

AFCEA Pensacola Chapter Meeting Minutes
April 24, 2003

The meeting was called to order at 11:30am at the Naval Air Station, Pensacola Officer's Club, Pensacola, FL.

Officer's present: Patrick Rooney, Maria Weisnicht, Chuck Staton, Steve Gibson, Bob Kreinbrink, Sandee Guidry and Robyn Philips. Officer's, other members and visitors present accounted for 14 persons.

First action was made by Patrick Rooney, to welcome all, recite the pledge of allegiance, offer prayer, and dismissed to the luncheon buffet. Lunch and networking was had for the next 30 minutes.

First act of business was offered by Patrick Rooney, 1st Vice President. Patrick offered that we recognize last month joint meeting with itgulfcoast and have Maria Weisnicht, 2nd Vice President offer comments on the event, lacking minutes not captured. Maria stated AFCEA and the Information Technology Association of the Gulf Coast (itgulfcoast.org) joint meeting and luncheon was held Tuesday, March 25th, 11:30AM - 1:00PM at the New World Landing in downtown Pensacola. The keynote speaker was Russ Baxter, a technology project manager for Anteon Corporation. Russ Baxter discussed Section 508 of the Workplace Rehabilitation Act. As of June 21, 2001, all government procured Electronic and Information Technology (E&IT) was required to be compliant with Section 508 legislation which requires all E&IT be accessible to people with disabilities. Practical issues of Section 508 management, applying 508 policies, and procedures to a real world application, testing, and verification for 508 compliance and Section 508 risk assessment and project management was addressed. No chapter monies were made at this event, as RSVP's no shows to the event consumed profits.

Second act of business was to select and send a Pensacola Chapter Officer(s) to representative and attend the AFCEA International TechNet DC 2003. The Pensacola Chapter to receive a series of awards; the Model Chapter of the Year, also the Albert J. Myer Award for Achievement. Special recognition also to be given Robyn Philips, Pensacola Chapter Secretary for her recognition as Meritorious Service Award winner. Maria Weisnicht, 2nd VP and Robyn Philips volunteered. The TechNet DC 2003 trip was not to exceed \$500.00 for travel and per diem.

Third act of business was offered by Sandee Guidry, Treasurer and search of answer to AFCEA Pensacola Chapter's Non-Profit status (501C?). Maria and Robyn took as an action item to discuss with Lou Ramos at TechNet DC 2003.

Fourth act of business was offered by Robyn Philips, Secretary and search of volunteers to fill open Officer positions. With many questions surrounding VP Awards & Education responsibilities, PAO position, and Chuck Tallent's interest stepping down as President.

Patrick offered to table this discussion, due to leaving enough Speakers topic time. Patrick stated we should approach the open Officer positions by offering job descriptions at next meeting. Also, that he would make calls to parties involved for their interest level/event driven current position filled and find out commitment level or this could also be discussed at a working Officer staff meeting. Comments were made by various Officers that an event planning schedule should be utilized, and a Chapter goal setting session pre-Officer new year should be instated.

Fifth act of business was to table any new business, due to time constraints and to try to have a board of directors meeting prior to the next AFCEA monthly meeting scheduled for 15 MAY, no suggested date given, nor agreed upon.

New Business tabled (not limited to): AFCEA Fall Golf Tournament 2003, MAM 2003, InfraGuard & KIS (school program) sponsorship.

Sixth act of business was offered by Steve Gibson, VP Plans & Programs and was to introduce guest Speaker: Mr. Harry C. White, PAO, NAS, Pensacola.

Harry offered a dynamic speech offering -- **WHAT'S A GOSPORT?**

Gosport is the home base newspaper of the Pensacola (Fla.) Naval Air Station. NAS Pensacola is home of the world-famous Blue Angels, numerous training squadrons and other commands and departments related to naval aviation training. The weekly newspaper has been serving the Pensacola Naval Complex for more than 75 years.

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At the PAO, NAS, PNS what they do is try to be the best “communication tool” and conduit to Navy, active, retired, reservist, or military family to tell about the great things that are happening in Pensacola and to the troops!

Harry stated there are three functional areas: #1 External communications and media queries, #2 Community events / programs, #3 Internal communications.

So pick up a copy today and read it – you will be impressed!

Better yet give Harry something to write about... Oh Harry... please don't forget AFCEA Pensacola Chapter ROTC Honor Awards article submitted to GOSPORT!

Last action was Patrick thanking membership for their attendance, and we adjourned at 12:35pm. Casual conversation/networking with attendees followed.

NEXT AFCEA PNS CHAPTER MEETING WILL BE ON THURSDAY, 15 MAY 03 AT 11:30AM, AT THE MUSTIN BEACH OFFICER'S CLUB, NAS PENSACOLA