

**AESC Board Meeting  
Wednesday, March 1, 2017  
Priscilla Noah's Home**

The meeting was called to order at 11:14 a.m.

A big thank you to Priscilla for hosting, and to everyone for bringing items to share.

**Minutes** - Sheila asked if the Cherry Blossom event at Semonites' home on April 15 is open to AESC members? Connie replied that probably so, but she is still checking. Sheila also inquired whether Board slate should be under historian – the 2 sentences should be moved to 5C to 5H. Group concurred.

Vanessa Joly made a motion to accept minutes as amended. Sheila Kelly seconded. Motion passed.

**Carolyn Hudson** -Very fun time had by engineers at function at Westover Market Beer Garden.

Next event: Tea & Tour, Hillwood Estates, March 15

Fair Winds Brewery - April 29

Possible option for floral workshop - Freedom Petals - all in her home, donations and make arrangements to take to wounded soldiers. As a club, we could possibly go volunteer and help her with arrangements. Offered at AOSCGWA this Thursday as a demonstration.

**AEMA Chairman** - Launa asked if mailbox could be checked every week, since deadline is March 15. We have 7 applications thus far. We may receive more applications via online this year.

Discussion over NCO Scholarship - \$700 donated from the BosticksP, \$300 from SGM Jones. Applicants could be ranked according to similar criteria used for Morris scholarship. Suggestion made to put the scholarship information on Facebook, and also to send it to the school liaison at Ft Leonard Wood.

Discussion ensued over best way to disseminate information about scholarships and approaching deadline to installations with large number of engineers. Dates discussed for AEMA luncheon - Semonites are out of town on May 7. Available dates - April 30 or May 21. Kay is going to check on availability at Fairfax.

**Secretaries** - Minutes/agenda completed and distributed.

**Treasurer** - full report being compiled. She received one donation check in the previous month. Did receive a note this month from an individual that claimed to have joined 2 years in a row, but never received a Red Book. Suggestion that we send her a Red Book and preserve the relationship. Finances are healthy, and budget status is forthcoming. Question asked whether the club is flush enough to send money over to the scholarships? Jessica said possibly. Prefers

to keep about \$2,000 in budget for operating expenses. Possibly we could send about \$3,000-4,000 over, but that would be for next year's fund, since this year the distribution has already been made. Discussion ensued, we have about \$10,000 in total to give for scholarships.

**Welfare** - received \$35.84 for the Hard Times from Old Town, will reach out to other locations to see if they have a check. Next Fisher House meal is open to March 28, Lynne Jackson has signed up. April and May sign ups will be sent out in March. Retirees may stay at Fisher House on Space A basis if they have several appointments at FBCH. Sign up for meals for Lisa will be distributed. Honor Flights are back and will be on FaceBook.

**Membership** – Red Books are here!!!! Used a better quality paper that will last longer. Ordered 170 books this year, up from 160 last year. Question asked whether we should explore different printing options - possibly consider using AOSCGWA printer. Different options were discussed, and will be researched/explored. Launa asked whether we will put out an electronic version at the end of the year for those who joined after the Red Book was printed. Jackie mentioned that there is a sensitivity to putting personal information online, Connie responded that we could put a line on the form at the beginning of the year allowing people to opt in/out. Question asked how money that is donated in April (for example) could be applied for membership for the following year. Jessica was comfortable with depositing checks early for memberships for the following year. Consensus was that if people are willing to give us money, we should graciously accept and do all we can to accommodate them. Heart of the issue is online donations/membership options. Possibly Erica could de-activate the link from 17 Mar - 15 May, with understanding that membership would then be for the upcoming year. We don't want people joining for 6 weeks. Places burden on the treasurer to keep track of who is joining when, but Jessica doesn't have a problem. Concern that perception would be year-round membership (date you joined 2017 - 1 calendar year later). Much discussion ensued, issue was tabled until next month. Decision in April.

**Ways & Means** - Castle Boutique will be set up on Monday at Leader's Emeritus. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Networking lunch. Needs help would like to be set up and ready to go at 8 a.m. Event is over at 3p.m., but Boutique will close at 1 p.m. Shipping costs changed again on PayPal. Sheila created a coupon (like Etsy.) Will consult with Jessica, believes her budget is in the red. Running low on Tervis tumblers, and they take a while to come in. Various items are low on inventory - need to decide whether to order and let incoming chair have full supply. Consensus was to order supplies and leave incoming chair with full inventory. Jessica will provide update, and Sheila may request to increase the budget.

- USPS Shipping increase (updated on website):

\$ 0.01 - \$50.00 = was \$ 6.10 now \$ 6.50  
\$50.01 - \$75.00 = was \$11.95 now \$12.40  
\$75.01 and up = was \$16.35 now \$17.05

**Hospitality** - Terri is working to have invitations and flyer done for AEMA so she can submit to Castle Gram, once date has been decided. Last year, payment was submitted via EventBrite, but willing to consider Paypal if that is less expensive.

**Retirement Residences** – Kay will check dates for AEMA luncheon at the Fairfax.

**Knoll wood Bake Sale** - April 19. 10-2. Donations solicited, individually wrapped.

**Nominations** - Potential volunteers:

Rosemary Davis - interested in VP

Christy Preston - Secretary

Kara Anderson - interested AEMA Chairman

Open Positions - Circulation, Ways & Means, Treasurer,  
Castle Gram,

Spread the word that positions are available! Please ask your friends!

**Dates to Remember:**

**March 15** - Hillwood Estates Tea & Tour

**April 5** – Board Meeting at the Women’s memorial at Arlington Cemetery. Meeting at 10 a.m., tour, and lunch afterwards. The tour is open to general membership. Park in parking lot of Arlington Cemetery. Tour is open to general membership.

**April 29** Brewery visit at Fair Winds in Lorton, VA

**April 30/May 21** - AEMA Awards Luncheon

**June 14** - our last board meeting (daytime)

Meeting adjourned at 12:58 p.m.