

**SURFACE NAVY ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES (Draft)
May 5, 2005**

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Ms Julie Howard, Director of Administration

Meeting was called to order at 1725.

MINUTES

The minutes were posted for review from the March 22, 2005 Executive Committee meeting prior to the meeting. Minutes were approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

2005 Scholarship Application: A concern had been raised at the last meeting on the number of applications. Executive Director looked at how the new rules might have impacted applications. He found it only affected one possible application. It was concluded that the rule changes didn't have a significant impact. Item closed.

CORPORATE REPORT

We have one new corporate sponsor called Progeny Systems at the \$2,000 level. We are waiting for paperwork. Bill Hancock has taken over as the Chairman of the Corporate Committee from VADM Metcalf. However, Admiral Metcalf will still be available for consultation.

CHAPTER EVENTS

A number of chapters have been quite active. The website maintains a calendar of events that is updated as chapters provide information. There are a number of luncheons and golf tournaments coming up as well as Midshipmen join-ups.

SECRETARY REPORT

Nothing new to report at this time.

FINANCE REPORT

The total income to date is \$240,000 dollars with expenditures for the year also on track. The current delta to reserve is \$98,186.40.

Hampton Road Requests. We have had two requests for funds. The first is for funds for the Sailor of the Year awards. This request is consistent with past requests. A motion was made and carried unanimously to support this request. Second request is to cover Midshipman Summer Socials for \$4,500. This is something that is also done in San Diego and Pearl Harbor. A motion was made and carried unanimously to support this request.

San Diego Requests. We have had two requests for funds. The first is a request that we pay 50% of the SOY Luncheon expense which averages \$16-20K. Historically we have never supported this event financially as it has been self-sufficient. In the past funding has come from corporate sponsors by asking for \$500. The Chapter wants to ask the corporations for \$250 instead. It was suggested that perhaps there be a tiered approach to corporate sponsors by requests for both \$250 and \$500 in addition to supporting the event with a fixed amount. If we were to do this then we should come out with an “across the board” approach for all chapters. A motion made to cover up to \$8,000 for each of Atlantic and Pacific plus a tiered approach for corporate sponsors. Carried unanimously.

Question was asked as about Coast Guard Sailors of the Year procedures. *AI: Admiral Tozzi and Master Chief Kantrovitch to investigate what we can do for future.*

San Diego Chapter also asked about SNA National participating in their local Admiral Prout Scholarship program. The Chapter currently funds one \$1,500 scholarship and would like to increase to two \$1,500 scholarships. They are requesting matching funds from National. To date, all support at the national level has been for the National SNA Scholarship Awards programs. A discussion ensued regarding local award criteria. It was noted that if it is substantially different, it might dilute the National program. Decision is to not provide matching funds.

SYMPOSIUM REPORT

For 2006, SNA will be competing with AFCEA West again. This means we need to finalize fairly quick so that we can invite speakers.

With a new CNO, the SNA Symposium could be the vehicle for advancing his vision. Sea Power 21 has evolved specifically with regard to Sea Shaping. Navy’s 3/1 Strategy is to be promulgated when Admiral Mullen takes over. The Navy is still faced with Global War On Terrorism, DD(X), CG(X) and LCS issues. Issues are still open regarding fleet architecture and the long range shipbuilding plan and industrial base.

Admiral Chesbrough presented a strawman proposal for 2006 (**The Surface Navy and the 3/1 Strategy: Dominant-Relevant-Affordable**). The following comments were made:

- For the Congressional View perhaps invite Senator Clinton, Allen, Warner, Cochran. Use OLA for assistance.
- Added Sea Warrior breakfast on Wednesday morning which is the Master Chief panel.
- International Navies Luncheon. Perhaps some Middle East and India representatives
- Suggest to add industry to Affordability panel. 3 Industry and 3 PEOS/PM
- Perhaps invite Gordon England for CEO lunch.

- If can't get Commandant how about a representative from NORTHCOM.
- Banquet: SECNAV, Under SECNAV and Chairman Joint Chief, Dep Sec Def.
- Perhaps put in title something that shows they will see something different. CNO and active navy face extraordinary challenges along with industry who have to step up to make it happen.
- Mine warfare and missile defense are missing from schedule at this point.
 - Action list of people/topics who are special who need to be placed on schedule:
 - Maritime Domain Awareness (add to Homeland security)
 - Mine Warfare
 - Missile Defense
 - Maritime operations in the Arabian Gulf
 - Surface navy today summary – kiosk??
 - QDR/BRAC etc
 - Fleet commander

West Coast Symposium

Date originally proposed was July 18th but with CNO change of command this is not feasible. Looking at 8 August which is when SWIC and SWOFOC tentatively scheduled along with service line week. Strong desire by West Coast to get Admiral Mullen to SWOFOC so date might change.

AWARDS COMMITTEE

The Stephen Decatur Award medal and ribbons were presented to 275 NJROTC units. Award has been very well received.

Still looking at Hall of Fame options and are also working on the subject for Heritage Event at the 2006 Symposium.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

No change from last month. We went out to the Chapter Presidents regarding membership issues but only received 1 response.

A special membership meeting was held where ideas were presented on what we had done in the past. Recruitment is great when we have strong chapter officers. Because of this it was suggested that it is time for us to take a more active role at the National Level.

Three options to increase membership were proposed: complimentary three year memberships for new 1160's; complimentary three year memberships for E-7 selectees; half price three year membership for new members and renewals. Comments included:

- Need to find someone at command who is a member to do presentation.
- Investigate supporting in conjunction with ANA/Tailhook/Sub League the sponsorship of Chief's Week in San Diego.
- By going after E-7s they are likely candidates for scholarships after the next 2 years.
- It is also important to keep the new members active at the local activity.

As we go out to the existing membership it was suggested that we do a survey so that we get immediate feedback and also at the 18 month point for new members.

Motion made to approve the 1160 Accession Program and the New/Existing Member Program and to approve the Concept for the Enlisted Program. Motion carried unanimously.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

We granted 40 scholarships. Demographics included: Nineteen new and two alternatives; 10 male and 9 female; two Enlisted applications (2 were selected); 3 applications from O-4 and below (2 were selected and 1 is an alternate.)

We also had 21 renewals. Of these, two were accepted pending review of Spring semester transcripts; two accepted with 2.987 grade point; and three 3 were denied.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

No report at that time.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

It was recommended that this topic be deferred for discussion to the next ExCom meeting. However, there were two items that needed to be addressed due to time sensitivity.

First, in order to support the effort with the complimentary 3 year memberships to new 1160's, it was necessary to spend \$1,300 to reprint *Surface Sitrep*. Also, additional funding may be required to support advertising expense. A motion was made and carried unanimously to set aside \$5,000 from the corpus for recruitment.

Also, a motion was made to complete Hall of Fame videos which would add another 20 individuals previously inducted for which videos had not been made. Motion carried unanimously

NEW BUSINESS

A USS Wisconsin Foundation in Hampton Roads is being established. There is still interest in putting a Surface Navy Association Exhibit on the ship.

Wednesday, June 29th was agreed upon as the date for Next ExCom Meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1920.