

**Surface Navy Association  
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes (Draft)  
March 3, 2011**

**IN ATTENDANCE**

VADM Ron Route, USN (Ret)  
VADM Henry C Giffin, USN (Ret) *(via phone)*  
VADM Tim LaFleur, USN (Ret) *(via phone)*  
CAPT Dave Lee, USN (Ret)  
CAPT Jim Tackett, USN (Ret)  
VADM Kevin Green, USN (Ret)  
RADM Dennis Conley, USN (Ret)  
VADM Bill Earner, USN (Ret)  
RDML Michael Frick, USN (Ret)  
VADM Doug Katz, USN (Ret)  
CAPT Jon Kaufman, USN  
CDR Jon Kreitz, USN  
CAPT Ned Lundquist, USN (Ret)  
RDML Michael Mahon, USN (Ret)  
LT Robert McFall, USN  
RADM Robert Reilly, USN (Ret)  
CAPT Paul Rinn, USN (Ret)  
Mr Thad Smith *(via phone)*  
CDR John Wilshusen, USN  
CAPT Bill Erickson, USN (Ret)  
Julie Howard  
Debbie Garry

**OLD BUSINESS**

The minutes from the 5 January 2011 Executive Committee Meeting were approved.

**Exec Director Report**

Ship Commissioning. Bill Erickson reviewed pricing of sending 2 plaques and monetary support for SWO/ESWS pins to each ship scheduled to be commissioned. Estimated cost is \$1080 per ship. Currently \$5,000 has been included in the SNA budget for upcoming ship commissionings. Question was asked about SNA's expectation for ships to display plaques. Consensus was that is the expectation.

**Action Item: Bill Erickson to create a draft letter to send to ships offering the SNA precommissioning plaques and pins.**

SNA National Board of Directors Meeting. Minutes from the meeting are currently under review by the Secretary. Review minutes are posted on the BOD website. A corrected copy will be posted when finalized.

Sailor of the Year Events. The CNSP SOY Banquet was held on February 25 at the Marriott. VADM Tim LaFleur said it was a great event and well attended. SNA was recognized at the event and a Navy news release mentioned SNA in a standalone paragraph. The CNSL SOY SNA Reception is scheduled to be held on March 9 for CNSL & USCG SOY's. CNSL will host the SOY luncheon on March 10.

The Battle of Inchon Landing and Battle of Guadalcanal Heritage lectures are currently at Empire Video. Once received, SNA will decide the best media outlets for distribution. There is a Navy Memorial proposal to host video(s) on Navy TV. VADM Ron Route thanked Raytheon for the continued support of the Heritage Lecture.

SNA has received a request from USCG to support a USCG Teambuilding event for new CPO's and Ensigns in the area. The total cost should not exceed \$2,000. SNA GWC has agreed to sponsor the event and National will fund.

The SSLA conference is scheduled to be held in San Diego on March 15 – 16. SNA has provided lanyards to be distributed to attendees and will have an exhibit table at the reception. Debbie Garry will attend event and work with San Diego chapter on exhibit support.

### **CORPORATE MEMBERS REPORT**

We currently have 80 corporate members. We expect to exceed our 2011 budget in corporate dues.

### **SECRETARY REPORT**

No Report

### **TREASURER REPORT**

Reviewed current finance report and chapter disbursements to date. Symposium finance report is in process. Profit amount is pending but appears to meet budget.

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

No report

### **SYMPOSIUM REPORT**

A Hot Wash-Up was conducted on February 18. Minutes and action items were distributed to BOD and EXCOM. There was a request to make a change in the Hot Wash-Up minutes in the Special Forums section.

Reviewed timeline for 2012 National Symposium. Starting to solicit theme ideas.

### **AWARDS REPORT**

A total of 855 awards were distributed by SNA in 2010.

Committee will begin working on the focus of the 2012 Heritage Lecture. Paul Rinn encouraged EXCOM members to forward ideas/suggestions. Prefers to select a theme that allows SNA to bring speakers who participated in the actual event.

Requested nominations/suggestions for 2012 Special Recognition award.

Continuing to develop the Hall of Fame nomination database.

### **SCHOLARSHIP REPORT**

Reviewed the proposed list of 2011 Scholarship Committee. EXCOM approved the committee.

Reviewed the 2011 Scholarship timeline. The Precept letter was signed on 18 February. Allows for 15 new scholarships and up to 50 renewals. The application deadline was March 1.

As of March 2, SNA had received 45 new applications but expects more within the next few days due to the March 1 postmark requirement.

SNA still needs to bring in more funding in order to sustain scholarship program. A letter was sent to corporate sponsors and a solicitation letter will be sent to SNA members in August.

**Action Item: Bill Erickson to provide at next EXCOM a slide outlining scholarship funding and solicitation.**

### **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

Reviewed membership statistics and trend slides. Slight growth in membership due to Symposium. Enlisted numbers are low but stable. It was noted that SNA is seeing a growth in Enlisted participation at the National Symposium. The Chapter Presidents breakfast continues to be a success.

Membership Committee plans to meet in April and will consider offering a membership promotion during the summer.

### **PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT**

Will begin to work with RADM John Tozzi on next Maritime Securities Forum.

Working on articles for next SITREP.

### **SPECIAL PROJECTS**

Great Lakes Hall of Fame may have grand opening Spring/Summer 2011.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

VADM Hank Giffin presented a proposal for SNA to provide support for displays of memorabilia on the USS Arleigh Burke. A total of 25K is needed. Several corporations have donated. EXCOM voted not to support financially as it appears the Foundation will be able to raise money through corporate donations. Ned Lundquist plans to write a SITREP article on the DDG 51 modification but EXCOM does not feel it should include a request for funding.

Next meeting scheduled for May 10 or May 11.