

**Surface Navy Association  
Executive Committee Minutes (Draft)  
July 28, 2009**

**In Attendance:**

VADM Ron Route, USN (Ret) President  
CDR David Bretz, USN  
RADM David Hart, USN (Ret)  
CAPT Jim Tackett, USN (Ret)  
CAPT Paul Rinn, USN (Ret)  
RADM John Tozzi, USCG (Ret)  
VADM Bill Earner, USN (Ret)  
RADM Dennis Conley, USN (Ret)  
CAPT Ned Lundquist, USN (Ret)  
CAPT John Fuller, USN  
CAPT(Sel) Chris Bushnell, USN  
CAPT David Lee, USN (Ret)  
CAPT Bill Erickson, USN (Ret) Executive Director  
HDCMS Patrick Modglin, USN (Ret) (By Phone)  
VADM Tim LaFleur, USN (Ret) (By Phone)  
CAPT Mary Jackson, USN (By Phone)  
VADM Hank Giffin, USN (Ret) (By Phone)  
Ms. Julie Howard, Director of Administration (By Phone)  
Ms. Debbie Garry, SNA Staff

Meeting was called to order at 1700. Minutes from May 26, 2009 EXCOM meeting were approved with minor changes.

**PRESIDENTS REPORT**

No Report

**OLD BUSINESS:**

USS PHILO McGiffin, the Surface Warfare Spirit Ship at the U.S. Naval Academy, may require some maintenance funding. SNA Annapolis chapter is reviewing how much would be required to accomplish repairs. Chapter has secured weatherproof storage and is having it painted. Testing is scheduled for August to see if engine works and - if not - what needs to be fixed. There may be a request for funding to support repairs. SNA has requested an report on if/when the PHILO McGiffin would be used before any funding is approved.

Ethic Compliance documents are in distribution and signed copies are being returned to headquarters.

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

Two Hall of Fame commercial spots provided to AFN for approval. AFN requires a logo change and removal of the navysna.org link. Logo redesigned by using current logo with "Hall of Fame" replacing "Association" text. Also working on establishing an SNA link on ".mil" website at SWOS.

Record Retention policy action item has been completed.

Reviewed status of action items assigned at May 2009 EXCOM.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

The Battle of Midway Commemoration Dinner was held on June 3 at the Army Navy Country Club. A wreath laying ceremony was held on June 4. Committee recorded the guest speaker's presentation and is reviewing options to send to ROTC units.

SNA ethics update. Per a discussion with Association of Naval Aviation, SNA reviewed a CNASF ruling regarding active duty members serving as National/Chapter officers. After review, it has been determined SNA is in compliance. Executive Director did make a recommendation to Greater Washington chapter to make a change in their current bylaws to ensure clarity of compliance.

SNA has added a Suggestion/Feedback form on the website. This will allow members to provide feedback on chapter/national events or to provide recommendations for future events/speakers. Information will be sent to chapters on a monthly basis. EXCOM recommended that members not be required to provide name or email if member would like to remain anonymous. *Action Item: Make changes to current form and email membership link.*

"Final Call" page has been created and linked to website. Names will be added monthly and remain on website for 6 months. Links to obituaries will be provided if received.

SNA 2008 tax return is on track to be signed by the treasurer and submitted to the IRS by August 15, 2009.

ASNE Maintenance Symposium is scheduled for September 29 in San Diego. Bill Erickson will be meeting with ASNE symposium chairman to discuss SNA's involvement in this event, similar to what SNA does for the ASNE HSI event. There would not be an expenditure of funds involved.

Darlington, South Carolina is creating a memorial to honor Billy Farrow, one of Doolittle's Raiders and James Elliott Williams, SNA Hall of Fame. Committee requested opinion on uniform option for William's picture. EXCOM reviewed options and recommends using Sailor Dress Whites graphic.

## **CORPORATE SPONSOR REPORT**

We currently have 72 Corporate Sponsors. No sponsors are in the process of being dropped. On track for 2009 corporate payments.

## **SECRETARY REPORT**

Reviewed timeline for next Board of Directors election. Will have 9 positions open for 2010 board. Request for nominations will close on September 30 and online voting will be open from November 1-30. Results should be validated/confirmed by December 15. *Action Item: Email to membership requesting nominations and send letter to expiring board members.*

## **TREASURER REPORT**

Reviewed current finance report. Budget on track. Reviewed recent chapter disbursements. Added ship commissioning line item. Updated EXCOM on SNA investments.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

No Report.

## **SYMPOSIUM COMMITTEE**

Reviewed timeline for 2010 National Symposium. The theme for symposium is *Surface Navy: A Balanced Force for the Hybrid War*. Reviewed proposed agenda.

West Coast Symposium is scheduled to be held in San Diego on August 6. Currently have 20 exhibitors signed up for this event.

## **AWARDS COMMITTEE**

Committee met and discussed the Heritage theme, *USS Indianapolis* and recommended theme be changed to Battle of Inchon. EXCOM approved.

Special Recognition nominations are ongoing. Reviewed nominations received to date. Voting will conclude mid-September. A discussion as to whether any SNA committee members, specifically those serving on the Awards committee - should be considered for Special Recognition. Previous decision to permit serving committee members to be recognized was upheld.

Reviewed precept letter that will be sent to Awards committee for Hall of Fame voting. Letter approved and signed by Admiral Route.

Announced that Dr. Bill Dudley, member of Awards committee for past 10 years, has retired from committee.

### **SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE**

Reviewed 2009 Scholarship committee list and recipient demographics. In process of mailing checks to recipients.

### **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

The total current membership as of June 30 is 6805. Total paid members are 5145. Trend is steady.

### **PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT**

Committee meeting is scheduled for August 5 in San Diego to discuss newsletter, website and fall Communications Forum.

### **SPECIAL PROJECTS REPORT**

Great Lakes Hall of Fame progress discussed. Bill Erickson and Paul Rinn met with Great Lakes Museum on May 28 to view proposed site for Hall of Fame. Museum set to open September 2009 and SNA display scheduled to be ready mid-late August. Bill Erickson described proposed design.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Wayne E. Meyer commissioning scheduled to be held in October in Philadelphia. Proposed that SNA provide \$1500 to ship's MWR to be used towards reception. Admiral Joe Hare has offered to present check. Approved by EXCOM. Bill Erickson will contact ship.

USNA newest YP scheduled for Oct/Nov 2009.

The next EXCOM meeting will be held on September 16.

Meeting adjourned.