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Executive Director Corner - WINTER 2021

Greetings and salutations! What a beautiful day; mid -70's here in the Texas gateway to the hill country - Helotes, TX.

Convention 2021, was held at the Embassy Suites in Napa Valley, CA. Dan Pieschel, our Convention coordinator along with Co-host Mark Lessler with help from George Meyer, and many others did an outstanding job putting the Convention together. The best part of the convention was the camaraderie, seeing many old friends and meeting new people. Hope to see you next year for Convention 2022 {more details coming soon}. Our annual Bob Mansi golf outing was held at the Eagle Vines Golf Club. The longest drive winner was Maria Chavez and the closest to the pin was Chuck Cusick.

Congratulations to our winners!!! The golf course scenery was amazing, a little of heaven on earth. Everyone had a great time. Looking forward to having you join us next year.

During the Board of Directors Meeting and at the Annual Business Meeting the following board members were nominated and approved for 2022:

President – Gerard Dupczak **1st Vice President** – Iris Bohannon

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Welcome back and thank you all for agreeing to continuing serving AFSA-IRS and welcome to Beth Putman.

Thank you Chuck Taylor, Past President and to all of the above for their service AFSA-IRS.

If there is anything that I or the Board can do to improve please let me know. Always strive to do better. I welcome and appreciate your feedback. We are always looking for good people to get involved in AFSA please let me or any of the board members if you would like to serve on the Board or any committee. Please check our website { www.afsa-irs.org } for news, job postings and to update your contact information.

Looking forward to next year I thank you, for the opportunity to continue to serve as AFSA-IRS Executive Director. Best of health and happiness to all of you and your loved ones. Stay safe this holiday season. I pray 2022 will bring immeasurable blessings and excellent health to each of you and all of your loved ones.

Have a marvelous day.

Adieu,

~ Mary~

In Memoriam

Lennis Brinson
Wilson, NC

Raymond Sherrard
Garden Grove, CA

From the Editor

First of all, I want to apologize for the lateness of the Fall/Winter Newsletter. After the convention in NAPA, things got pretty hectic around the Brown household and editing the newsletter was pushed to the back seat. So you are obviously receiving Happy New Year instead of Merry Christmas.

As you can see, this newsletter is mainly comprised of the Scholarship news and a great summation on the convention by Dan Pieschal. Unfortunately we don't have a Chief's update or a message from our new President, Gerard Dupczak. Both of those blunders are my fault as I assumed the Chief would have a message even though he provided us one in person in NAPA. Nice for those of us who were there but unfortunately for the remaining over 1,000 members, you didn't get to hear it. I think the main message he sent is the reorganization of the headquarters and the fact that CI is hiring. I included a photo of the new headquarters realignment in Dan's convention recap. The other interesting item was the potential hiring of agents to fill about 12 classes at FLETC this next year. I know they are advertising for applicants through many sources and I've seen several on my Linked In account. The remainder of his discussion centered on the cases the agents have been working and how enthusiastic he's been with their success even through this COVID crises. No doubt we'll get a better update for the Spring Newsletter.

Gerard didn't send a President's Message because I didn't ask him for one before we left NAPA. Again, my blunder but I will say that I think Gerard is going to be a tremendous President for the organization. He's already got many ideas to help us grow and you can look forward to his first message in the Spring newsletter.

I know that many of our membership have rarely or ever attended one of our conventions and I know there are myriad reasons. I'm aware of that because I was one of you since I attended my first convention about 10 years ago. I didn't want to spend the money or I didn't think it was worth my time with all of the other options in life. My first experience was wonderful and I've attended most of the conventions since then for a couple of reasons. First of all it's a great vacation for us at sites we wouldn't ordinarily have on our bucket list to visit. NAPA was one of those since neither of us are wine people and the rare chance to visit California greatly exceeded our expectation. Secondly, we've met so many retired agents from around the country. With our posts of duty spread everywhere, we tend to know only those in our own field offices and it gives us all an opportunity to meet and spend some time with so many others with similar backgrounds. Looks like next year the convention is going to be held in the Midwest area which should be accessible for many of you. The site will be announced by email and the Spring Newsletter so think about giving it a try. I'd like to meet you.

Lastly, I've included the beginning of an article on "The 'Cowboy Cocktail': How Wyoming became one of the World's top tax havens." I can't verify anything in the article but if you would like to read the rest of it, go to the Anti Money Laundering News and Information website. The website indicates that the article is "shareable".

Forgot to mention, if you have ANYTHING you would like to submit for publication in the newsletter, send me an email or give me a call. Interesting content is always needed.

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AFSA COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

AFSA is proud to announce the following students have been selected to receive \$2000.00 AFSA Memorial Scholarships (formerly known as the Frank L. Smith Scholarship). This scholarship is awarded to qualified students with a GPA of 3.00 or above who are high school seniors or currently enrolled as fulltime in college with any major. The applications are reviewed by the scholarship committee and their recommendations are submitted to the Board for the awarding of the scholarships.

The 2021 AFSA Memorial Scholarship awardees are introduced below:



Nami Lindquist

Nami lives in the greater Seattle area with her mom, dad, and her two pets: her younger brother and her dog. She is passionate about empowerment, specifically through personal finance and financial literacy; this interest has driven many of her passion projects, most notably her efforts to increase financial literacy among young people worldwide. When she's not working on increasing financial literacy, you can find her on the golf course, rock climbing, and responding to readers of her bestselling book, *Becoming Your Own Best Friend*. Nami will be attending the University of Pennsylvania under the M&T program, where she plans on studying economics and computer science.



My name is **Eden Arsenault** and this fall I will be attending Columbia College to study Business Marketing. This past spring, I graduated from Rogers High School, in which I held many leadership positions. I was team captain of my high school volleyball team, photo editor of the yearbook, and also a part of many more clubs within the school where I participated in various community service acts. My goal in college is to obtain a Business degree, so I can start my own non-profit photography business. I'm honored and very thankful that AFSA chose me as a scholarship recipient and is giving me the opportunity to accomplish all of my dreams.



Katherine Wissel is a graduating senior from Lee's Summit, Missouri. She will be attending Missouri State University in the fall as a freshman, where she will pursue a degree in Global Studies. During her high school years, she participated in her school's swimming and track teams. She loves classical music and has played the violin for most of her life.

Katherine is excited to continue her studies at MSU and her dream is to become an immigration lawyer. She is grateful to her family who has supported and loved her, the teachers who have shared her hunger for knowledge and understanding, and to God who has been her hope and light from beginning to end. She is thankful and honored to be a recipient of the AFSA-IRS Memorial Scholarship.



My name is **Svannah Marshall**, and I am a sophomore at USC with a major in political science. I am currently involved in my university's debate team, black student association, student democrats club, and the USC women's network.

My academic goal is to attend Law School and become an attorney in order to give back to my community; I am so grateful to the AFSA-IRS scholarship committee for choosing me as a recipient as it will help immensely with reaching my goals!



Tia Ricchio and I attend UW-Madison as a Finance, Investment, & Banking major. This year was full of normal challenges such as living in the dorms away from family, difficult course schedules, and balancing my school and social life. In addition to these challenges, I also dealt with the novelty of a fully online class schedule, frequent covid testing, and intense restrictions. Overcoming these obstacles and learning to find different ways to interact, get my work done, and thrive academically was difficult at first, but once I adapted, I learned that I could make the most out of my first year of college--even during a global pandemic. Looking forward, I am super excited to live on the Southeast side of campus for my second year at Madison, join

intramural swimming, and be a part of an a capella group. I'm hoping this year will be relatively back to normal and that I will be able to cheer on my school teams at Badger games and have in-person classes again. I am so honored that AFSA chose me as a scholarship recipient and I am so thankful for their support!

JAMES F. HOWE SR. & FRANK FOTINATOS SCHOLARSHIP

AFSA is also proud to announce the recipients of \$3000.00 James F. Howe Sr. and Frank Fotinatos Scholarship awards. This scholarship was initially started and continues to be funded through the generosity of William R. Schroeder, the President of Madison Associates, Inc. It was created in remembrance and dedication to James F. Howe Sr. and Frank Fotinatos as an educational endowment for those individuals interested in law enforcement careers. Changes were made last year to include graduating high school seniors, and lowering the GPA to 2.5 or above. Applicants can apply for both scholarships and can apply every year even if they have won a scholarship in the past.

The awardees of the James F. Howe Sr. and Frank Fotinatos scholarships are as follows:



My name is **Nikolas Barnett**. This fall, I will be attending the University of South Carolina, where I will major in International Business and Finance with a minor in French. I am a graduate of Dobyns Bennett High School (DBHS) where I was a 4-year member of the band, BETA Club, FBLA, and French Club. I served as section leader in the DBHS band, which is the largest band in the state of Tennessee. I also served as a leader in Venture Scouts, Students Helping Others Understand Tomorrow (S.H.O.U.T.! ®) and Youth Engaged in Leadership and Learning (Y.E.L.L.), the Mayor's Youth Council, a leadership program with the Kingsport Chamber of Commerce. In January 2020, I was appointed as a United States Senate Page for Senator Lamar Alexander from Tennessee. As a Page, I was both a student at the Senate Page School and a government employee. I served as a Page during the Impeachment Trial of President Donald Trump.

I am extremely honored to have been selected as a recipient of the James F. Howe, Sr. & Frank Fotinatos Scholarship.



Nicholas Cheung is a senior at James Madison University and is pursuing a double major in Computer Science and Mathematics with a minor in Physics.

Nicholas is currently working as a summer intern at the Argonne National Laboratory's nanoscience and technology division to put what he has learned to practice. Going forward, he plans to graduate in Spring 2022 and apply his expertise to computer forensics.

Nicholas is deeply honored to be a recipient of the 2021 James F. Howe, Sr. Memorial AFSA-IRS Scholarship and is now one step closer towards reaching that goal.



My name is **Sean Line**. I want to start off by thanking everyone for choosing me as one of this year's recipients of the AFSA-IRS scholarships. I will be attending Ohio University in the fall studying Criminology and minoring in either accounting, American Sign Language or both. After college I plan on becoming a government agent. Throughout my high school career, I participated in many sports and extracurricular activities such as soccer, diving, bowling, DECA and West Clermont Dance Company. I played in the top high school symphonic band, performed in high school musicals and sang in the high school acapella group. While maintaining my grades, participating in extracurricular activities, I also worked part time and volunteered.

While attending Ohio University, I plan on becoming a Young Life Christian leader. This organization will help me volunteer my time with local high school students and help them choose a religious path through the hard high school years. This organization was an enjoyable and important part of my high school experience. Again,

thank you very much for your generous contribution to further my education.



Michael Kaderabek

Michael recently finished his first year of study at Loyola University Maryland. His college experience got off to a great start meeting new friends and learning from the university's outstanding professors.

During his freshman year, he earned a place on the Dean's List for both semesters maintaining above a 3.5 GPA.

He looks forward to his future years studying at Loyola University Maryland where he is majoring in Business Accounting and hopes to reach his goal of earning his CPA license.

Michael is very thankful to AFSA-IRS and to Mr. William Schroeder for this scholarship award as it helps him pursue his future endeavors.

Congratulations to these fine students and their proud families and sponsors. AFSA would also like to thank and compliment all of the applicants and wishes everyone continued success in college and all of their future endeavors. We would also like to encourage everyone to apply again this year.

In order for AFSA to continue their important financial support to the families of AFSA members, it relies on the generosity of our membership. Lead by example and contribute to the AFSA scholarship program. Donations can be made any time to either scholarship online or by completing the information below.

Peggy Thomas
Scholarship Committee Chairperson

Name: _____

Enclosed is my check for \$10.00 ____ \$50.00 ____ \$100.00 ____ or other ____

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2021 AFSA Convention The Embassy Suites Hotel NAPA Valley NAPA, California November 7-10, 2021



Greetings to All...and to those of you who were able to attend last month's convention at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Napa Valley...Thank You for attending. For everyone else...you missed a really good time!!! I might be a little partial in my viewpoint, but I do believe that this year's convention will be talked about for a very long time. We received many, many, compliments and because of the location that we chose, we decided to try a couple of new events that we had not done in any past conventions...at least to my knowledge. A special thanks goes out to AFSA member Mark Lessler who resides in Napa and who volunteered to be the co-host for this year's convention. He was responsible for arranging many of the events that we enjoyed during our stay in one of the most iconic wine areas in the entire United States. Things went very well, except for the fact that it was a lower turnout than we were hoping for. However, given the current circumstances in our country, that was expected. There were several highlights, so let me give you a brief rundown on how things went.

Saturday, November 6, 2021: The first new event that we tried this year was to schedule a wine tasting at one of the more famous wineries in the Napa Valley on the day before our convention started. Since the

Embassy Suites extended their special room block rate to our members for up to two days prior to the start of the convention, this allowed members to arrive over the weekend and get a jump on the regular activities.

The tasting-tour we scheduled took place at The Inglenook Vineyard in nearby Rutherford, California. It is owned by Francis Ford Coppola, who purchased the property in 1975 and began restoring Inglenook's illustrious heritage that began in 1879. We enjoyed a walking tour around some of the property and also inside where the wine is aged in large barrels and eventually bottled.



Our seated tasting in the "Members Room" was quite an experience as Stephanie, one of Inglenook's excellent representatives, explained the craft of winemaking by Inglenook and provided us with tastings of four different wines. The chef-prepared charcuterie platters provided just the perfect pairings for our wines. Special thanks to Mark Lessler and his good friend, John Pinto, for arranging the tour and tasting, and allowing our group to receive a very nice discount for both the tasting, as well as our purchases while we were there.

Sunday, November 7, 2021: This was our official registration day, and by the end of the afternoon we welcomed 26 members and 23 guests for the week's activities. As is customary with Embassy Suites, there is a Manager's Happy Hour that begins at 5:00pm and most all of our members started their evening there.

At 6:00pm, we welcomed everyone into The Wine Barrel Terrace, for our annual President's Meet-and-Greet. Everyone was treated to a variety of "Pub Foods" including pulled pork and mini-cheeseburger sliders, BBQ honey chicken wings, potato skins, and Mason Jar salads...and don't forget the assortment of chef-selected cupcakes and cookies.

We finished the night off in our hospitality room that featured a number of wines, most of which were, of course, from the Napa Valley.

Monday, November 8, 2021: The day started off for everyone in the Embassy Suites atrium where their very famous made-to-order breakfast is served daily. (What a great feature to include with our already special room rate.) Following breakfast, the Bob Manzi Memorial Golf Outing was held at the very beautiful Eagle Vines Vineyards and Golf Club. Ten golfers played the links, with some of them taking home bragging rights for the best scores, longest drive, and closest to the pin honors. Mary Ruiz is not only our Executive Director but also an avid golfer, and she coordinated the event. See her article in The Executive Director Corner for a more detailed summary of the outing.



About the same time that the golfers were on the links, many of our other members and guests were on a narrated tour of the Napa Valley. The vineyards were ablaze with fall colors and we, of course, had to take a photo-op at the Napa Valley Sign along State Highway 29, and we were able to see and shop in the town of Calistoga. Both events were concluded by mid-afternoon, and everyone returned to the hotel in time for the officers and board members to be able to attend the scheduled Board of Directors Meeting. The Manager's Happy Hour again began at 5:00pm and fortunately ran directly into the "Margarita Monday" specials that they were being offered in their "Grill

29” restaurant. There was a nice selection of food and beverages in the comfort of their restaurant....and it was conveniently situated just below the AFSA hospitality room



Tuesday, November 9, 2021: With no official business scheduled for Tuesday, members and guests had their choice of taking a full-day bus tour to San Francisco or the half-day bus tour of Yountville and St. Helena, both towns being just a short distance from Napa. If neither of the bus trips were of your fancy, then you had the day on-your-own to visit any of the other small towns in the valley or visit one or more of the 500 wineries in the area. Upon returning to the hotel, everyone learned that Grill 29 has live music to accompany the Manager’s Happy Hour. What a nice treat after being gone all day.

But the highlight of the day might just have been the special “Wine Pour” that was held in our hospitality room that evening and led by our President-Elect Gerard Dupczak. Joining Gerard was Mark Lessler, our own Napa Valley wine expert. With some excellent wines from the Napa Valley that were pre-selected by Mark, Gerard provided insight into the intricacies of fine wine, its tasting, pairing with foods, and overall enjoyment. It made our visit to the Napa Valley even more memorable, and reinforced Gerard’s statement “Life is too short to drink bad wine”.

Wednesday, November 10, 2021: This year’s opening ceremony, presentation, and business meeting were all held in the Chardonnay Ballroom at the Embassy Suites. Senior Chaplain Lee Shaw from the Law Enforcement, Fire & EMS Chaplaincy of Napa Valley provided the invocation for our group. It was very inspiring.



Following Chaplain Shaw, we were honored to have Jim Lee, Chief, Criminal Investigation, travel in from C.I. Headquarters to meet with our members. Together with Justin Cole, Director, Office of Communication, they both provided terrific presentations and gave everyone an overview of CI, its current status, and its projected future. After a short break, the required Annual Business Meeting was conducted, where we held election of officers for next year and conducted the other annual business that was required.

The evening was topped off with our annual Banquet Dinner. Once again, we offered a three-entrée buffet style dinner, and it certainly did not disappoint. Like all of the food we enjoyed during the week, the chef at the Embassy Suites did an outstanding job creating a well-thought and delicious buffet dinner. And since we were in Napa, it was fitting to include bottles of wine served with the dinner from many of the local wineries in the valley.

Finally, my thanks go out to my wife Janet, George and Barbara Meyer (who were unable to attend, but nonetheless provided immeasurable assistance during the planning of this event), Gerard and Cindy Dupczak, Mary Ruiz, and Mark Lessler...my Co-Host, for all of their help in making this convention such a huge success.

Hoping to see you next year,

Dan Pieschel, Co-Host

The ‘cowboy cocktail’: How Wyoming became one of the world’s top tax havens

- December 21, 2021

Anti-Money Laundering News and Information

An oligarch, a dictator’s aide and a beverage tycoon turned to America’s least populated state to shelter assets, the Pandora Papers show.

The honky-tonk bar under neon lights on the town square serves Grand Teton Amber Ale and Yellowstone Lemonade. The Cowboy Coffee Co. offers bison chili and the Five & Dime General Store sells Stetson hats and souvenirs made from bullets.

In this tourist-friendly Western town, home to four celebrated arches fashioned from elk antlers, lawyers and estate planners draw customers with something far more exclusive.

It’s called the Cowboy Cocktail, and in recent years, the coveted financial arrangement has attracted a new set of outsiders to the least populated state in America.

The cocktail and variations of it — consisting of a Wyoming trust and layers of private companies with concealed ownership— allow the world’s wealthy to move and spend money in extraordinary secrecy, protected by some of the strongest privacy laws in the country and, in some cases, without even the cursory oversight performed by regulators in other states.

Millionaires and billionaires from around the world have taken note. In recent years, families from India to Italy to Venezuela abandoned international financial centers for law firms in Wyoming’s ski resorts and mining towns, helping to turn the state into one of the world’s top tax havens.

A dozen international clients who created Wyoming trusts were identified in the Pandora Papers, a trove of more than 11.9 million records obtained by the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists and shared with The Washington Post, exposing the movement of wealth around the world. The documents offer a rare look at Wyoming’s discreet financial sector and the people who rely on its services.

One was Moscow billionaire Igor Makarov, named under a 2017 law requiring the U.S. Treasury Department to list oligarchs and political figures close to the Russian government. Makarov’s company faced questions in the past about controversial transactions with Russia’s state-owned gas giant and about possible influence peddling involving the daughter of a U.S. congressman.

The matriarch of Argentina’s Baggio family, whose beverage company was accused by local officials of dumping industrial waste and whose son is embroiled in a money laundering investigation, also moved the management of its wealth to Wyoming.

So did the late Kalil Haché Malkún of the Dominican Republic. The polo player and army officer managed the private estates of reviled Dominican dictator Rafael Trujillo, who ordered the deaths of political enemies and thousands of Haitians.

For years, anti-money laundering experts and law enforcement have warned federal and state lawmakers that suspect money was flowing into U.S. tax havens, eluding taxing authorities, creditors and criminal investigators. In Wyoming, with the support of state lawmakers, the industry charged ahead, promoting a suite of financial arrangements to potential customers around the world.

At the heart of those arrangements are trusts, legal agreements that allow people to stash away money and other assets so they are protected from creditors and incur few or no tax obligations for themselves or their heirs. In exchange for these benefits, trust owners appoint an independent manager — typically a relative, friend or financial adviser — to determine when and how money is invested and spent.

Wyoming is one of a small number of states that allow customers to place a private company — often controlled by family members — at the helm of their trust, ensuring complete control of the assets and an additional layer of financial secrecy.

Some of the companies are unregulated, exempt from periodic examinations and other state scrutiny.

Customers can also establish a second company inside their trusts to hold the assets, such as property and bank accounts, concealing wealth behind yet another corporate layer.

It's like a wrapped gift inside a wrapped gift. The more wrapping you put on, the harder it is to figure out if there has been tax avoidance or evasion or even financial crime. Very few people know what you're doing.— trust and estate expert Allison Tait

Using this approach – the Cowboy Cocktail – wealthy people can move money into the United States and invest and spend it with a level of anonymity found in few other tax havens.

“Wyoming is advertising itself as the new onshore-offshore — it’s going to get the clientele,” said University of Richmond law professor Allison Tait, a trust and estate expert who has studied the state’s layered financial instruments, including the cocktail.

“It’s like a wrapped gift inside a wrapped gift,” she said. “The more wrapping you put on, the harder it is to figure out if there has been tax avoidance or evasion or even financial crime. Very few people know what you’re doing, basically.”

The Haché family did not respond to requests for comment. Through his attorney, Makarov said the Treasury Department list was copied from a public source and “widely discredited,” that he has no personal relationship with Russian President Vladimir Putin and that he has never been charged with criminal wrongdoing. The attorney said Makarov’s Wyoming trust was properly disclosed. A representative for the Baggio family declined to comment. The family has previously said that it reported the Wyoming trust to officials in Argentina.

There is no evidence in the Pandora Papers documents that the trusts in Wyoming sheltered criminal proceeds.

In a competitive global market, Wyoming’s financial incentives have stood out. One trust company 8,700 miles away in downtown Singapore recommended Wyoming on its website as a go-to tax haven that would “completely shield” clients’ names and assets. “Offshore Wyoming, USA,” noted another firm, this one near the Dnieper River in Ukraine’s bustling capital, Kyiv.

Trust companies in Wyoming now manage at least \$31.5 billion in assets, according to the state. Time and again, Wyoming lawmakers suggested the industry would bring jobs and other economic benefits to a state that has long depended on special taxes imposed on coal, oil and other natural resources.

To read the rest of the article Google “Anti Money Laundering News and Information”. It’s shareable through LinkedIn and various social websites.

HISTORIAN’S CORNER BY AL SELBY

Our 6th National Convention/Conference was held at the Hilton Suites at Oakbrook Terrace (Chicago, IL). Bob Bush was our first local Host to help with the planning. The convention was held from October 12-14, 1995, and offered a multitude of activities. The room rate was \$ 95 per night which included breakfast and a social hour for two. The registration was \$ 65.00 which included the Saturday night banquet. Other activities included a golf outing \$ 30, Dinner/Theater \$ 30, Luncheon Cruise \$ 40, Riverboat Casino \$ 15, and Gangster town dinner and show \$ 37. While the Chicago group has always supported every convention by attending in very large numbers, this is the only time they have hosted a convention.

At the Saturday’s business meeting, Frank Smith continued as President, Charlie Gibb continued as VP/Pres Elect, Ken Wilson continued as 2nd VP, Russ DiBella continued as Secretary, and Jim Barrett continued as Past President. Lew Badura was elected Treasurer, and Bill Ryan (AL) and Smitty Morics (MN) were elected as Directors. Among other things, the annual dues were increased from \$ 20 to \$ 25 effective 1/1/1996. The Special Agent of the Year was awarded to S/A Judy O’Briant from San Francisco.

We voted to go to San Antonio next year in October 1996.

It is with regret that I announce my retirement as your historian. My health has deteriorated to where I am unable to continue and do the job I want to do. As a Charter Member, I feel I cannot give AFSA the job that I would like to give. It is an important job that needs more attention than I can give it now.

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We STRONGLY encourage members to apply on line: www.afsa-irs.org, however you may mail completed application with \$50 check payable to AFSA for first year dues to:

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