

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

JUNE 26th, 2025; 0900 EST

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

Chairmen in attendance: Mary Hillman, Bob Henderson

Members in attendance: approximately 30

1. **Welcome:** President Nate Petersen called the meeting to order at 0907 CST. Nate Petersen began the meeting with a self-introduction and introduction of the Board Members in attendance. Nate announced that there are no pending housekeeping issues to attend to, and motioned to accept the 2023 membership meeting minutes as posted. Bob Henderson seconded the motion, then it passed unanimously.

President Nate Petersen then gave a brief update of events from 2023 until present. They are as follows:

- May 2024, Mike Makar resigned as VP.
- June of 2024, Nate nominated Rod Berlin as VP, approved with Board 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 2025 reunion.

2. **Reports by Directors and Chairmen:**
President Nate Petersen then announced that Board members Andrew Butler 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 fluctuated between 110-130. Pete provided detailed reports with month-to-month breakdowns of the organization's 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 and **Merchandise Manager:** Mary Hillman reported that all is well and that as much as she has enjoyed coordinating our reunion, she will not be available to be the primary reunion coordinator for the 2027 reunion. She also updated us on merchandise availability, and that if more t shirts are desired all we need to do is ask and she can order more. A member from the floor asked about possible 2nd ACCS t shirts and was notified that shirts can be produced but a minimum of 18 need to be ordered. Mary reported that planning for this reunion went relatively smoothly, but there were some last-minute issues with the Offutt Warhawk center and SAC Museum, but that Amy Walton visited both and was able to sort out any last-minute issues we had.

Membership Chairman report: Bob Henderson had nothing significant to report, but did let us know that the unofficial Facebook group has grown to around 1,100 members, and the pages moderators consistently are approving or rejecting member requests. There are many “Bots” or other such Facebook entities that join the page simply to spread SPAM or unwanted sales etc.

President Emeritus: Jim Dart had nothing to report.

Vice President: Rod Berlin had nothing to report.

3. Motion for proposed changes to bylaws: President Nate Petersen opened it up to the floor for proposed bylaw changes. Nate stated he wanted to motion for an increase in dues, and a reduction in the number of annual flyers to be mailed out but wanted the members on the floor to decide the costs and numbers associated. Nate then opened the discussion to the floor, and an open discussion was had about flyer costs, production, mailing, etc. A member from the floor proposed a single fee of \$30 for both initial registration, and renewals. This was seconded by Bob Henderson and followed by a unanimous vote to pass.

Another member proposed reducing the minimum flyer publication to two times per year, along with an extra flyer during the reunion years. This was seconded by Rod Berlin, and then unanimously voted to pass.

Mr. Joe Bruch then motioned to publish or distribute a membership roster in some capacity. This was followed by a group discussion from the floor, with many comments made by members in support of some sort of distribution so that members could be able to reach out to each other in some capacity and know who an active member was. Nate Petersen, Jim Dart, and Rod Berlin all favored limited distribution if it does not violate PII laws or give out too much personal information. The members in attendance decided it would be best if members were required to “opt in” to a roster, and that it should be limited only to names and email addresses. The motion was amended to state that a membership roster should be published along with the flyer, mailed out, to only include names and email addresses of those members that specifically opt-in to be included on the roster. The motion was seconded by Richard Hutchins and voted unanimously to pass.

4. Election of Directors: Vice President and Treasurer are up for election for 2025.

Nominations for Vice President: Nate Petersen nominated Rod Berlin, seconded by Jim Dart. Amy Walton nominated Joe Bruch, second by Jerome Wilkins. No other nominations followed. Votes were then cast and counted by a show of hands. Joe Bruch had 20 votes, and Rod Berlin had 9.

Nominations for treasurer: Nate Petersen nominated Pete Wentzler, seconded by Jim Dart. No other nominations followed, and Pete was voted in unanimously.

5. Selection for the next reunion event:

Proposed event locations from membership floor: Members from the floor proposed Dayton OH, March AFB, CA, Hickam AFB, HI, and Barksdale AFB, LA. Nate took record of votes by show of hands for the following: Dayton: 12, March: 2, Hickam: 1, and Barksdale: 2.

Members then discussed the dates, and chose September 2027, the week of the 15th-19th.

Member Jeffery Western volunteered to be the primary reunion coordinator, with Rod Berlin volunteering to help, and Mary Hillman offering to provide advice as needed.

6. Unfinished business: None noted.

7. New Business: Member Amy Walton brought up concerns about the website needing a password to gain access to digital copies of the flyers. Nate Petersen explained that there was a short beta-test on the site, set up to test if the site could be used with log-in credentials to offer the flyer to paid members. This test is simply for feasibility and has not been set up for mass-use or implementation. Another member from the floor asked about the organization's tax-exempt status. Pete Wentzler explained that the organization is filed in Florida as a not-for-profit, but that we do not currently have a tax exemption, meaning that any sales or donations to the organization are not tax exempt. It was requested by the floor that we investigate what it would take to regain tax exempt status and report it to the membership after findings.

A member from the floor also requested that the Board discuss the feasibility of a lifetime membership cost and update the members as such afterward.

8. President Nate Petersen Motioned to Adjourn, seconded by Jim Dart and Joe Bruch at 10:51 AM CST.

Members present at the meeting:

Nate Petersen	Jim Dart	Rick Stone	John Francis	Brent Cogswell
Pete Wentzler	Rod Berlin	Jim Frantz	Dave Williamson	Ken Alexander
Bob Henderson	Larry Springer	Richard Doolittle	Jeff Western	Norm Goetz
David Coombs	Dion Lemieux	Richard Middleton	Jerome Wilkins	Bill Lytle
Richard Hutchins	Joe Bruch	Arla Bruch	Amy Walton	Greg Greiser
Pat Barnes	Jeanette Barnes	Mary Hillman		

Meeting Minutes taken by President Nate Petersen in absence of Andrew Butler, Secretary.