

**AFCEA CENTRAL FLORIDA CHAPTER
CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
October 2021**

**CONSTITUTION
ARTICLE I
NAME AND OBJECTIVES**

SEC 1: The Central Florida Chapter of AFCEA has a long-standing tradition of supporting the advancement of excellence in technology, professionalism, and education as they relate to the vital areas of command, control, communications, computers, intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance (C4ISR), electronics, audiovisual and information systems.

SEC 2: AFCEA is a professional association chartered in Washington, D.C., as an educationally oriented, non-profit, technical society. Its mission is:

1. AFCEA is an international organization that serves its members by providing a forum for the ethical exchange of information. AFCEA is dedicated to increasing knowledge by exploring issues relevant to its members in information technology, communications, and electronics for the defense, homeland security, and intelligence communities.
2. To contribute to the professional development of those serving in the C4ISR field.
3. To support the advancement of education in technology through various scholarship and grant programs.
4. To promote the development of professional relationships through various events and social activities.
5. To accomplish its mission, the association provides an environment wherein the government and the military can discuss their requirements, and industry can display their products and technology and educate others regarding scientific and technological advances applicable to government requirements.

**ARTICLE II
MEMBERSHIP**

SEC 1: Membership in the Chapter shall conform to the requirements set forth by AFCEA, hereafter referred to as the association. Chapter membership shall be open to anyone accepted as an Association member. The Chapter shall not discriminate regarding race, color, creed, sex, age, or national origin. The Chapter highly values and seeks diversity in its membership.

ARTICLE III GOVERNMENT AND OFFICERS

SEC 1: The governance of the Chapter shall be vested in the Executive Committee and will be conducted in accordance with the Constitution and the Chapter By-Laws. The members of the Executive Committee shall be the elected Officers of the Chapter and appointed Chairpersons of the Standing Committees. The Officers shall be elected for one year (unless reelected), and their terms of office shall terminate at the January meeting of the Chapter each year or a designated date after their successors have been duly elected. The Officers shall be a President, two Vice Presidents, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. The Standing Committees are Publicity, Awards, Membership, Programs, Scholarship and Education, Corporate Membership, Emerging Leaders, Small Business, Web, Government Liaison, Cyber Outreach, Ways and Means, Cape Canaveral Liaison, Orlando and the Chairperson-at-Large.

SEC 2: The Executive Committee comprises the Chapter Officers and Standing Committee chairpersons. The Executive Committee shall be able to fill elected officer vacancies until the next Chapter election. The Executive Committee will meet at least monthly or at the call of the President. At least ten (10) committee members must be present to constitute a quorum.

SEC 3: The Executive Committee shall have supervision, control, and direction of the affairs of the Chapter, its committees, and its publications; shall determine its policies and changes therein; shall actively prosecute its objectives and supervise the disbursement of funds. The Executive Committee shall recommend Chapter Constitution and By-Laws changes for Chapter Membership approval.

SEC 4: The National Council Members shall be elected or appointed among the Chapter members who expect to attend the annual convention. National Council members shall be elected or appointed by the deadline established by AFCEA International.

SEC 5: The Steering Committee shall be an advisory committee of senior military, DoD Civilians, and Corporate personnel. Specifically the members of the Steering Committee shall include the director or designated representative of the following: Director, Command, Control, Communications and Computers, United States Central Command; Director, Intelligence, United States Central Command; Director, Intelligence, United States Special Operations Command; Director, Networks and Communications, United States Special Operations Command; Commander, 6th Communications Squadron; Commander, Defense Information Systems Agency United States Central Command; Commander Defense Information Systems Agency United States Special Operations Command; and Commander, Joint Communications Support Element. The Steering Committee will guide the Executive Committee and overall support for Chapter activities.

ARTICLE IV MEETINGS

SEC 1: The Chapter shall hold a designated Annual Meeting during a monthly luncheon. The purpose of the Annual Meeting shall be to elect Officers of the Chapter and address other matters that may be decided upon by the Executive Committee. The Annual Meeting shall be held no earlier than 1 September and no later than 1 December of each year. Newly elected Officers will begin their terms of office at the January Chapter meeting each year.

SEC 2: The Chapter shall hold monthly luncheons. The monthly luncheon aims to achieve the Chapter's overall mission.

ARTICLE V FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

SEC 1: The fiscal period of the Chapter shall be 12 months, from 01 January to 31 December. Expenditures for the normal transaction of Chapter business, not already covered in the annual Chapter budget, must be approved by the President not to exceed two hundred dollars (\$200.00). The Executive Committee must approve expenditures more than this amount. The Treasurer of the Chapter must authenticate all financial obligations. The Chapter's financial records will be audited annually by an independent third-party accounting firm. This audit will be a permanent part of the Treasurer's report.

SEC 2: Each month, by the 3rd week of the month, reconciled financial statements (Balance Sheet, Profit, and Loss) along with copies of bank statements from each account the Chapter controls will be emailed out to the executive committee in electronic format for the previous month.

SEC 3: A monthly statement for each Chapter's financial account will be mailed to the 1st Vice President and the Treasurer.

SEC 4: All checks will require two (2) signatures. The Treasurer, 1st Vice President, and President will be authorized signers on the checking account.

SEC 5: An authorized signer on the account cannot sign a check made out to themselves.

SEC 6: Any member that runs an event (golf tournament, monthly raffles, etc.) will create a summary of all income and expenses related to the event and present results to the Executive Committee, providing each with copies. This should include a summary with receipt contacts and any financial documents related to the event.

ARTICLE VI AMENDMENTS

SEC 1: Amendments to this Constitution may be approved by a majority vote of the Executive Committee or upon petition addressed to the President; said petition shall be signed by not less than five percent of the total members of the Chapter. When the executive committee deems it appropriate due to the significance of the proposed amendment, proposed amendments will be made available to the entire Chapter membership for a vote.

SEC 2: When deemed appropriate, proposed amendments shall be submitted to the entire active membership at least ten (10) days before they are voted upon. All proposed amendments shall be posted on the Chapter's web page.

SEC 3: Acceptable means of distributing proposed amendments include an electronic announcement and/or verbal announcement at the monthly luncheon before the voting meeting.

SEC 4: Proposed Amendments must be approved by 51 percent of the members in attendance on the meeting date, with a minimum of fifty (50) members present. If the vote is conducted electronically, a minimum of 75 votes must be submitted to qualify.

CHAPTER BY-LAWS

1. AIMS AND PURPOSES: The aims and purposes of this Chapter shall be those outlined in the AFCEA International By-Laws and as outlined in Section 2, Article I of the Chapter Constitution.

2. CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP: The classes of membership of this Chapter shall conform to those defined in the AFCEA International By-Laws, i.e., Individual Membership, Life Membership, Distinguished Life Membership, Student Membership, and Corporate Membership.

3. MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION - GENERAL:

- a. The term "members" except where specifically stated otherwise in the Constitution and these By-Laws shall mean all classes of membership as described in paragraph 2 above.
- b. All members may vote and/or hold office in the Chapter.
- c. All members are entitled to receive Chapter publications in electronic or hard copy form.

4. MEMBERSHIP DUES: Membership dues shall conform to the dues outlined in AFCEA International's By-Laws. Additional dues for local Chapter activities may be allocated, if necessary, upon approval by a majority vote of Chapter members.

5. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: The following Officers and Standing Committee Chairpersons shall constitute the Chapter's Executive Committee. Each Officer's and Chairperson's duties and responsibilities are outlined below.

- a. President. The President shall have general supervisory responsibility for the affairs of the Chapter and shall perform the duties of that office. The President shall preside at the Chapter's general meeting and the Executive Committee meetings. The President shall be responsible for appointing the Standing and Special Committee Chairpersons.
- b. First Vice President. The First Vice President shall be the most senior officer of the Chapter next to the President. The First Vice President shall render assistance as required and, in the absence of the President, take over the duties of President. The First Vice President shall oversee the Standing Committees: Publicity, Membership, Web, Education, Awards, Corporate Sponsor, and Government Liaison. The First Vice President shall review, revise, and consult with the Committee Chairpersons, fulfilling the requirements of their respective offices.
- c. Second Vice President. The Second Vice President shall render assistance as required and, in the absence of the First Vice President, take over the duties of the First Vice President. The Second Vice President shall oversee the Standing Committees: Programs, Ways and Means, Small Business, Emerging Leaders, Cape Canaveral Liaison, Orlando Liaison, and Cyber Outreach. The Second Vice President shall review, revise, and consult with the Committee Chairpersons to fulfill the requirements of their respective offices.
- d. The Secretary will keep all of the Chapter's administrative and historical records. The Secretary will maintain the minutes of all Executive Committee meetings and monitor/distribute all general correspondence. The Secretary will submit such reports as may be required by the Executive Committee and AFCEA International. He/she will publish minutes within twenty calendar days of the Executive Committee meetings.
- e. The Treasurer will be responsible for keeping and maintaining all the Chapter's financial records. The Treasurer shall be the custodian of all funds. He/she will provide a financial status report at the Monthly Executive Committee meetings. The Treasurer shall render an annual report, propose a budget for the following year, and provide such special reports as may be called for by the Executive Committee.
- f. The immediate past President shall automatically serve as the Chairperson at Large. The Chairperson at Large will perform such duties as may be assigned by the President. If the past President cannot serve in this capacity, an appointment by the Executive Committee will fill the position.

6. FISCAL: All local sponsorship requests and charitable donations must support the C4ISR community. The Executive Committee must approve exceptions for donations outside the C4ISR community of interest. For each activity requesting funds from the Chapter, the Executive Committee must brief the Executive Committee at least one month before the date needed for the funds. The briefing, as a minimum, should cover the following topics: specify the dollar amount, the purpose of the funds, if the Chapter has sponsored the event in the past, and background information about the organization. Funds will be reimbursed if fifty percent of the Executive Committee agrees to sponsor the activity.

7. AMENDMENTS: The By-Laws of this Chapter may be amended by a majority vote of the members present at a regular membership meeting when said proposed amendment is presented to all members of the Chapter ten days before the regular meeting. Any provision of the By-

Laws may be waived by a simple majority of those members present at regular meetings where attendance is more than 50 members. The said waiver shall be in effect only for the period between regular meetings of the Chapter or for a single situation which must be covered in the motion to waive the By-Laws.

8. COMMITTEES: The following standing and special committees shall implement the policies, procedures, and programs the Executive Committee approves. Chairpersons for the Standing Committees, except for the Chairman-at-Large, will be voting members of the Executive Committee. Special Committee Chairpersons shall be appointed by the Chapter President and be non-voting members of the Executive Committee. The Chairperson of each standing/special committee may appoint committee members as needed to execute their respective duties. Each Standing Committee Chairperson must develop objectives and a budget for their term of office. The respective Committee Handbooks shall outline specific duties of the Standing/Special Committees. The general duties of the Standing/Special Committees are as follows:

a. Standing Committees:

(1). Membership – The Membership Committee shall work toward strengthening and increasing Chapter membership among military, civilian, and corporate participants. In addition, duties include ensuring the committee is represented at all associated conferences and events, reviewing Chapter membership and monthly reconciles, and managing the national database with local membership strength. A membership committee member will provide reoccurring information/presentations advocating membership and its benefits. Other duties include ensuring the presentation of pins for those members recognized for their service tenure as AFCEA members.

(2). Programs – The Programs Committee shall plan, arrange, and conduct Chapter meetings and functions. The Chairperson of the Programs Committee shall ensure all the details relating to various Chapter meetings and social functions are accomplished (e.g., guest speaker, seating, head table, menus, reservations, sponsorship recognition, corporate tables, fliers, badges, script for President, etc.)

(3). Publicity – The Publicity Committee shall be responsible for publicizing Chapter events. Associated duties include ensuring articles and photos for national publications, such as Signal Magazine, are written and submitted in the prescribed format and before all deadlines. Ensure photographic coverage for all AFCEA events for posting on the Chapter website. Provides monthly luncheon summary for posting on the Chapter website.

(4). Education – The Education Committee shall develop criteria to accept and review applications for scholarship/grant support to be awarded by the Chapter. The Executive Committee shall approve criteria developed for scholarship competition before solicitation of candidates. The recommendation(s) of the Scholarship Committee for scholarship support to be awarded shall be presented to the Executive Committee for approval. Scholarship awards shall be announced after the award at a regular membership meeting. The recipient(s) and not more than two guests shall be invited to attend the scholarship presentation luncheon as guests of the Chapter to receive their scholarship awards; additionally, if approved by the Executive

Committee. The Chapter will provide a paid Annual Membership in AFCEA for each scholarship/grant recipient. Serve as the focal point for the Teacher/Science Program, the Science Fair, STEM Teacher Scholarships, and any new scholarship/educational programs. Coordinate with AFCEA Education Foundation to identify and execute collaborative opportunities.

(5). Awards – The Awards Committee will solicit/seek out nominations for AFCEA International and/or Chapter Awards. The Executive Committee will approve criteria developed for Chapter Awards before solicitation for candidates. Other Awards will comply with the criteria established by AFCEA International. The Executive Committee must approve all nominations for awards.

(6). Corporate – Maintain a database of corporate points of contact, including corporate table sponsors, for the Chapter. Actively solicit new corporate members. Maintain a viable and visible Liaison and retention effort with existing corporate members. Ensure regular recognition of corporate sponsors. Conduct an annual meeting/event with the President and the corporate leaders who are Chapter corporate table sponsors. Actively solicit and manage corporate sponsorships for Chapter events (e.g., monthly luncheon sponsorships and scholarship raffle sponsorships).

(7). Small Business – The Small Business Committee will act as the Liaison between the Chapter and the AFCEA International Executive Committee for Small Business by representing the Chapter at monthly meetings. Act as the POC for small business corporations and table sponsors for the Chapter and disseminate relevant AFCEA small business topics of interest. Organize and maintain a small business directory to highlight and encourage small business participation in the Chapter. Organize and host small business workshops for Chapter-sponsored events (e.g., TechNet, SDVOSB Conference).

(8). Emerging Leaders – The Emerging Leaders Committee shall act as the Liaison to Chapter membership and the Chapter Executive Committee on behalf of all young AFCEAN members. The committee shall look out for the welfare and promote the professional development of all young AFCEANs of the Chapter and encourage and promote the participation of young AFCEANs in Chapter activities. Additionally, the committee will propose and oversee approved functions for young AFCEANs, including professional development trips, community service events, and attendance at AFCEA International-sponsored events.

(9) Web/Technology – Manage and administer the Chapter website. Serve as Liaison to technology service providers. Provide training to content providers. Manage change requests from committee heads for implementation of technology changes. Provide expertise on evolving technology that can be used to further the Chapter's goals (e.g., social media mobile applications). Establish policy and guidance, which the executive committee will approve for the use of provided technology services.

(10). Government Liaison – The Government Liaison encourages and promotes participation in Chapter activities by active duty military, reserves, and government civilians

from the MacDill Air Force Base Community. In addition, track attendance of the community at Chapter events.

(11). Cyber Outreach – The Cyber Outreach Committee shall plan, arrange, and conduct the Chapter's Cyber Program. The Chairperson for the Cyber Outreach Committee shall ensure all details relating to the various Chapter cyber programs and events are accomplished (e.g., guest speakers, training, seating, locations, sponsorship, name tags, awards, etc.).

(12). Ways and Means – The Ways and Means Committee focuses on raising the funds needed to meet the Chapter's budget and shall be responsible for planning, organizing, arranging, and conducting the Chapter's fundraising events and functions. The Ways and Means Committee Chairperson shall ensure all the details relating to various Chapter fundraising events and functions are accomplished (e.g., golf tournament, bowling tournament, luncheon raffles, etc.) The Ways and Means Committee Chairperson shall have the authority to appoint individual event chairpersons.

(13). Orlando Area Liaison – The Orlando Area Liaison is responsible for encouraging and promoting participation in Chapter activities by active duty military, reserves, government civilians, and industry partners from the Orlando Community. The Liaison shall identify areas of interest from their respective sectors and collaborate with other Chapter Standing Committees to meet their community requirements (e.g., Chapter-sponsored luncheons, Small Business events, golf or bowling tournaments, etc.).

(14). Cape Canaveral Area Liaison – The Cape Canaveral Area Liaison is responsible for encouraging and promoting participation in Chapter activities by active duty military, reserves, government civilians, and industry partners from the Cape Canaveral Community. The Liaison shall identify areas of interest from their respective sectors and collaborate with other Chapter Standing Committees to meet their community requirements (e.g., Chapter-sponsored luncheons, Small Business events, golf or bowling tournaments, etc.).

b. Special Committees:

(1). Event Chairperson – The President shall appoint a Chairperson to oversee the Chapter's responsibilities during designated Chapter-supported events (e.g., Conferences, Conventions, Trade Shows, Fund Raisers). The Chairperson will appoint Subcommittee Chairs for programs, transportation, publicity/advertising, Treasurer, protocol, awards, and volunteers.

(2). Election Committee – The Election Committee shall consist of a Chairperson and at least two other members. The committee shall solicit nominations and conduct the election not before September but not later than the December general membership meetings. Additionally, the committee shall plan and conduct the induction ceremony for the newly elected officers as part of the January program.

The Chapter Membership, October 2021, approved the above Constitution and By-Laws.