

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

**IN ATTENDANCE**

VADM Kevin Green, USN (Ret), *President*  
VADM Hank Giffin, USN (Ret), *East Coast VP – via phone*  
CAPT Jim Tackett, USN (Ret), *Treasurer*  
RADM Buz Buzby, USN  
RADM Denny Conley, USN (Ret)  
RADM Dave Hart, USN (Ret)  
CAPT Kevin Sweeney, USN  
CAPT Dave Lee, USN (Ret)  
CAPT (Sel) Rudy Laco, USN  
RADM John Tozzi, USCG (Ret)  
CAPT Ned Lundquist, USN (Ret)  
Mr. Thad Smith - *via phone*  
CAPT Bill Erickson, USN (Ret), *Executive Director*  
Ms. Julie Howard, *Admin Staff*

**MINUTES**

Minutes from July meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

**PRESIDENT REPORT**

The Surface Warfare Party was held on Saturday evening at the Navy Museum. This was a wonderful return to such a grand tradition. There was also a dinner hosted by Whitney, Bradley and Brown, INC to celebrate the release of the book *No Higher Honor* and to recognize the crew of the USS Samuel B. Roberts. It was a great event.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

The West Coast Symposia in both Monterey and San Diego had good turnouts. The luncheon in San Diego was held on the USS Tarawa. A proposal for next year has been put forward to integrate the WCS with the Surface Line Week, the Surface Warfare Flag Training Conference, the SNA Golf tournament and conclude with the Surface Warfare Ball. By combining these events into one week, we stand a better chance of having the maximum number of surface ships in port and increased Flag attendance. This in turn will enhance our ability to attract corporate participation.

**GEORGE SIRIAN AWARD PRESENTATION**

This event was held the end of August. As it rained steadily there were not quite as many activities as in previous years. They did manage to hoist three sails while underway. As usual this event coincided with CPO Week with this year's award recipient coming from the USS ANZIO.

**CORPORATE PROGRAM**

The proposed changes for the program were reviewed. Admiral Hancock has commenced notifying the CEOs and corporate contacts to discuss the program. The revenue determination would be left for the corporation to decide and would refer to the Navy revenue in specific divisions. The intention is to "grandfather" corporations for next year that might have an increase in dues under the new system.

## **SECRETARY REPORT**

The timeline for the election of new Board members was discussed. Requests for nominations have been solicited from members with a good preliminary response.

## **TREASURER REPORT**

The monthly finance report was reviewed. We are about 70 per cent through the year and on target. There is nothing extraordinary. One item of note is that the Association is down on individual dues which could be affected by the number of complimentary members and the 3 year membership drive last year.

To date we have distributed just under \$71,000 to our chapters. Hampton Roads and San Diego are the largest recipients. All disbursements other than "dues sharing" are made from direct requests from chapters.

## **SYMPOSIUM REPORT**

The schedule of events has been reviewed by VADM Etnyre who made one suggestion that has been incorporated. SecNav's office has also confirmed that he is willing to be the keynote speaker and Congressman Bartlett has expressed interest in attending. It was agreed after a review of the agenda that the speaker invitation letters could now be distributed.

## **SCHOLARSHIP REPORT**

All checks have been sent to the 50 recipients and some "thank you" notes have been received.

## **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

The numbers are stable. A letter was distributed to all Chapter President to let them know we are here and also to review the various membership initiatives we put in place. Coast Guard memberships are at 37. We are still working on the complimentary membership program for those new individuals who are awarded their permanent "Cutterman" pins (awarded after 5 years service at-sea).

*Action Item: Committee to have a proposal for vote at next meeting*

## **PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT**

The date for the Communications Seminar has been set for November 30<sup>th</sup>. Final details are in work. A draft agenda was reviewed. Attendance will be limited to corporate sponsors, a few companies that are prospective members, and active duty PAOs. The date for the Editor's Luncheon before the symposium will be January 4<sup>th</sup> 2007.

*Action Item: Set up registration page so that invitations can be distributed.*

## **SPECIAL PROJECTS**

Work has commenced with the Navy Memorial to install the a Hall of Fame exhibit which is expected to be in place early October. This would be a great place for the Monday evening pre-symposium reception for Board members. (8 January)

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The next meeting will be held on October 24<sup>th</sup>.