

**Surface Navy Association  
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes (Draft)  
December 17, 2013**

**IN ATTENDANCE**

VADM Barry McCullough, USN (Ret)  
CAPT David Adler, USN (Ret)  
LCDR Jeff Benson, USN, (*phone*)  
GSEC John Bradshaw, USN (*phone*)  
CAPT Bill Campbell, USN (Ret)  
RADM Dennis Conley, USN (Ret)  
CAPT Mike Davis, USN (Ret), (*phone*)  
VADM Bill Earner, USN (Ret)  
RADM Dave Glenn, USCG (Ret)  
RADM Dave Hart, USN (Ret)  
RADM Dennis Conley, USN (Ret)  
CAPT Ron Jenkins, USN (Ret)  
VADM Doug Katz, USN (Ret)  
CAPT Jim Kilby, USN

VADM Tim LaFleur, USN (Ret) (*phone*)  
CAPT Dave Lee, USN (Ret)  
CAPT Ned Lundquist, USN (Ret)  
Charlie McCullough  
RADM Robert Reilly, USN (Ret)  
CAPT Mark Sedlacek, USN (Ret)  
CAPT Matt Sharpe, USN (Ret), (*phone*)  
RDML T.J. Wilson, USN (Ret), (*phone*)  
CAPT Bill Erickson, USN (Ret)  
Julie Howard, (*phone*)  
Debbie Garry  
Marianne Catina

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

The meeting was called to order by the President, VADM Barry McCullough at 1709.

The minutes from the November 7, 2013 Executive Committee Meeting were approved with no changes

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

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

**CORPORATE MEMBERS REPORT**

SNA currently has 88 corporate members. Three sponsors have joined SNA since the November meeting. All remaining invoices for 2013 have been sent out by Administrative Staff. SNA has met and exceeded corporate membership goal for 2013.

**SECRETARY REPORT**

CAPT Dave Lee reported that the Board election has been completed and results have been verified. He reviewed the timeline of Board of Directors election, the Board composition and provided a brief bio of each of the members elected to join the SNA Board. EXCOM approved the results. *Action Item: CAPT Bill Erickson will notify winners and invite them to participate in the 2014 Symposium.*

**TREASURER REPORT**

VADM Bill Earner reviewed the current finance report including account balances, chapter disbursements and investments. Chapters are encouraged to send requests to National for those events that will enhance their Chapter's goals. SNA is finishing the year strong with some gains in investments.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

No Report

## **SYMPOSIUM REPORT**

RADM Dave Hart provided a Symposium status update including speaker acceptances. SNA currently has a conditional conference approval and is waiting for a final approval to be granted. Unable to finalize or post a NAVADMIN until final conference approval is received. SNA has provided all information required for approval. Exhibit space is almost sold out. SNA will once again video tape all presentations. Admiral Hart thanked all who have volunteered to assist at the Symposium as emcees and speaker escorts.

## **AWARD REPORT**

CAPT Bill Erickson provided update on award program

- **Special Recognition** – Reviewed the 3 awardees approved for this award.
- **ADM Zumwalt Visionary Leadership Award** - 50 nominations. The selection committee was chaired by RDML T. J. Wilson. Presented the 2 awardees with bios to EXCOM for approval - LT David Dupree, USN, USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN 72) and GSE1(SW) Jasper S. Cevidanes, USN, USS COLE (DDG 67). EXCOM Approved.
- **ADM Arleigh Burke Operation Award** - 30 nominations received. Presented the 4 winners with bios selected by the Awards Committee for EXCOM approval - ETC Sean A. Evans, USN, USS WINSTON CHURCHILL (DDG 81); FCC(SW) John Trowbridge, USN USS MOBILE BAY (CG 53); LT Brandon R. Christian, USN USS THUNDERBOLT (PC 12) and LT Chris Bland, USN, USS LASSEN (DDG 82) . EXCOM Approved.
- **CAPT Ray Komorowski Photo Award** - 333 entries received. Winning photos were selected by Awards Committee and 2 media specialists. Presented the winning photos for approval. 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Place winner - CAPT Robert Lang, USN (Ret); 2nd Place winner - MC3(SW/AW) Karolina Oseguera, USN, USS FREEDOM (LCS 1); and Honorable Mention - LTJG Ashley Allison, USN, from USS HOPPER (DDG 70). Winning photos will be displayed at the Symposium. EXCOM Approved.
- **Literary Award** – Selection Committee chaired by RADM Sonny Masso. the 2 winning selections. Winner - “A Sea Change in Standing Watch” by CAPT John Cordle, USN and Dr. Nita Shattuck. Honorable Mention - “Replacing Battleships with Aircraft Carriers in the Pacific in WWII” by Thomas C. Hone. EXCOM Approved
- **Hospital Corpsman Award** – Presented the winners selected by COMNAVSURFPAC and COMNAVSURFLANT. No EXCOM approval required.
- **Shiphandler Award**– Presented the 2 winners selected this year. No EXCOM approval required. At this time no corporate sponsor has been finalized to co-sponsor award. Working with CSC to continue their co-sponsorship of this award.

## **SCHOLARSHIP REPORT**

CAPT Bill Erickson reported that any decision on the 2014 scholarship program will be postponed to the January 2014 meeting.

## **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

RADM Rob Reilly reviewed the November membership statistics including the trend slides. Reported that there are no signs of concern.

The Membership Committee met on December 5 to review the Chapter Excellence nominations. Ten chapters submitted nominations this year. The quality of submissions from chapters continues to be high. Presented short review of each of the 10 submissions. The Membership Committee is requesting 6 chapters to receive the 2013 award. The 6 chapters selected were Hampton Roads, San Diego, Newport, Pearl Harbor, Charleston and New London. The awards will be presented at the 2014 General Membership meeting. EXCOM approved all selections.

Admiral Reilly provided a review of award submissions/selections from 2009-2013. Recommended consideration for 3 categories to include one for medium size chapters. Currently only divide into small and large chapters. Will present options in 2014.

#### **PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT**

CAPT Ned Lundquist reported that the next issue of the SITREP is in final stages for printing and provided a content overview. Recommended changing committee name to Communications Committee vice Public Relations and would like to discuss further in 2014. Also, committee is always looking for ways to assist SNA and chapters.

#### **SPECIAL PROJECTS**

No Report

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Proposed date for next EXCOM is January 8, 2014.

A call for Executive Session was made. EXCOM voted and approved changes which will be provided to accounting to be implemented.

Meeting adjourned at 1819.