

**Surface Navy Association
Executive Committee Minutes (Draft)
30 August 2005**

IN ATTENDANCE:

VADM Lee Gunn, USN (Ret), *President*
VADM Hank Giffin, USN (Ret), *East Coast VP* (via phone)
CAPT Jim Tackett, USN (Ret), *Treasurer*
RADM Geof Chesbrough, USN (Ret)
CAPT Frank Lugo, USN (Ret)
CAPT Paul Rinn, USN (Ret)
RADM John Tozzi, USN (Ret)
RDML (Sel) Mark Buzby, USN
LCDR Edwin Kaiser, USN
LT Thad Smith, USN
CAPT Bill Erickson, USN (Ret) Executive Director
Ms. Julie Howard, Director of Administration

Meeting called to order at 1715

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes from the ExCom held on 29 June were posted on the website for review. Motion was made to approve minutes, carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

The West Coast Symposium was just held and while we had a good event overall there is room for improvement. This will be a topic for further discussion. We need to come up with some ideas on how to improve. One of the goals this evening is to firm up the 2006 National Symposium agenda.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Old Business

RADM Tozzi reported that a meeting is scheduled the week of 13 September 2005 to discuss further the Coast Guard Sailor of the Year activities. Will report results at the next meeting.

It was noted that Mrs. Zumwalt recently passed away and that the service is this weekend. As the Zumwalt family have been involved in our awards program a discussion ensued as to whether we wanted to donate to the fund in her name. It was noted that we recently donated to the Stockdale Fund and have no real policy on charity donations except we do look at what benefits the members. We have done some support for fallen Surface Warriors and also the Pentagon Memorial Fund. Motion made to support this at \$1,000 level. Motion carried unanimously. CAPT Paul Rinn plans to attend the funeral and will represent SNA.

CORPORATE STATUS

We currently have 63 corporate sponsors. 12 corporate sponsors are in arrears. Most are affected by reorganization or we have lost touch with the right contact. For example, Northrop Grumman sectors need to be looked at. Appointed VADM Hancock, USN (Ret) as the Corporate Committee Chair and we look forward his participation at future meetings. In the meantime, VADM Gunn did have a conversation with RADM Foley regarding the status of Northrop Grumman. It is evident with the number of mergers in the defense sector and the requirement for corporate divisions to participate under one name that we need to further examine our corporate sponsor program

SECRETARY REPORT

The Board of Director election process will commence in September and the intention is to use the same process as last year.

FINANCIAL REPORT

We are solvent and in sound financial condition. It is important to note that we are behind on corporate sponsorship revenue. We have had a number of unexpected expenses so we could possibly spend more this year that we actually take in. It was reiterated once again that it is time to review our corporate dues policy. Individual dues are also down but hopefully this will improve.

SYMPOSIUM REPORT

Version 6 of the schedule was reviewed and the following points were made.

- The CNO has agreed to be keynote speaker and will then leave to go to AFCEA West.
- No invite as yet has been issued to Sen Hilary Clinton. We would like get feedback from OLA and CNO before any formal invitations are issued. We do have two other names provided by Admiral Ferguson: Rep. Randy Forbes (R-VA) and Rep Susan Davis (D-CA) who are co-chairs of the Navy Marine Corps Caucus.
- It was noted that not many of the sessions actually encompass the proposed theme. We are hoping that by sending letters outlining the talking points to the speakers it would help them focus their topics.
- Might need clarification on topic “The Navy Strategy.”
- Need to follow up with Commodore Gass, RN on the International Navies Luncheon.
- Looking to get some survivors to come in from the Omaha Beach Landing during WWII for the Heritage event on Wednesday evening.

- Looking for help to come up with names from N76 to fill in the gaps for the Relevant Issues Panel.
- If the position of ASN RD&A is filled by the Symposium, then perhaps the Under Secretary of the Navy could do the CEO luncheon.
- Change the session on the Military Sealift Command to "Emerging Role of Riverine Warfare" with N75 as the presenter. See if there is a way to incorporate MSC in another spot.
- It was suggested that VADM Etnyre play a larger role in the CEO briefing.

The price per square foot for exhibitors was reviewed and the suggested price schedule was approved. Lastly, the revised formats for BOD/General Meeting and Chapter President's Breakfast have been approved by Admiral Hogg.

West Coast Symposia

Monterey had good SWO attendance and great presentations. Spouse program was also well attended.

San Diego had better attendance than in past including Chief selectees who participated in good numbers. Revenue was down, particularly from corporate sponsors, but expenses were less. Net cost is expected to be about the same as last year. It has been a problem in confirming the date with enough lead time for potential exhibitors.. We need to look at how we want to do this event in future.

AWARDS COMMITTEE

There was a meeting on 26 August. Highlights from the meeting included:

- The status of the Hall of Fame at SWOS was discussed. The proposed location has selected which is on the "Old Quarterdeck" in Wheatley Hall. This is outside the auditorium and students have to go through this area to get to classrooms and the Commanding Officer's office. Frank Lugo is now taking over this activity as part of special projects. The goal is to establish the Hall of Fame at SWOS prior to undertaking other locations.
- The committee is recommending seven inductees for the 2006 Hall of Fame. Of the current individuals in the Hall of Fame, most of been selected because of heroic action or valor. Would like to table an idea that we consider adding a special category for individuals who have excelled in Naval Engineering. Potential recipients would be Admiral Meyer, Bowditch, Ericsson, etc. Need to look at date presentation. Motion was made to approve this year's proposed inductees which carried unanimously.

- The permanent plaque for the USNA YP Squadron Commodore Award has been designed and will be dedicated at the next YP Squadron Commodore Change of Command Ceremony. The previous three awardees' names will be put on the plaque.
- 2006 Special Recognition Award. Did not select a corporate figure this year. VADM Nyquist, RADM Toole, CAPT Alosi, and CAPT Zucker have been proposed by the committee. Motion was made to recognize these individuals which was carried unanimously.
- Symposium Heritage Theme: Surface Actions at Normandy on D-Day. This may be the one of the last times to recognize individuals from World War II.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

We have now broken the 5,000 mark. The three year membership drive has really taken off and it was suggested that perhaps the committee should look at dropping one year memberships altogether. We will run a study on this. Force Master Chief O'Connor sent out an email to all E7 (SW) Selectees letting them know about the complimentary memberships. CPO Pride Day in San Diego will start on the Midway tomorrow (Sept 1) and they expected nearly 1,500 to participate. Hampton Roads is hosting a luncheon on September 13th. Have also heard that Mayport is doing an event and Force Master Chief Monroe will attend that. As of yet we have not been asked for financial support for the Mayport event.

We have learned that there will be a CPO Pinning Ceremony at the Navy Memorial on 16 September. We are waiting to hear back from the individuals organizing the ceremony to see if they would like SNA support. This would be a good event for the Washington Chapter to support.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The Hampton Roads Chapter presented checks to recipients in their area at a small ceremony and the Washington Chapter presented a check to a recipient at today's chapter luncheon.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

SWONET did a great job on covering the West Coast Symposium and is planning to cover the 2006 National Symposium.

SPECIAL PROJECT REPORT

There is a meeting tomorrow to discuss Hall of Fame logistics. Should have a report on membership recruiting for the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- Anticipating a new President next year and should budget some travel to have a "get acquainted" trip.

- The issue was raised regarding any Surface Navy issues we should look at in light of Hurricane Katrina in Pascagoula and New Orleans. It was discussed contacting SURFLANT. We would like to let the people know that we are there if they need something. The Executive Director will coordinate by email if a quick approval if something is required. Consensus is that we would help anyone in the Navy Community and not be concerned if the recipient is a SNA member.

MEETING DATE

27 September was selected as the date for next meeting.

GWC CHAPTER REPORT

Chapter intends to hold a SNA/USS Anzio tailgate on 10 September before the Navy-Stanford football game at USNA. The tailgater will start at 1430 and will be held in the Navy Fest area. A chapter "Dining Out" will be held on Saturday 24 September.

The chapter also hosted a "Join-up" within N76 spaces in the Pentagon. The event was so successful that the chapter intends to schedule two to three more before again moving back to Pentagon Row.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 1855.