

**STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND
AIRBORNE COMMAND CONTROL ASSOCIATION
(SAC ACCA)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOD) AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN
BI-ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES**

SEPTEMBER 16th, 2023; 0900 EST

Directors in attendance: Nate Petersen, Pete Wentzler, Jim Dart

Chairmen in attendance: Mary Hillman

1. **Welcome:** President Nate Petersen called the meeting to order at 0906 EST. The meeting began with Pledge of Allegiance, then President Nate Petersen began with a self introduction and introduction of the Board Members. Nate announced that there no housekeeping issues to attend to, and motioned to accept the 2021 membership meeting minutes as posted. Jim Dart seconded the motion, then it passed unanimously.

President Nate Petersen then gave a brief update of events from 2021 until present. They are as follows:

-Sep of 2021 Nate took over as President, Steve Shirley steps down as Historian and Nate Appoints Jason Freuck as Historian in early Oct 2021.

-Dec of 2021 Buffie and Dan Elder step down from reunion committee for personal reasons.

- Jan 2022 Doug Stacy resigns as Secretary due to health issues.

- Jan 2022 Nate appoints Dylan Weil as Secretary with BOD concurrence.

To date, all quarterly flyers have been printed and mailed in accordance with Bylaws, in addition to a special edition flyer prior to the 2023 reunion.

2. **Reports by Directors and Chairmen:**

President Nate Petersen then announced that Board members Mike Makar, Dylan Weil, and Fred Kemp are not in attendance and would not be available to give reports.

Treasurers report: Pete Wentzler reported that the active membership number has been hovering around 189, and as of September 2023 approximately 50 were not current in dues. Pete provided detailed reports with month to month breakdowns of the organizations expenses as well as income from merchandise sales and dues. Pete noted the increase in rising operating costs with the website, annual filings, and mail out flyer costs.

Reunion Coordinator report: Mary Hillman reported that all is well and that she is looking forward to the 2025 reunion. Members of the 4th ACCS have requested to do a joint reunion in Omaha in 2025. Planning for the reunion went relatively smoothly, and there were no major hurdles or issues this year due to early planning and adequate deadlines for all activities, etc. Mary could not provide final expense numbers at this time, as some expenses were still being settled with the hotel for use of the banquet room, meals, etc.

Merchandise Manager: Mary Hillman reported that we have reunion shirts! Sizes large through 2X were available now, and she can get mediums or other sizes if needed. We currently have stock of coins, patches, hats, lapel pins, and keychains.

Membership Chairman report: This position is vacant but President Nate Petersen reported: As of reunion, Flyer gets mailed out to 205 confirmed mailing addresses. Paid membership fluctuates throughout the year, Pete has numbers at any given time for updated paid membership. The official Facebook group has 256 members and continues to grow steadily, the official Page has 245 followers, and we have done 2 giveaways for J57 engine fan blades to generate interest through Facebook and to drive people to the official website. The Aug 2023 giveaway reached 1,071 people via Facebook, in which 165 interacted with the post. The November 2021 giveaway reached 2,580 people via Facebook, in which 406 interacted with the post.

President Emeritus: Jim Dart had nothing to report.

3. Motion for proposed changes to bylaws: President Nate Petersen opened it up to the floor for proposed bylaw changes.
Jim Dart motioned for an increase in dues, to include increasing the annual renewal fee to \$20, and the new membership fee to \$30. Steven Bonnell seconded the motion, then it passed with a unanimous vote.
Mary Hillman motioned for a bi-annual donation to be made to the Strategic Air Command and Aerospace Museum. The proposed change would read as follows as paragraph 13, and renumbering any following paragraphs as 14, etc:
“On reunion years, the Treasurer will donate 5% of SAC ACCA’s financial holdings (i.e. checking account holdings) to the Strategic Air Command and Aerospace Museum, 28210 W. Park Hwy 46-8, Ashland NE 68003-3525 in the name of EC-135 Looking Glass Aircraft 63-8049.”
This motion was seconded by Bob Henderson, and voted in unanimously.
4. Election of Directors: President and Secretary are up for election for 2023.

Nominations for President: Jim Dart nominated Nate Petersen, seconded by Bob Henderson. No other nominations followed, and Nate was voted in unanimously.

Nominations for secretary: Jim Dart nominated Andrew Butler, seconded by Pete Wentzler. No other nominations followed, and Andrew was voted in unanimously.
5. Selection of next reunion event:
Proposed event locations from membership floor: Offutt AFB was proposed in conjunction with the 4th ACCS reunion. Proposed dates were the week of the 19th of June. Several members suggested a September date to stay in line with recent reunions. President Nate Petersen

proposed that we agree on Offutt as the location, then follow up with an email poll to members to vote on the date. Nate agreed to work with Mary Hillman and the 4th ACCS to gain a consensus on the date, and announce as soon as possible.

Rick Stone suggested that for future reunions we should visit places we have not been before, such as March AFB, Barksdale AFB, or Grissom AFB. Members agreed. Mary Hillman volunteered to be the next reunion coordinator since she both enjoys it and she's the chairperson for the 4th ACCS reunion for 2025.

6. Unfinished business: None noted.
7. New Business: Member Mike Petersen suggested looking into flyer boards at public places, such as Offutt, to post copies of our flyer. Another member suggested mailing copies of the flyer to Museums such as the SAC Museum, PIMA, and the Museums outside of Ellsworth and Grissom, etc. It was also proposed to offer a reduced membership fee in the future for members that join the organization from other PACCS oriented organizations. Treasurer Pete Wentzler would like to work with the new secretary and find potential less expensive options for the flyer, such as a less expensive publisher, or moving to an Opt-in Flyer where members must request that they get a flyer via physical mail rather than a digital copy.
8. President Nate Petersen Motioned to Adjourn, seconded by Jim Dart and Bob Henderson at 11:15 AM EST.

Members present at the meeting:

Michael Petersen	Steven Bonnell	Jim Dart
Nathan Petersen	Mary Bonnell	Wilton Curtis
Mary Hillman	Peter Wentzler	Rick Stone
Bob Henderson	Jim Bostick	Rod Berlin

Meeting Minutes taken by President Nate Petersen in absence of Dylan Weil, Secretary.