

**Surface Navy Association  
Executive Committee Minutes (Draft)  
April 2, 2009**

**In Attendance:**

VADM Ron Route, USN (Ret) President  
VADM Hank Giffin, USN (Ret) (By Phone)  
VADM Tim LaFleur, USN (Ret) (By Phone)  
CAPT Kevin Tackett, USN (Ret)  
CDR David Bretz, USN  
VADM Lee Gunn, USN (Ret)  
RADM Jay Foley, USN (Ret)  
RADM David Hart, USN (Ret)  
VADM Bill Earner, USN (Ret)  
RDML Mark Balmert, USN Ret) (By Phone)  
CAPT Ron Jenkins, USN (Ret) (By Phone)  
CAPT Ned Lundquist, USN (Ret)  
CNOMC Harry Kantrovich, USN (Ret)  
CAPT Jon Kreitz, USN  
CAPT Paul Rinn, USN (Ret)  
LT Padraic McDermott, USN (By Phone)  
Mr. Thad Smith (By Phone)  
RDML T.J. Wilson, USN (Ret)  
CAPT Bill Erickson, USN (Ret) Executive Director  
Ms. Julie Howard, Director of Administration (By Phone)  
Ms. Debbie Garry, SNA Staff

Meeting was called to order at 1700. Minutes from February 25, 2009 EXCOM meeting were approved.

**PRESIDENTS REPORT**

VADM Route thanked Dave Hart for a successful National Symposium. Good feedback received on the Coast Guard event. Ned Lundquist, John Tozzi, Bill Erickson and SNA Administrative Staff were thanked publically for their work on this event.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

National Symposium attendance numbers presented.

Final Ethic Compliance documents are in process to be sent to BOD, EXCOM and Chapter Presidents to review and sign.

SNA has established a site on Facebook. Although the group has not been officially advertised to SNA membership. There are almost 100 members to date.

Admiral Hare reviewed ANTIETAM Fund documentation. The fund must continue for the life of the ANTIETAM. After much discussion the recommendation of EXCOM is that SNA not continue to use ANTIETAM Fund to fund ship commissionings. It was also recommended SNA contact current/future ANTIETAM CO's about the funds existence. Second question: Does SNA support ship commissionings outside of ANTIETAM Fund? Jim Tackett presented SOE slide of future commissionings through 2015. Several recommendations from EXCOM members.

*Action Item: Dave Lee will draft proposal to present at next EXCOM.*

Proposed that SNA have a "Final Call" page on website listing SNA members who have passed. Recommend that page be updated monthly and names only be listed for a period of 6 months. Names would only be added to page upon notification from family member.

Draft minutes from the National Symposium board meeting have been posted on BOD website. Action items are being worked.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

USS PHILO McGIFFIN, the Surface Warfare Spirit Ship at Naval Academy, is in need of major repair. Discussed if this is something SNA might support.

*Action Item: Bill Erickson will research monetary need and present at future EXCOM meeting.*

### **CORPORATE SPONSOR REPORT**

We currently have 72 Corporate Sponsors. No corporate sponsors are due to be dropped at this time.

### **SECRETARY REPORT**

No Report

## **TREASURER REPORT**

Symposium profit exceeded projected income. Reviewed current expense/income report and SNA is very solvent. There are no apparent negative trends at this time.

Reviewed YTD chapter disbursements. No requests have been denied this year.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

No Report.

## **SYMPOSIUM COMMITTEE**

Attendance on the rise. Recommend we monitor banquet “no shows” in 2010. Reviewed income/expense trends of past events. Reviewed timeline for 2010 Symposium.

## **AWARDS COMMITTEE**

Committee has added 3 additional members. Scheduled to meet at end of April. Agenda items include discussing potential heritage topics for 2010 Symposium and HOF nominees. Requested HOF nominations.

## **SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

Reviewed committee list. Still looking for an East Coast senior enlisted representative.

Application deadline was 3/1/09. Received 38 renewal requests and 36 new applications. Will be able to award up to 12 new scholarships this year.

## **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

The total current membership as of March 31 is 6817. Total paid members is 5174.

## **PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT**

The conference at the USCG Academy was a success. Over 400 attendees and 13 exhibiting companies. Recommend that SNA consider this as an annual event.

Recommend an initial investment of \$7K to convert 7 HOF videos into commercial spots for AFN. Amount approved by EXCOM. If pilot program is successful, EXCOM will consider converting additional videos. Estimated cost to convert past and future spots is \$85K.

## **SPECIAL PROJECTS REPORT**

Great Lakes Hall of Fame progress discussed. Recommend moving proposed location to space in the new Navy Museum scheduled to open in June at Great Lakes.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The next EXCOM meeting will be on May 21, 2009

Meeting adjourned.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

- 1. Dave Lee will draft proposal on future SNA ship commissioning support to present at next EXCOM.*
- 2. Bill Erickson will research monetary need of USS PHILO McGIFFIN and present at future EXCOM meeting.*