

**Surface Navy Association
Executive Committee Minutes (Draft)
29 November 2005**

IN ATTENDANCE:

VADM Lee Gunn, USN (Ret), *President*
VADM Hank Giffin, USN (Ret), *East Coast VP* (via phone)
CAPT Jim Taggett, USN (Ret), *Treasurer*
VADM Kevin Greene, USN (Ret)
RADM Geof Chesbrough, USN (Ret)
RADM John Tozzi, USN (Ret)
RADM Dennis Conley, USN (Ret)
VADM Douglas Katz, USN (Ret) (Via Phone)
RADM Bill Retz, USN (Ret) (via phone)
CAPT Paul Rinn, USN (Ret)
CAPT David Lee, USN (Ret)
CAPT Cameron Ingram, USN (Ret)
CAPT Bill Erickson, USN (Ret) Executive Director
Ms Julie Howard, Director of Administration

The meeting came to order at 1710

MINUTES

Minutes for the last EXCOM meeting were posted to website for review. With no discussion the minutes were approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

The only outstanding item is the USCG Sailor of the Year procedures. This will be continued as an action item. However, because of USCG structure, initiation of a Coast Guard Surface Sailor of the Year will be a long term process.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

There is nothing to report except that prospective replacement VADM Kevin Green, USN (Ret) is on board and present this evening. The process that will be used for the turnover will be at the Board Meeting on Tuesday Jan 10th where the Board will be asked to affirm the nomination as new President. He take the reins at the end of the Banquet on Thursday evening.

We are also in discussions with VADM Tim LaFleur, USN (Ret) to possibly take over as the West Coast VP, relieving VADM Phil Quast, USN (Ret). As the East Coast VP, VADM Hank Giffin has been asked to continue in his position and he has agreed to do so.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

We currently have 53 paid-up corporate sponsors. In addition we have 10 in arrears that we are working to resolve. We have been informed by four of the companies that they will not renew. VADM Bill Hancock, USN(Ret) is gearing up as Corporate Committee Chairman.

SECRETARY REPORT

We are on timeline for the Board of Directors election process with a status report to the next ExCom meeting on January 4th 2006. The ExCom reviewed the membership percentages by categories we use for the election. The following BOD Members are retiring: Healey, Ingram, Jenkins, Lewandowski, Lugo, Rushton, and Moore. In addition, Admiral Hogg has proposed that we maintain a floor of four flag officers on the BOD. With no further discussion the ballot was approved unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

We are looking at an estimated \$15K less than anticipated for corporate dues. We have gone into corpus once to take care of special projects and at end of year we expect to end the year with expenses exceeding income. The couple of elements that went into special projects that were voted on by ExCom were good uses of corpus. We should look at possibility of realigning the size of the corporate sponsors and possibly increasing the corporate dues.

SYMPOSIUM REPORT

The ExCom reviewed the current symposium schedule with special emphasis on the highlighted agenda items where issues still exist. The MCPON still hasn't committed regarding Enlisted Roundtable as he has a transportation issue to get to California later that day. CNO is committed. However, we nearly lost him as the White House has called a 3 day meeting during the same time period. He has agreed that VCNO will sit in while he speaks here at SNA. Another unassigned session is "QDR and Naval Strategy". Possibilities are Mr. Henry (OSD) or J8 (Admiral Chanick)

On Wednesday we have a new event listed as "Major Commander's Briefing" session. This is VADM Etnyre's event. Also some issues with Sea Warrior Breakfast as we have same scheduling issue as last year regarding the CMC selection board. We do have a fall back, CAPT Alex Watt, who can speak to Sea Warrior or perhaps RADM Sonny Masso. ADM Giambastiani has yet to confirm his attendance. A substitute from the Joint staff will be investigated. MGEN Nash has confirmed. All people on Dominance Issue Panel have all accepted. N76 would like to have all uniform sit on panel.

On Thursday is the Hurricane Katrina Relief panel. Still have not gotten acceptance from VADM Allen and Captain Walley. RADM Kilkenny has offered to participate on this panel as he was involved in the relief effort. Think that it is a good idea to invite him. RADM's Frick and Landay have not yet accepted. Have had a request from Admiral Sullivan to participate. At Awards Luncheon we need to make sure we recognize FORCE Karen O'Connor as she is retiring and has been a great supporter. The Honorable Dolores Etter has accepted to speak at the CEO Luncheon. Coast Guard Commandant is unavailable. We are investigating feasibility of another USCG Flag Officer as a replacement. SECNAV still hasn't been confirmed. Once he has been

confirmed VADM Gunn and RADM Chesbrough will meet with him. Also should meet with CNO.

AI Erickson to set up meetings.

Monday night there will still be an event at the Gunn's house and would encourage attendance. There has been email out to all BOD members with a link to the website to register.

Exhibit Space Status. There are 5 booths left only. We are not renting Washington Room this year for exhibits and as we have 2 extra events so need space. Admiral Chesbrough will put together the watch bill again this year for next meeting. Will be looking for volunteers again. Will have a media room again this year and Anteon will staff it. The option exists for speakers to hold a "media availability." When we send speaker letter need to send a full schedule.

Also pursuing Pentagon Channel Coverage for key sessions. Distribution would be via the Internet. The Pentagon Channel POC has indicated he would air the material if we take the responsibility of recording it. We are trying to get Navy Media Center to support the CNO's session. This is a good use of technology to get key events to our members at-sea. Need to identify what additional sessions we want to tape.

Intend to hold the Editor's Luncheon again the week before the symposium. Anyone who would like to attend from ExCom is welcome.

Heritage Program. Met with Dean Mosher today to go over his presentation. The Naval Order is sponsoring statue to go at Normandy Beach and has received all necessary approvals. French Government has agreed to maintain the statute once in place. The project will require about \$400k. Mr. Mosher would like to debut statue as part of his lecture. We would also consider an article in *Surface Sitrep*.

AWARDS COMMITTEE REPORT

In process of finishing up Arleigh Burke Award selection. There were a total of 36 nominations – 17 Officers and 18 Enlisted. Really shows the changes in the Navy. Should be finished by end of week.

Photo nominations are still being received. The submission deadline is 1 December.

Historical Remembrance Award. We have identified two individuals who were on Destroyers at Normandy on D-Day. Also have approval from Tobin to get historic prints to decorate the room during the Heritage Lecture.

Special Recognition Awards. Have notified Admirals' Nyquist and Toole. Captain Jim Brooke has notified Captain's Alosi and Zucker who will both be in attendance.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Our membership base has grown to 5643. The membership campaign this year seems to have paid off. Notice difference on 3 year paid membership. Will come back with some recommendations as to what to do in future.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

There have been no meetings recently. The checks for last year have been presented. The Committee will come forward with recommendation that we increase each year's award to \$2,500 for a total of \$10,000 per person. It was also suggested that perhaps we increase the number that we give rather than increase the amount. We currently have about 40 people who get some kind of support from us annually.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Will do some investigation regarding radio advertising, WETA, NPR Etc.

SPECIAL PROJECTS REPORT

SWOS Hall of Fame. We have a commitment to put the Hall in place at Newport. It will be a double sided display and will have two kiosks for review of all videos made. The 4 quadrants will be set out in time periods. It will be used at symposium and then will move from there to Newport. We had budgeted \$10,000. However by adding an extra kiosk the cost has increased to \$15,000. Motion made to increase budget from \$10,000 to \$15,000 for Hall of Fame. Motion carried unanimously.

Hall of Fame Videos. This year we allocated \$25K from corpus. To complete the remaining individuals previously inducted will require an additional \$21K in 2006.

Recruiting

We allocated \$5K in May to support an increased membership recruiting effort. National supported three dedicated events for new CPOs. To fully fund these events an additional \$3,100 is requested. These events were successful in recruiting new members. An article in the next *Surface Sitrep* highlights these events. Motion to provide an additional \$3,100 carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

4 January 2006 was selected for the next ExCom meeting.

Meeting ended after a brief Executive Session.