

**Surface Navy Association
Executive Committee Minutes (Draft)
June 5, 2008**

In Attendance

VADM Kevin Green, USN (Ret), *President*
CAPT Dave Lee, USN (Ret), *Secretary*
CAPT Jim Tackett, USN (Ret), *Treasurer*
RADM Dennis Conley, USN (Ret)
CAPT Ned Lundquist, USN (Ret)
RADM John Tozzi, USCG (Ret)
CAPT Bill Erickson, USN (Ret) *Executive Director*
VADM Lee Gunn, USN (Ret)
VADM Doug Katz, USN (Ret)
CAPT Paul Rinn, USN (Ret)
CDR Bryan McGrath, USN (phone)
VADM Timothy LaFleur, USN (Ret) (phone)
Ms. Debbie Garry, Howard Associates

Minutes

The minutes of 16 April 2008 were reviewed and approved unanimously.

Old Business

Bill Erickson reviewed minutes since January 2008 and reported on outstanding action items: JO Roundtable format at Symposium to be reviewed. Symposium Location Study – cost estimates for several hotels are under review and will be presented in September. SNA is contracted with Hyatt for next 3 years.

Charitable Solicitations policy is under review and Admiral Hare is drafting a memorandum to send to chapters.

D-Day Memorial project has been fully funded and does not require financial support from SNA. SNA has advertised in SITREP and at NMCC. Will send out email to SNA members.

At the offsite, SNA requested that standing committees provide goals and objectives to EXCOM by end of summer.

President's Report

Don Piling recently passed away. He was memorialized well by the Navy.

Executive Director Report

Navy Marine Corps Council briefing held on May 21, 2008 and was a success. SNA sent 12 representatives to the event.

West Coast Symposium date has been changed to August 28.

Vella Gulf reunion planning is on schedule for August 8 & 9. Invitation in draft and SNA will send out to membership once finalized.

SNA has received several donation requests for upcoming events.

- Bonhomme Richard/OTF – Committee requesting \$1,000 for a follow-on expedition. SNA has provided same amount in 2006 and 2007. EXCOM approved request as it meets SNA's objective of being educational.
- SURFLANT Surface Warfare Ball – Committee requested financial support for their upcoming ball to be held in Norfolk on 6/21. EXCOM wary of setting a precedent for this type of request. Request was Not Approved.
- Pearl Harbor requested funding for USS MISSOURI CPO Legacy Academy. SNA provided \$2,000 in 2007. Class has doubled in size and chapter is requesting \$6,000. Chapter is seeking donations from other organizations in their area. EXCOM discussed and will provide \$3,100 for books and t-shirts at this time. Chapter can request additional funds at later date if required.

Corporate Sponsors

We currently have 66 corporate sponsors.

Secretary Report

Reviewing Board of Directors list and will provide update in August to EXCOM on number of open positions for next election.

Financial Report

Received more income from Symposium than had been listed on budget.

We have exceeded budget line item for chapter events. Due in part to SOY functions.

Symposium Report

Recommended theme for 2009 Symposium is *Surface Warfare: Core Capabilities to Meet the Nation's Strategy*. Has been sent to OPNAV and Admiral Curtis' office for feedback. Once approved, committee will begin work on agenda. One suggestion was changing "Core" to "Shaping." Both terms provide flexibility to speakers and exhibitors.

Maritime Partnerships was suggested as another possible theme. *Action Item: Brian McGrath will submit proposal on theme to Captain Erickson.*

Awards Committee

Committee has been streamlined and met in May. Committee has completed its goals and objectives and has submitted to Executive Director. Will review Symposium Awards Lunch format and plan to try to shorten program. Battle of Vella Gulf has been selected as the Symposium Naval Historical topic. Working on names to submit for Special Recognition and Hall of Fame. Please submit nominations to Paul Rinn or Bill Erickson by 6/15.

Scholarship Committee

This year 35 scholarship recipients were approved for renewal. SNA awarded 17 new scholarships.

Membership Report

SNA currently has 7147 members in the database.

The ½ price membership promotion on all 3-year memberships (new/renewals) submitted between May 1 - July 31 of this year is off to a good start in its first month.

CMC/SCPO recognition program is on track. Pins have been ordered and once received, SNA will officially begin program.

PCO Recognition program is still being researched due to the XO/CO Fleet program which will combine into 1 class in March 2009. Admiral Tozzi spoke with New London chapter president and they are ready to start similar program for USCG PCOs.

Chapter Excellence program still under review. Will report recommendation on program changes at next EXCOM.

Coast Guard Update: Met on 5/27 with VADM Papp to discuss how SNA could increase awareness among cuttermen. Proposal to coordinate a SNA sponsored social in conjunction with upcoming cutter commissionings on the West Coast. This could help jump start an Alameda chapter. *Action Item: Admiral Tozzi will contact New London chapter to discuss 1-day Maritime Conference.*

Public Relations Report

Ned Lundquist recently completed a tour of the Middle East. Currently working on several articles for the SNA SITREP.

Special Projects

No report.

New Business

No new business.

Next meeting Wednesday 20 August 2008.