

**SURFACE NAVY ASSOCIATION  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES (Draft)  
6 August 2003**

**ATTENDEES:**

**OFFICERS**

VADM L Gunn, USN (Ret), *President*  
CAPT D. Lee, USN (Ret), *Secretary*  
VADM H Giffin, USN (Ret), *East Coast VP*  
CAPT Morris Foote, USN (Ret), *Treasurer*

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

RADM G. Chesbrough, USN (Ret)	CAPT Paul Rinn, USN (Ret)
CAPT Frank Lugo, USN (Ret)	CAPT Rick Rushton, USN (Ret)
VADM D Robinson, USN (Ret)	CAPT Cameron Ingram, USN
RADM John Tozzi, USCG (Ret)	RADM J Hare, USN (Ret) – <i>Via Phone</i>
RADM W Retz, USN (Ret)	Ms. Julie Howard, <i>Director of Admin</i>
CAPT B. Erickson, USN (Ret), <i>Executive Director</i>	

**MINUTES**

Minutes of Meeting 15 May 2003 were reviewed and motion to approve them was carried unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**SNA Video**

Progress has been made on this action item with the concept and video treatment already received together with a draft script. We are still assembling some of the early pictures, and might have to contact Mrs. Walters to see what she might have. Timeline is to have the initial video available early September for a "murder board" with ExCom members. This timing would allow for a pre-screening at East Coast symposium in October. Final version is planned for distribution at the January 2004 symposium. A Motion was made to complete remaining timeline and authorize \$3,000 to produce draft video to have ready for pre-screening. This motion was carried unanimously. There was some discussion regarding the video with a comment that the proposed picture of the USS COLE should be a recent one coming out of the yard rather than one damage from the terrorist attack. It was also thought that we should take this opportunity to emphasize the scholarship program and some of the sponsors. A question was also raised as to the ability to personalize the distribution disks for recipients when possible.

**USNA/USS Philo McGiffin Sponsorship**

Legal issues have been resolved on SNA supporting this activity. Check has been cut and before we move forward we need to make sure we get what we have been promised. Tentative meeting this Friday to discuss bridge wing plaques, flags, etc.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

### **USNA SWOCIP**

VADM Gunn received email from RADM Edwards about recruiting at the Naval Academy. This came up as an action item from the SWIC. N76 would like SNA to provide some support by funding receptions as part of their recruiting effort. Appropriated funding previously used is not available and the suggestion from N76 is that perhaps SNA could pick up that obligation.

The total cost this year would be \$5,500 with \$3,000 put off until 2004 for a total commitment of \$8,500. Question came up as to why Washington Chapter didn't just fund this directly? The Washington Chapter has previously supported financially challenged chapters and perhaps could do so again; if not in full, perhaps with partial funding. SNA National has funds available but we should examine the precedent funding will set. We should also examine the equivalencies for Enlisted membership. This is really an obligation of the Naval Academy and they should look at their funding levels. Interested if we had any sort of ROI; would the Midshipmen miss it if it wasn't there? The surface community competes against other associations and it would be interesting to know how much funding they provide for community recruiting. Although the proposal is to put into an account administered by the Professional Development Department at USNA, a better solution would be to provide the funding to our Annapolis Chapter and have them fund USNA. This way SNA would have a measure of control over how the funds were ultimately allocated. If SNA provides funding, it would be good to make sure SNA receives recognition and is provided an opportunity for membership recruiting. *Action Item: Committee of 3 ( Erickson, Lee, Giffin and Lee) is to further examine solutions and return to the ExCom..*

### **Miscellaneous**

Has been recommended that the September Board is not necessary this year as we have no burning issues to discuss. *Action for Erickson to notify members.*

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

### **Corporate Sponsorship**

54 corporate sponsors currently with JJ McMullen joining at the \$4,000 level. There are 2 more potential corporations: Thomas Group and Technology Systems, Inc. Expectation is that we will be \$12,000 above budget if we remain on track.

### **Miscellaneous**

SNA supported Battle of Midway celebrations. Looking at doing the same again next year and maybe doing something in conjunction with World War II anniversary. Speech by The Honorable Dr. Schlesenger will be published by the U.S. Naval Institute. Also looking at ways to get better recognition for this event.

### **HSI Conference**

SNA sponsored in support of ASNE. Great turn out with over 600 people at this event that is held every 18 months. VADM Gunn chaired 1 of the panels.

### **Naval Historical Foundation Donation**

We did make our video donation to the Mini-Heritage series this year.

### **Old Salt**

RADM Rempt will remain as the "Old Salt" as he became the Superintendent at the United States Naval Academy..

### **Women at Sea**

SNA is sponsoring a "Women At-Sea - a 25 year retrospective" in conjunction with the Navy Historical Foundation. The one-day program is scheduled for November 20, 2003, at the Navy Memorial. The Historical Foundation has lead on developing program, SNA will do the registration. This will be listed as the Washington Chapter's November event.

### **Chapter President Recognition**

In addition to receiving a certificate in appreciation of past service, SNA will also provide a small memento to the outgoing President.

### **George Eisenburg Exhibit**

ADM Hogg suggested that we display the work of this artist. A number of his lithographs have been displayed in Newport among other places. He has been invited to be part of the SNA exhibit at the January 2004 Symposium

### **George Sirian Award**

The initial award will be presented to a Chief from Hawaii and will be presented aboard USS CONSTITUTION 28 August 2003. This is during Chief's Week. Have asked for some Navy media coverage. Question as to how this came about was a topic for discussion during the Awards Committee. Have tried to clarify that this is not the way we do business and that we will take this over in the future. Expenses are expected to be within the revised budget amount.

### **Howard Associates Staffing**

One point that came out was to increase support for local chapters. Chapters feel that they are stretched right now and would like some dedicated administrative support. Committee still reviewing this. San Diego will provide a "wish list" of tasks.

### **West Coast Symposiums**

Monterey had about 60 at high point and about 150 in San Diego. Good programs at both events. Don't expect to see as many expenses as in past years due to Corporate Sponsor participation.

## **AWARDS COMMITTEE**

### **Hall of Fame**

List was circulated of all nominates. Criteria was reviewed for ExCom before approving nominees put forward by Awards Committee. N76 has final input. List for review has 5 Enlisted and 4 Officer candidates. All Enlisted nominees have had significant operational records and are in keeping with past inductees. All Enlisted nominees were accepted.

Of the four Officer names submitted, two were accepted. The Awards Committee is requested to submit at least two new candidates and the ExCom would like to consider a third for a total of

five Officers. (Details of the ExCom discussion will not be published until the award recipients are finalized/notified).

All other awards are proceeding on schedule. RADM Wilson has agreed to chair Zumwalt Award.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

60% of year has passed and we have received 76% of projected revenue while spending 56% of projected expenditures. Good news on memorabilia. D&O higher and will get a better estimate in future. Still haven't sent out as much for chapter support as we would like. Regional events have not been expended as much as budgeted. Also not having an offsite this year will help budget. Need to support investment at regional events. Awards are slightly over budget as it is sometimes cheaper to purchase in larger quantities to buy down price. George Sirian Award has been included in the Chapter Award column with expectation to spend \$1,000 on that this year. *Surface Sitrep* printing and mailing should come in under budget this year. Funds are available in video and publicity category to cover commitments made at this meeting. Overall, healthy with some flexibility to reallocate funds.

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

### **Board of Directors Election**

SNA will have 5 Board members (Bier, Conklin, Hogan, Hare, Hontz) whose terms expire at the end of 2003. Last 3 are renewable. If they accept we will have 2 new openings. SNA will send an email as in year's past requesting nominations with a submission deadline of September 2003.

## **SYMPOSIUM REPORT**

Outline agenda was taken to June SWIC and have now incorporated their comments/suggestions into latest version. Format is different this year. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday with Board of Directors meeting on Friday.

Need to get names for JO Panel from N76. Will have a keynote everyday. It has been recommended from OLA that we invite Jim Talent for one of Tuesday's keynote addresses. Invitation already being worked. Doran already been informally invited. Input for HSV – might need name. If talking future ships perhaps LPD 17 might not be appropriate on this panel. RADM Mike Nowakowski, (PHIGRU 2) might be best speaker on HSV.

SWIC to pull through the role of technology and simulation within the whole symposium. CAPT Rushton to help with Future Combat Systems Panel. Commodore Gast has agreed to do the International Navies luncheon. Wednesday luncheon is currently the least well defined. Seems like there is a natural progression between topics. Wednesday evening is free for attendees to do their own thing.

Thought that it would be interesting to have a speaker on Naval Heritage and would do a separate event to cover that. Publicize hard if we do it.

Keynote for Thursday is currently Rich Haver. However, we do not have SecNav on the schedule yet.

*Action to get SecNav in schedule*

Thought was to have war stories session and this would be immediately before the luncheon. Want to get the guy who went up river and caught the 3 tugs. Would this be a good opportunity to bring in coalition member (Australian). Perhaps bring in Coast Guard and Marine Green at this event. Not at this point rolled in N75 or N75B. Harder to be inclusive as we expand.

*Action: Tozzi to look for Coast Guard input at panel..*

There will be 2 luncheons on Thursday – Awards and Corporate Sponsors compete. Secretary Young has been asked again with special briefing as usual afterwards.

Need to get greater input from Marines.

Senior officer briefing and senior enlisted breakfast will still be plugged in. Friday is Board of Directors. Once clean will send out to ExeCom for close hold.

Problems:

- Want Coast Guard represented more than once
- Good balance on Amphib and Crudes side
- Roughhead not on there as second fleet
- HT Johnson or SecNav needs spot
- VADM Green not on there
- Talked about Command Master Chief from 5<sup>th</sup> fleet

Agreed to increase in exhibit costs. Government Executive Magazine might want to do a feature. Do a press conference in advance.

### **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT**

Going through the summer doldrums with normal symposium drop off. Hardest is still to track active duty members who are deployed. Online membership directory receiving good interest from mebers. Out of last email to the membership, over 800 bounced of a total of 3800. We have a number of initiatives working to try and get records more accurate.

Also working with Captain Buz Busby at SWOS to find out where graduates are going and to pick them up in homeport.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business

Adjourned at 1925.