

1. The Annual Business Meeting of the NYAOG Board of Directors was held, in accordance with the By-Laws, on 26 Feb. 2007 at 1730 hours in the offices of Ernst & Young, 5 Times Square, New York, NY.
2. Board Members in Attendance: Leo Cunningham, President; Scott Fenstermaker, Vice President and Edmund Rossnagel, Secretary. This was an open meeting and numerous other members of the NYAOG attended as well. Their names are on file with the Secretary.
3. The primary purpose of the meeting was to give a current status report on the organization as of the present date and to map out a course of action and/or activities for the coming year.
4. Numerous ideas were discussed about the purpose and direction of the Chapter with the final consensus being that our primary mission is as a social organization, first and foremost, and a close secondary purpose was that of a venue for Networking for the graduates. All agree that to facilitate these objectives a re-designed and updated Web Site needs to be implemented. Of course this will require funds and the expertise to design, maintain and update this site. Leo Cunningham stated that he would begin researching and seeking proposals for this work. Member, Joe Blewitt, is familiar with these operations from use in his own business and volunteered to donate \$500 to the project provided that a link to his business site is installed.
5. In line with the primary mission a large number of ideas were discussed concerning social events. Of course inter-Academy sports were high on the list. Chartering a bus or buses to attend the Air Force/Navy game, tailgates at both West Point and Annapolis were discussed and cocktail/TV parties for various sporting events were discussed as well. Joe Blewitt suggested that rather than re-inventing the wheel for each occasion, we work with our sister chapters in the various locales so as to take advantage of "local expertise and knowledge" and also to spread the work load. Leo Cunningham also reminded that the USAFA AOG has gone into sponsoring and scheduling Tailgates in a big way. This is a great help financially and organizationally and thus we should always consider that resource. A continuing problem with all of these events is finding a place to conduct the operation. (The big events aren't bad because USAFA is involved and has quite a bit of clout.) We are in desperate need of places and/or suggestions for holding our events here in New York that won't totally deplete our Treasury. All members are asked to help out with ideas/contacts for this matter.
6. Attendance at our functions has always been problematic. Some members suggested that a name change might be appropriate because just the term "New York City Chapter" is a "turn off" for some. A majority, though, did not agree with this position and instead thought that Manhattan was the best, most neutral spot to gather when considering venues, commute times etc., etc. Leo Cunningham suggested that this matter be tabled and then perhaps re-visited after we see this year's event results. The motion carried.

7. All members present agreed that MEMBERSHIP was the key to the vast majority of our problems. We have a critical need to increase our membership, both in numbers and attendance. The more members -- the more dues -- the greater our capability to have events. Of course, higher numbers mean lighter work loads for all concerned in any area of activity that is undertaken.

8. A brief consideration was given as to how we can interact with our sister Academies. For now, the main thrust will be through Ed Rossnagel who is the USAFA Point of Contact (POC) for the Service Academies' Networking Group here in Manhattan. The President appointed Ed as the coordinator for this function with the duty of passing our activities information to our sister Services and likewise keeping tabs on their activities and passing that information along to our membership so that we may have mutual participation in each others' social events.

9. All agreed that further meetings would probably be necessary. With no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 1953 hours.

Respectfully submitted:

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Edmund Rossnagel
Secretary