SURFACE NAVY ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES 5 June 2002

The Surface Navy Association Executive Committee (ESC) met at SNA Headquarters at 2550 Huntington Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia on June 5, 2002. Attendees were:

OFFICERS

VADM L Gunn, USN (Ret), President VADM H. Giffin, USN (Ret), Vice President (via phone) CAPT D. Lee, USN (Ret), Secretary CAPT M Foote, USN (Ret) Treasurer

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RADM G. Chesbrough, USN (Ret) RADM D. Conley, USN (Ret) RADM W Sutton, USN (Ret) RADM P Coady, USN (Ret) MCPON J. Hagan, USN (Ret) CMDCM H Kantovich CAPT B. Erickson, USN (Ret), *Executive Director* Ms. Julie Howard, *Director of Admin*

The President called the meeting to order at 1705.

The minutes of the 10 April 2002 meeting were approved.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Destroyer Funding: An area on the web has been set aside for the Executive Committee to review actions and vote. This initiative was approved.

Offsite Report: This is on the website. A second Board meeting is in the process of being arranged for late September, early October.

Website: The transfer went well and a new e-commerce site has now been set up. After the distribution of the latest electronic news we received 2,000 hits within the first 48 hours. The following chapters are also online: Hampton, Newport, Monterey and San Diego. Annapolis is in process.

Video Series: There will be 162 videos produced over the life of the series. Twelve are in the initial production. We have been offered an opportunity to fund this project for \$10,000 for the Arleigh Burke video. The intent is to give a 3.5 minute DVD to CNET for reproduction and distribution. Both VADM Katz and Gunn support this initiative. RADM Coady recused himself from voting of this issue as he is on the Board. This initiative passed unanimously.

Surface Warfare Magazine: We are still waiting delivery of the first 500 issues at the mail house to send to those life members who wished to continue receiving this publication.

AWARDS COMMITTEE

The committee has completed a top down review. Modifications proposed will include more focus on the enlisted portion of the membership and also a better focus on deployment cycles. The committee expects to end the process end of July and will include budget projections.

SYMPOSIUM REPORT

The price structure was reviewed and slight price increase was approved. Until the N76 changes has taken place they are reluctant to buy into the latest agenda. VADM will therefore sign out the letters to the speakers. Plan is to invite the SECNAV

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to be keynote and CNO to be banquet speaker. Much of the schedule format is similar to previous years however the plan is to recognize the SNA Founders on Wednesday.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The stats were reviewed. Once again we are at the highest total membership yet and retention is at an all time high. With both RADM Keating and CDR Peterson going to Arabian Gulf there is a good chance that this chapter will be reactivated.

WEST COAST SYMPOSIA

Good attendance at the symposium and dedication of the center. There was great attendance at the San Diego symposium also. The detailers were very popular.

NEWPORT

The Destroyer 100 celebration is set for August. RADM Wilson is the honorary chairman . A motion was made and carried unanimously to provide funding for the trophies.

SAN DIEGO BALL

San Diego has requested we fund the purchase 1,000 coins to be distributed at their ball. Both a booth and banners will be at the event listing that SNA was supporter of the event. After discussion it was decided that we should at least put the SNA logo on the reverse.

Action Item: Erickson to investigate the possibility of doing this.

NEW BUSINESS

Jim Munroe will take over as the new Force Master Chief from Slingerland as of 31 July.

With no other business the meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.