show for 2021 is scheduled for 10-11 July; are we going to pursue volunteering for 2021? Executive Board voted to volunteer for the 2021 Dayton Air Show
- vii. The Treasurers need budget inputs for PY 2020-2021: Rebecca Workman will send out the budget call to the Committee chairs on Monday; Ane asked the Committee chairs to respond back with inputs more timely than the inputs were received for the 2019-2020 budget; Rebecca asked whether the Chapter still plans to buy awards for the local annual winners that would've been presented at the mini-PDI? The Executive Board agreed that we need to purchase the local awards and plan to present with the National awards. The local awards purchase was already included in the 2019-2020 budget that was voted on and approved, so there's no need to vote again. Chris Lahmann said that he would move forward with purchasing the awards.
- viii. Need to solicit a President-Elect from AFMC for 2020-2021; Terri Desch will send out an email to AFMC announcing the vacancy
- ix. Next member meetings: 23 July: virtual meeting via DCS; Mr. Raymond Casul, Director of Air Force Financial Systems Operations, will be speaking on "Robotic Process Automation (RPA)"
- V. Meeting adjourned by Ane at 1354.



### ASMC NATIONAL PROGRAM NEWS

Members Only Online Learning: Session 1

ASMC National is offering all members the opportunity to earn CPE/CET credits from our online Professional Development Institute (PDI) courses. All new members and members who renew by June 30 have access to three free courses. These are three of ASMC's best courses and member favorites from past PDI's:

From the 2019 PDI Gregory Martin's "Congressional Enactment Process" Hon. Chip Fulghum's "ASMCs of Leadership"

From the 2018 PDI "7 Secrets of a Successful Interview" presented by a panel including Cassie Smith, Drew Blundell, and Roger Blick. Each course is worth 1.5 CET/CPE credits

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