

**Surface Navy Association
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes (Draft)
July 29, 2010**

In attendance:

VADM Ron Route, USN (Ret), President
CAPT Dave Lee, USN (Ret), Secretary
CAPT Jim Tackett, USN (Ret) Treasurer
VADM Hank Giffin, USN (Ret) *(Phone)*
VADM Jim Amerault, USN (Ret)
RADM Dennis Conley, USN (Ret) *(Phone)*
VADM Bill Earner, USN (Ret)
RADM Dave Hart, USN (Ret)
CAPT Jon Kreitz, USN *(Phone)*
CAPT Ned Lundquist, USN (Ret)
CAPT Paul Rinn, USN (Ret)
LCDR Al Siegrist, USN
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 1710

MINUTES

A motion was made and carried unanimously to accept minutes from the June 22, 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. The July meeting between Anchor Scholarship and SNA was postponed. Intentions are to meet in Aug/Sept and will present preliminary results at next EXCOM. Final recommendations will be presented at January 2011 BOD Meeting.

The Maritime Security Forum was originally scheduled to be held in New London on October 27. Coast Guard Academy is unable to support at that time due to renovation schedule. SNA has considered alternate sites including Newport and Portsmouth. Infrastructure is not in place to match the New London location and it is recommended that SNA postpone the event until the Spring or Fall of 2011. Also feel that it is better to keep the event "Coast Guard Centric." EXCOM agreed to postpone until 2011.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The SNA 2009 tax return has been prepared by Burdette Smith Accounting and is scheduled to be mailed this week. Copies were provided to EXCOM and Board members to review. One question was why SNA did not claim volunteers. This field requires a monetary amount which we are unable to quantify but it is not necessary for filing.

The next Professional Seminar series event will be held in August 3-4 in Monterey and Paul Rinn is scheduled to speak.

The West Coast Symposium is scheduled to be held in San Diego on August 26, 2010. The agenda and exhibitor list were reviewed. SWONET is trying to have a live feed of event.

The Monterey Symposium is tentatively scheduled for October/November to coincide with Detailer visit.

Surface Navy Association Symposium was mentioned in recent Naval Forces article that reviewed the 2010 Sea Air Space event. Very positive regarding SNA symposium.

Action Item: Bill Erickson will email articles to our sponsors.

Ocean Technology Foundation has requested a contribution to their search for the *Bonhomme Richard*. SNA has made an annual donation of \$1,000 since 2006. The letter outlining where donations are spent was reviewed. It is not a budgeted item but it does fit into the SNA mission in the area of "heritage." EXCOM approved a donation of \$1,000 for 2010.

Two chapters, Greater Washington and Hampton Roads are currently holding officer elections. Once GWC new board is in place, SNA National will discuss the proposed change in the financial terms between GWC and National.

RDML (Sel) Ann Phillips has invited SNA EXCOM and Board members to her promotion ceremony which is scheduled for August 5. An invitation email was sent to EXCOM/Board.

CORPORATE MEMBER REPORT

SNA currently has a total of 75 corporate sponsors. Barco Federal Systems LLC has recently joined as a Level I sponsor. Thomas Group is scheduled to be dropped.

SECRETARY REPORT

The timeline for the next BOD election was reviewed. The request for nominations will be open for the month of September and the election will be held the month of November. The names of the 9 board members with terms expiring was reviewed. There will be 9 openings on the ballot and the categories were reviewed as to which ones will have available slots for election. Admiral Hogg does have the authority to extend a existing BOD member's term by 1 year.

TREASURER REPORT

Financial reports were reviewed including 2010 chapter disbursements. We are on track for income and expenses. SNA is receiving requests for chapter support – 78K to date. Confidence was expressed that SNA will end 2010 in the black.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

No Report

SYMPOSIUM COMMITTEE

The 2011 Symposium timeline was presented. Proposed theme is *Surface Naval Forces: Relevant Capabilities for a Challenging Future* which has been endorsed by N86 and CNSF. We are beginning to work on identifying speakers for event. We are attempting to get the Chairman JCS to be the banquet speaker. The exhibitor rate increases approved by EXCOM at the June meeting were reviewed. A recommendation was made to increase the amount of food ordered for evening events. **Action Item: Howard Associates will create a few food options to present to EXCOM.**

One issue from the Hot Wash Up comments was the lack of Verizon cellular service on the exhibit floor. Julie Howard did speak to the Hyatt regarding solutions to this issue. The Hyatt does plan on installing a Verizon repeater in the future which will cost approximately \$250K but it is not in the immediate renovation plans. Other options may cost around \$15K but this is not something that SNA can install as it must be done by the landlord. Verizon is available on the lobby level of the hotel. SNA will continue to look at other “no cost” options to fix this issue.

AWARDS COMMITTEE

In May, the Awards Committee met with representatives from Nauticus who were requesting “support” of a Surface Warfare Museum on the third floor in Norfolk. No financial support is requested at this time but is primarily looking more for an endorsement from SNA. This could be a possible location for another SNA Hall of Fame display. EXCOM approved the recommendation to provide an endorsement at this time with no financial strings attached.

Awards committee reviewed 3 proposed new awards:

- SURFOR Shiphandler Award
 - Rewrote a current SNA award to work within the guidelines of proposed award. It is to be judged and handled by SURFOR. Winner(s) names will be on plaque at SWOS and will be invited to SNA Symposium. **EXCOM approved updated instruction.**
- Surface Force Independent Duty Corpsman
 - Purpose of this award is to recognize E-5 to E9 Surface Force Independent Duty Corpsman (SFIDC) who is ESWS qualified. They must be a member of Ship’s Company and nominated by Commanding Officer. Winner(s) would be invited to National Symposium. Reviewed criteria and requested EXCOM approve this award be added to the SNA award list. **EXCOM approved.**
- SURFOR SWO of the Year
 - Requested by CNSF that this award be added to the SNA award program. EXCOM and Award Committee reviewed proposal and after much discussion feels that the SNA Zumwalt and Arleigh Burke awards are sufficient. Might consider recognizing the CNSF awardee at SNA Symposium but not as SNA award and no funding provided.

Hall of Fame voting will be provided at next EXCOM meeting. Currently have 8 nominees for Special Recognition award. We are still accepting nominations. .

Recommended that changes be made to Old Salt criteria by removing Flag Officers from eligibility. **Action Item: Awards Committee to review recommendation.**

George Sirian awardee will receive his award in Boston on August 27.

Current Old Tar is retiring on August 31, 2010. NAVADMIN has been released requesting nominations for Old Tar. SNA will start maintaining an ongoing database of nominations and update throughout the year(s) as nominations are submitted.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The 18 new scholarship checks have been disbursed. Six scholarship checks were presented by Annette Hendrickson and Debbie Garry at the July Hampton Roads chapter luncheon. Renewal checks are being issued as recipients send in required paperwork.

The financial snapshot of the scholarship fund through 2013 was reviewed. Jim Tackett presented an outlook on scholarship finances from 2005-2015 which shows a shortfall starting in 2012. Recommends that SNA take a proactive position now so that SNA can maintain this program. **Action Item: Scholarship Committee to be briefed on outlook.**

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.

A letter requesting donation opportunities to scholarship fund to be sent to our corporate members is in the works.

A letter is in process to be sent to "Military OneSource" asking to advertise the SNA scholarship availability and spouse funding.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Membership statistics and trends were reviewed. The Committee is considering offering the 3 for 1 membership special in 2011. Membership Committee had a Hail and Farewell luncheon for LT Gillian Medina who is moving to San Diego and her replacement, LT Scott Cheney-Peters. LT Medina was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation at the luncheon.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Communications Forum is scheduled for October 14 at the Army Navy Country Club.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

No updated information on the Great Lakes Hall of Fame.

NEW BUSINESS

Ron Route reminded EXCOM members to discuss proposals involving funding with treasurer.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Action Item: Next meeting tentatively scheduled for early September. Bill Erickson to email committee chairmen about proposed dates for next EXCOM meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 1915.