

**SURFACE NAVY ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES (Draft)
June 29, 2005**

IN ATTENDANCE:

VADM LeeGunn, USN (Ret)
RADM Sam Locklear, USN
CAPT Jim Tackett, USN (Ret)
CAPT David Lee, USN (Ret)
CAPT Ron Jenkins, USN (Ret)
CNOMC Harry Kantrovitch, USN (Ret)
VADM Doug Katz, USN (Ret) (via phone)
RADM Joe Hare, USN (Ret) (via phone)
CAPT Bill Erickson, USN (Ret) Executive Director
Ms Julie Howard, Director of Administration

Meeting was called to order at 1725.

MINUTES OF MEETING FROM MAY

Minutes were approved. RADM Conley had some minor changes to the minutes that were not received prior to the meeting and therefore an addendum will be promulgated for any changes.

OLD BUSINESS

RADM Tozzi and Master Chief Kantrovitch investigated the existence of a USCG SOY-like program. Contact has been made key with USCG individuals and they have indicated their desire to become more involved with SNA and are looking at ways to implement a SOY for Cuttermen.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

There are currently 63 corporate sponsors. 15 are in some state of arrears. In addition, due to mergers and acquisitions, there might be couple that will not renew. There is an issue with how we handle divisions within large corporations. It was suggested that we look at the cost of sponsorship and come up with a new pricing structure. Admiral Hancock is the new Chair of the Committee and will review the program.

CHAPTER EVENTS

There are a number of scheduled Chapter events, particularly golf tournaments. The summer issue of *Surface Sitrep* is about to come out with 8 chapter articles. Navy message NAVADMIN 121 calls for active and reserve force integration. As such, we will no longer be using USNR in any communications. A copy of the message will be sent to the board.

SECRETARY REPORT

At next meeting there will be a number breakdown of the demographics for the next BOD election. This year the committee would like to have everything wrapped up earlier so that the ballot can be promulgated in October.

FINANCIAL REPORT

We are basically on budget. However, there are three issues that need continued focus. The first is regarding corporate sponsorship. A large portion of our operating budget is based on this income; second, some chapter funding requests that will be discussed later; and lastly the overages on some line items because of buying in bulk.

Over the last two years we have provided about \$3,000 for the Newport Sailing Regatta. This the chapter is only asking for \$1,500 from National to support this event. Motion made to support this expenditure was carried unanimously.

There is a USNA Midshipman Reception held after complimentary memberships are awarded. They are asking for us to fund \$2,250 for the cost of this. This is the first time we will have funded this event. Precedence for SWOCIP has resulted in funding on a 50-50 basis between SNA National and SNA GWC. After discussion, SNA GWC agreed to fund 50 percent of the reception but would like to fund this event upfront in the future so as to have a presence at the event. It was questioned if the Senior Enlisted assigned to USNA Companies were invited.

SYMPOSIUM REPORT

RADM Chesbrough was unable to attend. However, he provided the latest draft 2006 Symposium presentation for review. Once again AFCEA West is scheduled for the same week.

Theme: Our Surface Navy in the Global War on Terror . . . and Beyond. Sea Shaping had been previously used as a tentative theme. The group reviewed the schedule highlights. ADM Mullen has already accepted our invitation to deliver the keynote address. There is still more work needed to strengthen Thursday afternoon. RADM Tozzi has agreed to introduce the Commandant of the USCG. It was suggested that in addition to the Corporate VP Breakfast we also have a breakfast on Sea Warrior to discuss people issues and human capital strategies. This would be open to all attendees. We will need to check Senior Enlisted schedules with Force Karen O'Connor. It was also suggested that we attempt to get the MCPON as this will be his last symposium. We will try to schedule him as both a speaker and to pay special recognition as he has been a great supporter of SNA.

The title "Lecture" should be removed from the Naval Heritage event. Perhaps there is a way to rejuvenate the FORCENet presentation as this will be the 3rd or 4th year of having it on the agenda. It was suggested that perhaps a more relevant topic might be "Maritime Domain Awareness." It was suggested that maybe we would want a panel to discuss this including representatives from other groups rather than the Navy. Proposed panelists from the Department of Homeland Security, Homeland Defense, NORTHCOM, etc. were suggested.

The Gunns' will hold the reception on Monday night as in previous years. A proposal has also been made to Admiral Hogg regarding the Board of Directors meeting to try and encourage greater attendance from non-BOD members. The proposal is that the meeting start at 0830 on Tuesday with the session lasting approximately two hours. We would advertise the meeting as "open to general membership." Formal presentations would be given by the President, Secretary, and Treasurer which would include financial reports and the proposed budget. Committee Chairmen would submit their reports in writing which would be distributed before the meeting. The

remainder of the meeting would be open for general discussion and new business. The chapter reports would be presented at a slightly enlarged Chapter Presidents Breakfast on Friday along with discussions. VADM Gunn will discuss this with ADM Hogg tomorrow.

West Coast Symposium is 16 August in Monterey and then 18 August in San Diego.

AWARDS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Committee met on June 9th. A special committee comprised of the Executive Director, Capt Rinn and Capt Lugo was appointed to develop the SWOS Hall of Fame Concepts. Included in this is a look at something flexible that can be in a room or in a corridor. Admiral Locklear was at Newport last week and commented that the proposed building is indeed not used and suggested that we look for an area that is well trafficked. We have been working with Freeman and now have all picture digitized making it easier to reproduce. The proposed panel display is designed to be shippable and expandable to accommodate future additions.

Heritage Theme. The tentative topic is "Surface Actions at Normandy on D-Day." Ron Jenkins has an agreement from Dean Moser to do this presentation. He is currently doing some artwork including a sculpture that will be placed at Normandy.

Naval War College SNA Award. The Naval War College judging panel recommended that the award not be presented this year as none of the three papers submitted of winning quality. Therefore, we did not present the award this year.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

We are very close to 5,000 members. This number includes the 246 Midshipman that were awarded membership after ship selection, but doesn't include the 350 letters ready to send out to NROTC, six of which were already presented at UCLA. The others will be sent to the ships where they have a CO or XO who is a member and those that don't will be done through the chapters. The three year membership drive has already started and is being promoted. Another question was regarding the E-7 selectee procedures. Jim Monroe thought there should be a buy in to the program by promulgating it through the Command Master Chiefs on the ships. This is great for the ships. However, it doesn't address those individuals on shore duty. It was suggested that we go through the Command Master Chiefs at the various installation commands. Also we need to include those surface warriors that are on carriers on submarines. This can be accomplished through the Command Master Chiefs.

Action Item: Executive Director to research the most practical ways to reach the E-7 Selectees.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Letters have been sent to the scholarship recipients. Two renewals required spring transcripts but due to grade point averages they are not to be renewed. The two alternates will now receive scholarships.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Nothing to report

SPECIAL PROJECT REPORT

Captain Lugo will be working on the projects so far approved which include the Hall of Fame, Hall of Fame Video and Membership Recruiting.

NEW BUSINESS

A group is putting forth an expedition to look for John Paul Jones' ship, the Bonhomme Richard. Significant funding will be required to support this endeavor. The issue is the isthe level of interest there might be for SNA to participate. One of the benefits to the Association would include publicity as the Discovery Channel is considering the production of a television documentary. SNA would get name recognition as a sponsor along with educational material produced after the expedition .

No idea of what level of funding is needed. Costs for the NOAA ship are being developed for conducting the search in the summer of 2006. it was suggestedthat we would not fund the exploration to see if the expedition is feasible but SNA would commit to a level of funding when search actually take places. The ExCom expressed interest in the project and continued evaluation of our level of support. If SNA does provide support we do need to be able to justify it to our membership. If we were to support this we would need to have the project ensure that the recognition not be limited to John Paul Jones but to include others that died on the ship and could be a tribute to all Navy personnel. Agreed to move forward.

SNA GWC REPORT

RADM Barry McCullough will arrive in late July and RADM Locklear will transition the GWC chapter presidency to him. The chapter has been very active and has some really good things going on. The new Board of Directors is now in place. The chapter has started looking at how we can target the membership so that we are serving all of the various constituents. The chapter is also looking at how to rejuvenate some of the events along with scheduling, venue, etc. The chapter is also looking at ways to handle the large financial balance by putting in place a financial investment policy.

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, 30 August, 2005.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1840.