

ASMC EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
20 May 09

The meeting was called to order at approximately 1110 by President, Capt Dan Genest

ATTENDEES:

Ken Pickler, Eglin Vice President
Lisa Regulus, Hurlburt Vice President
Dedra Hickman, Eglin Vice President
Ron Millis, CDFM
Jennifer Denega, Ways & Means
Deborah Washington, RPDS Co-Chair
LaTanya Bryant, RPDS Co-Chair
Tammy Robins, Programs Co-Chair
April Chapel, Treasurer
John Dininger, Education
Lacresha Merkle, Incoming Hurlburt VP

Capt Genest began the meeting by introducing Capt Merkle, incoming Hurlburt VP, and having everyone introduce themselves and their committee areas.

Capt Genest talked briefly about continuity binders reminding everyone that now is the time to update (or create if you don't have on) your respective committee's continuity binders. These are a crucial tool to ensure that the chapter continues to improve and learn from past lessons learned as we transition to the incoming administration.

Next, the June Executive Committee meeting was discussed. Capt Genest will be out-processing to PCS during the month of June so incoming President, Mr. Pickler, is going to take care of scheduling/chairing the June EC meeting .

At that point, Capt Genest stated that he would like to use this meeting to discuss the transition to the new administration. Mr. Pickler had asked that we discuss the past year and what areas were going well, what areas could be reviewed for potential changes, and what processes we might want to

eliminate. So the EC went around the table to discuss each committee area and each committee chair briefly discussed their committees and addressed each one of the questions from Mr. Pickler.

Some areas that were mentioned that need to be reviewed for the future are the monthly EC reports. Capt Genest stated that he still believed that these could be a valuable communication tool for the entire EC in theory but currently, not enough EC members were submitting the monthly report to make it a value added item. Mr. Pickler stated that he would review the current process and try to come up with a more efficient method that everyone might actually use.

A second area of concern that was discussed was the Relay for Life. A few committee members that were there stated that involvement was way down this year, not only with our chapter but the RFL event as a whole. The chapter will review this event for next year and determine if it is worthwhile to keep participating.

Mr. Pickler discussed his desire to get more members involved with the chapter's activities. One idea he had was to have a draft, sort of like the NFL draft, where the committee chairs got together and drafted members of the chapter until all 320 chapter members belonged to a committee area. Then each chapter member would be informed what committee they were assigned to. By doing this, it could motivate chapter members who currently aren't involved to get involved if they know that they are a part of a committee.

Mr. Pickler also stated that he would like to have a Co-chair for each committee. Not a deputy type relationship but two equal co-chairs. That would ensure continuity and help lessen the burden on each chair position. Capt Genest stated that some committee areas had co-chairs this past year and that it seemed to work well and be beneficial.

Mr. Pickler stated that he would like to have a meeting with the Gulf Coast senior FM leadership to elicit ideas about how they think the chapter could help our FM membership. Also, he could ask for ideas about what senior FM'ers we could bring in as guest speakers throughout the year.

Mr. Pickler discussed having a protocol subcommittee that operated under the Programs committee. This subcommittee could take care of protocol for both monthly luncheons as well as the RPDS.

The meeting was adjourned at 1230.

Recorded by: Dan Genest, President, Gulf Coast Chapter