

**SURFACE NAVY ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
5 January 2005**

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MINUTES

The minutes from the last Executive Committee (ExCom) will be reviewed later and a vote will be taken electronically.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

There will be an Editor's Luncheon tomorrow to discuss the schedule of the events for the symposium, to go over some of the special highlights this year and to have an informal discussion on how we can better help the media. In preparation for the Board of Directors meeting VADM Gunn has a meeting with ADM Hogg on Friday to firm up the agenda. ADM Hogg will definitely want to talk more about involving the Board Members in SNA activities and also the proposed by-law change for the Board of Director's term of service and voting structure. It was requested that any items the ExCom have that they think would be pertinent for this meeting be sent to VADM Gunn.

CORPORATE SPONSOR

The current number of corporate sponsors is 61. This includes seven new sponsors in 2004 and one new sponsor in 2005. This has allowed us to exceed our budget for this line item by \$1,000.

SECRETARY REPORT

We have reviewed election results up to today and barring any changes at end of count tonight, we will notify those elected and be ready to make the announcement at the Board meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial report for 2004 was reviewed. It was stated that the number shown for the symposium was the final number after the making the various allocations. Once again the symposium did well financially. We exceeded our budgeted project for expenses in two categories: Hall of Fame we ran about \$5,000 over budget and we also printed one extra copy of the *SITREP* so the printing costs were higher. Even with these overages we still have \$30,000 more than projected for 2004.

Proposed 2005 Budget

The Treasurer then took some time to outline the proposed 2005 budget that would be presented at the Board of Directors meeting next Friday. After reviewing the presentation a few minor suggestions were made that outcome should be in dollars rather than in statistics and that we should take the remaining Riders of the Storm books and Destroyer Ties and use them as incentives rather than sell them as memorabilia.

To ensure a breakeven budget for 2005 this budget will challenge both the corporate committee and the symposium committee to increase revenue. It was also agreed that the Chapters need to be encouraged to submit requests for funding to National that would directly benefit their members.

There was a general discussion regarding the funding for regional events, dues sharing, and special projects. It was stressed that these are issues that we need to discuss with chapters. It was suggested that we should review the guidelines and perhaps make them easier to apply. It was noted that regional events is higher this year as we have revised how we account for this.

AI - need to discuss chapter funding in greater detail at Chapter Presidents' Breakfast.

The projected increase in the Decatur Award is to not only cover an increase in numbers who are applying for these awards but we are also changing what we distribute: a medal vice a ribbon.

Bottom line is that we expect a surplus of \$48.00.

SYMPOSIUM REPORT

All changes outlined at last meeting have been made. The Committee then reviewed the final program with key changes. Of slight concern is that LtGen Mattis desires to speak immediately after VADM Sestak. We have said no as this is our schedule and it is traditional for N76 to close out the first day. Other changes are that Navy Requirements will now be presented by RADM John Harvey and that the SHIP MAIN Award Presentation will now be on Wednesday afternoon as opposed to Thursday morning as printed in schedule. After this presentation RADM Etyre will go straight into media availability. Lastly, we have added a SWO Mentoring Session as requested by Pers-41.

The Watch Bill was discussed and RADM Chesbrough outlined the areas where he still has gaps to fill.

AWARDS COMMITTEE

Several awards will be given out at the luncheon. There were 137 photographs submitted. However, a lot of them are of aircraft carriers. We need to encourage more surface warfare inputs. Winners were selected and the winners will be recognized at the Awards Luncheon. The ExCom then reviewed in detail the list of awardees that will be in attendance.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Membership remained stable in December and the Committee hopes to get a boost from the individuals joining during the symposium. The Committee is attempting to work on the Chapters that are not maintaining a level of members.

The Membership Committee has voted on Chapter Excellence Award Recipients. The committee would like to award four as opposed to three this year and asks the ExCom to consider an instruction change. The committee likes to judge chapters on submission, what activities they have done, etc. The rationale for the four selected was presented. Pearl Harbor clearly had an increase in membership and maintained retention. Charleston has managed to double membership and has had some good initiatives to not only increase membership but to get some diversity. The Committee was deadlocked between Constitution and Annapolis as both chapters have done a lot this year and had strong package submissions. A motion was made to accept a variance from previous policy and award four Chapter Excellence Awards this year. This motion was carried unanimously.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

No report was given excepted it was suggested that we promote scholarships on the directional signage during the symposium and mention it in remarks made by President.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

The committee has formed and has requested input from Board of Directors and Chapter Presidents. As yet, the number of submissions has been small. This will be an agenda item at Board of Directors meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

USS Wisconsin Surface Navy Museum Proposal

VADM Giffin has been approached by a representative of the Hampton Roads Naval Museum responsible for the historic preservation of the USS WISCONSIN (BB-64) for SNA to consider putting the Hall of Fame on the Wisconsin. This could include SNA information as well. Discussion indicated this might be beneficial as a venue for events in the Norfolk area. It was also mentioned that we are still considering an exhibit at SWOS focusing on the Hall of Fame. After discussion it was agreed that this would be tabled until after the symposium.

AI: VADM Giffin to meet with USS WISCONSIN to investigate further what they had in mind.

DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

There will be a Symposium Committee “Hot Wash-up” breakfast the last week of January. The next ExCom meeting will be on 9 February with half of the agenda being devoted to a wrap-up of the symposium.