

**Surface Navy Association
Executive Committee Minutes (Draft)
January 3, 2007**

IN ATTENDANCE

VADM Kevin Green, USN (Ret), *President*
VADM Tim leFleur, USN (Ret), *West Coast VP – via phone*
VADM Hank Giffin, USN (Ret), *East Coast VP – via phone*
CAPT Paul Rinn, USN (Ret)
RADM Dave Hart, USN (Ret)
CAPT Dave Lee, USN (Ret)
Master Chief Harry Kantrovitch, USN (Ret)
RADM John Tozzi, USCG (Ret)
VADM Doug Katz, USN (Ret)
CAPT Jim Tackett, USN (Ret)
RADM Tom Wilson, USN (Ret)
CAPT Ned Lundquist, USN (Ret)
RADM Bob Sutton, USN (Ret)
CDR Tom Williams, USN
CAPT Bill Erickson, USN (Ret), *Executive Director*
Ms. Julie Howard, *Director of Administration*

MINUTES

Minutes from the last meeting were reviewed and accepted unanimously as written

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

The focus of the meeting is the upcoming symposium. I also want to report that I recently attended the YP Squadron Change of Command Ceremony at the United States Naval Academy and presented the SNA Sword to the outgoing Squadron Commodore.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

A reminder was given for certain events during the Symposium: the Board reception on Monday night at the Heritage Center, Chapter Presidents’ Breakfast Tuesday morning and Friday's General Membership/Board of Director's Meeting.

CORPORATE REPORT

We currently have 61 corporate sponsors. 2 of these are new . 1 has recently been dropped. We did meet budget and have already booked \$15,000 in corporate dues for 2007.

SECRETARY REPORT

The new Board of Directors was reviewed and it was noted that we once again met our membership representation goals. (See presentation for complete list)

TREASURER REPORT

We ended the year with just over \$5,000 over budget which is good considering that we increased our support to chapter projects and made some bulk purchases for awards.

The 2007 budget was reviewed and adjustments to categories were made. The only line item in the proposed budget that we don't have estimates is the Communication Forum. The continuation of this activity was discussed and it was proposed that we add an income and expense line for this activity.

New Hall of Fame videos will now be funded as a line item in the symposium budget.

SYMPOSIUM REPORT

We do have a spouse program again this year that includes a White House tour, lunch at the Washington Club and a tour of the BUMED Naval Observatory. Our advance registration numbers were reviewed and it was noted that once again we are going into the symposium with higher numbers than the previous year. The Congressional Speaker is now Representative Gene Taylor with the change being brought about by the outcome of the recent election. We are still waiting to hear from MCPON; however, we do have a replacement if required. We have added a "Cuttermen's Session" for USCG attendees. Symposium Chair is going over the last few responses just to make sure everyone is still on track. For those that will make introductions at the beginning of sessions, there is a bio book being put together that will be in the staff office onsite along with a copy of the "Watch Bill"

AWARD COMMITTEE

Award winners for the various awards were reviewed. We had a good year for awards with 23 nominees for Arleigh Burke. At least 12 of the nominees could have easily won this award. All but one recipient will be in attendance at the Awards Luncheon. Admiral Crowder will present the award to this winner after the symposium at a chapter event in Yokosuka.

For the Zumwalt Award we had 38 nominations and once again both candidates chosen were well deserving. Both are coming to the symposium. In addition to recognizing the award winners at the luncheon we will ask them to stand for recognition at the banquet.

We had a better than average numbers of surface ship picture submissions this year for the Photo Award. The focus this year was men and women in action.

Historical Remembrance Award will be presented to Spiro, Crenshaw and Perrett. Dr. Barlow will speak at the Heritage Lecture.

We had a number of articles submitted for the Literary Award. The award winner, Commander Hendrix, will attend the Symposium on the 10th and 11th. Honorable Mention Award winners McVadon and Holland will also be in attendance at the luncheon.

For the Hall of Fame induction at the banquet we do have a number of George Sirian's relatives attending.

It was also noted that we are beginning to gear up for the Stephen Decatur NJROTC awards. Awards presented in 2006 were the most we have ever presented.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We have a total of 6168 members which is just over 500 new members for the year. We dropped 195 members.. Of note 41 were a result of non-renewals by the distinguished graduates program 3 years ago. Another 46 were included in a group check from Hampton Roads.

We are now at the mid point of the complimentary 3 year membership program for new 1160 accessions. We have put together a survey to assess the success of this program which will be sent after the symposium.

The Chapter Excellence Award will be announced at the Chapter Presidents Breakfast with Pearl Harbor, Sasebo, San Diego and Hampton Roads winning this year.

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT

Tomorrow we are hosting the Editors' Luncheon. This is the 3rd year for this. We do let our speakers know that everything is on the record and we will once again have a media room. Both SURFOR and SURFLANT PAOs will be in attendance. SWONET and Navy Media Center will be in attendance videoing portions of the activities.

NEW BUSINESS

Hot Wash Up date will be January 26th at the Cinnabar. It was also proposed that February 28th be the next ExCom (subsequently changed to March 1).

With no other business the meeting adjourned at 1810.