

IN ATTENDANCE

VADM Barry McCullough, USN (Ret) (*President*)
VADM Hank Giffin, USN (Ret) (VP East) (*phone*)
VADM Tim LaFleur, USN (Ret) (VP West) (*phone*)
CAPT David Lee, USN (Ret) (*Secretary*)
CAPT Jim Tackett, USN (Ret) (*Treasurer*)
CAPT Dave Adler, USN (Ret)
VADM Terry Blake, USN (Ret)
GSEC John Bradshaw, USN (*phone*)
CAPT Bill Campbell, USN
VADM Bill Earner, USN (Ret)
RDML Mike Frick, USN (Ret)
VADM Kevin Green, USN (Ret)

RADM Dave Hart, USN (Ret)
RADM Jeff Hathaway, USCG (Ret)
VADM Doug Katz, USN (Ret)
CAPT Ned Lundquist, USN (Ret)
CAPT Mark Sedlacek, USN (Ret)
CAPT Troy Stoner, USN
PSCS(SW/AW) Brian Robinson, USN (*phone*)
CAPT William J. Erickson, (Ret) (*Executive Director*)
Julie Howard (*phone*)
Debbie Garry
Marianne Catina

RADM Vic Guillory, USN (Ret) (*phone*)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The meeting was called to order by the President, VADM Barry McCullough at 1700. Admiral McCullough introduced RADM Jeff Hathaway as the new Coast Guard representative.

The minutes from the October 22, 2015 EXCOM meeting were approved with no changes.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

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

CAPT Bill Erickson met with CAPT Brian Perkins of the Cuttermen's Association to discuss the possible merge of the CCA into SNA's membership. It was decided to put the merge discussion on hold until after both groups could present the idea to their respective Boards in January during the SNA Symposium. SNA has invited Captain Perkins to speak at the SNA Board meeting and CCA has invited Captain Erickson to speak at their Board meeting.

CORPORATE MEMBERS REPORT

VADM Terry Blake reviewed the current corporate numbers including the corporate members that were recently dropped from the current SNA corporate list due to non-renewal or company request. Admiral Blake is going to contact the company POC's to discuss their non-renewal. Admiral McCullough offered to contact Sikorsky. Several new corporate members have applications in process.

SECRETARY REPORT

CAPT Dave Lee reported that the 2016 Board election was complete and votes had been validated. Reviewed expiring terms and presented the elected board members. A motion to certify the results was made and it carried unanimously. The EXCOM approved inviting the elected list to the National Symposium. The results will need to be officially approved by the Board of Directors at the January 2016 Board Meeting.

TREASURER REPORT

Reviewed the detailed financial reports. All major expenses have been paid for 2015 and income has exceeded expenditures. The chapter report was reviewed and is consistent with previous years' distributions. The annual Executive Session will happen at the end of the meeting.

FINANCE REPORT

VADM Bill Earner reported that SNA is currently more than 10% above the amount specified by SNA's reserve policy. This quarter selected Association's Certificate of Deposits were renewed. No major changes in the financial future currently forecasted.

SYMPOSIUM REPORT

VADM Dave Hart provided an overview of the upcoming Symposium schedule. We are having to shift some speakers on the schedule due to speaker availability. Still working on a speaker for the Annual Banquet. EXCOM members provided several suggestions that Admiral Hart will pursue.

AWARD REPORT

CAPT Dave Adler presented the selected award winners in each award category.

- Special Recognition – At the last meeting, the EXCOM requested the Awards Committee do more research on potential honorees for this award. The Committee proposed 4 honorees – CAPT Paul Rinn USN (Ret)(previously approved), CAPT Pat Marvil USN (Ret), CDR Mike McMasters USN (Ret), and CAPT Bob Oldani USN (Ret). A short summary of their contributions to SNA and Surface Warfare was provided.
- Admiral Zumwalt Award – 63 nominations received this year; recommended award winners were briefed.
- The Arleigh Burke Award we had 23 nominations; recommended award winners were briefed
- The Captain Komorowski Photo Award had a total of 129 eligible submissions. Winners in all categories were presented.
- The 2016 Heritage Night topic is: **Market Time Operations of Vietnam** as it is the 50th Anniversary. The invited speakers for this event were presented. There was discussion on the focus for this year. Due to limited time the focus will be on a particular operation. In order to cover more aspects of Vietnam, will need to present additional topics pertaining to Vietnam at future SNA Symposiums.
- The Literary Award – Voting in process.

All of the SNA awards, shown above, were approved by the EXCOM.

The winners of the Expert Ship Handler award and the Hospital Corpsman award were presented.

SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

Captain Erickson proposed that any decision on 2016 scholarship funding be deferred until January 2016 meeting once 2015 finances are finalized.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Captain Erickson presented the monthly membership stats including trend slides for Officers, Enlisted, Coast Guard and Other categories. The annual Chapter Excellence voting by the Membership Committee is in process and results will be presented at the January meeting.

The recommendation to start a SNA Record Review has been tabled for now.

Action Item: Research ways to reactivate the Great Lakes chapter.

PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT

CAPT Ned Lundquist reported that he recently attended the commissioning of the USS MILWAUKEE. He recommended that SNA research opportunities to support upcoming COVE training competition. Provided an overview of upcoming SITREP newsletter articles.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

No report.

NEW BUSINESS

Captain Erickson briefed that Homeland Security Outlook (HSO) and the Surface Navy Association (SNA) is teaming up to host Maritime Security 2016 East in Norfolk, Virginia, March 21-23, 2016. Information about the event is available on the SNA website.

The next EXCOM is scheduled for the first week in January 2016.

Meeting was adjourned at 1805.