

FBINAA NEW MEXICO
CHAPTER CHAT
MARCH 2013

Bob Uebelacker, husband of Sally Uebelacker, 117th, passed away February 15th. Please keep Sally in your thoughts and prayers.

Bob Duncan, 249th, has been named Chief of Police in Alamogordo. We know he will be successful simply by watching the enthusiasm he brought to his NA attendance! Way to go, Bob!!

SPRING RETRAINER

Please see the earlier message for details and registration for the spring retrainer, being held April 3-5 in Albuquerque. There will be a dinner and business meeting on the evening of April 3rd. Separate registration will be sent very soon.

CHAPTER OFFICERS' MEETING

President Steve Shaw and I just returned from Quantico and the annual chapter officer meetings. I am going to summarize the major points of a report he has written. We encourage you to read his full report, which is attached, or on the chapter website.

The National Executive Board reported on all its committee work.

Presidents and Secretary/Treasurers were briefed on the next four national conferences: 2013 in Orlando, 2014 in Philadelphia, 2015 in Seattle, and 2016 in St. Louis.

We are going to partner with Albuquerque Convention and Visitors Bureau to look at whether it would be viable to bid for the 2019 conference. Although the national office and a professional conference planning company do most of the heavy lifting, it will still require a great deal of support from our chapter.

There were also presentations on the international chapter conferences being scheduled for this year. May 12-16, the Asia/Pacific chapter meets in Bangkok; June 2-6, Latin American/Caribbean Chapter, Santiago, Chile; October 20-23 the European Chapter meets in Brussels, Belgium; and the Africa/Middle East conference is planned for Amman, Jordan, although the date is still being determined.

We took our current 252nd session attendees to dinner on Monday evening. Ken Johnson, Santa Fe SO and Steve Marquez, Colfax SO, are having a great time but the end is in sight and they are looking forward to getting home.

We also visited the new national office, which is located off post out the back gate. This is leased space, and the need to get and maintain a permanent home is coming to the front burner. It is possible there will be a nominal dues increase to support the building fund.

Youth Leadership Program applications are due to Andy Bowen, Committee Chair, by March 15th.

The FBINAA Charitable Foundation also offers a small college scholarship for incoming college freshmen. Please check out the program details and restrictions at their website www.fbinaafoundation.org

A strict code of conduct is being implemented for all sessions of the NA from now on.

Again, the full report can be found attached or on the chapter website.

THROWBACK SHIRTS

For those of you who attended the NA when the required uniform included the green shirts with the eagle and shield, we picked up a small supply of those shirts that had been in long-term storage. Catch a piece of nostalgia for the bargain price of \$10!

REGIONAL MEMBERSHIP COORDINATORS WANTED

President Shaw is seeking a member in each quadrant of the state to serve as a membership coordinator for that area. These members will encourage membership and participation, especially from those who have fallen off. Please contact Steve at cowboyfan04@msn.com or 505-263-6870.

MY RESIGNATION AS SECRETARY/TREASURER

It is with a great deal of sadness that I tell you that I am stepping down from the position of Secretary/Treasurer as of March 15th. After five years of deliberation and soul-searching, Helen and I have decided to move back to Kansas to be nearer our beloved granddaughters. I had originally planned to stay here through most of the year, but things have moved much more quickly than we ever imagined. It appears we will be leaving the state right around May 1st.

Words cannot express what a joy and a privilege it has been to serve you and this wonderful organization. I love the National Academy program and the National Academy Associates. This has been a huge part of my life for almost 30 years, and it will be the most difficult thing for me to leave behind as we move on to the next chapter in our lives.

I have made many dear friends in this chapter over the years, and I am most grateful for your friendship and support. Please accept my sincere apology for blindsiding you with this announcement. We decided to keep it a closely held secret because as we all know, nothing can stay secret very long once more than a couple of people know.

I have nothing but affection for the group and all of its members. Any success I have had in this position is due to all of you: The Albuquerque Division, especially ASAC Terry Wade and a succession of great NA coordinators; all the various law enforcement agencies with which I have interacted; and every one of you individual members are the reasons why I've put in the time, effort, and energy, and I guarantee that you have given me far more than I can ever repay. As long as I'm associated with the NAA, I will be a dues-paying member of the New Mexico Chapter.

Where from here? Well, in addition to all the emotion, I have actually applied some rational thinking to the way forward. Before I ever even told the chapter officers of my intentions, I recruited someone to replace me - someone I see to be the most professional, enthusiastic, supportive chapter member in the state. Gregg Marcantel, 229th, agreed to take on the position, and he will be a great one!

Thank you again for the honor and privilege of serving you and this great organization. I hope everyone will stay in touch (jscox109@gmail.com) and if you find yourself in the Kansas City area, please do not hesitate to let me know. We will always have an extra bed and a short drive to the best barbecue in the country!!

Sincerely,

Steve