

Meeting Drake Hotel, Chicago, IL May 30, 2011 FINAL

AFTE 2010 – 2011 Business Board members in attendance:

John Finor, President
Dan Gunnell, 1st Vice President
Ray Cooper, 2nd Vice President
Wendy Gibson, Secretary
Andy Smith, Membership Secretary
Jim Hall, Treasurer
Mark Keisler, Member-at-Large
James Krylo, Immediate Past President

The meeting was called to order at 1: 19pm on May 30th by President John Finor
Parliamentarian = John Murdock
Sergeant-at-Arms = Katharina Babcock, Jim Ryan

A quorum of 69 members is needed; members were counted with 81 present (meets quorum)

Secretary's Report (oral report provided)

As decided at the mid-year meeting, a climate controlled storage unit was rented. It currently contains about a dozen boxes of historical Association records (member applications, meeting minutes, and committee notes from ~ 1970 to early 2000). Paper records that have been digitized were shredded. Past Presidents and the current historian were contacted and informed of the storage unit; the offer was extended to transfer any records these individuals may have had.

Since December 2010, three (3) members have been upgrade to Distinguished status. A total of seven (7) members will be awarded Distinguished plaques at this training seminar.

2010 Business meeting minutes were posted for

members on the Association's web site, June 22, 2010 and published in the AFTE News (Vol. 8, No. 2) November 2010.

Motion: Ken Green made a motion to accept the 2010 Business Meeting minutes as posted / published.

Second: Dan Jackson

Discussion: Nothing

Voice vote all AYE / 0 NAY - PASS

Motion: Jim Roberts made a motion to accept the Secretary's reports as discussed.

Second: Jamie Becker

Discussion: Nothing

Voice vote all AYE / 0 NAY - PASS

Treasurer's Report (oral report provided)

Since the last business meeting (5/3/2010), AFTE had income of \$123,829.06, with expenses of \$127,848.99 for a net income of -\$4,019.93.

No members have paid for life dues (\$2,000.00) during the past year. The value of the life dues payment money, which is held in the Schwab-One Account CD's, and the T. Rowe Price Capitol Appreciation Fund is \$227,800.63 (which is up \$18,047.77 from last year). Currently approximately 43% of the life dues money is invested in cash or fixed income vehicles and 57% is invested in a mutual fund.

As of May 26, 2011 we have roughly 106 Members, Subscribers or Technical Advisors that have not paid their 2011 dues or fees. Members or Subscribers who have not paid by July 1, 2011 will be suspended during the month of July. A notice of this action was included on all invoices distributed in January.

A current balance report and profit & loss report itemizing AFTE's finances since the last business meeting have been posted. (Appendix)

Motion: Bill George made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as read and posted.

process of writing the conclusions to her research project and this Committee looks forward to reading her article.

Historical Committee

All of the AFTE pictures in the Historical archives have been digitally imaged and will be posted on the Association's web page, in a member's only accessible area. Members that wish to have their individual picture removed should contact the chair of the Historical Committee.

Training Seminar Planning Manual Revision Committee (Ad-hoc)

Revisions have been made to the manual which is currently under review by the Board of directors and will be posted on the web site upon completion.

2011 Host Committee (oral report provided by Chair, Pete Striupaitis)

The meeting is going well and has exceeding all expectations with 360 registrations and another 17 or so expected.

Committee for the Advancement of the Science of Firearm & Toolmark Identification (Ad-hoc) (oral report provided by John Murdock)

On 2-25-2011, the committee sent two recommended additions to the AFTE Theory of Identification to President Finor for consideration by the AFTE BOD. These additions, which specify that toolmark agreement must be between "individual characteristics", were approved on 2-22-2011 by all members of the committee. The committee felt it was necessary to recommend these additions in order to account for the possible influence of sub-class characteristics when determining if sufficient agreement exists to conclude that two toolmarks share a common origin. The need for these additions was first recognized by AFTE member Gene Rivera in his article "Subclass Characteristics in Smith & Wesson SW40VE Sigma Pistols", AFTE Journal, Vol. 39, No. 3, Summer 2007. (The recommended

additions were displayed for the members). The Board discussed and approved the recommended additions; the Glossary and other pertinent documents will be updated.

On 4-25-2011, the committee was asked to help respond to a list of 25 questions asked by the Research Development Testing & Evaluation Interagency Working Group (RDT&E IWG) of The Subcommittee on Forensic Science (SoFS). This assignment, received by AFTE President John Finor on 4-18-2011, with a requested due date of 5-20-2011, specifically asks for the appropriate scientific literature references for each question. It is not certain at this time how much committee time will be required for this assignment; SWGGUN responded with 47 pages in May. AFTE requested and has received an extension until June 15th to submit their response. At this time the usage intent by the IWG is unknown; the sunset clause on SOFF expires in September of this year and the continuation of the committee is uncertain.

Motion: TL Price made a motion to accept the President's committee reports as discussed.

Second: Larry Paul

Discussion: Will the photos from the Historical Committee only going to be in the member's only area of the forum, and will the Board then assume that any usage of these photos by another individual will only be for professional purposes? (Note: There are member photos posted in the public forums under each trainings seminar heading). The Board is assuming that photos will not be used inappropriately; the new 2011 web user agreement guards against any inappropriate usage and provides an avenue to remove members from the forum if an agreement violation occurs. What will be the status of viewing photos of non-members that have been attendance of AFTE functions (eg – subscribers at training seminars)? Subscribers would not have access to the member forum; attempts have been made to name / identify members in photos prior to posting. If there is a concern, the chair of the committee should be contacted.

Will the answers to IWG from the Association