

**Surface Navy Association
Executive Committee Minutes (Draft)
May 26, 2009**

In Attendance:

VADM Ron Route, USN (Ret) President
VADM Hank Giffin, USN (Ret) (By Phone)
VADM Kevin Green, USN(Ret)
CDR David Bretz, USN
RADM Jay Foley, USN (Ret) (By Phone)
RADM David Hart, USN (Ret)
CAPT Paul Rinn, USN (Ret)
LT Padraic McDermott, USN (By Phone)
RDML T.J. Wilson, USN (Ret)
CAPT Patrick Garrett, USN (Ret) (By Phone)
RADM Robert Sutton, USN (Ret)
RADM John Tozzi, USCG (Ret)
RADM Dennis Conley, USN (Ret)
CAPT John Fuller, USN
CAPT David Lee, USN (Ret)
VADM William Hancock, 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 1705. Minutes from April 2, 2009 EXCOM meeting were approved.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Ron Route thanked John Tozzi for work on USCG event in New London.

OLD BUSINESS:

At the last meeting, EXCOM discussed possibility of SNA providing funding to ship's commissionings as the Antietam Fund will no longer be used for these requests. Dave Lee said that this type of funding is within the SNA Charter. Recommendation is to provide funding on a case-by-case basis not to exceed \$1500 per request. Funding will no longer be given to the local Navy League. SNA will request acknowledgement of contribution at ship's pre-commissioning reception and in official program. Program approved by EXCOM. *Action Item: Have SNA staff add line item to 2010 budget.*

USS PHILO McGiffin, the Surface Warfare Spirit Ship at Naval Academy is in need of major repair. Currently options are being discussed with SNA Annapolis chapter president.

Ethic Compliance documents have been sent to BOD, EXCOM and Chapter Presidents to be reviewed and signed.

Draft minutes from National Symposium are posted on BOD website. Reviewed status of action items.

Hall of Fame commercial spots video editing is underway with Empire Video.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Battle of Midway Commemoration dinner will be held on June 3 at the Army Navy Country Club and the wreath laying will be held at the Navy Memorial on June 4.

SNA Facebook currently has 431 members. Under development are accounts on Twitter and Linked In. SNA name reserved on both but not active.

Reviewed current SNA Records Retention Policy. *Action Item: ExecDir to send email to EXCOM Members with UNODIR recommendation for acceptance*

Reviewed Volunteer Recognition Program that was proposed at National Board Meeting. Admiral Hogg has offered to sign letters recognizing committee members for their SNA work. This program will be open to all SNA committee members. Annual call for names will be in November to allow enough time prior to National Symposium to have letters printed and signed. Admiral Route encouraged chairmen to request recognition throughout the year as needed. Program approved by EXCOM.

CORPORATE SPONSOR REPORT

We currently have 72 Corporate Sponsors. The Babcock & Wilcox Company will be dropped as sponsor at their request upon expiration date.

SECRETARY REPORT

No Report

TREASURER REPORT

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

No Report.

SYMPOSIUM COMMITTEE

Reviewed proposed theme option for 2010 Symposium. Recommend using “Surface Warfare: Joint Power for the Asymmetric War” *Action Item: Admiral hart to send proposed theme to Navy Leadership for comments with preface that it could be changed based on QDR terminology.*

West Coast Symposium is scheduled to be held in San Diego on August 6. Proposed agenda has been created by San Diego Chapter is being reviewed and will be posted to website upon approval.

AWARDS COMMITTEE

Hall of Fame nomination database in process of being updated and request for more nominations has been made. Discussed option of creating a special HOF category to highlight nominees with technical contributions to Surface Navy. Recommended not to create category at this time but to update the precept letter to ask committee members to note technical contributions during their decision. Review process next year to see if more changes should be considered. *Action Item: Paul Rinn will present a letter draft to EXCOM for approval.*

HOF location at Great Lakes will offer SNA more exposure than original site. SNA will need to decide if we want to setup additional HOF sites such as San Diego and Hampton Roads. *Action Item: Paul Rinn will present proposal at next EXCOM.*

Special Recognition nominations are ongoing. Currently being considered are CAPT Sharon F. Reinke, USN (Ret.) and Maryellen Baldwin, Exec Dir of HR Navy League. Request additional inputs from EXCOM. *Action Item: ExecDir will email EXCOM a complete list of past awardees.*

Discussed options for Symposium Heritage Brief. Discussed several options but most members felt that we have limited time left to highlight WWII events. EXCOM approved the *USS Indianapolis* as the 2010 theme.

Stephen Decatur Jr., Award is ongoing. A total of 352 schools submitted nominations to date.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Committee meeting to finalize scholarship selection is scheduled for May 27. Currently have 38 pending renewal and 36 new applications. There are currently 12 slots open for new scholarships. Reviewed financial status of scholarship fund. To date we have an approximate 13K shortfall per year between amounts guaranteed and scholarship fund/donations. One proposed option to help increase scholarship fund is an internship program. This program would be designed to increase funds for Scholarship Program while providing enhanced benefit to recipient and corporate sponsors. Open to students entering Junior or Senior year who have selected a major of the Corporate Sponsor's choosing to participate in a corporate internship (1-2 years) before graduation. Corporate sponsor would fund Junior and Senior scholarship amount. This would also free up funds for additional initial scholarships. Also provides excellent marketing for both SNA and corporations. *Action Item: Bill Hancock will send information on proposed program to current corporate sponsors to determine interest level and seek program recommendations.*

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The total current paid membership as of April 30 is 6740. Total paid members is 5174.

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT

Ned Lundquist recently returned from trip to India. Articles for next issue of SITREP are forthcoming.

SPECIAL PROJECTS REPORT

Great Lakes Hall of Fame progress discussed. Bill Erickson and Paul Rinn will be meeting with Great Lakes Museum on May 28 to view proposed site for Hall of Fame.

NEW BUSINESS

The next EXCOM meeting will be in July. Dates will be reviewed and EXCOM will be notified by email as to actual date.

Meeting adjourned.