

**Surface Navy Association  
Executive Committee Minutes (Draft)  
4 January 2006**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

VADM Lee Gunn, USN (Ret), President  
CAPT Jim Tackett, USN (Ret), Treasurer  
CAPT David Lee, USN (Ret), Secretary  
VADM Kevin Green, USN (Ret), President Elect  
RADM Geof Chesbrough, USN (Ret)  
RADM Robert Sutton, USN (Ret)  
CAPT Ron Jenkins, USN (Ret)  
CAPT Frank Lugo, USN (Ret)  
CAPT Paul Rinn, USN (Ret)  
CDR Rudy Laco, USN  
FORCM Harry Kantrovitch, USN (Ret)  
CAPT Bill Erickson, USN (Ret), Executive Director  
Ms Julie Howard, Admin Staff

The meeting was called to order at 1715

**Minutes**

The minutes from the 29 November 2006 meeting had been posted on the website for review. A motion was made to approve and it was carried unanimously.

**Old Business**

The annual Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 10, 2006, from 0800 to 1000. The agenda is large so it will be important that we remain on the time track established. The purpose of moving the time was to allow more members to attend. Two position changes, proposed by the Executive Committee, will be brought before the Board: VADM Kevin Green to replace VADM Lee Gunn as President and VADM Tim LaFleur to replace VADM Phil Quast as the West Coast Vice President. It is expected that VADM Gunn will officiate at the Symposium until the end of the banquet at which time the turnover to VADM Green will take place. VADM Green will take the leadership role at the Chapter President Breakfast on Friday morning.

**Executive Director Report**

**Corporate Sponsor Report**

We currently have 58 corporate sponsors. Six of these are new sponsors. Twelve have been dropped this year. After reviewing their status, Northrop Grumman has decided to have individual divisions act as corporate sponsors rather than have one umbrella organization. Back dues are expected to be paid now that the decision has been made.

### **Bonhomme Richard Project**

We have received a request for \$10,000 to support this project. Currently we have voiced support to the Ocean Technology Foundation (OTF) whom is conducting the expedition. However, SNA has not pledged funds to date. An article is appearing in the upcoming issue of *Surface Sitrep* which will be distributed at the symposium. Typically when SNA receives requests of this nature we inform our membership either by email or in *Surface Sitrep*. When SNA reviews projects that are submitted we look at the benefits to our individual member. Another question we ask is "Does it contribute to the heritage of Surface Warfare and perhaps we could give a lesser amount to the cause and see what comes of it?" There was a discussion on how to publicize this event at the symposium. It was thought that perhaps this could go in the Heritage Lecture. The consensus was that it would conflict with the proposed Normandy Navy Memorial unveiling. SNA could get good visibility from this project, particularly from the publicity that will accompany the event. We do think that heritage is important to the Association. At the Strategic Planning session three years ago the leadership agreed that SNA's endeavors must tie into our membership in some way. A motion was made for SNA to provide \$1,000 to OTF to support the venture to search for the Bonhomme Richard. An amendment to reduce the amount to \$500 was proposed but tabled due to lack of support. Original motion to donate \$1,000 was carried by majority vote.

### **NAPS Sailing Squadron**

A request was received from CAPT John Christenson at Newport to support the NAPS Sailing Squadron. The cost out of pocket is current \$500 per event and they are asking for \$5,000 to support 10 events. After discussion, it was agreed that the proposal would be referred to the Washington Chapter for consideration. Since NAPS comes under the umbrella of the USNA Athletic Association, it is more appropriate for them to provide the requested support.

### **Board of Directors Election Status**

We are 30 votes shy of minimum number required for a valid election. We expect to meet the required number by the end of the week. As a general comment, there seems to be a lack of sea time among the candidates. It was also suggested that we look at where they are located for attendance at meetings. Admiral Hogg has acknowledged that he needs to be more involved in the Board and plans to stay better connected to them.

### **Financial Report**

The committee reviewed the proposed Financial Report for the Board of Directors Meeting next week. To summarize, SNA is in sound financial shape in all accounts. We have consolidated some of our investments and are considering moving the life membership liability fund into a different type of interest bearing account. SNA current net worth is approximately \$1,147,000. For 2005 we exceeded income projections and spent more than budgeted by nearly \$28,000. However, SNA provided additional support to chapters where overall funding exceeded \$30,000. This additional funding went for events and increased dues sharing. In the scholarship area we increased the number of new Scholarships and increase the corpus amount by \$3,000.

In the membership area, SNA provided a number of "complimentary" memberships which should provide return in the future. The increase in membership accounted for higher administrative costs such as mailing and printing. A balanced budget will be proposed for 2006.

In the Special Projects category we have received a proposal to complete the Hall of Fame videos for \$21,000. This will complete all current inductees.

The Scholarship Fund is healthy. With a cap of 40 we will only be able to have 2 new scholarship awards so the committee will have to further examine this at the next ExCom meeting.

### **Symposium Report**

The agenda was reviewed and gaps were discussed. The watch bill was completed at the meeting. The registration numbers were reviewed and it looks like we are going in with more attendees at this point than ever before. We have nearly 1200 individuals who have already registered.

The Pentagon Channel will either do a live feed or tape part of the symposium for later viewing. SNA is also hosting an "Editors' Luncheon" tomorrow.

### **Awards Committee**

A number of award winners will be present at the luncheon. At the Board meeting we will review the awards and scholarship presented this year.

### **Membership committee**

Membership has increased by 20% between December 2004 and December 2005.

### **Public Relations**

RADM Retz has submitted his resignation as Chairman due to his relocation to Texas.

### **New Business**

The next meeting was set for March 1<sup>st</sup>. It was also suggested that the 'Symposium Hot Wash-up' be held 1 February 2006.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 1835.