

**SURFACE NAVY ASSOCIATION  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES  
3 November 2004**

**OFFICERS**

VADM L Gunn, USN (Ret), *President*  
CAPT D. Lee, USN (Ret), *Secretary*  
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**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

CAPT M. Foote, USN (Ret)	RADM D. Conley, USN (Ret)
CAPT F Lugo, USN (Ret)	CAPT P. Rinn, USN (Ret)
FORCM J Monroe, USN	VADM D. Robinson, USN (Ret)
RADM J. Tozzi, USGC (Ret)	RADM J. Hare, USNR ( <i>via phone</i> )
RADM W. Retz, USN (Ret) ( <i>via phone</i> )	CDR John Fuller, USN
CAPT B. Erickson, USN (Ret), <i>Executive Director</i>	Ms. Julie Howard, <i>Staff</i>

Meeting called to order at 1704

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes were distributed via the website and had been reviewed. Minutes were approved unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS**

A donation to Pentagon Memorial Fund was made in conjunction with the Dance Performance. We were also able to get a number of people to attend from the Pentagon. However, the turnout of 7 was not as big as we would have liked. The Benefit raised over \$20,000 that went directly to the Fund.

As a new initiative we have started a membership affinity program. The first arrangement is with Club Quarters for discounted accommodations. The password for Club Quarters is found online within the Membership Directory. This new benefit is also mentioned in the new *Surface Sitrep*.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Commander John Fuller was invited to join the ExCom and he has accepted. It is great to have people in uniform to join and participate.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

We are still holding at 57 Corporate Sponsors. However, a few are falling into arrears on their payments. We are working actively with them to collect these dues.

**Miscellaneous Items**

SNA exhibited at the USNI Symposium at the October event in Norfolk. We made new exhibitor contacts and also lined up potential speakers for the January Symposium.

**Surface Warfare Flag Officer Conference in Monterey**

During the Conference in Monterey SNA sponsored a reception for about 100 people. This was well received and SWONET was also out there and hopefully we will get some pictures.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The call for nominations for new Board Members went out with deadline of Nov 1. Just over 20 nominations were received. We will now go through these as part of the normal nomination process to have ballot out by early December. Categories proposed are:

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Number Received</b>
E1-6	2
E7-9	2
O1-4	4
O5-10	13
Other	0

Both active and retired members would fit into these categories. Grouping and screening would take place so that we have 10 people to elect 8 slots. By using these categories we will get a greater diversity on the Board as each category would have a maximum number that can be selected. It was suggested that we split the O5-O10 categories so that we have O5-O6 together and then the flags in a separate category. There was also discussion regarding the benefit of pre-selecting all members and then asking the membership to ratify our selection. Concern was expressed in that we have already made a significant change in procedures, perhaps we would be putting too much constraint on the process by not allowing our membership to have some input. We are trying to show SNA is a membership driven Association and by allowing membership to have a say in the final selections allows them to have that power.

It was decided that we should leave it to the committee to determine how many categories there should be for selection. However, it was determined that we should give the membership some selection within the categories. The Committee members are Fuller, Tozzi, Kantrovich, Monroe, Conley and Lee.

#### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

We are still in good shape on the finances for this year. Major expenditures are as follows: \$500 to honor Recruiters of the Year with a check to the Fleet Reserve Association. One *Surface Sitrep* is currently at the printer and one is in production to be published before the Symposium.

Trying to get Surface Warfare mailing resolved with GPO. Perhaps editor can help. Delta to reserve is to the good. A question on the size of the reserve was raised with an focus toward tax implications. If we do have more than fiscally responsible, we should perhaps increase scholarship and chapter fund monies. It was suggested that we should activate the Financial Committee to look at funds and also prepare a wish list of special projects we would like to do.

*Action Item: Foote, Lugo to look at ideas and ask ExCom to solicit ideas. Will also go out to chapter for input.*

Some suggestions made during the meeting we that we could again up the money available to chapters. Perhaps money could be used to expand membership base and better market SNA. Perhaps do a join-up at different chapters and promote the benefits and have some of our leadership attend. We should also include Coast Guard. Perhaps make same kind of hit at Yorktown.

*Action Item: Monroe, O'Connor, Rinn and Erickson to move forward with idea and work with Chapter Presidents.*

## **SYMPOSIUM REPORT**

We are proceeding on schedule with invitations out to all speakers. Currently waiting to hear both from the CNO and the Commandant of the Marine Corps. We had a regret from Senator Collins so are still working with RADM Costello to get a speaker for this session.

Rather than have the speakers give a report card we would like to get presentations of substances. It was suggested that we try and provide more input to them prior to event to give them some talking points.

*AI: Lugo to put together draft of letter to go to speaker that outlined guidelines. This is what is most meaningful . . . so can get out to speakers in next 2-3 weeks.*

*Note for Action: Should put a SWO pin on ADM Holloway during symposium in recognition of his sea duty.*

## **AWARDS COMMITTEE REPORT**

The following individuals have been nominated for Special Recognition: Dr. Dudley, Herman Wouk, Phil Dur (work on USS Cole), LCDR Mark Olsen (USS Firebolt).

### **Historical Recognition.**

Battle of Surigao Strait – ADM James Holloway

Battle of Samar – Jack Yusen, CAPT Hagen, QMC Bak.

### **Zumwalt Submissions**

32 submissions

### **Arleigh Burke**

40 submission

### **Literary Awards**

13 articles

### **Photography Award**

Still in progress

### **Old Tar**

CNOCM Ashley Smith

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## **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

Membership is fairly stable. However, some chapters such as Sasebo have experienced significant drops in membership. Committee is now in the process of working on the selection for the Chapter Excellence Awards. Enlisted membership is static.

Chapter Handbook has been updated and is being sent out to the chapters.

## **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

Would like to do same as previous year with regard to symposium. It was reported that there will be a press room at the symposium and we expect to work harder to promote SNA.

## **SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

We are in the process of changing the application to meet new criteria prior distribution

## **NEXT MEETING**

It was suggested that we have a December meeting to discuss mostly symposium related issues. It was also suggested that we have a meeting either 4, 5, or 6 January.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 1830.