

AFIO Tom Smith Chapter, Albuquerque, NM
DRAFT Meeting Minutes February 12th 2017
“Egg and I” Restaurant, 6909 Menaul Blvd. NE, Albuquerque, NM

Tom Dyble, President (President@afio.nm.org)
Richard Sullivan, Vice-President (Vice-president@afio.nm.org)
Jean Yardumian, Treasurer (Treasurer@afio.nm.org)
Sam Shaw, Webmaster (Webmaster@afio.nm.org)

In Attendance were:

Tom Dyble, Sam Shaw, Richard Sullivan, Jean Yardumian, Sue Murphy, Jim Hoffsis, Hamid Rad, Joe Cantergiani, Al Baye, Bob Hull (a quorum).

Meeting Minutes as taken by Robert W. “Bob” Hull, Chapter Secretary (Secretary@afio.nm.org)

Tom Dyble started the meeting promptly at 11:20 with Joe leading the Pledge of Allegiance, and Tom Dyble providing the benediction.

- Tom mentioned that he was going through old chapter newsletters and was identifying those chapter members who have since passed away.
- Tom mentioned that Ruby Smith is in a nursing home and that Ron Cuellar has cancer.
- Richard Sullivan volunteered to take over as Chapter Treasurer since Jean Yardumian requested she be relieved of these duties since she has been doing it for so long. Richard’s term will be one year when the new election of officers will be conducted.

Tom had Bob Hull make his presentation on the use of steganography, “Hidden in Plain Site: Secret Messages and Terrorism.” He explained:

- how secret messages were sent through history from ancient times, WWI and WWII to today
- how to send secret messages using encryption with algorithms in publically available cover sources or inside files or images or even audio or video recordings
- that steganography means “covered writing” in Greek
- that there are common legal uses for this such as, PayPal and Western Union
- that steganography is the art and science of communicating in a way which hides the existence of the communication
- that there are many stenographic software programs publically available on the internet and that many are free
- the various hiding techniques and showed examples of graphic images with and without hidden messages in them
- that it is very difficult to search the internet looking for these images but if you knew where to look there is software available that can help to decrypt the message
- that the book “Gideon’s Spies: The Secret History of the Mossad” describes how Al Qaeda and ISIS both use steganography to send messages in pornographic literature
- there are now over 140 steganographic software programs and in 2009 there were an estimated 28 billion images and 2 billion websites on the internet
- the FBI doesn’t monitor these unless they have a specific reason – daunting!

- Tom asked Sam Shaw to review the status of the change in the Chapter's By-laws (amended 2/8/17 and handed out to the members of this meeting – attached at the end of these meeting minutes) identifying changes in (with comments from Tom, Jean, and Bob):
 - the amount of Chapter dues and when they are due - by the first day of April and delinquent the first day of June
 - removal of all language relating to additional Vice Presidents
 - what is our fiscal year (a calendar year)
 - Article VI Section 3 change from April 1986 to April 2017
 - Strike language in Article VI, Section 4, d), 1) – strike the word “accurate”
 - Article VII Section 1 – add this is done “every other year”
- Jean Yardumian stated that all current members are paid up for the fiscal year
- Tom discussed the speakers list for upcoming meetings shown on the attached agenda
- Bob inquired from Al as to whether a tour of the atomic museum was still in the cards and Al responded that he was working the issues but obtaining clearance was a significant obstacle at this time.

Sam Shaw motioned that the meeting should be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Richard. All members concurred. The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm.