

# THE AIR POWER LEAGUE

Incorporated in the District of Columbia

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June 29, 1945

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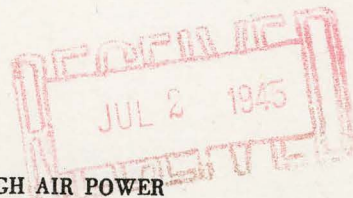
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2. **Tax deductions by donors (individual and company) for contributions made to the League;**
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The Air Power League  
350 Fifth Avenue  
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Gentlemen:

Reference is made to the evidence submitted for use in determining your status for Federal income tax purposes.

You were incorporated on December 18, 1944, under the laws of the District of Columbia for the following declared purposes:

"(1) To promote wide and continued interest in, and study of, the influence of air power in world affairs;

"(2) To develop public comprehension of the important role of the United States Air Forces in establishing and preserving world peace;

"(3) To foster broad understanding of the importance to national security of adequate United States Air Forces;

"(4) To emphasize and stimulate progress in all fields of importance to the maintenance of United States Air Forces requisite for the Nation's security and its part in the preservation of world peace;

"(5) To encourage research, experimental and developmental activities in fields of importance to military aviation of the United States; and

"(6) To carry on any other educational and scientific activities designed to further the foregoing objects."

You have not yet commenced any activities. However, your constitution provides that you may publish a magazine or other periodical and circulate the same, with or without charge to your members and, if deemed advisable, to the public as well, publish and circulate such other literature as your board of directors may deem advisable, provide speakers on subjects germane to your policy objectives and arrange for their appearances at meetings of any kind, public or private whether or not sponsored by you or in any way identified with you, establish or provide scholarships in such amounts and at such

colleges, universities or scientific or technical schools as your board of directors may deem advisable to stimulate training or research in the field of aviation. Also, you may annually award "The Air Power League Trophy" to the individual selected by your board of directors to have made, during the preceding year, the most significant contribution to the cause of military aviation in the United States, sponsor and seek national observance and celebration of an annual "Air Force Day" and sponsor, assist and participate in the observance and celebration thereof, sponsor, assist and participate in flying exhibitions in furtherance of your policy objectives, establish, maintain, assist or sponsor a national museum devoted to aid exhibits and other displays calculated to further your policy objectives, assemble a library of publications and information germane to your policy objectives, cause studies to be made thereof and make the same available to your members, to interested organizations and to the public generally, and sponsor, endorse, advise, generally cooperate with and financially assist other organizations as your board of directors may, from time to time, deem advisable and in furtherance of your policy objectives. It has been stated in your behalf that you will not engage in propaganda or otherwise attempt to influence legislation.

It is the opinion of this office, based on the information furnished and outlined above, that if you are operated strictly in accordance with your stated purposes, you will be exempt from Federal income tax under the provisions of section 101(6) of the Internal Revenue Code as an organization organized and operated exclusively for educational and scientific purposes.

Accordingly, you will not be required to file income tax returns unless you change your character or the purposes for which you were organized, engage in any activities not contemplated by your stated purposes, or attempt in any way to influence legislation.

Since any organization which is exempt from Federal income tax under the provisions of section 101 of the Internal Revenue Code also is exempt from the capital stock tax pursuant to the express provisions of section 1201(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code, you will not be required to file capital stock tax returns for future years so long as the exemption from income tax is effective.

Furthermore, under substantially identical authority contained in sections 1426 and 1607 of the Code, the employment taxes imposed by such statute will not be applicable to remuneration for services performed in your employ so long as you meet the conditions prescribed above for retention of an exempt status for income tax purposes.

You will be required, however, to file annually, beginning with your current accounting period, an information return on Form 990 (revised 1944) with the collector of internal revenue for your district so long as

you are exempt from income tax. This form may be obtained from the collector and is required to be filed on or before the fifteenth day of the fifth month following the close of your annual accounting period.

Contributions made to you will be deductible by the donors in arriving at their taxable net income in the manner and to the extent provided by section 23(o) and (q) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Bequests, legacies, devises or transfers, to or for your use will be deductible in arriving at the value of the net estate of a decedent for estate tax purposes in the manner and to the extent provided by sections 812(d) and 861(a)(3) of the Code. Gifts of property to you will be deductible in computing net gifts for gift tax purposes in the manner and to the extent provided in section 1004(a)(2)(B) and 1004(b)(2) and (3) of the Code.

Since the activities of an organization are a material factor in determining whether or not it is organized and operated in accordance with the several provisions of law referred to herein, you should, after your first complete year of operation, complete and file with the collector of internal revenue for your district, Form 1023, accompanied by a classified statement of your receipts and expenditures during the year, a complete statement of your assets and liabilities as of the close of the year, and a specimen copy of each book, pamphlet, circular or other printed matter published or distributed by you during the year, including letters or other written matter used in soliciting the support and cooperation, financial or otherwise, of individuals and corporations. It will not be necessary, for you to again submit copies of your certificate of incorporation, constitution and bylaws. However, any amendments, including change in name, should be submitted. Upon receipt of this information, it will be considered and a determination will be made of whether or not you are both organized and operated exclusively for the purposes specified, and within the other restrictions contained in the several sections of law specified above.

The collector of internal revenue for your district is being advised of this action.

By direction of the Commissioner.

Very truly yours,

  
Deputy Commissioner

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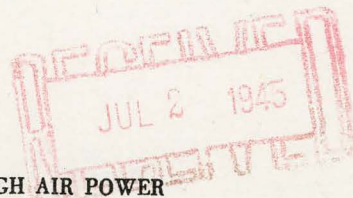
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Minutes of Special Meeting of Directors  
Eglin Field, Florida, June 7th & 8th, 1945

A Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of The Air Power League was held, pursuant to notice, at Bacon's Hotel, near Eglin Field, Florida, at 8 P.M. on June 7th, 1945.

Present: Messrs. Bell  
Bierwirth  
Carroll  
Damon  
Davis  
C. S. Jones  
W. A. Jones  
Kettering  
Litchfield  
Meigs  
Parks  
Parrish  
Rickenbacker  
Sewall  
Springs  
Wilson, President.

Executives of the League present:

Messrs. Angus  
Frazer  
O'Rourke

Present as guest:

William A. M. Burden,  
Assistant Secretary of Commerce

The President presided, and Mr. Angus, Secretary, recorded the minutes.

The minutes of the meeting of the Directors held March 22, 1945 were approved.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was

RESOLVED, that Dr. Jerome C. Hunsaker and Mr. William Randolph Hearst, Jr. be and hereby are elected Directors of the League to take full office on December 18, 1945.

Mr. Wilson then reported on several recent meetings in Washington. He informed the Board that Army officials had approved the proposed campaign to solicit substantial contributions for the League from industry; that General Arnold was anxious to have established a museum for air, in which the planes and equipment of this war can be preserved, and had suggested this as a most important educational activity of the League; that President Truman had been advised of the League's purposes and of its projected methods of operation and had expressed complete approval; and that the Treasury Department had unofficially advised it would rule the League tax-exempt.

He pointed out that the Treasury decision would open the way to an active and open financing program. After considerable discussion it was decided that the President should appoint three or more Directors to serve as a Financing Committee and to draw up specific recommendations as to the amount of money required, the means by which it should be raised and the purposes for which it should be used.

(Note: A few days after the meeting the president appointed Mr. John Bierwirth, Chairman and Messrs. W. A. Jones, P. W. Litchfield, Ralph Damon, Donald Douglas, Donald Davis, and Irving Olds, Members, of the Financing Committee)

Mr. Bell, as Chairman of the Committee on State and Local Organizations, then reported that Mr. O'Rourke had presented to the Committee a plan for the founding of local clubs. At his request, Mr. O'Rourke described this plan, pointing out that it followed very closely the plan of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, which has been notably successful. He observed that the current League staff could not hope to handle the volume of organizational work called



a field staff. Mr. Bell emphasized that the plan did not yet constitute a recommendation by his Committee, but that, subject to an expression of the views of the Board, they believed it worthy of careful investigation.

There ensued an extended discussion encompassing also other subjects, including affiliation with the Civil Air Patrol, the experience of the National Aeronautic Association, possible competition with existing local organizations, the desirability of a large membership in the League itself, the possible absorption of the Air Forces Aid Society and other matters, including much detailed comment with respect to the voting provisions included in the plan as presented.

On motion, the meeting adjourned at midnight to reconvene the next day at the call of the President.

  
Secretary

Adjourned Special Meeting of the  
Board of Directors

The Special Meeting held June 7, 1945 reconvened, pursuant to call of the President, at 8:30 P.M. in the Officers' Beach Club, Eglin Field. All who were present on the preceding day attended the reconvened meeting and, in addition, Mr. Moseley was present.

The President asked Mr. Carroll to report on various legal matters submitted for action by the Board.

Mr. Carroll stated that, of the statutory twenty members of the Board, Dr. Hutchison had died and Mr. Cowles and Mr. Russell had tendered their resignations.

Thereupon, on motion duly made and seconded, it was

RESOLVED, that Merrill C. Meigs be and hereby is elected a Director

of the League to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Dr. Hutchison, that the resignations of Messrs. Cowles and Russell be and hereby are accepted and that Messrs. Parrish and Litchfield (heretofore elected to take full office December 18, 1945) be and hereby are elected Directors of the League to fill the vacancies caused by said resignations.

The following resolutions were thereupon moved, seconded and duly adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Constitution of the League be amended by changing the word "Force" to "Power" in Article I, Article XIII and in the title and body of Article XIV; by deleting the word "the" in paragraph (2) of Article II; by changing the word "Forces" to "Power" in paragraphs (2) and (3) of said Article II; by changing the words "United States Air Forces" to "the Air Power" in paragraph (4) of said Article II; by inserting the words "and naval", after the word "military", in paragraph (5) of said Article II; and by inserting the words "or naval", after the word "military", in Article XIII.

RESOLVED, that the second paragraph of Article III of the Constitution be amended to read as follows:

"The seal may be affixed by impression or attachment.

It may be reproduced on publications and stationery of the League and may be used in reproduction by affiliated organizations when and as authorized by the Board of Directors."

RESOLVED, that Article IX of the Constitution be amended to read as follows:

"ARTICLE IX

Chapters and Affiliates

The League may provide for the establishment of State or local

Chapters or other organizations in the District of Columbia and the several states and the territories and possessions of the United States. The form of organization and activities of State or local Chapters or other organizations may be defined, limited and encouraged as the Board of Directors may, in each instance, from time to time, deem advisable and in furtherance of the policy objectives of the League.

The League may also grant affiliation to suitable organizations upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Directors may deem advisable and may extend to any affiliate such benefits and privileges as the Board of Directors may, in each instance, from time to time, deem advisable and in furtherance of the policy objectives of the League."

RESOLVED, the second paragraph of Article XX of the Constitution be amended to read as follows:

"This Constitution, including any part adopted, amended or enlarged by the subscribers to the Certificate of Incorporation of the League or by its Members, may also be amended, enlarged or repealed by the Board of Directors, or by any Committee thereof to which may have been delegated either specific power to such effect or the powers of the Board generally, at any meeting of the Board or of such Committee the notice of which shall have included notice of the proposed amendment, enlargement or repeal."

RESOLVED, that Article I of the By-laws be amended by adding thereto a new Section numbered 8, as follows:

"Section 8. National Benefactors: The Board of Directors may, in its discretion, designate as a national benefactor any organization which shall subscribe to the policy objectives of the League, and

shall make substantial financial contribution to the treasury of the League, and any such designation shall continue for such time and upon such terms and conditions as the Board may generally, or in specific instances, determine.

National Benefactors shall not be entitled to vote or to exercise any other right or any privilege of a Member of the League."

RESOLVED, Section 1 of Article IV of the By-laws be amended to read as follows:

"Section 1. Constitution and Powers: The Board of Directors may appoint an Executive Committee to consist of the President, ex-officio, and four or more other Directors, which Committee when the Board of Directors is not in session, shall have and may exercise or sub-delegate all the powers of the Board of Directors in the management of the business and affairs of the League, including power to take all such action and all such other powers and discretion as are expressly appointed to the Board of Directors by law, or by the Constitution or by these By-laws. Half or more of the Members of the Committee at the time in office shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and the act of a majority of the Members present at any duly called meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Committee, provided, that, if any member of the Committee shall object to any proposed action, he may, at any time before the close of the meeting at which the same is taken, notify the meeting that he elects to appeal the same to the Board of Directors, whereupon the proposed relevant action of the Committee shall be suspended unless and until the same shall be approved by the Board of Directors at a meeting, or by majority of the Directors upon written submission in form approved by counsel after consultation with the appealing member and the chairman of the meeting.

RESOLVED, that Section 3 of Article IV of the By-laws be amended to read as follows:

"Section 3. Change of Number and Vacancies: The Executive Committee may increase the number of its members or may decrease the same to not less than those at the time constituting its membership, but not less than five. Any vacancy in the Executive Committee, whether caused by increase in the number of its members or by death, resignation or expiration of the term as Director of any of its members, may be filled by the Committee.

Any change so made in the number or constitution of the Committee shall continue in effect unless and until revised by the Board of Directors at any subsequent meeting."

RESOLVED, that the second paragraph of Article IX of the By-laws be amended to read as follows:

"These By-laws, including any adopted, amended or enlarged by the subscribers to the Certificate of Incorporation of the League or by its Members, may also be amended, enlarged or repealed by the Board of Directors, or by any Committee thereof to which may have been delegated either specific power to such effect or the powers of the Board generally, at any meeting of the Board or of such Committee, the notice of which shall have included notice of the proposed amendment, enlargement or repeal."

The President then declared that since more than two-thirds of the Board of Directors were present and said resolutions had been unanimously adopted, the Constitution and By-laws were duly amended as therein set forth.

The President then reported that at the last meeting of the Executive Committee the following persons had been elected Directors of the League

to take full office on December 18, 1945.

John L. Collyer  
W. Alton Jones  
P. W. Litchfield

C. C. Moseley  
Irving S. Olds  
Wayne W. Parrish

Thereupon, on motion duly made and seconded, it was

RESOLVED, that this Board approves the selection by the Executive Committee of Messrs. Collyer, W. A. Jones, Litchfield, Moseley, Olds and Parrish as Directors of the League to take full office December 18, 1945.

Mr. Bell then stated that it was the recommendation of his Committee that the plan presented the previous day be tentatively adopted and that further consideration be given thereto, except that no recommendations were made to the voting provisions contained in the plan.

There ensued an extended discussion in the course of which fear was expressed as to possible conflict with existing organizations.

Thereupon, on motion duly made and seconded, it was

RESOLVED, that the President appoint a Committee to consider affiliation with existing organizations and the composition of differences or conflicts therewith.

The President appointed Messrs. Charles Jones, Chairman, Parrish, Damon, Moseley and Bell to constitute a committee on affiliation.

Thereupon, on motion duly made and seconded, it was

RESOLVED, that the proposal submitted by Mr. O'Rourke for the Committee on State and Local Organizations is hereby accepted, with the exception that the present method of voting contained in the Constitution and By-Laws be not changed.

It was further resolved that the Committee is hereby authorized and directed to proceed with the establishment of a few local organizations, for test purposes, before a national program be undertaken.

There was a discussion of publicity and the subject was left to the Executive Committee for action at an appropriate time.

There was a discussion of booklets for schools and of the possibility of having all veterans of the air services become life members of the League at a blanket fee of \$1 apiece. The Finance Committee and the Executive Committee were directed to keep these questions in mind.

On motion, the meeting adjourned at 10 P.M.

Howard Whangus  
Secretary

[encl. 6/29/45]

THE AIR FORCE LEAGUE

Special Meeting of the Board of Directors

A Special Meeting of the Board of Directors was held at 10 A. M. on February 3, 1945 on the 48th Floor of 570 Lexington Avenue, New York, N. Y.

Present: Messrs. Wilson, President  
Bell  
Bierworth  
Carroll  
Hutchison  
Parks  
Rickenbacker

The Secretary presented a copy of the Notice of the Meeting and stated that the same had been mailed to all Directors at least a week previous to the meeting.

In the absence of a quorum, the Directors present adjourned the meeting to March 3, 1945, at the same time and place.

Howard W. Angus  
Secretary



## THE AIR FORCE LEAGUE

### Special Meeting of the Executive Committee

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held at 10 A.M. on February 3, 1945 on the 48th Floor of 570 Lexington Avenue, New York, N. Y.

Present: Messrs. Wilson, President  
Bell  
Bierworth  
Carroll  
Rickenbacker

Col. Angus, Secretary

Absent: Messrs. Damon  
Russell

Other Directors Present: Messrs. Hutchison  
Parks

Present by Invitation: Mr. Mosier, representing  
Mr. Damon  
Mr. Sheldon, of Messrs. Shearman  
& Sterling

The Secretary stated that Notice of the Meeting had been given to all Members of the Committee not less than five days before the Meeting.

The Chairman stated that the proposal to change the name of the League to "The Air Power League" and to make the corresponding changes in the Constitution, which were referred to in the Notice of the Directors Meeting called for the same time as the Committee Meeting, had been approved by Secretary Forrestal and Admiral of the Fleet King and that, with these changes, the Navy would endorse the League. He further stated that he had personally presented the proposed changes to General of the Army Arnold who had stated that they were acceptable to him. It was explained that the change of name could be effected by act of 14 Directors without a meeting but that the Constitution could only be amended by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Board at a meeting. The President stated that Colonel Angus believed it important to publish the Constitution in the amended form in the near future and suggested that, if the concurrence of substantially all the Board was obtained, it would seem that such publication might be made without awaiting the technical action required for formal amendment.

It was thereupon,

RESOLVED, that this Committee recommends that, in order to meet the views of the Navy, the name of the League be changed to "The Air Power League".

RESOLVED, that this Committee approves the corresponding changes in the Constitution set out in the Notice of the February 3, 1945 Directors Meeting and, subject to the concurrence of substantially all Directors, approves publication of the Constitution in its amended form without awaiting formal action by the Board.

The President then referred to the proposed By-law amendment relative to Charter Membership set forth in said Notice of Directors meeting. The desirability of being able to make exceptions with respect to the amount of the initial payment was recognized by all present but it was deemed preferable to omit the words "who has, in the opinion of the Board, made significant contribution to the cause of aviation" which were included in the proposed amendment contained in the Notice of the Directors Meeting called for February 3, 1945. It was decided, subject to approvals as in the case of the proposed amendments to the Constitution, to regard this change as being presently in effect without awaiting formal action by the Board.

Colonel Angus then stated that acceptances to invitations to Charter Membership had been received from 91 persons and read a list of names which included the names of one applicant for senior membership and 4 applicants for regular membership.

It was thereupon

RESOLVED, that the persons named for Charter Membership in the list now presented to this meeting be and they hereby are admitted as Charter Members of the League, and that the invitations heretofore extended to them be and the same hereby are ratified; and that the other persons named on said list be and they hereby are admitted as Members of the classes respectively designated.

Colonel Angus made a general report of his activities and progress and recommended that to assist in the development of the work along various lines there be appointed Committees on (1) Membership, (2) Scholarships, (3) Awards, (4) Air Power Day, (5) State and Local Organizations, and (6) Publications.

It was thereupon

RESOLVED, that there are hereby constituted the following Committees, and that this Committee hereby sub-delegates to such Committees all power and discretion of the Board of Directors with respect to the matters respectively indicated and such other matters as each Committee may regard as incidental thereto:

- (1) Membership Committee: - To receive applications and proposals for admission to Membership; to grant admission to Membership; to issue invitations for Charter Membership; to fix the initial payment by any Charter Member at such amount less than \$500 as may be deemed advisable in isolated specific instances; to ratify invitations to Charter Membership issued on behalf of the League; and to consider and report to the Board or the Executive Committee ways and means of increasing Membership.
- (2) Scholarship Committee: - To investigate and consider awards of scholarships; to formulate the terms of awards; to consider the amounts and purposes of scholarships; and to report thereon to the Board or the Executive Committee.
- (3) Awards Committee: - To investigate and consider methods of assembling and classifying information as a basis for the annual award of "The Air Power League Trophy"; to consider the nature of the award and the time and manner of presentation; to recommend annually a recipient therefor; to consider and make recommendations with respect to other awards which might be made by the League; and to report thereon to the Board or the Executive Committee.
- (4) Air Power Day Committee: - To take steps looking to distinguished endorsement of Air Power Day and proclamation thereof; to consider methods of observance and celebration thereof; and to report thereon to the Board or the Executive Committee.
- (5) State and Local Organizations Committee: - To investigate various methods of State and local organization; to consider individuals for selection as heads and other officers of State and local organizations; to assist in every way in the development of State and local organizations; and to report thereon to the Board or the Executive Committee.

- (6) Publications Committee: - To investigate and consider the purchase or initiation of a magazine; to consider the desirability of other publications and the manner of circulating the same; and to report thereon to the Board or the Executive Committee.

RESOLVED, that the President appoint as Members of the foregoing Committees such and so many persons, whether or not Directors, as he may deem advisable.

There was an extensive discussion of the annual dues charged Regular Members and, while it was recognized that an increase in the minimum dues would curtail the number of Members, it was the sense of the meeting that an increase in the minimum figure would tend to create a Membership with more interest in the League and that such increase would be desirable except in the case of ex-service members.

It was thereupon

RESOLVED, that this Committee recommends that the By-law provision relative to classes of Membership be changed to fix the annual dues of Regular Members at \$5 and to create a new class of "Ex-Service Members" with annual dues of \$3.

The Treasurer reminded the Committee that the League's account in The New York Trust Company was subject to check by the President alone or himself alone and recommended that arrangements be made whereby the Executive Vice-President alone could draw funds for current operating expenses. There was a discussion of restricting the amount which might be so drawn but it was pointed out that if a separate account was established, in which deposits might only be made by transfer from the principal account, the President and the Treasurer would have complete control of the amount placed at his disposal by such transfers.

The following recital and resolutions were thereupon adopted:

WHEREAS, the Subscribers to the Certificate of Incorporation of the League, at their meeting held December 18, 1944, adopted four resolutions appointing The New York Trust Company depository of the League,

RESOLVED, that an additional account be opened with the branch of said depository at 277 Madison Avenue and

that said depository is directed to honor and pay checks, drafts and other instruments or orders for the payment of money drawn against said branch account when signed by the President or the Treasurer or the Executive Vice-President of the League, signing alone; but that no deposits be accepted to the credit of said account except in the form of checks on, or other transfers from, the account of the League in the main office of said depository;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that, except as expressly modified with respect to said branch account by the foregoing Resolution, said four Resolutions of the Subscribers to the Certificate of Incorporation of the League be and are hereby in all respects ratified and confirmed.

Mr. Parks reported that Aeronautical Training Society had outlived its usefulness by reason of the disbanding of the Civilian Pilot Training Schools, that it had in its treasury in excess of \$100,000 over and above all its commitments and that he believed its members would be glad to turn its remaining funds over to the League. He recommended that their interest be first aroused by invitations to Charter Membership, that he be kept advised of the responses to such invitations and that, at the proper time, he would be glad to take up the question of turning the funds over to the League. Mr. Mosier stated that he had talked to several members of the organization and that they had all indicated that they believed the League was the proper place for their funds to go.

It was decided that a well-known public accounting firm should be obtained to set up the accounts of the League and to make periodic audits thereof. The President undertook to discuss the subject with appropriate firms with a view to having the work done on a non-profit basis.

It was decided that Colonel Angus should monthly furnish all Members of the Board with a list of persons who had accepted invitations to Charter Membership and persons who had been invited to Charter Membership but had not accepted, it being expected that each Member of the Board would write personally to men of his acquaintance whose names appeared on such lists and would issue invitations to desirable prospective Charter Members whose names were suggested by the names appearing on such lists. The importance of this procedure was stressed because of the belief that it would be impractical to start nation-wide activities or to solicit annual Memberships until a large reserve had been paid in.

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REPORT ON EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE AIR POWER LEAGUE, MAY 18, 1945.

Mr. Angus submitted figures showing the total membership of the League, the numbers in each group being as follows:

<u>Class of Membership</u>	<u>Number of Members at May 14, 1945</u>
Charter	181
Senior	5
Sustaining	6
Contributing	12
Regular	13 (note 1)
Veteran	<u>81</u>
Total	<u>298</u>

Notes:

1. Four regular members contributed \$3.00, having enrolled before the dues became \$5.00.

On Motion duly made and seconded, it was

RESOLVED that the following are elected Directors of The Air Power League:

John L. Collyer	C. C. Moseley
W. Alton Jones	Irving S. Olds
P. W. Litchfield	Wayne W. Parrish.

Members of the Executive Committee read and discussed the proposed platform for the League and were informed as to the changes in it desired by Army and Navy officers, as expressed by them in informal talks. It was decided that these changes were desirable and further consultation with the services was urged. Mr. Rickenbacker and Mr. Meigs were appointed to a Platform Committee to work with Mr. Angus and Mr. Frazer in the final re-drafting of a program to be submitted to the directors at the meeting at Eglin Field.

Mr. Damon called attention to the fact that no former Navy airmen are represented on the Executive Committee or on the Board of Directors. The names of several men were suggested and Mr. Angus is to extend them invitations to take part in the League's work.

The proposed bulletin of the Air Power League was examined and discussed by the Executive Committee and the general format approved. Cost of this publication was submitted by Mr. Angus and this expenditure was authorized.

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Mr. Angus informed the committee of progress in negotiations with the Civil Air Patrol League. The committee favored a merger between the CAPL and the Air Power League and recommended that General Arnold's cooperation in effecting this merger be requested.

Request made by the Aeronautical Training Society for charter membership in the League was discussed and the committee agreed that it would be desirable to have that organization represented in the League but that such representation should be on a basis of a personal membership by one or more of its officials.

A proposal was made by Mr. Frazer that the League give a dinner for General Arnold and other ranking air officers returned from the European theatre of operations, honoring them for their contributions toward Germany's defeat. The committee tentatively approved this proposal but recommended that it first be discussed with Colonel Proctor and other officers in the War Department and that some Navy air officers be included.

Howard W. Angus  
Secretary