

**Surface Navy Association
Executive Committee Minutes (Draft)
April 19, 2006**

IN ATTENDANCE

VADM Kevin Green, USN (Ret), *President*
VADM Hank Giffin, USN (Ret), *East Coast VP – via phone*
VADM Timothy LaFleur, USN (Ret), *West Coast VP – via phone*
CAPT David Lee, USN (Ret), *Secretary*
CAPT Jim Tackett, USN (Ret), *Treasurer*
VADM Bill Hancock, USN(Ret) – *via phone*
RADM Joe Hare, USN (Ret) – *via phone*
RADM Dennis Conley, USN (Ret)
CAPT Ron Jenkins, USN (Ret)
CAPT Ned Lundquist, USN(Ret)
CAPT Bill Erickson, USN (Ret), *Executive Director*
Ms Debbie Garry, *Admin Staff*
Ms Julie Howard, *Admin Staff*

Meeting was called to order at 1700

MINUTES

The minutes were reviewed in advance electronically and were approved as written.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

It was announced with sadness that our former treasurer Captain Morris Foote, USN(Ret) passed away recently. A ceremony is planned for June 29th and more details will be provided. It was also noted that Captain Paul Rinn was recovering from shoulder surgery following his recent accident.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Navy Memorial Display

The Navy Memorial has asked SNA for permission to display the SNA Hall of Fame as a permanent feature at the Memorial. The approximate cost for this is \$16,000. There was a meeting between Capt Rinn and RADM Buchanan on March 29th where the following options were discussed:

- Option 1: Do nothing. Hall of Fame is not displayed
- Option 2: Provide only Hall of Fame Material to the Navy Memorial
- Option 3: Option 2 plus annual funding
- Option 4: SNA fully funds the \$16,000 +

There were a number of questions raised during discussion of the options regarding the possibility of asking for our corporate sponsors to help in the funding and, if so, would the

donation come to us or go directly to the Memorial. The ExCom was uncomfortable letting the Navy Memorial do the fundraising using our name and Hall of Fame. The consensus seemed to be that SNA retain ownership of the display and undertake the fundraising, perhaps with a fund raising event at the Navy Memorial. A motion was made to approve an exhibit at the Navy Memorial; to fund this exhibit with corpus funds; and to investigate raising funds from corporate sponsors. The motion carried.

Action Item: Bill Erickson, Paul Rinn will develop the exhibit and the Corporate Committee will develop a funding proposal to involve Corporate Sponsorship.

Bylaw Change

The Navy JAG office has expressed some concern regarding the FORCM positions on the SNA Board of Directors. It is proposed that we change this to a liaison position, advisory capacity only and which would not have any voting rights. This proposal was approved.

Last Gearing Tin Can Donation Request

A request for funds was made to SNA. This is typically outside our mission and is not something we traditionally fund. Request was denied.

Support for Savannah State ROTC

A request was made to provide financial assistance to the Savannah State ROTC. It was thought that if we move forward to support this event then we would need to provide money to support all the ROTC units.

Action Item: Membership committee to research exactly what support is requested and to create a proposal.

Information on upcoming events was provided as follows: May 3 - SECNAV Navy Marine Corps Council Briefing; West Coast Symposia Dates – San Diego August 17 and Monterey August 15.

TREASURERS REPORT

The financial statement was reviewed and it was pointed out that we were able to realize more income from the symposium than expected.

SYMPOSIUM COMMITTEE REPORT

We have identified an individual willing to take over the chair of this committee from RADM Chesbrough. It is hoped that this individual will be introduced at the next ExCom.

AWARD COMMITTEE REPORT

It was proposed that the new YP Squadron Commander Award be renamed to either the Captain Morris Foote YP Squadron Commander Award or that it be presented in memory of CAPT Morris Foote and retain its name. It was agreed that this award should have Captain Foote's name attached to it. A motion was made to proceed for the Awards Committee to review the design and associate cost which was approved.

Action Item – Awards Committee review design and funding for change of YP squadron Commander Award to recognize Captain Morris Cooper Foote.

There was some brief discussion of possible individuals who should be considered for the special recognition award at the symposium next year. This will be discussed in more detail at subsequent meetings once the Awards Committee issues a formal proposal to the ExCom.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

A total of 36 Applications have been received with 34 applicants being eligible. The committee has been provided with precepts that they should look to award 11 new scholarships. A letter to the Committee Chairman setting forth this year's guidelines has been provided. Approval of Scholarship winners will be requested at the next ExCom Meeting.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Gulf Coast Chapters have been undergoing changes with Navy shore establishment realignment. RADM Jay Foley is investigating increased Northrop Grumman participation in the Pascagoula Chapter and RADM John Tozzi will investigate increased USCG participation at Pascagoula and New Orleans.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

A proposal was made for a SNA Communications Seminar to be held on June 13 at the Hyatt in Crystal City from 0800 to 1645. There would be a minimal registration fee to the attendees to cover administrative costs. The event is not expected to be a revenue generator. After discussion the committee was asked to provide alternative dates and more details on this program.

Action Item: PR committee to provide more details.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is scheduled for June 6, 2006.