

**Surface Navy Association
Executive Committee Minutes (Draft)
September 16, 2009**

In Attendance:

VADM Ron Route, USN (Ret) President
CAPT David Lee, USN (Ret)
CAPT Jim Tackett, USN (Ret)
CAPT Paul Rinn, USN (Ret)
CAPT Ned Lundquist, USN (Ret)
CAPT(Sel) Chris Bushnell, USN
CAPT Joe Volpe, USN (Ret) (By Phone)
RADM Jay Foley, USN (Ret)
VADM Doug Katz, USN (Ret)
RDML Ann Phillips, USN
CAPT Michael Strano, USN
CDR David Bretz, USN
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 July 28, 2009 EXCOM meeting were approved.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Admiral Route introduced the new SNA Greater Washington chapter president, RDML (sel) Ann Phillips and Captain Michael Strano. Admiral Phillips reminded everyone of the upcoming Surface Warfare party scheduled for September 19. This is the annual GWC kick-off event.

Admiral Route reminded everyone that Admiral Wayne Meyer's interment is scheduled for September 17. Also, announced the passing of Captain Tony Colucci. His interment is scheduled for October 22.

OLD BUSINESS:

USS PHILO McGiffin, the Surface Warfare Spirit Ship at the U.S. Naval Academy, was underway for the USNA vs LA Tech game. Spirit Ship received \$750 from the USNA ECA (extracurricular activity fund) which has been used to get the ship up and running. More maintenance funding will be required. Annapolis chapter plans to buy an air compressor and SNA t-shirts for the games. An inventory list of all items belonging to the ship will be maintained so that SNA knows what has been purchased with any approved funding. Annapolis chapter has requested an additional \$1,000 for maintenance and supplies. EXCOM approved the amount.

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

Presented the proposed SNA logo that would be used in the Hall of Fame commercial spots. Logo was approved by AFN to be used in commercial spots. EXCOM approved the logo.

Member Feedback form is now available online. Will include an ad in the next SITREP to let members know of its existence and to encourage suggestions/recommendations.

SNA Philadelphia chapter president will present \$1500 on behalf of SNA to the *USS Wayne E. Meyer's* MWR fund at the commissioning reception on October 9. A proposal was made to make similar donations to the next two ships due to be commissioned this year, *Makin Island* and *New York*. There was discussion as to who made the request for funding and if this proposal was received with regard to original program guidelines approved at an early ExeCom. Without reviewing earlier minutes at the meeting it was thought that the original program approved was that SNA would need to receive official requests and then they would be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. SNA would not contact each command offering a donation. **Action Item: Dave Lee to review notes and email EXCOM details. Bill Erickson to review past minutes to see what procedure was approved.** Jay Foley asked EXCOM if they had been receiving the commissioning invites and received an affirmative from EXCOM members.

2008 tax return was submitted to IRS on time. Form 990 was distributed to BOD/EXCOM for review prior to submission.

ASNE Maintenance Symposium scheduled for September 29 in San Diego. Bill Erickson proposed that SNA's involvement be similar to what we do for ANSE HSI event which is to advertise event to our membership.

CORPORATE SPONSOR REPORT

We currently have 69 Corporate Sponsors. Bowhead Technical and The PMA Group are in the process of being dropped. Cobham PLC and Sensis Corporation have both submitted applications and payments are pending. On track for 2009 corporate payments. **Action Item: Bill Erickson/Julie Howard to contact Flagship Government Relations, Inc. regarding corporate membership opportunity.**

SECRETARY REPORT

Email requesting BOD nominations has been sent to all SNA members.

TREASURER REPORT

Reviewed current finance report. Reviewed recent chapter disbursements. Budget on track. Jim Tackett recently reviewed the annual reports from 2000-2008 and SNA is still 150K to the good.

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*. Information including theme explanation has been sent to our exhibitors. Exhibit space rates have been raised for non-corporate sponsors and government organizations. Rates for corporate sponsors will remain the same as 2009. Reviewed agenda and speakers.

West Coast Symposium was held in San Diego on August 6. Very successful event with over 500 registered attendees, 25 corporate sponsors and 50 SWO flag attendees at the reception. Cost to SNA will be approximately \$3,700.

AWARDS COMMITTEE

This year's Heritage theme is Battle of Inchon. This year is the 60th anniversary of the battle. Currently working on speakers and have several leads.

Awards Committee received 8 Special Recognition nominations and selected 4 awardees. Senator Thad Cochran, CAPT Sharon Reinke, VADM Frank Donovan and FORCM William Slingerland were presented to EXCOM for endorsement. List endorsed by EXCOM. Will now be submitted to N86 for approval.

Awards Committee reviewed 80 names for the Hall of Fame and selected 7 names for endorsement. RADM Wayne Meyer, VADM James Doyle, PO Edward "Ned" Myers, Quarter Gunner John Davis, SCPO Bernard Webber USCG, Nathaniel Bowditch and President John Adams were presented to EXCOM for endorsement. List endorsed by EXCOM. Will now be submitted to N86 for approval.

The George Sirian award was presented to ETC Miller on August 21.

The Old Tar award is scheduled to be presented to FCCM Jeffery Baker in Hampton Roads on October 21.

Messages have been released announcing the SNA Symposium awards. Nomination deadline for all 3 awards is November 2, 2009.

The SNA New London chapter will now sponsor the Annual 3rd Class Cadet Navigation Award which was previously presented by The Foundation for the Promotion of the Art of Navigation. Chapter will present an annual award of \$100 and has requested funding from National to create a permanent plaque. Estimated cost is \$250.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Reviewed corporate initiative proposal. Program would be for 2nd/3rd/4th year scholarship recipients with 3.0 GPA and a scientific/engineering major. Recipients would receive summer internship. Letters have been sent to corporate sponsors to determine interest in program. **Action Item: Bill Hancock to make follow-up calls to sponsors.**

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The total current membership as of August 31 is 6732. Total paid members are 5174. Trend is steady. **Action Item: Dennis Conley to present complimentary renewal update at next EXCOM.**

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT

Committee met in San Diego on August 5 in San Diego and discussed newsletter, website and fall Communications Forum. Ned Lundquist and SNA staff are currently looking at dates for a November event.

John Tozzi is currently working with USCG Academy on dates for a 2010 conference in New London.

SPECIAL PROJECTS REPORT

Great Lakes Hall of Fame progress discussed. Design was presented to Museum and they requested several changes which would require additional funding. Bill Erickson requested that the EXCOM approve additional funding of \$12,000 be allocated from corpus to complete the Great Lakes Museum Surface Warfare Hall of Fame Exhibit. EXCOM approved the \$12K pending signed design approval from the Museum. If design is not approved with signature then no additional funding will be provided. **Action Item: Bill Erickson to contact VADM Kevin Green and RADM Mack Gaston, who serve on Museum board, regarding project status.**

NEW BUSINESS

The next EXCOM meeting is scheduled for October 22, 2009.

Meeting adjourned.