

In Attendance

VADM Kevin Green, USN (Ret), *President*
CAPT Dave Lee, USN (Ret), *Secretary*
CAPT Paul Rinn, USN (Ret)
CDR J Lee Bennett, USN
VADM Lee Gunn, USN (Ret)
RADM Dennis Conley, USN (Ret)
RADM William Hancock, USN (Ret)
Mr. Thad Smith
VADM Douglas Katz, USN (Ret) (*via phone*)
OSCM Brian Ortega, USN (*via phone*)
CAPT Bill Erickson, USN (Ret) *Executive Director*
Ms. Julie Howard, *Director of Admin*

Minutes

The minutes were reviewed and approved unanimously.

Executive Director Report

At the Board of Directors meeting during the symposium the Vision Statement and proposed bylaw change was approved. This now provides a framework for some long range planning to begin. The vision statement has been added to letterhead and also to the website. It is now time to come up with specific objectives and goals to go with the 6 statements of the vision statement

Corporate Sponsors

We currently have 64 corporate sponsors. We did send a proposal to Chuck Beers regarding space options for LMCO and they are working up a counter proposal.

Secretary Report

Nothing new to report

Financial Report

Budget was approved at the Board meeting in January. We have taken in \$5,500 to date. We are still in the process of balancing out the symposium account. The symposium is expected to meet budget.

Still have to do Chapter dues sharing but numbers don't show anything to be concerned with at this point. Funds have already been provided to Hampton Roads for Pers-04 visit and also to Pearl Harbor for an event this week.

Symposium Report

Hot wash was held earlier in February. The results were reviewed. The current proposal is to look at Hyatt for third year and then do a complete business analysis on the Symposium location and goals including why we want to grow.

This year a large number of the JO Roundtable attendees were Midshipmen. Other groups included a large number of attendees from Hampton Road. The format of this event needs to be looked at. As moderator of the session Dave Lee has volunteered to look into this further.

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Awards Committee

Committee is looking to restructure committee membership to hopefully have a better attendance at meetings including adding a number of enlisted members. Committee has begun to look at future themes for the Heritage event for the 2009 symposium.

Scholarship Committee

As long as people have contacted us prior to closing date we are giving them a few more days to get their submission in. Right now we are looking at a total of 50 scholarships with 42 being renewal and 8 new awards. However will look at submissions and see if we need to increase the total to 55. It was suggested that a letter be sent to the corporate sponsors asking them if they are interested in the scholarship program.

Membership Report

The symposium was very good to us as we got 142 new members and 18 renewals. Our base is growing without the complimentary memberships. A few initiatives that came out of the Chapter President's Breakfast will be worked through the membership committee process. Committee will look at complimentary memberships initiatives and it is likely we will have an open-season for 3 months for the half-price 3 year memberships.

One thing that came up was how to recognize people as they become Commanding Officers. One suggestion was a special SNA certificate signed by all the BOD presented to them before they leave PCO school at SWOs. It was also suggested that perhaps we could give them the command star. Suggestion is that we also do something to the Command Master Chief when they go to sea. *AI: Membership committee to take for action*

Public Relations Report

Next SITREP to highlight BMD including an interview with Brad Hicks and a few others. However, the Hicks article is being revised to include the recent satellite shot. A PR Committee has now been formed. It includes a number of corporate reps with the first meeting to be held next month.

Special Projects

Hall of Fame is being updated. Great Lakes Hall of Fame is moving forward also. In addition there is a need at Great Lakes and Naval Academy to use some of our SNA Photographic Collection. Suggestion is for us to put the pictures on CD and distribute to our chapters for use.

Sailor of Year event was in San Diego on Monday and over 400 people were in attendance. It is likely they will provide a request for funds this year.

New Business

Next meeting Wednesday 16 April 2008.