

Subject: AFMMAA Annual Meeting/  
Date of Meeting: Luncheon 19 June 2024  
Location: Engineers Club, Dayton, OH

Nineteen voting members were in attendance plus special guest Darrell Phillipson, current RX Director and lifetime AFMMAA member. All AFMMAA Board members were in attendance.

The meeting began with a social hour followed by taking the group photo that included our special guest and honored members. President Chuck Ormsby then formally welcomed everyone and initiated the luncheon protocol.

As the luncheon buffet continued, Chuck introduced Mr. Phillipson who provided us with a sense of current direction within the RX Directorate as well as accomplishments during the past year.

- He noted that RX did vacate various technical areas as planned and were enumerated to some degree in last year's presentation to AFMMAA. This action did cause some level of consternation among certain staff members but those seemed to be overcome and quelled at this point. He did point out that the planned changes are working.
- He did point out that Brig. Gen. Jason Bartolomei will be the new AFRL CO.
- Phillipson stated that the Diaz Survey was very positive overall; up 31% to 36% with some issues still unresolved.
- He has set up a "Culture Call" twice a year to discuss social issues.
- MWR has been reinvigorated and strengthened.
- Focus is morphing into "systems of systems" rather than "systems of system."
- He noted that AFRL and therefore RX are "partnering" with USAF causing POM changes. The future is "Unity of Command" vs "Unity of Purpose."
- "Operational Imperative" as a term will likely disappear.

Following the talk by Mr. Phillipson, Chuck opened the business portion of the meeting beginning with a key consideration. Since Matt Di Biase's term as President was extended one year due to inactivity for a year caused by the Covid Pandemic, the AFMMAA charter needed to be changed to have officer elections on "even years" as opposed to the current charter specification of "odd years." Bill Woody moved that the change be made; seconded by Larry Butkus. Motion passed without dissent.

President Ormsby then began the Officer Reports by giving the President's Report. He especially thanked the Scholarship Committee for its work, as well as thanking John Speers and Don Shrader for setting up the monthly luncheons. He then noted that the Board had decided earlier in the year to donate \$1,000 each year to RX MWR to use as needed to support RX social events. While it is a flat \$1,000 to be given to the Directorate, some oversight will be needed to ensure it is spent each year. Mr. Phillipson has agreed to allow the check for this year to be presented at the upcoming Director's Call the following Monday.

VP Larry Butkus had no new agenda items of his own at this time.

Vice President for Membership John Speers provided a handout of the current membership status. There was only one new Life Member in 2023 but three new Life Members thus far in 2024 – Dr. Jeanne Fox; George Dalton; and Kevin Kendig. Other than that, John noted that the most significant membership activity this year was “9 substantial scholarship donations” thus far this year. (Treasurer Dennis Naughton in his Treasurer’s Report noted a total of \$2,125 in scholarship donations thus far this year).

The remainder of John’s report was similar numbers to the previous year with “Total Members” increasing from 211 to 214 caused by the addition of the three new Lifetime Members.

Treasurer Dennis Naughton provided a handout showing the latest AFMMAA financials. While the current ending balance for the date of the meeting is slightly higher than the ending 2023 balance, scholarships have not been deducted from this year’s funds which will alter the balance depending upon the number awarded versus additional contributions.

The Committee Chairmen Reports followed the Officer Reports The following are the current positions, chairmen, and their reports:

- Scholarship Committee: Chuck Ward. Since Chuck was not in attendance, the Scholarship Committee report was given by the only Committee member in attendance, Terry Ronald. Terry noted that to date there have been no new applications and the deadline is fast approaching. It would be good to have Mr. Phillipson get out the word across the Directorate for applications to be submitted soon. In addition, Terry noted that last year, while only two scholarships were awarded, the Committee had four very worthy applicants and the Committee could have easily awarded all four from the standpoint of qualifications.
- Webmaster: Terry Ronald – Nothing new to report at this time other than he has made a few modifications that he hopes everyone finds better.
- Newsletter: Position Available
- Member Luncheon: John Speers & Don Shrader. In accord with John Williamson’s previous dictate establishing the third Wednesday each month as the monthly date for the luncheons (except in months where the luncheons are suspended – such as in June when we hold the Annual Meeting and the December Christmas get-together), John (Speers) and Don have continued the tradition although there are now set places each month which are planned to be continued at the same place for the same month each year. Terry has the dates and places noted on the AFMMAA website for anyone who lost their original announcement of places each month. The July luncheon will be on 17 July at the Dublin Pub in downtown Dayton. The December Christmas celebration with spouses, et. al., will be held again this year at Yankee Trace, on the Second Wednesday, 11 December, beginning at 11:00 am.
- RX Liaison: Position Available

Following the Officer and Committee Chairmen Reports, President Ormsby noted the preprinted ballots being passed out with nominations for each position. He requested that each member fill out his or her ballot and pass it to the Secretary for tabulation. Following the tabulation, Don Shrader, Secretary, announced the following:

There were 19 ballots submitted. The nominations for each position were elected by a unanimous vote. The results of the election are as follows for the next two years:

- President                      Dr. Larry Butkus
- Vice President                Dr. Jeanne Fox
- Vice President for Membership      John Speers
- Treasurer                      Dennis Naughton
- Secretary                        Don Shrader

Chuck then opened it up for “Around the Room” as in the past. Members were encouraged to share any highlights from the past year.

The meeting was subsequently adjourned by President Chuck Ormsby.

Respectfully Submitted,



Donald R. Shrader, Secretary