

**Surface Navy Association
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes (Draft)
March 11, 2010**

In attendance:

VADM Ron Route, USN (Ret), President
CAPT Jim Tackett, USN (Ret), Treasurer
CAPT Dave Lee, USN (Ret), Secretary
VADM Kevin Green, USN (Ret), Immediate Past President
VADM Hank Giffin, USN (Ret) *(Phone)*
VADM Tim LaFleur, USN (Ret) *(Phone)*
CDR David Breitz, USN
CAPT Jon Kaufman, USN
VADM W Earner, USN (Ret)
CAPT Paul Rinn, USN (Ret)
RDML(Sel) Ann Phillips, USN
RADM Dennis Conley, USN (Ret)
RADM Dave Hart, USN (Ret)
VADM Doug Katz, USN (Ret)
CAPT Michael Strano, USN
CAPT Bill Erickson, USN (Ret), Executive Director
Ms Julie Howard, Director of Admin *(Phone)*

The meeting was called to order 1700

The meeting was opened by the President who thanked Dave Hart, Symposium Chairman, and all involved in Symposium for their hard work. Also, thanked Paul Rinn on the great job he and his committee did on the Awards program.

MINUTES

A motion made to accept minutes from the January 6, 2010 meeting was carried unanimously.

SYMPOSIUM COMMITTEE

Presented preliminary report of Symposium numbers and year to year comparisons. There is a new format for 2010 information as it includes number preregistered and also number served at meal events.

Presented preliminary revenue report. There are still some outstanding payments expected. May consider raising exhibit space pricing for the 2011 event.

Discussed 2010 Symposium Hot Wash Up comments.

- Significant feedback received on the Enlisted Roundtable. Event is becoming popular and may require more room in the future. Need to streamline program as lots of information to present in short timeframe.
- Email Hall of Fame new inductee information to speakers prior to Symposium.
- Parking always an issue at event. Need to provide more advance parking information to attendees. Recommend having parking options with any specific details regarding price, hours, etc. available on the SNA website.
- Need better high speed internet and better cell phone service.
Action Item: HA to work with hotel on improving service.
- Several people commented that snacks at Heritage Brief were of poor quality..

- Should we change the Symposium dates? Consensus is no as we have no competition during that week and we are usually the first event of the year. We need to consider our exhibitors and sponsors when considering date changes.

Reviewed 2011 Symposium timeline.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

SNA has been approached to be a \$5,000 sponsor of the 9th Maritime Heritage Symposium scheduled for September 2010 in Baltimore. This is not an event we have normally supported in the past. Recommendation is that SNA provide advertising support through Surface Sitrep and to our membership through periodic emails but not provide \$5,000.00.. Recommendation approved.

SNA has been approached to provide sponsorship at the SSLA Women's Leadership Conference scheduled for June 2010 in Washington, DC. Sponsorship would be in the form of bus transportation between Norfolk and DC for conference attendees and SNA lanyards for each registered attendee. This event has been well attended in the past and there is cross membership between SSLA and SNA. SNA would also create and manage a registration site for bus. There was concern with relationship between government agencies and private organizations. Bill Erickson confirmed that SSLA is a 501c(3) organization. EXCOM approved support not to exceed \$4,000.

SNA provided support to several events this month including \$8,000 to both San Diego and Hampton Roads Sailor of the Year events. Also provided financial support of \$750 to CNSF Surface Navy Women's Symposium scheduled for March 16.

VSE is moving from Huntington Avenue location to Springfield in 2013. HA/SNA is negotiating with VSE to continue lease at new location if space permits.

CORPORATE MEMBER REPORT

Currently have a total of 77 corporate sponsors. We have 4 new corporate members since last meeting. Reviewed corporate finance report.

SECRETARY REPORT

No Report

TREASURER REPORT

Financial reports were reviewed. Also, reviewed 2010 chapter disbursements to date. Have encouraged small chapters to request funding from National for local chapter events.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

No Report

AWARDS COMMITTEE

A total of 804 awards were given by SNA in 2009.

Reviewed 2010 outlook for awards. Committee needs to determine focus for 2011 Heritage lecture and begin seeking nominations for Special Recognition award. Committee will also continue to develop Hall of Fame nomination database.

Presented list of proposed new awards that Awards committee will be researching and presenting recommendations to EXCOM at future meeting.

- SURFOR SWO of the Year
- SURFOR Shiphandler Award
- Enlisted Shiphandler Award from Hampton Roads
- Surface Force Independent Duty Corpsman
- Nauticus – committee will hear proposal at their April meeting.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Provided update of 2010 scholarship program. Application deadline was March 1 and SNA received 46 new applications which is 10 more than last year. Received 38 renewals and most appear to be eligible for renewal. Total number of scholarships awarded last year was 55. If all renewals are approved then 17 new scholarships can be given this year to keep total at 55.

Letters regarding internship program proposal were sent out to current scholarship recipients. Only 1 response was received and is a freshman with no declared major.

Precept letter signed and ready to go out. Scholarship Committee selection in process.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Reviewed membership stats. Total paid has slightly increased since December 2009. Korea chapter is reactivating. Membership committee meeting is scheduled for March 16.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The Hall of Fame spots for DTS have been submitted.

Maritime Security Conference is scheduled to be held on October 27 but the location has been changed to Newport, Rhode Island due to renovations at Coast Guard Academy.

West Coast Symposium tentative date is September 2, 2010 so as to be held in conjunction with SWOFOC.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Great Lakes Hall of Fame has been installed. Bill Erickson showed pictures of display installation. Dedication planned for April/May timeframe.

NEW BUSINESS

Representatives from Nauticus contacted Hank Giffin to open dialogue with SNA to see if SNA would “support” a Surface Warfare Museum in Nauticus located in Norfolk. Recommendation is for Awards Committee to hear proposal at future committee meeting and present report to EXCOM.

Hank Giffin received proposal from Anchor Scholarship to open discussions with SNA to determine if SNA would be interested in combining the two scholarship programs. Recommendation is for Scholarship Committee to research proposal and provide a recommendation to EXCOM at later date.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Action Item: Bill Erickson to email committee chairmen about proposed dates for next EXCOM meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 1820.