

AOC 2019 Year End Report

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AOC MISSION

The Association of Old Crows is an organization for individuals who have common interests in Electronic Warfare (EW), Electromagnetic Spectrum Management Operations (EMSO), Cyber Electromagnetic Activities (CEMA), Information Operations (IO), and other information related capabilities. The Association of Old Crows provides a means of connecting members and organizations nationally and internationally across government, defense, industry, and academia to promote the exchange of ideas and information and provides a platform to recognize advances and contributions in these fields.

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INTRODUCTION

Over the past year, AOC has taken steps to strengthen our visibility within the EMS community by advancing international policy, programs, and professional development related to Electromagnetic Spectrum Operations in all domains. Compared to 2018, we delivered more education courses and webinars; increased our outreach to Congress, government, military and industry partners; produced a successful and profitable annual symposium and multiple face-to-face conferences; sold more exhibit booths and industry sponsorships; and saw significant growth in individual memberships. Our advocacy, outreach, events, and programmatic improvements are making an impact in the Association as a whole as well as in the EMSO community. This report is a quick glimpse at the achievements of the AOC for 2019. They are numerous and indicative of an active and financially solid program and way forward for the AOC.

2019 AOC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Northwestern Region Director - Mark Schallheim

Pacific Director – Darin Neilsen

International I Director – Sue Robertson International II Director – Jeff Walsh Southern Director – Karen Brigance

Mountain-Western Director – Sam Roberts Northeast Director – Glenn "Powder" Carlson

Past President Lisa Frugé-Cirilli



2019 AOC Board of Directors Meetings

There were three (3) face-to-face Board meetings and eight (8) Adobe Connect meetings in 2019.

| Date | Description |
|---------------|---|
| 18 January | Virtual (Adobe Connect) |
| 29 March | Virtual (Adobe Connect) |
| 25-26 April | Face-to-Face (Tucson, AZ) |
| 7 June | Virtual (Adobe Connect) |
| 1 July | Virtual (Adobe Connect) |
| 15-16 July | Face-to-Face (AOC Headquarters) |
| 6 September | Virtual (Adobe Connect) |
| 6 September | Virtual (Adobe Connect) |
| 19 September | Virtual (Adobe Connect) |
| 30-31 October | Face-to-Face (AOC Symposium - Washington, DC) |
| 6 December | Virtual (Adobe Connect) |

ANNUAL ELECTION

The annual election was conducted June 1-30, 2019 for the 2020 BoD. Winners of the election were:

- President-Elect: Glenn "Powder" Carlson
- Two (2) At-Large Directors: Haruko Kawahigashi and Brian Hinkley
- Pacific Regional Director: Rick Lu
- International 1 Regional Director: Sue Robertson

Appointed Directors: Craig Harm and Jesse "Judge" Bourque (to expire in 2020).

2020 Executive Committee (EXCOM): President, Muddy Watters; President-Elect, Glenn "Powder" Carlson; Secretary, Mark Schallheim; Treasurer, Rich Wittstruck; and appointees Mike Ryan and Bob Andrews

Appointed Foundation Board of Governors: Gary Lyke and Nino Amoroso

Outgoing Board members: Greg Patschke and Darin Nielsen

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Northeast Director – Mike Ryan (appointed to fill Powder Carlson's seat)

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STRATEGIC PLANNING

Mike Ryan and Rich Wittstruck led the strategic planning committee and throughout 2019, they had multiple meetings with Chapter officers, staff and Board members to develop the 2020 Operating Plan (OpMan 14 Appendix A). This operating plan enables Board members, committee leads, Executive Director and staff to have a common understanding of the overall objectives for the coming year. A summary of the priorities and look ahead can be found at the end of this document. The specific details can be found in OpMan 14 Appendix A online at crows.org.

AOC GOVERNING DOCUMENTS

Several OpMans (AOC's Governing Documents) were revised during 2019, the effective dates are shown in the table below. OpMans can be found on the top menu bar (under About) of the AOC home page (crows.org) after you have logged in.

| OPMAN | EFFECTIVE DATE | NOTE |
|---|-------------------|---|
| 11 – Purposes and Responsibilities | 1 Feb 2017 | |
| 13 – Bylaws of the Association of Old Crows | 16 Oct 2018 | |
| 14 – AOC Strategic Positioning | 25 July 2018 | |
| 15 – Code of Ethics | 19 Mar 2017 | |
| 16 – Meeting Minutes | 26 Apr 2019 | |
| 17 – Board/Chapter Operations | 8 Feb 2017 | |
| 18 – Non-Discrimination Policy | 31 Oct 2019 | |
| 21 – Financial Management | 17 July 2019 | |
| 22 – Reserve Fund Policy | 17 July 2019 | |
| 23 – Travel and Expense Reimbursement | 27 Sep 2016 | In Review |
| 24 – Records Retention | 8 Feb 2017 | |
| 25 – Anti-Trust Compliance Policy | 19 Mar 2017 | |
| 31 – Awards Program | 31 Oct 2019 | |
| 32 – Nominations and Election Committee | 12 Sep 2017 | |
| 35 – Audit and Inspection Committee | | Abolished; converted to charter (10/31/19) |
| 41 - Conference Planning, Operations, and Reporting | 26 Apr 2019 | |
| 51 – Conducting Classified Events | 1 Feb 2017 | |
| 71 - Membership Growth Incentive Program - Individuals | | Abolished; rolled into OpMan 72 (10/31/19) |
| 72 – Annual Chapter Recognition Program | 31 Oct 2019 | |
| 73 – Publishing Chapter Events in the JED/eCrow | 31 Oct 2019 | |
| 74 - Establishing, Maintaining and Closing AOC Chapters | 26 Apr 2019 | |
| 92 – Human Resource Management | Sept 2018 | |



FINANCIAL STATUS

The release of the 2018 independent audit report showed a \$100K loss in 2018 due to the market crash in October 2018. This market correction resulted in a loss in our investment portfolio of \$165K in 2018 and had a negative effect on the bottom line for 2018. Fortunately, the market quickly rebounded in 2019 bringing positive gains on our financial investments.

In addition to our investments, AOC had significant growth in operating revenue in 2019 and a neutral financial outcome is anticipated for the year. The 2019 audit is scheduled for April 6, 2020.

The table below shows audit report income (loss) from operations for years 2013 through 2018.

| | 2019 projected | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Revenue | ~\$3,900,000 | \$3,389,992 | \$3,440,150 | \$3,102,935 | \$3,055,950 | \$3,050,688 | \$2,477,071 |
| Expenses | ~\$3,900,000 | \$3,498,698 | \$2,975,067 | \$2,831,748 | \$2,715,962 | \$2,419,503 | \$2,417488 |
| Income (loss) from operations | ~\$0 | \$108,706 *market correction | \$465,083 | \$271,187 | \$339,988 | \$631,185 | \$59,583 |

Reserve Fund

2019 found our investments rebounding back from the \$165K loss in 2018. The Reserve Fund balance as of December 2019 is \$3,204,434; includes the funds from the sale of the building (\$2,706,709) in November 2019.

AOC HQ BUILDING

AOC AdHoc Building Committee searched and found a permanent home for HQ, an office condo at 1001 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA which offers amenities similar to a lease with the security and stability of owning.

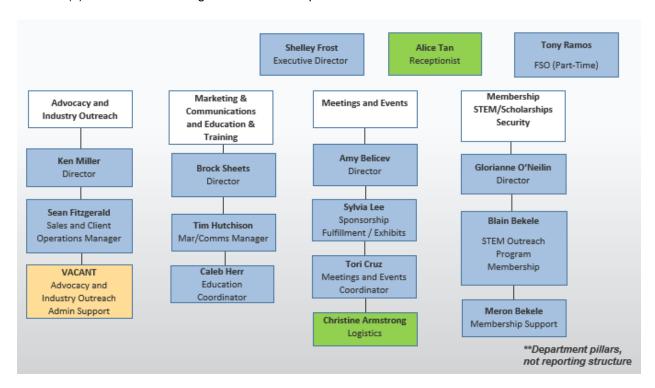
The AOC Board submitted a non-binding letter of intent to purchase unit 300 at 1001 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria on June 19, 2019 for \$2,000,000. At that time, we entered into an in-depth due diligence period and after finding no red flag items, the Board unanimously voted to purchase the unit on September 19, 2019. Settlement was on November 7, 2019.

With this purchase, we had to negotiate an early termination with the short-term lease at 1555 King Street. The Board will consider renovations to the unit in 2020 with an expected move-in date of Aug 2020.



AOC HQ STAFF

As of December 2019, the staff is composed of twelve (13) AOC employees (12 full-time and 1 part-time) and two (2) consultants. An organization chart is provided below:



2019 HQ Staff Changes

2019 was a busy year for the staff with new initiatives and increased focus on providing the best association for our members. The following changes were made in 2019:

- Cable Herr, hired on Feb 1 as the Education Coordinator
- Sylvia Lee, hired on July 1 as the Exhibit Operations Manager
- Tori Cruz, hired on September 1 as the Meetings and Events Coordinator
- Meron Bekele, hired on September 16 as Membership Support
- In 2019 we had one departing employee, Amanda Crowe, Legislative Affairs Associate, and one consultant, John Clifford, who ran AOC's global events for five years.

Other Contractor Services

Outside contractor services continued in 2019 with information technology services by TSI and bookkeeping & accounting by Consultance Accounting Services.



MEMBERSHIP

Overall individual memberships show a 5% increase and a 6% decline for industry membership compared to 2018 (see chart below). AOC continues to offer special membership dues incentives such as student memberships, active duty military and one-year memberships tied to certain AOC events/activities. The Membership Committee, consisted of Chairman, Amanda Kammier and Regional Directors, Keith Everly, Jim Pryor, Mark Schallheim, Darin Nielsen, Sue Robertson, Jeff Walsh, Karen Brigance, Sam Roberts and Glenn "Powder" Carlson.

| Membership | Dec 2019 | Dec 2018 | Dec 2017 | Dec 2016 | Dec 2015 | Dec 2014 |
|---------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| US | 10,849 | 10,419 | 10,078 | 10,340 | 10,519 | 10,726 |
| International | 2,901 | 2,643 | 2,722 | 2,493 | 2,416 | 2,261 |
| Total | 13,750 | 13,062 | 12,800 | 12,833 | 12,935 | 12,987 |
| | | | | | | |
| Industry | 217 | 230 | 221 | 211 | 205 | 200 |

The 6% drop in industry membership is due to the lack of benefits and ROI for industry partners. The benefits for membership are at the individual level and companies are choosing to pay individual membership rather than investing in the corporate membership. 2020 will continue to provide insight into to "Why be a Crow?" and will implement changes to increase both industry and individual member benefits.

Young Crow Membership

In 2017 AOC launched the "New Crow" initiative awarding free membership to individuals 25 years and younger for three years. 2020 will be the first year for converting these individuals to paid members. This initiative will be conducted over a 5-year initial trial period (ending in 2022), HQ will keep metrics and track the renewals of these individuals but will need the chapters to take responsibility to engage and retain these young members.

| 25 and younger membership | Dec 2019 | Dec 2018 | Dec 2017 |
|---------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Total | 1,014 | 591 | 90 |

AOC HQ always provides support for chapter membership drives upon request.

CHAPTERS

Strategic Roost Chapter – revitalized under the new name Ravens Roost Raven Cajun Chapter – revitalized under the name Barksdale Command Chapter Capital of Texas Crows Chapter (Austin, TX) - NEW Oklahoma Crows Chapter - Closed

Northwest Region – (5 chapters) – Frozen Crows Chapter, Joint Base Lewis McChord Chapter, Mile High Country Crows Chapter, Pikes Peak Roost Chapter, Whidbey Roost Chapter

<u>Pacific</u> – (8 chapters) – Cabrillo Crows Chapter, Diamond Head Chapter, Golden Gate Chapter, Greater LA Chapter, Mugu Crows Chapter, Santa Barbara Chapter, Silver State Chapter, Mojave Green Roost Chapter (inactive)



<u>Mountain West</u> (9 chapters) – Cochise Roost Chapter, Billy Mitchell Chapter, Dallas Chapter, Desert Sun Roost Chapter, Fort Worth Chapter, Querque Chapter, Southwestern Chapter, Golden Spike Chapter. Capital of Texas Crows Chapter

<u>Central Region</u> (6 chapters) – Crane Roost Chapter, Gateway Chapter, KittyHawk Chapter, Windy City Chapter, Air Capital Roost Chapter, Ravens Roost Chapter

Northeast (7 chapters) – Empire Chapter, Garden State Chapter, Granite State Chapter, Maple Leaf Chapter, Metropolitan Chapter, Niagara Frontier Chapter, Patriots' Roost Chapter

<u>Mid-Atlantic</u> (8 chapters) – APG Susquehanna Chapter, Capital Club Chapter, Chesapeake Bay Roost Chapter, Dahlgren Chapter, Independence Chapter, Pax River Chapter, Charlie Yankee Roost Chapter

<u>Southern</u> (8 chapters) – Dixie Crow Chapter, Emerald Coast Chapter, Green Jacket Roost Chapter, Gulf Crows Nest Chapter, Palmetto Roost Chapter, Peachtree Roost Chapter, Barksdale Command Chapter, Redstone Rebel Chapter

International I (12 chapters)

Aardvark's Roost Chapter (South Africa), Arctic Roost Chapter (Norway), De Ooievaar Chapter (Netherlands), India Chapter (India), Israeli Chapter (Israel), Roma Chapter (Italy), La Fayette Chapter (France), Red Baron Roost Chapter (Germany), Saudi Arabia Chapter (Saudi Arabia), Swiss Crows Chapter (Switzerland), UK Chapter, (United Kingdom), Viking Roost Chapter (Sweden)

International II (8 chapters)

AOC Japan Chapter (Japan), Australian Chapter (Australia), Kiwi Chapter (New Zealand), ROK Roost Chapter (South Korea); Singapore Chapter (Singapore), Taipei Chapter (Taiwan, R.O.C.), Wild Parrots Roost Chapter (Brazil) and Condor Chapter (Chile)

Membership committee is working on creating two new chapters in central Florida and Ft Campbell

2019 CHAPTER OF THE YEAR WINNERS

Large Category

Chapter of the Year Award (Tie)

Dixie Crow Chapter and UK Chapter

Distinguished Chapter

Kittyhawk Chapter

Medium Category

Chapter of the Year Award Garden State Chapter

Distinguished Chapter Awards APG Susquehanna Chapter, Patriots Roost

Chapter, Granite State Roost Chapter, Palmetto Roost Chapter, Billy Mitchell Chapter, Windy City

Chapter

Small Category

Chapter of the Year Aardvarks Roost Chapter

Outstanding Chapter Award Green Jacket Roost Chapter and

Maple Leaf Chapter

Excellent Chapter Award Pikes Peak Roost Chapter



Regional Chapter Greatest Increase Award

Northeastern Region Patriots Roost Chapter Mid-Atlantic Region Capitol Club Chapter

Southern Region Green Jacket Roost Chapter

Central Region Kittyhawk Chapter
Mountain-Western Region Fort Worth Chapter

Pacific Region Diamondhead Chapter
Northwestern Region Mile High Chapter
International Region I De Ooievaar Chapter

International Region II Taipei Chapter

CHAPTER SUSTAINMENT INITIATIVE PROGRAM – ASSISTANCE FUND (Chapter Sustainment Fund)

A chapter assistance fund was initiated in 2015 with the funds from a defunct Chapter. Monies may be disbursed to chapters with funding and/or financial needs based on stipulations contained in OpMan 74, Section II, Paragraph H. The current balance is \$53,375. A history of disbursements is provided below:

| Month/Year | Balance | Note |
|------------|----------|---|
| June 2015 | \$79,791 | Initial Funding |
| 2015 | \$78,291 | \$1,500 total disbursements |
| 2016 | \$76,291 | \$2,000 total disbursements |
| 2017 | \$72,041 | \$4,250 total disbursements |
| 2017 | \$86,729 | \$14,688 funding from closing of two chapters |
| 2018 | \$76,634 | \$10,095 total disbursements |
| 2019 | \$76,975 | \$341 funding from closing of one chapter |
| 2019 | \$53,375 | \$23,600 total disbursements |

ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM

The Annual Symposium (aka Annual Convention) was an outstanding success in 2019. The numbers below show a strong turnout in overall attendance, booth sales and although paid registrations were down, the overall full attendance numbers increased. The Convention Committee was chaired by Jesse "Judge" Bourque.

Date – October 28-30, 2019 Theme – "Building the EMS Enterprise"

The symposium venue was held at the Renaissance Downtown Hotel and DC Convention Center. New initiatives for this year's Symposium: Program Manager Briefing Series, Career Fair and Workforce Development talks; Continued from 2018: Innovation Stage; Crow's Nest; and Small Business Program.



| | 2019 (DC Conv Ctr) | 2018 (DC Conv Ctr) | 2017 (DC Conv Ctr) | 2016 (DC Conv Ctr) | 2015 (DC Conv Ctr) | 2014 (DC - Wardman Park) |
|------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| Booths | 178 | 163 | 169 | 153 | 148 | 137 |
| Companies | 120 | 103 | 107 | 98 | 100 | 95 |
| Paid Registrants | 261 | 301 | 294 | 281 | 251 | 234 |
| Full Attendance | 1,978 | 1,870 | 1,633 | 1,550 | 1,580 | 1,273 |

The 2019 Symposium estimated revenue and expenses are shown in the table below.

| | 2019 Estimates | 2018 Actual | 2017 Actual | 2016 Actual | 2015 Actual | 2014 Actual |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Paid Registrations | ~\$230,885 | \$259,958 | \$263,300 | \$235,541 | \$216,007 | \$183,175 |
| Exhibitors (includes room rentals) | ~\$1,051,117 | \$981,643 | \$972,272 | \$868,455 | \$843,575 | \$768,261 |
| Sponsors | ~\$325,450 | \$281,381 | \$177,300 | \$192,345 | \$166,240 | \$163,261 |
| Show Daily | ~\$3,000 | \$9,750 | \$17,325 | \$14,575 | \$23,150 | \$24,075 |
| Total Revenue | ~\$1,610,712 | \$1,532,732 | \$1,430,197 | \$1,310,916 | \$1,248,972 | \$1,139,184 |
| Expenses | ~710,295 | \$811,428 | \$699,021 | \$714,856 | \$684,332 | \$478,088 |
| Net Revenue/Surplus | ~\$899,417 | \$721,304 | \$731,176 | \$596,060 | \$564,640 | \$661,096 |

The additional 17 booths with booth personnel added to the increase in overall attendance.

Increased marketing efforts included an event promotional video, launching the website live early in the year and distribution of service specific postcards at industry-wide events. AOC had convention advertisements in weekly e-newsletters with *Defense News* and *Breaking Defense* and executed targeted promotions with LinkedIn to pentagon and military audiences.

2020 Symposium

December 8-10, 2020 at the DC Convention Center. Host sponsor: L3Harris

CONFERENCES

Seven (7) conferences were held in 2019. It is anticipated that AOC will host 7 conferences in 2020.

| Name of Conference | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 |
|---|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Modern Threats: SAMs Huntsville AL | Feb 5-7 321 attendees | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Collaborative EW Symposium Pt Mugu CA | Mar 2-4 620 attendees | Mar 13-15 564 attendees | April 25-27 589 attendees | April 5-7 556 attendees | Mar 31-Apr 2 629 attendees |
| Security Cooperation: EW & FMS GTRI, Atlanta GA | Apr 29-May1 234 attendees | n/a | May 15-19 265 attendees | n/a | n/a |
| Capability Gaps and Enabling | May14-16 | May 8-10 | May 9-11 | May 10 -12 | August 11-13 |
| | 313 attendees | 264 attendees | 242 attendees | 243 attendees | 261 attendees |



| Technologies Crane IN | | | | | |
|--|---------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| EW/Cyber Convergence Charleston SC | June 4-6 157 attendees | June 5-7 169 attendees | June 6-8 186 attendees | June 7 – 9 172 attendees | June 2-4 148 attendees |
| EMS Engineering and Acquisition Dahlgren VA | Sept 10-11 138 attendees | n/a | Sept 26-28 | Sept 20 -22 216 attendees | n/a |
| CEMA, APG, MD | Oct 8-10 804 attendees | Oct 23-25 761 attendees | Oct 17-19 776 attendees | Oct 18-20 770 attendees | Oct 6-8 538 attendees |
| PACOM, Honolulu, HI | n/a | Oct 9-11 233 attendees | October 17-19 223 attendees | Nov 8 – 10 204 attendees | October 20-22 187 attendees |
| Marine Corps Spectrum Maneuver Warfare Conference, Cherry Pt, NC | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | October 27-28 291 attendees |

The Board of Directors approved a chapter contribution model based on a seven-tier approach (High/Standard/Low chapter involvement).

| Net Proceeds ≥ | Net Proceeds < | Chapter Contribution |
|----------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| \$0 | \$2,500 | \$750 |
| \$2,500 | \$7,500 | \$1,500 |
| \$7,500 | \$15,000 | \$3,000 |
| \$15,000 | \$30,000 | \$6,000 |
| \$30,000 | \$45,000 | \$10,000 |
| \$45,000 | \$60,000 | \$15,000 |
| \$60,000 | | \$20,000 |

The model incorporates a tiered approach to chapter contributions based on net proceeds, after consideration of all event revenue and expenses (to include AOC staff labor). It incorporates chapter contribution caps as a management control measure to protect the best interests of AOC, while recognizing chapters who co-host AOC conference events. The model is both fair and equitable and can be applied to any AOC co-sponsored event whether it be local US chapters or international chapter events.

In instances where no profit is realized, or local community involvement is minimal, the profit share/split is typically lower (or eliminated) at the discretion of the Executive Director.

GLOBAL CONFERENCES

AOC conducted two (2) successful global conferences in 2019 providing \$334,149 revenue (see table below). Global Conferences were overseen by the International Advisory Committee, chaired by Sue Robertson, members, Jeff Walsh, David Stupples and Bob Andrews and supported by John Clifford and conference partner Clarion.



| Name of Conference | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| EW Europe (Clarion) | May13-15 | June 6 – 8 | June 6-8 | May 10-12 | May 26-28 | May 13-15 |
| , | Stockholm, Sweden | Lausanne, Switzerland | London, UK | Rotterdam, Netherlands | Stockholm, Sweden | Edinburgh, Scotland |
| | AOC Share \$315,118 | AOC Share \$305,465 | AOC Share \$254,747 | AOC Share \$173,437 | AOC Share \$170,000 | AOC Share \$142,516 |
| EW Singapore (Clarion) | Jan 29-30 | Jan 16-18 | Jan 17-19 | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| | Singapore | Singapore | Singapore | | | |
| | AOC Share \$18,929 | AOC Share \$28,684 | AOC Share \$13,935 | | | |
| AOC EW Asia (Tangent Link) | | n/a | n/a | Sept 20- 23 | n/a | March 10-11 |
| | | | | Kuala Lumpur | | Kuala Lumpur |
| | | | | AOC Share \$3,899 | | AOC Share \$65,054 |
| AOC EW Brazil (Clarion) | | n/a | n/a | n/a | April 14-17 | n/a |
| | | | | | Rio | |
| | | | | | AOC Share \$2,400 | |

2020 Global Conference Plans

- AOC EW Asia (Clarion) February 4-5, 2020 Singapore
- EW Europe (Clarion) June 16-18, 2020 Liverpool, England
- FIDEA (Brazil) March 31-April 5, 2020 Santiago, Chile
- EW GCC (Tangent Link) October 20-21, 2020 Abu Dhabi, UAE

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The AOC has embarked upon greatly expanding the educational opportunities for professional development for our members. The primary source of professional development the AOC strives to offer its members is in the form of instructor-led professional development courses, hosted and administered by the AOC. These exist in the form of Face-to-face (Live at an AOC facility), Face-to-face (Live at a customer's facility), Webbased (Live Online), and On-Demand (Recorded).

The AOC's Education Program is currently overseen by the Education and Training Committee, which includes Chair, David Stupples.

With the hiring of AOC's Education Coordinator in February 2019, initial preparations were made to move forward with the AOC's Certification Program. An initial framework was established with a benchmark of 150 credit hours of AOC Professional Development Courses to be required for Certification. The Certification



program has been titled "Certified Specialist in Electromagnetic Warfare" (CSEW). Our Learning Management System (LMS) (education.crows.org) is in place.

The catalog of on-demand courses brought in a total of 14 attendees in 2019. In 2019, four (4) face-to-face courses were offered and four (4) new courses were web-based. Additionally, the AOC provided three (3) on-site instructional courses for NASIC at Wright-Patterson, AFB & NAVAIR College at Pax River Naval Air Station. The student totals were: face-to-face = 47; On-site (live) = 60; web based (live) = 62; and on-demand = 14. With a full schedule of 13 new courses being offered in 2020, it is anticipated to increase Professional Development Course attendance.

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 |
|----------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Courses | 11 | 3 | 5 | 7 | 8 | 14 |
| Students | 183 | 85 | 51 | 111 | 152 | 227 |

2019 Professional Development Courses

| Course Name | Location (Delivery Method) | Instructor | # of Students (LIVE) | # of Students (On-demand) |
|--|------------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| DRFM Technology and Design for Electromagnetic Maneuver Warfare | WebCourse – Adobe Connect | Dr. Phillip Pace | 22 | 0 |
| Introduction to Radar Systems | WebCourse – Adobe Connect | Kyle Davidson | 23 | 1 |
| The World of Airborne Expendables and sUAS | WebCourse – Adobe Connect | Dr. Patrick Ford | 8 | 0 |
| Space EW | WebCourse – Adobe Connect | Dave Adamy | 9 | 0 |
| Fundamental Principles of EW | Renaissance Hotel – Washington DC | Dave Adamy | 13 | N/A |
| Machine Learning for EW | Renaissance Hotel – Washington DC | Kyle Davidson | 19 | N/A |
| Advanced Principles of EW | Renaissance Hotel – Washington DC | Dave Adamy | 11 | N/A |
| Electronic Countermeasures T&D | Renaissance Hotel – Washington DC | Kyle Davidson | 4 | N/A |

2019 Professional Development Courses had a total revenue of \$216,935, and expenses of \$127,788.71. Net Surplus from PDCs was \$89,146.29.



VIRTUAL SERIES (WEBINARS)

The number of webinars offered in 2019 increased to 19 with an increased revenue due to sponsorships. The 2020 webinar scheduled is already finalized with 21 webinars scheduled and a forecasted sponsorship revenue of \$200,000.

| Date | Title | Speaker(s) | Registrations | Attendees |
|------------|---|---|---------------|-----------|
| 2/7/2019 | Practical DRFM Technology and EMS Design Considerations | Dr. Phillip Pace (NPS) | 582 | 290 |
| 3/7/2019 | RWR Emitter Identification | Arthur Schwarz | 386 | 197 |
| 3/21/2019 | Radar Target Recognition and Deception | Kyle Davidson | 340 | 163 |
| 4/4/2019 | Key Topics for Operational Directed Energy Weapons | Dr. David Stoudt (DEPS) | 255 | 125 |
| 4/18/2019 | Self-Interference Cancellation: Full- Duplex Revolution | Joel Brand (Kumu Networks) | 253 | 128 |
| 5/9/2019 | Radar Cross Section (RCS) & Stealth | Dr. Clayton Stewart | 504 | 238 |
| 5/23/2019 | Expendables & UAV ES | Dr. Pat Ford (Erevno Aerospace) | 403 | 183 |
| 6/6/2019 | ELINT and RESM, getting the facts straight | Andrew Owen (R&S) | 349 | 175 |
| 6/20/2019 | Space EW 2.0 | Dave Adamy | 379 | 167 |
| 7/11/2019 | Understanding Tracking Radars | Kyle Davidson | 494 | 238 |
| 7/25/2019 | The Sunset of the Prowler | Doug Swoish, John Cryer, Rick Morgan (Prowler Association) | 170 | 85 |
| 3/8/2019 | An Introduction to Radio Direction Finding Methodologies | Paul Denisowski (R&S) | 534 | 267 |
| 8/22/2019 | Evolving to the Next Generation of Multifunctional Electronic Warfare - Part II | Matthew Orr | 322 | 144 |
| 9/5/2019 | Intro to Machine Learning for EW | Kyle Davidson | 618 | 302 |
| 9/19/2019 | Achieving SWAP-C Benefits in EW Systems using Positive Gain Slope MMIC Amplifiers | Chris Gregoire (Custom MMIS) | 102 | 43 |
| 10/3/2019 | RAF 100 Group and its EW Legacy | Dr. Thomas Withington | 200 | 105 |
| 11/7/2019 | The 3 Pillars of EW - Electronic Attack | Brian Hinkley | 401 | 217 |
| 11/14/2019 | The 3 Pillars of EW - Electronic Support | Brian Moore (RAS) | 314 | 139 |
| 11/21/2019 | The 3 Pillars of EW - Electronic Protect | Dr. Clayton Stewart | 307 | 130 |
| Totals: | 19 | | 6,913 | 3,336 |

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 |
|-------------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| Webinars | 19 | 12 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 20 |
| Attendees | 3,336 | 3,173 | 2,389 | 2,183 | 2,811 | 2,992 |
| Sponsorship | \$147,374 | \$118,982 | \$90,625 | \$84,750 | \$135,375 | \$113,425 |



ADVOCACY AND OUTREACH

The mission of the Advocacy and Outreach (A/O) program is to direct, facilitate and integrate stakeholder outreach across the Department of Defense, military, the global defense industrial base, and all of government, including Congress. The program is also charged with building relationships internationally with stakeholders from international AOC chapters. Additionally, the A/O program is charged with integrating its value objectives across all other AOC programs and initiatives.

Advocacy and Outreach was overseen by the Government and Industry Relations Committee, which includes Chairman, Jim "Hook" Pryor, and members, Sue Robertson, Rick Lu, and Jim Gigrich.

Value Objectives for Advocacy and Outreach

Value Objectives for Industry

- · Provide data, analysis, and context of defense budget
- Influence policy development in Congress and DoD
- · Educate and network Members of Congress and staff
- Provide business intelligence/market analysis for better business

Value Objectives for Congress

- · Educate Members of Congress and staff
- · Provide legislative/budget analysis and policy development
- Improve influence via congressional processes (committee and legislative)
- · Strengthen grassroots so Congress knows what's happening on the ground

Value Objectives for DoD/Military

- · Provide analysis and context on defense budget
- · Collaborate with industry and academia
- · Advocate for stronger leadership to provide authority and resources throughout DoD and the Services

2019 Accomplishments/Activities

Congress

- Conducted over 255 individual contacts, including 78 individual office meetings
- Published a monthly Advocacy Newsletter
- Organized the 3rd annual "101"-style congressional education briefing series on EMSO.
- Monitored and updated congressional contacts with the implementation of Section 1053 of the FY 2019 National Defense Authorization Act.
- Established and updated a defense budget database of EW-related programs and activities in the national defense budget.
- · Monitored Mark-ups and Hearings in the House/Senate Armed Services Committees
- Convened US Marine Corps SIGINT IPP event on Capitol Hill (April 2019)
 - Rep. Paul Cook (CA-08) was host
 - Panelist included: Mr. D. Guy Jordan, Assistant Director for Intelligence, USMC, Col Randolph Pugh, Commanding Officer, USMC Intelligence Schools, and Col Dave Burton, Program Manager, Intelligence Systems, USMC Systems Command.
- Convened a congressional briefing on Quantum Radar (August 2019)
- Organized 2nd Annual Congressional Staff Program at the 56th Annual AOC International Convention and Symposium (AOC56), which included an industry stakeholder roundtable.
- Organized and conducted the Congressional Keynote Address and Panel Discussion at AOC56.



Military Outreach

- Organized the National Defense University EW Industry Studies Program Capitol Hill Day. Met with select congressional staff including Rep. Don Bacon, Rep. James Langevin, Rep. Rick Larsen and professional staff for the House Armed Services Committee.
- Visited AFRL Sensors Directorate for meetings with program stakeholders (August).
- Visited NAS Pax River for meetings with EMS-related program managers, including PMA-231, PMA-234, and PMA-265 (September).
- Attended and presented at Kittyhawk Week to engage AFRL Sensors Directorate stakeholders (September).
- Development AOC military unit stakeholders list for coordinated outreach in 2020.
- Organized 2nd Annual NAS Pax River "young engineer" program at AOC56.
- Assisted in the establishment of the inaugural Program Managers' Briefing Series at AOC56.
- Represented AOC at the VAW/VRC Symposium (November) in support of the US Navy Carrier Airborne Early Warning Command and Control community.

Industry Outreach

- Conducted over 1000 industry contacts including sales and outreach.
- Secured AOC presence/attendance at new shows including AFCEA West, SOFIC, and Quad-A Mission Systems and Quad-A Cribbons Product Sustainment Symposium, in addition to continuing the presence at AFA and DEPS.
- Met regularly with representatives from key industry members, including BAE Systems, Raytheon, Lockheed Martin, Keysight, Northrop Grumman, and Government Affairs Offices.
- Attended Dynamic Connections 2019 General Dynamics' supply chain conference (April)
- Presented at the Lockheed Martin EW Working Group Meeting (June)
- Established the Vacuum Electronic Devices Industry Partnership Project (VED IPP)
 - Released Issue Brief on Vacuum Electronic Devices
 - Organized and moderated panel discussion on VEDs at EW Europe (May)
 - Conducted VED IPP Roundtable on Supply Chain Fragility of Rare Earth Elements at AOC56.
- Established the Self-Protection Systems/Aircraft Survivability Equipment IPP (SPS/ASE IPP)
 - Convened organization luncheon at Terma NA (August). Special guest was Mr. Alvin Greene (SAF/IA)
 - Released Issue Brief on the Evolution of Self-Protection Systems (October)
 - Organized SPS/ASE IPP Roundtable on Army ASE at AOC56. Special guest was COL Kevin Chaney, PEO IEWS ASE.
- Maintained SIGINT IPP, including USMC SIGINT Day on Capitol Hill and a roundtable discussion with Brig. Gen. Lance Landrum (EMSO CFT) at AOC56 (October).
- Organized Town Hall with Sensor Open Systems Architecture (SOSA) Consortium at AOC56 (October)
- Continued partnership with the Directed Energy Professional Society (DEPS), including exhibit booth exchange and development of symposium session at respective annual shows.

MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS

Refining crows.org and Expanded Email Marketing

2019 presented the opportunity to greatly polish the look, feel, and navigational elements of crows.org. Custom page templates led to the following page improvements:

- Mission & History
 - https://www.crows.org/page/missionandhistory

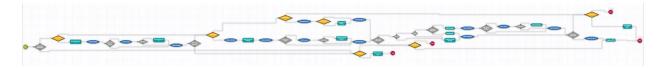


- Produced new explainer video "How the AOC Delivers on Our Mission": https://vimeo.com/368848389
- Membership:
 - Membership overview: https://www.crows.org/page/membership
 - Chapter listing: https://www.crows.org/page/chapters
 - Join Now: https://www.crows.org/page/joinnow
 - o Individual Memberships: https://www.crows.org/page/IndividualMemberships
 - o Group Memberships: https://www.crows.org/page/GroupMemberships
- Directory Pages
 - BoD: https://www.crows.org/page/boardofdirectors
 - o BoG: https://www.crows.org/page/boardofgovernors
 - o Staff: https://www.crows.org/page/AOCStaff
- Conference pages greatly improved:
 - EW Capability Gaps (Crane): https://www.crows.org/page/Crane2019
 - Cyber/EW Convergence (Charleston): https://www.crows.org/page/Charleston2019
 - o EMW (Dahlgren): https://www.crows.org/page/EMW2019
 - o CEMA (APG): https://www.crows.org/page/CEMA2019
- Advocacy pages
 - Advocacy overview: https://www.crows.org/page/Advocacy
 - SIGINT IPP: https://www.crows.org/page/SIGINTIPP
 - VED IPP: https://www.crows.org/page/VEDIPP
 - ASE IPP: https://www.crows.org/page/ASEIPP
- AOC Awards: https://www.crows.org/page/awards
- Nominations & Elections: https://www.crows.org/page/elections
- Convention:
 - 2019 Convention built on the great microsite template from 2018: https://www.crows.org/mpage/2019home
 - 2020 Convention site was already live during the 2019 event: https://www.crows.org/mpage/2020home
 - Produced 2019 Convention promo video: https://vimeo.com/356718384
 - 2019 Convention Press release:
 - https://www.businesswire.com/news/home/20191016005871/en/Association-Crows-Presents-Building-Electromagnetic-Spectrum-EMS
 - Greatly increased pre-event exposure leveraging strategic media partnerships. AOC received free marketing in exchange for various distribution levels at the Convention
 - JED
 - JED also took over the production of the Show Daily for 2019: https://www.crows.org/mpage/2019ShowDaily
 - Shephard
 - SeaPower
 - Microwave Journal
 - C4ISRNET (Defense News)

The AOC also migrated its email marketing platform to Informz during 2019. This new platform fully integrates with the AOC's membership database, so all subscribers and preferences are dynamically driven by the database. This reduced manual workflows while greatly increasing productivity and efficacy in our email marketing.



- Significantly improved WYSIWYG content editor greatly improves time spent building mass emails
- Significantly improved reporting on opens, clicks, bounces, heat maps, etc.
- Automated Campaigns with decision-tree logic to determine when/what messages individual users receive:



- For events that have registrations within the AOC database, we can capture conversions in the email marketing tool, and take action to exclude registrants from future promotional notifications
- The reporting tool allows us to automatically re-send emails with reworked subject lines to recipients that didn't open the first email greatly increasing opens and click-throughs on any given campaign.

AOC Career Center & Career Fair

The AOC Career Center (careers.crows.org) went live in March 2018 and the response has been fantastic. The new career center has become a source for additional non-dues revenue and serves to further position the AOC as the best place to come for EMSO, CEMA, & IO talent. Some highlights can be seen below:

| | 2019 | 2018 (March-EOY) |
|---|-------------|------------------|
| Job Views | 925,159 | 23,344 |
| Job Postings | 156 | 89 |
| Gross Sales (includes pre-orders of posting packages) | \$87,193.75 | \$65,658.15 |
| Net Revenue to AOC | \$26,347.58 | \$17,499.11 |

In conjunction with the 56th Annual AOC International Symposium & Convention in 2019, the AOC held its first Career Fair in more than a decade. https://www.crows.org/mpage/2019CareerFair 8 companies took part in this forum for recruitment and select companies presented workforce development sessions on the Innovation Stage! There were many lessons-learned to take away from this inaugural event, and 2020 should see the event improve greatly. The 2019 Career Fair brought in an additional \$17,379.17 in nondues revenue for the AOC.

Naylor Communications - Journal of Electronic Defense (JED) and eCrow

AOC has contracts with Naylor Communications to product the weekly electronic newsletter *e-Crow* and the monthly publication *Journal of Electronic Defense* on our behalf. The contract for *e-Crow* expires in 2021 and the contract for the *JED* expires 2024. In 2019 AOC contracted with Naylor Communications to take over the sales and management of the *Annual Symposium Show Daily* which was previously created and managed in-house. That three-year contract will expire December 31, 2021.

Additional government and legislative office addresses were added to the Naylor *JED* complimentary distribution list.



2019 AWARDS

AOC Gold Medal Recipient

The Hal Gershanoff Silver Medal Award Recipient

Col Anton D. Brees Lifetime Service Award Recipients

Joseph W. Kearney Pioneer Award Recipient AOC Technology Hall of Fame Recipients

A.C. McMullin Electronic Attack Award Jerry Sowell Electronic Protect Award

John Marks Electronic Warfare Support Award Electromagnetic (EM) Battle Management Award

Jeffrey B. Jones Cyber Operations Award

Electro-Optical/Infra-Red Award

Spec 4 James Davis Maintenance Award CTTCM Clay A Conner Training Award

Stanley B. Hall Executive Management Award Clark G. Fiester Program Management Award

Integrated Product Team Award

Test & Evaluation Award International Achievement

Military Service Award – Air Force Military Service Award – Army

Military Service Award – Coast Guard Military Service Award – Marine Corps

Military Service Award - Navy

Military Service Award – International Outstanding Unit Award – Army

Outstanding Unit Award – Marine Corps

Outstanding Unit – NATO
Outstanding Unit – Air Force
Outstanding Unit – Navy

Mr. Jay Kistler

Col Robert Lindseth, USAF (ret)

Mr. Christo Cloete and Mr. Henry Sees

Mr. Paul Boehm

Dr. Haruko Kawahigashi, Dr. K. Maheswara Reddy,

Kevin Stillwell, and Samuel Stern

CTR2 Tyler Geske, USN Mr. Joseph A. Oagaro Mr. Brian Larocca

Maj Carter Matherly, USAF

Mr. Metin Ahiskali Mr. Robert McGowan

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Mr. Cedric Gilmore

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Lt Gen Ying-Han Ma

4th Infantry Division CEMA Team

VMAQ-2

Joint ISR Branch

21st Operations Support Squadron

NIOC Whidbey Island, VAQ-135, USS Mitscher



AOC EDUCATION FOUNDATION



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Appointed Governors Gary Lyke and Brian Hinkley

2019 AOC Board of Governors Meetings

There were four (4) face-to-face Board of Governors meetings.

| Date | Description |
|----------------------|---|
| 11-12 March | Face-to-Face (Pt Mugu, CA) |
| 18-19 June | Face-to-Face (AOC Headquarters) |
| 11-12 September | Face-to-Face (AOC Headquarters) |
| 25-26 Nov and 29 Nov | Face-to-Face (AOC Symposium - Washington, DC) |

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FOUNDATION GOVERNING DOCUMENTS

The Education Foundation Governing Documents can be found on the AOC website after you login under the Foundation tab on the top bar.

SCHOLARSHIPS

In 2019, the AOC, made possible by a \$25,000 donation from Raytheon, awarded two \$12,500 scholarships to:

- 1. Tyler French Georgia Institute of Technology
- 2. Christopher Tousignant Virginia Tech



AOC partnered with an independent group at the Education and Training Center in Boston to review the applications and select two winners.

AOC Chapters gave out approximately \$180,000 in scholarship money in 2019. Between HQ and Chapters, approximately 160 individuals received some form of a scholarship from the AOC.

FINANCIAL STATUS

The AOC Foundation balance as of December 2019 is \$200,780 which includes \$25,000 donated by Raytheon for the 2020 scholarships and \$11,865 of individual or industry partner contributions in 2019 for STEM or scholarship donations.

STEM PROGRAM

STEM Vision:

Investment and development of our "young" crows through EMS STEM education programs, mentorships, and AOC events encouraging collaboration while ensuring successful growth of our "EMS Leaders of Tomorrow".

STEM Mission:

The Association of Old Crows Education Foundation 501 (c)(3) organization provides a dedicated venue for AOC Chapters to post EMS STEM events fostering open communication and the sharing of ideas through our AOC website, Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) and by hosting global STEM events to include the Annual Convention to promote our chapters, academia, industry and government.

For the fifth consecutive year, AOC held the STEM Outreach Event during the Annual Symposium. Two young crow STEM challenge winners from 2018 were able to join for a day and met with young engineers and Board members. Another STEM challenge was issued in 2019 and seven students won the challenge.

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 |
|--------------------------|------|-------|---------|---------|---------|
| Students | 997 | 1,067 | 459 | 580 | 300 |
| Schools | 21 | 18 | 12 | 8 | 8 |
| Displays | 31 | 27 | 18 | 16 | 16 |
| College Recruit Stations | 8 | 8 | 0 | 5 | 12 |
| Volunteers | 32 | 45 | 50 | Unknown | Unknown |
| New Members recruited | 144 | 98 | Unknown | Unknown | Unknown |

2020 LOOK AHEAD

Per the 2020 Annual Operating Plan, areas requiring attention in 2020 are outlined below:

ADVOCACY

- Expand outreach to peripheral EW markets in defense electronics
- Expand the AOC community of interest
- Increase AOC awareness in younger demographics



Solidity and Improve industry partnerships

EDUCATION

- Develop a comprehensive and sustainable approach to STEM education
- Leverage Government, Industry and Academia STEM programs where they align with AOC mission and objectives
- Increase quality and breadth of education program content
- Establish Certified Specialist in Electromagnetic Warfare (CSEW) program
- Assess Scholarship program and determine best return on investment

SUPPORT

- Develop AOC Chapter Toolkit to promote self sufficiency
- Publish post-conference proceedings as a service to all AOC members
- Promote chapter and membership participation in AOC Committee work
- Establish equitable approach to recognition across CONUS/OCONUS Chapters
- Initiate "Association of Old Crows" rebranding campaign
- Conduct climate survey to understand Chapter issues and challenges
- Increase membership election participation to better reflect voice of AOC
- Execute the transition into the new AOC facility