

**Surface Navy Association
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes (Draft)
July 9, 2013**

IN ATTENDANCE

VADM Admiral Ronald Route, USN (Ret)
OSC David Brakebill, USN, (*via phone*)
RADM Dennis Conley, USN (Ret)
VADM Bill Earner, USN (Ret)
VADM Hank Giffin, USN (Ret), (*via phone*)
VADM Kevin Green, USN (Ret)
RADM Dave Hart, USN (Ret)
CAPT Ron Jenkins, USN (Ret)
VADM Doug Katz, USN (Ret)

VADM Tim LaFleur, USN (Ret), (*via phone*)
CAPT Dave Lee, USN (Ret)
CAPT Ned Lundquist, USN (Ret)
RADM Robert Reilly, USN (Ret)
CAPT Paul Rinn, USN (Ret)
CAPT Bill Erickson, USN (Ret)
Julie Howard, (*via phone*)
Debbie Garry
Marianne Catina

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The meeting was called to order by the President, VADM Ron Route. Admiral Route welcomed all attendees to the meeting. The minutes from the May 22, 2013 Executive Committee Meeting were approved with no changes

OLD BUSINESS

The minutes from the January 2013 Board of Directors meeting including corrections and action items are posted on the Board of Directors website.

Sea Services Leadership Association (SSLA) hosted their Symposium on June 6-7 at the Gaylord Hotel. SNA provided a \$2400 donation to help offset shortfall due to government conference rule changes. Attendance at the event was much lower than in previous years. The 2014 event may be moved to Norfolk, VA. Captain Erickson reviewed topics covered at the event.

The DC Midway Dinner was held on June 4 at the Army Navy Country Club. SNA was one of the event sponsors. Approximately 240 people attended the dinner. A wreath laying ceremony took place on June 4 at the Navy Memorial.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

SNA received a request for \$2000 to support the search for the Bonhomme Richard. Recommended to defer decision until December 2013 with other donation requests. EXCOM approved motion to defer.

The West Coast Symposium is scheduled for August 22 in San Diego. Reviewed proposed agenda. Plan to post agenda and open registration the week of July 15. To date 16 organizations have signed up to exhibit and we have several non-exhibiting sponsors. In addition to the West Coast Symposium other events planned that week include: the August 21 Retired Flag Officer Briefing, August 23 SNA San Diego golf tournament, and the August 24 Surface Warfare Ball.

The draft finance report and tax return have been received from accountant to be reviewed by CAPT Jim Tackett, SNA Treasurer and VADM Bill Earner, Finance Committee Chairman. The tax return will also be made available to all Board and EXCOM members to review. The final tax return must be filed no later than 15 August 2013.

CORPORATE MEMBERS REPORT

SNA currently has 87 corporate members. One sponsor has been dropped at their request. One sponsor, previously dropped, reactivated their sponsorship.

SECRETARY REPORT

No Report

TREASURER REPORT

CAPT Bill Erickson reviewed the current finance report including account balances, investments and chapter disbursements to date.

Reviewed chapter disbursements. San Diego chapter took a \$9K loss on their Sailor of the Year dinner/reception due to a loss of sponsors. Chapter is sending SNA copies of their income/expense reports for SNA National to review and determine financial assistance National can provide.

Reviewed scholarship fund. Updated companies that will not be able to donate this year on the report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Certificate of Deposits did earn more interest in last quarter but VADM Bill Earner feels they may decrease in the next several weeks.

SYMPOSIUM REPORT

RADM Dave Hart reported that the SURFOR approved 2014 theme is "Surface Warfare ... War Fighting First".

Admiral Hart presented actual income/expense data for 2009-2013 Symposiums. Sequestration and government travel changes could affect 2014 profits. The following assumptions regarding 2014 Symposium were discussed:

- No Government exhibitors will pay rental on space (\$25,000)
- No increase to registration fees
- Paid registrations levels will be down from the 2013 high. \$138,000 to \$110,000
- Travel and accommodation requests for SNA to fund will increase from \$5,764 to \$7,500
- Other expenses used 5% increase as in past
- Banquet tables will hold steady at 54 corporate tables
- Assumed exhibit payments will come in before November rate increase for 'after deadline' payments

Reviewed 4 rate options for 2014 Symposium which included no charge for previous government exhibitors, a surcharge to non-government exhibitors, exhibit space increase, on advertising and banquet table costs. Option 1 which does not increase exhibit rates or charge a surcharge but does increase advertising and banquet table costs was approved as the rate option for 2014.

AWARD REPORT

CAPT Paul Rinn reported that the SNA Constitution Chapter has contacted the Committee about initiating a new award for SWO's in the rank of LCDR. Award would be presented in conjunction with the George Sirian Award. Paul Rinn and Bill Erickson met with the chapter to discuss award and the Awards Committee after extensive review/discussion voted to not approve the award. Committee (80%) felt that National already offers 2 awards in which LCDR's are eligible – Arleigh Burke and Zumwalt awards. Also, did not feel it should be

presented during CPO Initiation as that would be counterproductive. EXCOM discussed and supported Awards Committee's recommendation to disapprove.

Awards Committee has selected the Battle of Lake Erie as the 2014 Historical theme. Agenda is in process.

Committee is in process of updating Hall of Fame nomination list. .

SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

CAPT Bill Erickson reported that scholarship checks are in process of being sent to all including renewals and new recipients.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Ron Route announced that RADM Dennis Conley will be stepping down as the Membership Chairman after over 13 years of service. Many membership initiatives have been started during his chairmanship and he will be missed. RADM Robert Reilly has agreed to serve as the new Membership Chairman. Dennis Conley reviewed the April membership statistics. SNA membership numbers remain stable and strong.

The membership survey for promotional members has been sent to the 2011 promotional members group. A total of 224 were sent via email offering a discount renewal upon completion of a membership survey.

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT

CAPT Ned Lundquist recently went to Singapore and several stories will appear in next SITREP which is final editing stage.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

No Report

NEW BUSINESS

CAPT Bill Erickson will email proposed dates to EXCOM.

Meeting adjourned at 1849.