

IN ATTENDANCE

VADM Barry McCullough, (Ret) (*President*)
CAPT David Lee, (Ret) (*Secretary*)
CAPT Jim Tackett, USN (Ret) (*Treasurer*)
VADM Tim LaFleur, USN (Ret), West Coast VP (*phone*)
CAPT Dave Adler, USN (Ret)
VADM Terry Blake, USN (Ret) (*phone*)
CDR Matt Bonner, USN (*phone*)
OSC David Brakebill, (USN) (*phone*)
CAPT Mike Davis, USN (Ret) (*phone*)
RADM Mike Frick, USN (Ret)
RADM Vic Guillory, USN (Ret) (*phone*)

VADM Lee Gunn, USN (Ret)
RADM Dave Hart, USN (Ret)
CAPT Sam Howard, USN (Ret) (*phone*)
CAPT Ron Jenkins, USN (Ret) (*phone*)
CAPT Jon Kreitz, USN (*phone*)
RADM Rob Reilly, USN (Ret) (*phone*)
CAPT Paul Rinn, USN (Ret)
CAPT William J. Erickson, (Ret) (*Executive Director*)
Julie Howard (*phone*)
Debbie Garry
Marianne Catina

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The meeting was called to order by the President, VADM Barry McCullough at 1703.

The minutes from the May 6, 2015 EXCOM meeting were approved with no changes.

SNA held the Old Salt turnover ceremony/reception on Monday, June 22 for Admirals Sam Locklear and Kurt Tidd. A big thank you is given to all those that assisted in this event.

It was reported that Admiral McCullough and CAPT Bill Erickson attended the DRAE Luncheon hosted by NDIA. Good information provided on 2016 proposed House and Senate bills.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Old Business

The minutes from the January 2015 Board of Directors meeting including action items are posted on the Board of Directors website.

The West Coast Symposium will be held on 16 July 2015 in San Diego. This event will be held in conjunction with SWFOT that takes place 15-16 July. There will also be a Retired Flag Officer briefing on Friday the 17th before the San Diego Chapter Golf Tournament. Reviewed the exhibitor/sponsor list and speaker agenda.

Captain Paul Rinn submitted a request for SNA to provide a donation to Navy Safe Harbor to support their annual golf tournament. Captain Rinn gave an overview of the organization and how money is disbursed to Sailors in need. In 2014 SNA provided a \$2500 donation to the same event to sponsor a beverage cart, co-sponsor of the putting green and a 1/2 page ad in the program. As this was a non-budgeted request, it was discussed if the request should wait until December as is the normal SNA policy for unbudgeted requests. EXCOM discussed and voted to make an exception in this case and to fund this year as well as add it to next year's budget as an annual donation. Request for 2015 donation – Approved.

Captain Erickson reported that CSIS/USNI is sponsoring a discussion on July 9 with Admiral Rowden titled "Surface Warfare in a Complex World" from 1300-1400 in DC if anyone interested in attending.

CORPORATE MEMBERS REPORT

VADM Terry Blake reported that SNA currently has 89 corporate members. We are on track and continue to have a strong corporate membership.

SECRETARY REPORT

CAPT Dave Lee will present the timeline/overview of the upcoming Board of Directors election at the next EXCOM.

TREASURER REPORT

CAPT Jim Tackett reviewed the current finance report and all looks to be on track. Chapter disbursements are tracking as expected. To date we have reached 55% of our budgeted expenses and 80% of our budgeted income.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

CAPT Erickson reviewed current status of SNA investments. At this time, SNA is in good financial position. Committee will continue to monitor the market to see if any fund movements might be necessary.

SYMPOSIUM REPORT

RADM Dave Hart reviewed the 2016 Symposium timeline. Proposed theme, "Surface Warfare Strategy: A View Beyond the Horizon" was submitted to N96 and CNSF for review. Admiral Hart and Captain Erickson recently met with COMO Richard Allen, RN, to discuss the suggestion for changing the format of the International Navies luncheon. Decision is to keep the lunch in the same timeslot for 2016 Symposium and to review suggestion again for the 2017 National Symposium schedule. EXCOM discussed adding an industry panel to the Symposium schedule but decided that it is not the right fit for this event. Possible banquet speakers for 2016 Symposium are the CNO or the Deputy Secretary of Defense, Robert Work.

ASNE has approached SNA about a possible partnership at future SNA Symposium. EXCOM did not feel a change to the present relationship is a benefit to SNA at this time.

AWARD REPORT

CAPT Dave Adler reported that the Old Salt turnover from ADM Samuel Locklear to VADM Kurt Tidd took place at the Pentagon on June 22.

Committee has started to work on upcoming awards. Nominations for Special Recognition are being accepted as well as any new names for the Hall of Fame list. Committee is also continuing to explore potential topics for the 2016 Historical Remembrance lecture.

SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

Captain Erickson recently spoke with Cecil Bradley and Danielle Dawley from the Anchor Scholarship Foundation and it was agreed that SNA and Anchor would work together on joint advertising including banners advertising both scholarship opportunities.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

RADM Rob Reilly reviewed the May membership statistics including the trend slides. Trending slightly down in paid memberships but there has been an uptake in promotional memberships. Enlisted and USCG holding steady and an increase in Officer numbers due to promotional BDOC application submissions. Overall numbers slightly down since December 2014.

Presented an update on the SNA Record Review initiative that was briefly discussed at the 2015 National Board meeting. Provided a Milestones Overview and a Process Chart detailing the proposed program. EXCOM felt it was a great initiative but cautioned that SNA would need to be very careful in providing accurate reviews and safeguarding personal information. Admiral Reilly said the next step is to present concept to PERS 41 and community leaders for feedback. If feedback not positive then SNA will not proceed any further with program.

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT

No Report

SPECIAL PROJECTS

No Report

NEW BUSINESS

Next Meeting will be in August 2015.