

**Surface Navy Association
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes (Draft)
June 22, 2010**

In attendance:

VADM Ron Route, USN (Ret), President
CAPT Dave Lee, USN (Ret), Secretary
VADM Lee Gunn, USN (Ret)
VADM Hank Giffin, USN (Ret)
CDR David Bretz, USN
RADM Dennis Conley, USN (Ret) *(Phone)*
VADM Bill Earner, USN (Ret)
VADM Kevin Green, USN (Ret)
CAPT Ned Lundquist, USN (Ret)
CAPT Bob Oldani, USN (Ret) *(Phone)*
CAPT Gordan Van Hook, USN (Ret)
CDR John Wilshusen, USN
CAPT Bill Erickson, USN (Ret), Executive Director
Ms Julie Howard, Director of Admin *(Phone)*
Ms. Debbie Garry, SNA Staff

The meeting was called to order at 1705

MINUTES

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

OLD BUSINESS

The Anchor Scholarship Committee recently contacted SNA requesting to open discussions with SNA to determine if there was interest in combining scholarship programs. Lee Gunn, Hank Giffin, Bill Erickson and Paul Rinn will meet with Anchors Scholarship organization to discuss possible merger and will present final recommendations at January 2011 BOD Meeting.

Representatives from Nauticus and Navy Museum staff made presentation to Award Committee in May regarding possible SNA support of a Surface Warfare Museum on the third floor in Nauticus. Paul Rinn will present recommendations of Award Committee at the next EXCOM.

Bill Erickson presented proposal to revise SNA National financial support so as to treat SNA GWC same as other SNA Chapters. Reviewed current financial arrangement with SNA GWC which includes a 10% share of Symposium profits. GWC receives no "Event" funding from National like other SNA Chapters. GWC does return \$16,000 back to National scholarship fund. The recommendation is to eliminate the symposium distribution and the GWC donation to the scholarship fund and allow GWC to request chapter event support from National on an "as needed" basis. National would assume the GWC contract with Howard Associates and expand coverage from Howard to other SNA chapters. National would also assume the expense of GWC's tax preparation cost of \$2,400. Ron Route and Bill Erickson recently met with GWC chapter officers including Ann Phillips to discuss this proposal. National treasurer is in agreement with this proposal. SNA National will send a letter outlining proposal to the new GWC board after the chapter's pending BOD election. Question was raised if National should bring San Diego chapter under our tax filing. This option has been discussed with SNA tax advisor and due to California rules, San Diego will continue with status quo in regards to tax filing.

Action Item: Bill Erickson to create letter for Admiral Route's signature and send to SNA GWC board.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

SNA provided sponsorship to the SSLA Women's Leadership Conference held in June 2010 in Washington, DC. Event was well run with over 1,000 attendees. SNA was acknowledged as a sponsor.

The first of the SNA Sponsored Professional Seminar series was held in Newport on May 27-28. CAPT Paul Rinn spoke and was very well received. A seminar, similar to Newport, is scheduled for August 3-5 in Monterey.

West Coast Symposium is scheduled to be held in San Diego on August 26, 2010. The event is scheduled for the same week as SWOFOT. The Monterey Symposium is tentatively scheduled for October/November to coincide with Detailer visit.

On June 9, Bill Erickson and John Tozzi met with Captain Brian Perkins, Cuttermen's Association President, to discuss how best to continue relationship between SNA and the newly formed Cuttermen's Association. Some items discussed are membership promotions and program ideas. SNA Hampton Roads chapter does have future USCG events planned as well as SNA continuing with the Maritime Security Forum program.

The next Maritime Security Forum has tentatively been scheduled for October 27, 2010. The event needs to be relocated this year from the USCG Academy due to construction. Alternate locations being considered are Newport, RI or Portsmouth, VA. Newport has limited space for exhibits and small auditorium for sessions. Some feel that if held at Newport, the forum would lose the Coast Guard focus. Reviewing sites in Portsmouth as the area is home to a large Coast Guard presence and has several USCG cutters and HQ staff. There was a consensus that we only want to have event in 2010 if we can do a first class event otherwise it might be best to postpone until 2011 when it can be located in New London.

CORPORATE MEMBER REPORT

SNA currently has a total of 75 corporate sponsors. Three sponsors have been dropped and Tech-Marine Business, Inc has recently joined as a Level I sponsor.

SECRETARY REPORT

Will provide 2010 Board of Directors election outline at next EXCOM.

TREASURER REPORT

Financial reports were reviewed including 2010 chapter disbursements. Symposium profit is included in this finance report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Interest rates on investments have not changed. In order to make more money, SNA would need to be willing to take more risks. Recommend to continue with status quo.

SYMPOSIUM COMMITTEE

Reviewed 2011 Symposium timeline. Theme suggestions have been solicited and have been reviewed. Considering submitting theme suggestion *Surface Naval Forces: The Offense/Defense Challenge* to N86 and CNSF for comment.

Discussed recommendation for 2011 fee increases. Recommendation is to increase exhibit space fees for both SNA corporate members and non-members. No change to government/media rate as that was changed in 2010. Also recommend increasing the cost of program advertisements. EXCOM voted and approved the rate increases in all proposed categories.

AWARDS COMMITTEE

Reviewed the Awards Committee 2010 Outlook. Current deadline for Awards committee members to turn in Hall of Fame votes is July 12.

Awards committee is reviewing 4 proposed new awards and will present recommendations at next EXCOM meeting:

- SURFOR SWO of the Year
- SURFOR Shiphandler Award
- Enlisted Shiphandler Award from Hampton Roads
- Surface Force Independent Duty Corpsman

Some EXCOM members did note that if SWO of the Year is approved, SNA should also consider bringing in SOY winners as well as top USCG awardees. **Action Item: Present these suggestions to Awards Committee to consider.**

ENC(SW) Corbin Stalcup, USS FREEDOM (LCS 1) has been selected as the 2010 George Sirian winner. He will receive award on August 27 in Boston.

Current Old Tar is retiring on August 31, 2010. SNA will be asking CNO to send out a NAVADMIN seeking nominations for the next Old Tar. If possible, SNA would like to announce/present the new Old Tar in Boston during George Sirian event.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Presented the names of the members who served on the 2010 Scholarship Committee.

Reviewed financial snapshot of the scholarship fund through 2013. If SNA continues to provide 55 scholarships per year and maintain the same scholarship income, there will be a shortfall of approximately \$1,700 in 2012 and \$28,000 in 2013.

Several action items were discussed at the Scholarship Committee selection meeting that will be researched and finalized for to the 2011 scholarship.

- Examine the question of spouses' applications and how to weigh
- Consider potential issues with evaluating the applications of college students against those of students in high school.
- Consider the effect, if any, of the Post 9/11 GI Bill on awards
- Decide whether it's time to provide advice on personal essays
- Proceed with discussion with the Anchor Scholarship Board

Hank Giffin proposed funding the scholarships for the 4 alternates. National Treasurer does not recommend funding at this time. A final decision will be made at the July EXCOM.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Reviewed membership statistics as of May 31, 2010. Paid memberships have increased since end of 2009. Memberships are up in all categories except corporate members. Reviewed Officer and Enlisted trends. All slides are available on BOD website. **Action Item: Bill Erickson to email link to EXCOM members.**

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Beginning to plan the SNA Communications Forum for the October/November timeframe.

Ned Lundquist provided overview of his recent trip to Sweden and the articles on trip that are being prepared for *Surface Sitrep*.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

No grand opening date for the Great Lakes Hall of Fame has been set.

NEW BUSINESS

David Bretz announced he is leaving the DC area due to orders. He expressed appreciation for being able to participate on the EXCOM and hopes to work with SNA again in the future.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Action Item: Next meeting tentatively scheduled for July 27 or July 29. Bill Erickson to email committee chairmen about proposed dates for next EXCOM meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 1832.