

**Surface Navy Association
Executive Committee Minutes (Draft)
October 24, 2006**

IN ATTENDANCE

VADM Kevin Green, USN (Ret), *President*
VADM Tim LaFleur, USN (Ret), *West Coast VP – via phone*
CAPT Paul Rinn, USN (Ret)
RADM Dave Hart, USN (Ret)
CAPT Dave Lee, USN (Ret)
Dr Harry Kantrovitch
RADM John Tozzi, USCG (Ret)
Mr. Thad Smith - *via phone*
CAPT Bill Erickson, USN (Ret), *Executive Director*
Ms Julie Howard, *Admin Staff*

MINUTES

Minutes from the ExCom meeting of 19 September 2006 were approved unanimously.

PRESIDENT REPORT

There are only 11 weeks until the start of the symposium so this will take up a lot of our time in the next few meetings.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

The current status of Vice Admiral Metcalf's health was noted.

CORPORATE SPONSOR REPORT

Admiral Hancock has contacted all those corporations that have dues up through November. We currently have 61 corporate sponsors with IBM as a new sponsor and Honeywell requesting an invoice to join.

During Admiral Hancock's conversations with corporate representatives, no one expressed concern about the new rate structure nor that they would not renew their corporate membership. A number also expressed their pleasure with our symposium. We are grandfathering the previous corporate levels this year but will increase on next billing cycle.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Board of Directors Election Status. The ballot draft is in process now and will be online on October 31st. Paper ballots will be available for anyone who requests one. The month of November will be the voting period. We require 10% of voting membership which is 547 votes for the election to count. Results will be announced on 15 December.

The present board make up was reviewed. We have 6 board members whose terms expire this year. The maximum number we can have is 25 however we carry currently 22 members. The recommendation is to grow to the 25 board members as this will help the diversity of the board.

It is proposed that we put all those who were nominated on to the ballot with the breakdown as follow:

E4-E9 (2 noms) select 1
O1-O2 (2 noms) select 1
O3-O4 (3 noms) select 1

O5 (6 noms) select 2
O6 (8 noms) select 2
Flag (3 noms) Select 2

To better balance the BOD membership it is recommended the Chairman of the Board request Master Chief Karen O'Connor remain on the board in accordance with SNA by-laws for one additional year.

There was discussion about the need to have a separate category for Coast Guard members on the board. It was suggested that rather than mandate a Coast Guard representative we first do more in the membership arena to grow Coast Guard participation and then look at the whole involvement in the association. Perhaps when we are next looking at bylaws we should examine this issue.

Motion was made to accept proposal as written and was carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

We are currently running a deficit of approximately \$17,000 for the year. However there is nothing in the financial statement that is of major concern.

Chapter disbursements to date are close to \$77,000. An effort to combine several events with the West Coast Symposium is being investigated. This is typically the 2nd or 3rd week in August. By combining events, we would have a venue more appealing to our corporate exhibitors. One downside is that with many events occurring simultaneously there could possibly be a competition for an individual's time. San Diego Chapter President is to meet with COMNAVSURFPAC to discuss further.

SYMPOSIUM REPORT

All of the speakers have been contacted and written invitations have been received. Some responses have also been received. The Secretary of the Navy has accepted to give the Keynote Address on Tuesday. We have also had a response through OLA on the Congressional participation. Commodore Bennett is willing to continue pulling the International Navies Luncheon together. Next action is to look at the watch bill for MCs, escorts, etc. We need to start organizing individual meetings for final details with our top level speakers.

Have heard that Admiral Hicks wishes to have a meeting on the Monday prior to bring his team in to the area. We have also heard that Admiral Ulrich will be in town and is willing to speak if we need him.

Concerns were expressed about the reduction in space in the newly renovated exhibit hall and that we need to find creative ways to fit people in. It is thought that VADM Etnyre will do a major command session during the symposium.

AWARDS COMMITTEE

The Arleigh Burke award and the Zumwalt award nominations are starting to come in. The theme for Heritage Lecture is Surface Navy at Okinawa. We have 4 speakers identified. Raytheon have agreed again to sponsor the Heritage Lecture.

The awards luncheon is always a "time" challenge. Admiral Hogg has expressed some concern that we should recognize VADM Metcalf. We have already recognized him and perhaps, in view of his current condition, we should let him be remembered when he last received the award.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Nothing to report until next process begins.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We have 6155 members as of the end of September. We are down in Enlisted membership. We do have a survey ready to go to those Ensigns that we gave a 3 year membership to last year.

Coast Guard Initiative The membership committee has discussed Coast Guard prospects and what we can do to encourage membership. The commissioning CO of the new National Security Cutter *Bertoff* has been approached to take over the leadership in a short term Pascagoula chapter and then in the Bay Area.

The Bertoff is being launched on November 11th and the idea is then to at some point to give the Officers and E6 to CPO a three year complimentary membership if they have a permanent cutter pin. This would pertain to approximately 30 individuals. Consideration was also given to offering a three year membership for the cost of 1 year. For those Officers and Enlisted already stationed in Alameda, we are looking at a handful of people in the wardroom and maybe 9 or so in the Chief's mess with the rest of the crew being a nominal number. We are talking about 20 people per ship with a total for Alameda would be 100 with the rest buying the 3 for 1 year membership.

Would like to start this after the commissioning in November and to roll out early next year. After much discussion it was decided that a concise proposal needs to be ready for the next meeting for the ExCom to vote on.

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT

A few changes have been made to the proposed agenda. There will still have to be more juggling as there is a conflict with the Sea Enterprise Monthly video teleconference. All invitations have been sent out. We have some big messages and the event has potential to become an annual one.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Hall of Fame Exhibit is now at Navy Memorial. We had talked about having a reception to dedicate the exhibit. However, since we did not involve corporate sponsorship in the exhibit, it was recommended and approved to wait until the pre-symposium reception on January 8th 2007. The next target is to install one in Great Lakes.

NEW BUSINESS

Next date of meeting is November 28th.