



Tax Exempt Status Re-Instated

After a lengthy application process with the Internal Revenue Service, which began in September 2012, we were finally approved for Federal tax exempt status in December 2013! Our tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(6) was retroactively reinstated effective 15 May 2010 (the date our organization's tax exempt status was originally revoked). We also applied to change our tax exempt status to Section 501(c)(3), which was also granted, effective 22 September 2012 (the postmark date of our application). The change in the type of tax exempt status we now have gives us the ability to accept contributions and donations that are tax-deductible to the donor. This will open up potential opportunities for the types of fundraisers we can participate in off-base. Additionally, we applied for and were granted State tax exempt status in January 2014.

Chapter Sends Members to National PDI Held in Seattle, WA

The following members have been selected to attend the Professional Development Institute (PDI) held in Seattle, Washington 28-30 May 2014 using chapter funds:

- Kathleen Augustine
- Kristie Behling
- Zarie Flemig
- Debra Lawrence
- Rebecca Pritchett

Runner up (should something happen and one of the above cannot attend): Gay Bailey

Thank you to those who voted to approve the use of chapter funds to send 5 people to this excellent training opportunity.

For more information on PDI, visit the following links:

<http://www.asmconline.org/pdi-2/>

<http://www.pdi2014.org/>

ASMC Individual Achievement Award Winner

Congratulations goes to Sara Betz for winning the Individual Achievement Award in the functional field of Budgeting at the chapter level!

Sara served as the Edwards Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL), Aerospace Systems Directorate, Financial Management Division, Reimbursement Budget Authority (RBA) Team Lead. She executed over \$45M of reimbursable funds and demonstrated superb knowledge and leadership skills, providing outstanding financial management oversight. Sara implemented an incoming funding document checklist to incorporate the new Financial Improvement Audit Readiness (FIAR) directives. During the RBA FIAR audits, she meticulously provided supporting documentation which resulted in no negative findings and a 100% rating. Sara has assisted, mentored, and trained three team members and six coworkers on reimbursement procedures and processes.

Please join us in congratulating Sara on her achievements!

Chapter Leadership Award Winner

We're pleased to announce that Rebecca Pritchett has been selected as the High Desert Chapter Leadership Award Winner. We have submitted her package to National, where she will compete with the other Chapter winners.

Rebecca has consistently stepped up in a leadership role within High Desert Chapter. Serving as Treasurer, she set up an accounting system that had not existed prior to her tenure - then she went back as far as 2007 to input transactions so that our organization would have an historical record of our financial condition. Once that was completed, she tackled the task of obtaining 501(c)(3) (tax exempt) status for the Chapter, an endeavor that involved 14 months of correspondence with the IRS. Rebecca was successful in obtaining this status a few months ago, bringing our organization into compliance with current tax regulations.

The accounting and tax status was a huge job in and of itself, but Rebecca did not stop there. She took the lead as "constitutional scholar" for our chapter, performing comprehensive reviews and revisions of our Constitution and By-Laws, ensuring that we remain in compliance with our governance documents.

And the list goes on...! Rebecca has served as Chairperson of the Election Committee for the last seven years, has served on the ASMC Scholarship Committee since 2008, maintains the Chapter website, and serves as photographer for many of the Chapter events.

Rebecca truly deserves the Chapter Leadership Award, and we wish her success as she competes at the National level.

Thank you, Rebecca, for your dedication to High Desert Chapter!

Newly Renovated Chapter Website, Including Photo Gallery

After much anticipation, the ASMC High Desert Chapter website has been completely redesigned. Take a look!

<http://www.highdesertasmc.com/>

Note: if accessing from a government computer, you will need to click on "I Trust This Website" to view it. We will be looking into what paperwork needs to be filled out to disable the warning for this website in the future. If you have any ideas for content to add to the website, please contact Rebecca Pritchett.

The website also has a link to our very own Chapter Photo Gallery. If you have any pictures you'd like to add to the gallery, contact Rebecca Pritchett and she will set you up with a login in order to be able to upload your photos. She will also need your personal email address. Likewise, if there are any pictures currently displayed that you DON'T want included in the photo gallery, contact Rebecca Pritchett and she will remove any photos you wish to be removed.

SharePoint

The Board had also been researching getting a SharePoint site for the chapter. With the help of Jessica Chao to get the appropriate approvals and set up the basic template for the site, we now have our very own High Desert Chapter SharePoint site!

<https://org.eis.afmc.af.mil/sites/412tw/FM/ASMC/>

This will help tremendously with being able to share briefings from our monthly meetings and other important information without clogging everyone's email, and to be able to reference easily later. If you are unable to access the SharePoint site or have any ideas for additional content to be added to the site, please contact Rebecca Pritchett.

Next Meetings

- 22 May 2014 – Membership Drive BBQ
- 18 June 2014 – Speaker: Candy Good, Topic: Learning Management System