

Subject: AFMMAA Board Meeting  
Date and Time of Meeting: 1130 hours on 7 May 2026  
Location: Culp's Café, Carillon Park, Dayton, OH

In Attendance: Larry Butkus, President; Jeanne Fox, Executive VP; John Speers, Vice President for Membership; Dennis Naughton, Treasurer; Don Shrader, Secretary; Ex Officio Members: Present: Chuck Ward, Scholarship Chairman; Terry Ronald, Webmaster Chairman. (No RX Liaison at this time)

President Larry Butkus conducted the meeting in accord with the agenda he sent out previously.

## DISCUSSION

### 1. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the 5 March 2026 Executive Board meeting were approved by general consensus as there were no objections to the approval.

### 2. FINANCIAL REVIEW

Dennis provided the Board with a current financial report for CY 2025 plus an up-to-date report through April 2026. Donations and new Life Members increased current balance from \$16,906 to \$19,360. Dennis's report noted there were six new Life Members as well as ten scholarship donations.

Dennis noted that Terry continues to pay the website fees - \$670 for two years, or \$335 per year. Terry stated that even though he has paid the fee for the next two years, he will be seeking ways to reduce the annual website cost and hopefully get a rebate if he is able to reduce the cost. Terry will keep the current website and address, merely seek to reduce some of the content to see if he can cut some of the costs.

Dennis noted likewise that the P.O. Box rent continues to increase each year but we need that address as it is our business address for the Association.

Dennis remarked that he was not sure when he should submit the MWR fee for this year to the Directorate. Larry stated that he would contact the Directorate and let Dennis know.

As with the minutes above, being there were no objections, the Treasurer's Report was approved by general consensus.

### 3. SCHOLARSHIP REVIEW AND POTENTIAL CHANGES

The Scholarship Committee had only one applicant this year: Anna Weaver, an outstanding young lady. The Board unanimously approved her for award.

Dennis noted that he needs to know the school information for her in order to know which college to send the scholarship funding.

Larry brought up to the Committee that with the changes occurring within the RX (to be RE) Directorate, that changes will need to be made to the scholarship instructions (and maybe the charter) to insure that scholarships go to children and grandchildren of those only within the current Directorate. John Speers suggested the inclusion of one word: Legacy. I.e., scholarships would go to those affiliated with the Legacy Directorate, or some such.

#### 4. NATIONAL AVIATION HALL OF FAME UPDATE

Don checked to see if everyone had read all of the information emailed between him and Gregg Schell. All indicated they had. There was immediate concern by members of the Board regarding the possible commitment of \$3,000. While no official vote was taken, it was obvious the majority of the Board was not in favor of joining the Hall of Fame Board of Directors citing not only the money required but the time and manpower commitment to support such an endeavor.

It was agreed that the opportunity would be presented to the Annual Business Meeting but with a recommendation from the Board that we not go forward. Don will lead the discussion at the Annual Meeting

It seemed that the Board would still support holding a one-day open house but that will depend on Greg.

Don did note that at the Christmas Luncheon, Vince Russo told Don that he was a member of the Hall of Fame Board of Directors. Whether Vince will be at the Annual Meeting to discuss his involvement further remains to be seen.

#### 5. RECENT NEWS FROM RX

Larry gave a brief update on the recent reorganization of AFRL. Dr. Ormsby briefed the newly-named Foundational Technologies Directorate (RE) at a Director's Call on 13 April and will brief the AFMMAA at the Annual Membership Meeting on 18 June. An event associated with the reorganizing of the directorate will be an "Honoring Our Heritage" event on 16 June at which the Heritage Hallway project, which Merrill Minges has been leading, will be formally unveiled.

#### 6. POTENTIAL NAME CHANGE FOR AFMMAA

John Speers continue to urge that we drop the word "Alumni" from the Association name in order to hopefully attract more current employees within the Directorate, better indicating that one does not need to be retired from the Directorate in order to be a member of AFMMAA. The official name of the organization will not

change; we would merely adopt a dba without the word “Alumni.” John will lead the discussion at the Annual Meeting in June to present this idea.

#### 7. OFFICER NOMINATIONS / TERMS / SUCCESSION

Larry will lead the discussions at the Annual Meeting proposing a Charter change eliminating term limits for President and Vice President. While this will need to go to the membership-at-large via email for a final vote, following an initial vote at the Annual Meeting, Larry and Jeanne can continue in their respective roles once re-elected at the Annual Meeting since they are completing only their first terms.

#### 8. PLANNING ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

- Larry provided the Board with a tentative outline for the Annual Meeting.
- Larry asked Terry to bring his projector. We need to check on availability of a screen on which to show slides.
- Larry will make any minor changes to the agenda and send it to John Speers to forward to the membership-at-large.
- John will also need to remind members that payment for the Annual Meeting is \$30 cash at the door. John needed to be certain that included the tip, which he thought it did.

#### 9. OTHER NEW BUSINESS / ETC.

John noted that he still needed to make reservations for the Christmas Luncheon, even though he will not be able to attend. He will seek the same timeframe as the Luncheon this past year.

Larry passed along that he had approached Donna Gonzalez, the current Chief Administrative Assistant in RX, to become the AFMMAA / RX (i.e., RE) Liaison, replacing Katie Scott who left the Directorate for another position. Larry will follow up with Donna to ascertain whether or not she will agree to take the position.

At that point, being there were no further topics on the agenda or discussion points brought up for now by the Board, Larry adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,



Donald R. Shrader, Secretary