

IN ATTENDANCE

VADM Barry McCullough, (Ret) (*President*)
CAPT David Lee, (Ret) (*Secretary*)
CAPT Jim Tackett, (Ret) (*Treasurer*)
VADM Terry Blake, USN (Ret)
VADM Kevin Green, USN (Ret)
OSC David Brakebill, (USN) (*via phone*)
CAPT Bill Daly, USN (Ret)
VADM Bill Earner, (Ret)
RDML Mike Frick, USN (Ret) (*via phone*)
VADM Lee F. Gunn, (Ret)
RADM David T. Hart, (Ret)

VADM Doug Katz, (Ret)
CAPT Ned Lundquist, (Ret)
RDML Michael Mahon, (Ret)
Mr. Charles McCullough, (Ret)
RADM Robert Reilly, (Ret)
CAPT Paul Rinn, (Ret)
CAPT Mark Sedlacek, (Ret)
CAPT Matt Sharpe, USN (Ret) (*via phone*)
CAPT William J. Erickson, (Ret) (*Executive Director*)
Ms Julie Howard (*via phone*)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The meeting was called to order by the President, VADM Barry McCullough at 1701.

The minutes from the November 6, 2014 EXCOM meeting were approved with no changes.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

There will be one more ExCom Meeting before the annual board meeting. At the January meeting the presentations for the Board meeting will be reviewed.

Hampton Roads Naval Museum is likely to have a name change to National Museum of the Surface Navy. The Navy is working on changing the management structure with an Advisory Council chaired by VADM Rowden. Member organizations of the Council will include SNA, USNI, Nauticus and the Hampton Roads Naval Museum Foundation. The first meeting is scheduled for 11 March 2015. There was discussion regarding the expectation of our membership as part of the Advisory Council. At this time no parameters or guidance on the Advisory Council has been given. It was noted that the funding is appropriated by the Government with exhibits funded by the Foundation. Motion was made and passed that SNA should become a member of the Advisory Council of the National Museum of the Surface Navy.

SYMPOSIUM REPORT

Many schedule changes have been made since the last meeting to accommodate speaker schedules.

It has been difficult to identify a speaker for the Annual Banquet this year. At this time The VCNO, Admiral Howard, has been identified as the banquet speaker and her previous speaking time will be adjusted.

MCs and Escorts have been identified.

A chart showing comparing the revenue between 2013, 2014 and 2015 (projected) for exhibit space, banquet tables, ads and sponsorship was reviewed. As of today we have \$20,000 more commitment than the final gross revenue for 2013 which was an all time high.

SECRETARY REPORT

The election for the new officers of the Board of Directors has been completed. A motion was made to certify the results was made and it carried unanimously. The results will be approved by the Board of Directors at the January 2015 Board Meeting.

TREASURER REPORT

Reviewed the detailed financial report. It was noted that we have exceeded the budget for both individual and corporate dues and fully expect to end the year in black. The chapter report was reviewed and we are on par with previous years. The annual Executive Session will happen at the end of the meeting.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The only thing to note is that our interest income is doing well this year. The balance in the investment accounts continue to exceed the required minimum reserve.

CORPORATE MEMBERS REPORT

We are in the black (see slide for details) and have the most corporate members at 91 than we have ever had. Since the last meeting we have added 2 new sponsors: Cubic and Bollinger, and lost 1: Angle.

AWARD REPORT

All the award winners for this year were reviewed (see slides.) The Zumwalt Award had the highest number of nominations this year with a total of 73. Whitney, Bradley & Brown, Inc has agreed to continue their sponsorship of this award for another 6 years. For the Arleigh Burke Award we had 30 nominations. The Captain Komorowski Photo Award had a total of 172 eligible submissions. This was the first year that the award was divided into 3 categories with an overall grand prize winner. This year the Grand Prize Winner came from the Operational category.

There were 26 nominations for the Literary Award. The article that won had a controversial theme and was extremely well written. Both the winner and the honorable mention are active duty lieutenants.

In closing, the Committee and all the sub-groups used for the selection process were complimented for their hard work over the year.

SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

There was discussion regarding the number of applicants that should be selected in 2015. The complete program since 2009 was reviewed as part of this process. The goal is to have up to 60 scholarship recipients each year and the financial report was reviewed. We hope to bring in at least \$60,000 for the symposium. At the beginning of 2014 we were able to transfer funds from the Investment Account to bring the Scholarship balance to a sufficient level to fund the program through 2016.

It was suggested that the committee look for 15 awardees and review the alternatives at a future meeting. However, it was decided to wait until after symposium to make decision on numbers.

The merging of the SNA Scholarship and Anchor Scholarship was bought up again. Earlier it had been decided that we continue to advertise each other but neither want to change qualification standards and both feel that we cover the whole community better

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

It appears from the stats that we are losing members, both Enlisted and Officer, over a 2 year period. There were 13 chapters that submitted packages for the Chapter Excellence Award. From those six chapters were selected: Hampton Roads, San Diego, and Pearl Harbor are the large chapter winners and the small chapter winners are Arabian Gulf, Charleston and Constitution. It was proposed that Letters of Recognition be written and signed by Admiral Hogg to those chapters that submitted a package for consideration but were not selected.

A motion was made and accepted to select six total chapters for chapter excellence awards instead of four.

Some additional Membership Trend Analysis was reviewed and will be a discussion topic at the Board Meeting and also the Chapter President Breakfast.

There was a good discussion about the numbers. Currently about 44% of our members are active duty. It was noted that there is strong participation in SNA events which somewhat lessens the impact of smaller membership numbers.

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT

The proposed name change of the Committee will be discussed at the BOD meeting in January. Plans are in place to once again support the media at the symposium. A press release is in process to publicize the Hall of Fame. There is still interest in how the committee can better help the chapters and/or specific projects. This January issue of *Surface Sitrep* is currently at the printer and will be distributed at the January symposium.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

The National Maritime Historical Society, together with the Naval Historical Foundation, is honoring three individuals, including the CNO, at its gala 2015 Washington Awards Dinner. The Dinner also celebrates the 100th anniversary in 2015 of the establishment of the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, the founding of the United States Coast Guard and the creation of the United States Navy Reserve. SNA has been asked to make a donation. Various sponsorship levels are available with the lowest being \$1,000. No decision to fund this was made at this time.

The French Sailing Ship Hermione will visit the United States during the summer of 2015. No money is currently being solicited. Stopping points will include: Yorktown, Alexandria, New York, Rhode Island, and Boston. As such, the ship will visit a number of ports where we have chapters. The reason it was mentioned tonight was to ask permission for the Executive Director to have the opportunity to start working with chapters to host events while it is in their port. Motion was made and carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Next Meeting will be 5 January.

With no further public business the meeting then went to Executive Session.

Meeting adjourned at 1815.