

**SURFACE NAVY ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
23 September 2003**

ATTENDEES:

OFFICERS

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RADM G. Chesbrough, USN (Ret)	CAPT Frank Lugo, USN (Ret)
CAPT Rick Rushton, USN (Ret)	RADM John Tozzi, USCG (Ret)
RADM J Hare, USN (Ret) – Via Phone	CNOCM Harry Kantrovitch, USN (Ret)
CAPT B. Erickson, USN (Ret), Executive Director	Ms. Julie Howard, Director of Admin

MINUTES

Minutes of Meeting 6 August were reviewed and motion to approve them was carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

SNA Video

Draft has been made and was reviewed for commentary prior to update. Some minor changes were suggested for narrative and also for some of the images. The purpose of the video was reviewed again. General impression of the group was that it is very good. Suggestions for dissemination and use include handing out at symposium, streaming video from website, becoming a take along for board member visits, and supplying to each NJROTC unit.

USNA SWOCIP

Washington Chapter has agreed to fund 50% of the cost with National providing the other 50%. The maximum commitment the chapter will make is \$5,000. USNA is also looking at revising the original proposal downward to reflect current estimates. To date \$1,375 has been sent to SNA Annapolis from Washington Chapter. Motion made to grant \$1,375 to SNA Annapolis Chapter for distribution to USNA was carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Symposium

Must focus on gearing up for the symposium. RADM Chesbrough has got us to a great point right now with the agenda and with invitation letters ready to be sent to participants. It is time for all of us to talk up the symposium and look at ways to support the committee.

Gavel

Naval Historical Command, Constitution Chapter has donated a gavel that is made from wood from the USS CONSTITUTION. CAPT Brooks, USN (Ret) has worked hard on this. During the banquet the plan is to make an official presentation of it to ADM Hogg so that he can kick off the festivities with the first strike.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Corporate Sponsorship

54 corporate sponsors currently and based on projections, revenue for 2003 will be above projections. There is no indication that we will lose any corporate sponsors.

Miscellaneous

There will be a Women at Sea Symposium, November 20th at Navy Memorial. Schedule of events is being formed and committee is beginning to line up speakers. Historical Foundation is responsible for agenda.

21 October is the tentative date for East Coast Symposium which is day before SWOFOC and therefore an optimal time to get leaders there.

SNA will once again have a booth at USNI in Norfolk the beginning of October. Primary purpose is to show SNA flag.

AWARDS COMMITTEE

Hall of Fame

Committee met last week. Came up with 3 new names for the officer candidates: James Stoddert, John Ericsson and Admiral Zumwalt:

After much discussion group made a motion to accept on Admiral Zumwalt as the additional officer inductee. Motion carried unanimously. It was also decided that the ExCom should draft a brief paragraph to the Awards Committee clarifying the criteria. *Action Item: Captain Lee to draft a paragraph clarifying criteria for Hall of Fame nominations*

Special Recognition

First person is Alexander Kossiakoff who developed the VT Fuse among other things. Second is VADM James Doyle, Jr, third is George Eisenburg for his pictures depicting the Navy final candidate is Phil Lieurance, who has been a great driving force from the San Diego chapter. Nice diverse group and a motion made to approve list of 4. Motion carried unanimously.

SWOS Newport Hall of Fame

RDML (Sel) Sonny Masso, USN has been the driving force between SWOS and SNA to get space for Hall of Fame. They are now proposing an area that consists of two rooms and is approximately 3,700 square foot area for us to use. This is a great shift from the original concept of having something on the quarterdeck and would incur a greater expense. Other options suggested was perhaps doing a collage piece with just the names and spend more time on establishing a virtual Hall of Fame. After discussions on whether this was a wise use of funds it was agreed that the Executive Director should continue to explore alternative options. He will make a trip to Newport in support of this effort.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Have gone through 75% of year and expended about 68% of projected expenditures. We are about \$15,000 short on individual dues but are closing gap. Symposium did better than expected and we still have a favorable outcome for the whole year.

Newport did get more members from their April event and did have a good attendance. We have not yet received the final expenditure details so have not yet funded this event as requested. If we do it should come from the regional category. A motion was made and accepted to allow Treasurer to spend up to \$2,000 based on actuals.

Also received a request from Yokosuka to pay for event at which VADM LaFleur attended. This is more than they should receive based on number of members. Membership Committee is working with chapter to encourage more membership. A Motion was made to pay bill after we have actual costs. Motion carried unanimously.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Board of Directors Election

Receiving nominations for the 5 positions available. Have 22 in to date with the cut off of being 30 September. It was proposed that after 30th we need a 4 man committee to become the Nominating Committee. Committee will make a short list of 9 for ballot to go out to membership.

SYMPOSIUM REPORT

The good news is that we have already had an opportunity to get most groups to review the proposed schedule. We now have the challenges to incorporate all the comments. There area still some gaps including the role of new

N76B. However, it is understood that the reorganization has been put on hold indefinitely so there should still be this position.

Invitations to speakers and moderators are ready to go out. ExCom reviewed the agenda in detail and came up with many suggestions to fill speaker gaps. There was also a discussion regarding the introduction of BMD to the agenda. RADM Chesbrough has been given an action to work out a suitable location for RADM Paige in the agenda as this was thought to be a good topic for lively discussion.

We are on track to have an excellent Heritage Lecture on Wednesday evening with a really dynamic speaker. To ensure an audience we need to publicize this event well. It was also suggested that we make this a real evening event and have a hosted wine and beer available with getting a possible sponsor to underwrite the cost.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Made up loses from previous month but still fairly flat. Arabian Gulf continues to be a problem with no leadership support.

HERITAGE COMMITTEE

Dave Winkler has started writing articles for the SITREP with the first one scheduled to be in the next issue.

NEW BUSINESS

It was suggested that in addition to the honorary membership we give to the MCPON, we should also give one to the MCPOCG. This idea was agreed upon unanimously.

Adjourned at 1900.