

# **A/101 Aviation Association, Inc. 2009 Annual meeting agenda and meeting minutes.**

**Atlantis Hotel and Casino, June 20, 2009 11:00 AM**

1. Opening meeting and the reading of the A/101 Aviation Association, Inc Year End Report 2008 – Richard Bittle, Association President (*Minutes in bold and italic*)

*Opened meeting at 11:00 am June 20, 2009 with a moment of silence for our fallen brothers and those in harm's way.*

*Membership @ 548 at year end*

*Sgt Tim Jacobson interned family presented with legacy print and special coin.*

*Early 2009, 36 pairs of long johns sent to door gunners and crew chiefs of Co A/4/101.*

*Read minutes of 2008 annual meeting and approved.*

2. Presentation of the A/101 Aviation Association, Inc 2008 Financial Report as prepared by Bettinger Mifflin Rich, CPA Group

*The financial report was presented and read with discussion of various items on the report. Richard pointed out that the report contained several notes of interest. Namely that Bettinger Mifflin Rich CPA Group had donated \$442.40 in services to our association and also that 982 hours of members volunteer service to our association was valued at \$15,800 for calendar year 2008. It was noted that the values of the volunteer hours listed were not actually paid by the association and that no monies were paid to any trustee or corporate officer for any services or expenses incurred. All expenses that were incurred by trustees and corporate officers were at their own expense.*

3. Election of Trustees –Ballot casting and counting – Gil Jones, Association Secretary and two volunteers
4. Election results – Gil Jones, Association Secretary.

*Richard Bittle and Gil Jones vacated two three-year trustee positions. Both Richard Bittle and Gil Jones were chosen to run again for these positions.*

*22 returned absentee ballots and a show of 8 hands in attendance all affirmed the placing of Richard Bittle and Gil Jones as trustees.*

5. Installation of the two members elected as A/101 Aviation Association Trustees for three year terms of office

*Richard Bittle and Gil Jones installed as association trustees for three year terms 2009-2012*

6. A/101 Aviation Association Memorial Scholarship Fund report and announcement of the 2009 scholarship award winner – Tom Halligan, Association Trustee/Vice President and Scholarship Chairman

*SCHOLARSHIP Fund started 2008 with \$10K ended 2008 at over \$26K.*

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***Scholarship committee received three applications - one not accepted, two others were accepted, only one approved. Our first scholarship award will be \$500.00 per year for four years to be awarded to Emily Morris.***

7. Presentation of the Association Stores merchandise report - Gil Jones, Secretary.

***Gil Jones gave a presentation of our stores inventory and announced the new items that are available merchandise (pins and hats). Discussion of additional items that may be purchased for the store, no decision was made on additional items however the members present were concerned that any items purchased have a good chance of selling. The membership left it up to the trustees to decide later if any additional items are purchased for the association store.***

8. Discussion and decision on who should qualify for membership with the association. Example; 25 ID infantryman were used TDY in 1965-66 as door gunners for 3 month attachments. Should these men qualify for membership in our association?

***On a motion by Jerry Wofford, seconded by Ed Schmelzer, it was unanimously approved that 25ID crewmembers that served temporarily in RVN with A/101 Avn will be accepted as A/101 Aviation members.***

9. Discussion of the Association Relief Fund, i.e.: Who gets it, how much, what are the guidelines, if any, and how do we replace the money we give out, etc.

***After long discussion this item was referred to the trustees for more discussion and action at a later date.***

10. Discussion of the Association Treasurer and possible Assistant Treasurer Positions.

***Item referred to trustees at board meeting to follow.***

11. Discussion of 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Association Reunion Book Advertisement

***It was decided that a half page ad would be taken out in the reunion book this year announcing our scholarship winner and honoring our A/101 KIA. Paul Cauley donated \$100.00 in cash to pay for this advertisement.***

12. Discussion of the 60 Comanchero Label/Hat Pins donated to the 4/101 Avn Regt. Troops deployed in Afghanistan

***Unanimous approval of this action and the members present felt that our association should do whatever we can to support our deployed Comancheros.***

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13. Discussion of possible investment of A/101 Aviation Association Scholarship fund into a bank money market account or a bank Certificate of Deposit to earn more interest than the present savings account.

***Discussion of purchasing a bank CD or money market accounts with different banks. It was decided that the trustees would look into additional banks to find a better return rate than the one that US Bank was offering.***

14. General membership new business and/or member input to the Trustees

***Discussion of a possible Rifle raffle fund raiser and a possible Cruise ship fundraiser for our scholarship fund. Richard presented a brochure for consideration from the Henry Repeating Arms Company who design and produce rifles that can be customized for possible raffle items. Members felt that if we could hold a raffle while staying within the local laws this would be a good fundraising event for us. Tickets could be sent to all our members by mail. We would probably have to have the winning rifle shipped to a local gun dealer for transfer. Richard will check with the Special Operations Association to find out how they do their gun raffles and to get some advice from them on how this can be done. The members present also felt that any expenses for any raffles for the scholarship should be funded from scholarship funds and not from the general fund. Item referred to the trustees for additional action.***

15. Motions for Adjournment of annual meeting

***Paul Cauley made motion to adjourn the meeting, Ed Schmelzer seconded the motion. Unanimous consent and meeting was adjourned at 12:10 pm.***

After adjournment of the annual meeting the Board of Trustees will hold a board meeting for the election of Corporation Officers (President, Secretary, and Treasurer) who will be elected for three years terms each.

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**A/101 Aviation Association Board Meeting. June 20, 2009 12:15 pm.**

**Richard Bittle called the board meeting to order. The purpose of the meeting was to elect corporate officers. A quorum made up of Richard Bittle, Gil Jones, Tom Halligan, Chuck Slezak and Milo Overstreet were in attendance.**

**Office of President was open for nominations: Gil Jones nominated Richard Bittle, Tom Halligan seconded the motion. Nominations closed with no other nominations. The Board unanimously approved with Richard Bittle abstaining from vote.**

**Office of Secretary was open for nominations: Richard Bittle nominated Gil Jones, Chuck Slezak seconded the motion. Nominations closed with no other nominations. The board unanimously approved with Gil Jones abstaining from vote.**

**Office of Treasurer was open for nominations: Milo Overstreet asked if there was a US Bank in his home city. After researching on the internet it was discovered that there is not a US Bank in his home town and the closes bank is too far away from him to commute. No nominations were made for Treasurer. Having received no nominations or volunteers for treasurer, action on nominating and electing a treasurer was tabled for a later date.**

**Gil Jones motioned for adjournment of the meeting. Chuck Slezak seconded with unanimous approval of the board members.**