



Baltimore Chapter Association of Graduates U.S. Air Force Academy



Chapter News and Updates

Spring 2021

Life begins again....

The days are getting longer, gardens are being started, and there are vaccinations to be had! It truly feels like this long dark experience is starting to move behind us, even as we remember and honor those who have not survived. May their memories be a blessing to all of us.

Speaking of life beginning again, elections for the Board of Directors for the AOG have just completed (we should get the official announcement next week) and the Chapter is stirring back to life as well. Leadership elections are coming up and we need nominations. Look for an email letting you know when the nominations page is up on our website.

With gratitude to each of you, for what you do

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AOG Elections

The AOG election is now over. So when will we know the outcome? Soon! In fact, now. The results published on the BOD website indicate that both bylaw amendments passed and that the five new Board members are:

Hans Much, '66

Ginny Caine Tonneson, '80

Brian Bishop, '83

Kendra Lowe, '01

Emma Przbyslawski, '10

There are two outstanding Board seats that are filled by appointment, but those names have not yet been published. Here's hoping Jeff Kubik gets named to one of them.

The voting range was pretty interesting. The participation rates per decade were:

60s (which includes 1959)	65.8 %
70s	61.2 %
80s	50.5 %
90s	38.0 %
Oughts	31.2 %
Teens	21.2 %

The winners for each decade are: 1969, 1975, 1982 (Best in Blue), 1991, 2009, and 2010.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the election, either as a candidate or a voter. This year, the process seemed to be more intense than usual, which may be a good sign for things to come. It seemed like there was a record number of candidates and some interesting electioneering activities, including a series of online interviews and 'town hall' type meetings with candidates. The increased involvement of the candidates with the community can only be a good thing, since their job is to represent us and our values. In that light, please don't hesitate to reach out to any or all of them if you have concerns. You can find out how to contact them (assuming you don't already have their contact data) through the BOD website:

<https://www.usafa.org/AOG/Contact>

or by logging on to the Register of Graduates and looking them up, assuming they have kept their contact data current. Speaking of which, is your data current? If not, you can update it here:

<https://members.usafa.org/page.aspx?pid=254&bm=345612913>

Chapter Elections

Our Chapter operates on a July to June schedule, which means that we have our own elections coming up.

The call for nominations for officers and members of the Board of Directors was supposed to begin in January (oops....), with the elections being held in the Spring, to take effect on July 1. Please think about nominating yourself or someone for these roles. You can read more about the

positions at <http://baltimore.usafachapters.org/bcaog-election-information.html>. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Schedule is:

January to May: Nominations open

June: Vote

July 1: new (or repeating) officers take over

Stay tuned for an email with links.

Chapter Activities

Anyone up for some Chapter activities? Here are some ideas:

— A gardening club that meets once in a while via Zoom to talk about planting schedules, ideas, no mow lawns, pollinators, and other fun things

— A cooking club that meets once in a while via Zoom to talk about recipes, ingredients, kitchen hacks, sources of exotic ingredients, and other cool things

— An investment club that meets once in a while via Zoom to talk about investment strategies, retirement planning, insurance, estate planning, and other important things

Do you have an idea? Do you want to participate? Let us know!

How to Register for a Vaccination

There are many, many ways you can register for a vaccination. Here are some of them:

- <https://coronavirus.maryland.gov/pages/vaccine>
- <https://living.aahs.org/community-vaccine-clinics/>
- <https://www.umms.org/bwmc/coronavirus/get-vaccine>
- <https://aahealth.org/covidvaccines/>

You can also register for a vaccine at Walgreens, CVS, and other pharmacies. Some medical practices are also offering the vaccine. Good luck!

Founders Day 2021 Planning

Founders Day 2020 was put on indefinite hold because of the pandemic, even though some of us had registered for the event using the online CVent registration form. The date for the event this year is still not set, since we are not yet out of the pandemic woods. However, the planning team has committed to pick up right where we left off last year, so when things do open up, we should be able to move at light speed. Stay tuned!

BCAOG Organizational Structure

The BCAOG is incorporated as a **tax-exempt** nonstock corporation. The stated purpose of the corporation is:

“To further the principles and welfare of the USAF Academy and its graduates through service to the community, country, and to fellow graduates.”

The official address of the organization is 821 West Benfield Road, Suite One, Severna Park, MD 21146. The official name of the corporation is Baltimore Chapter of the USAFA Association of Graduates, Inc. The registered agent of the corporation is Steven Berger, '76, who also serves as Secretary. The following individuals currently hold leadership positions in the corporation.

President: **Todd Raines, '85**
Vice-President: Chris Jones, '03
Secretary: Steve Berger, '76
Treasurer: Lou Nolan, '86
Networking Coordinator: Jeff Kubik, '93
Chairman of the Board: **Jeff Kubik, '93**

Board Members

Mark Zabloutny, '71
Mike Cunningham, '76
Steve Miller, '77
Bill Barry, '79
vacant
Kirk Hunigan, '82
Julie Ryan, '82
Todd Raines, '85
Raul Cisneros, '86
David Halla, '87
Joe Morgan, '59, Emeritus

Officers serve yearly. Members of the Board serve terms of three years.

To submit material to the Newsletter:

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<http://www.baltimore.usafachapters.org>