

**Surface Navy Association
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes (Draft)
June 1, 2016**

IN ATTENDANCE

VADM Barry McCullough, USN (Ret) *President*
VADM Tim LaFleur, USN (Ret) *VP West Coast*
VADM Hank Giffin, USN (Ret) *VP East Coast*
CAPT Dave Lee, USN (Ret) *Secretary*
VADM Bill Earner, USN (Ret)
VADM Lee Gunn, USN (Ret)
RADM Jeff Hathaway, USCG (Ret)
LCDR Katie Jacobson, USN
VADM Doug Katz, USN (Ret)
CAPT Troy Stoner, USN (Ret)
RADM Vic Guillory, USN (Ret) *(phone)*
RADM Rob Reilly, USN (Ret) *(phone)*
CAPT Bill Erickson, USN (Ret) *Executive Director*
Julie Howard *(phone)*
Marianne Catina

PRESIDENT REPORT

A Motion was made to approve minutes from the March 2016 and it was accepted unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Minutes from the January Board of Directors' meeting are still under review. There were only 2 action items that were identified. One of them, the letter campaign for Flag Officers, is something that we already have in place as we address it when we send a congratulatory letter to each new Surface Flag Officer.

SNA assisted with the Maritime Security Forum in March. We identified a couple of speakers for the event and did member outreach for attendance. There is one planned in the Everett area in September and we plan to promote it to our chapter members in the area.

Lapel Pins. We have had new pins made to honor life and plank members. The cost to produce these was \$2.50 for the plank owners and \$2.15 for the life members. It was suggested that as we no longer provide a hard copy of the Surface Warfare Magazine to life members we could provide a pin instead. A motion was made that each plank and life member be provided a pin. This motion was carried unanimously. Distribution method to be left up to the staff.

Cuttermen Association. Since the discussion at the January SNA Board Meeting to make the Cuttermen Association a National Chapter we have held meetings with their leadership to go over various items. They provided us their membership listing which we have now compared to our list (see slide.) There are 923 names in the Cuttermen Association database, of that only 233 are current members (as of April 2016). Thirty-eight members are in both the Cuttermen and SNA databases. The Cuttermen Association has not kept up with membership in the last 2 years and their records are very haphazard.

We have put together a proposed MOU between the 2 organizations. It was decided that we should establish 2 chapters, SNA Anacostia Chapter and a National Cuttermen Chapter. It was also decided that we would use their current Cuttermen National and Capital Homeport Boards structures to start as the Boards for these 2 new chapters. These would be SNA chapters and like all of our events they must be open to all who wish to participate. Current members in good standing would be grandfathered in to SNA. Their life memberships are cheaper than SNA. The proposal is to accept them in to SNA and for Cuttermen Association to pay the difference. After discussion it was decided that all members would be grandfathered in without any payment to SNA.

We expect to get the Cuttermen Association to publicize this during the transition time. Motion to accept MOU as written with the proposed change regarding life membership was made by the President and was accepted unanimously.

CORPORATE REPORT

We have 93 corporate members. We have about 40% of the revenue in already for the 2016 year. It was suggested that we go to the corporate members letting them know that we are incorporating the Cuttermen Association membership.

AI: Executive Director to draft email to send to corporations

TREASURER REPORT

The finances were reviewed. Nothing outstanding to report. See slide. Hampton Roads held Surface Line Week, San Diego supported Midshipmen events and Yokosuka had their Surface Warfare Week. Charleston Chapter has had a number of events in which SNA provided financial support for speaker travel.

SECRETARY REPORT

Nothing to report

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Committee has not met this quarter. Funds are currently stable with appropriate reserves as specified in the By-Laws.

We have 3 NFCU Certificates that become due on 8 June and the intent is roll them over for 12 months.

SYMPOSIUM COMMITTEE

Admiral Hart is in Norfolk this week. Admiral Hart and the Executive Director had a conversation on 4 May with CAPT Joe Cahill, USN who is Admiral Rowden's rep for the symposium. He will be relieved later this month. For the Symposium theme, we received good input from Board and Executive Committee. We are in the process of finalizing something that fits in the banner. Recommended themes will be sent to RADM Fanta and VADM Rowden before we go final.

It was suggested that we might put together a Mine Warfare panel, similar to a small combatant panel, that might be integrated into the symposium .

The West Coast Symposium is on 11 August. SWOFOT is 9-10 August with the intent that Flags will be free to attend our event. One concern is that the chapter has is that we might not have the attendance

as they will travel on Thursday rather than stay. Perhaps Admiral Rowden could be persuaded to have a short meeting on Thursday morning to keep the attendance. Admiral McCullough will talk to him.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Rolls Royce has returned to support the scholarship program and just sent us a \$5,000 check. Financially we are in good shape until 2018 when we will need some funds. It was also suggested that perhaps we put \$50,000 in at the end of the year as it would be nice to have a steady funding stream. However, for the moment we should table the discussion until next meeting when Treasurer and Finance Committee Chair are present.

For 2016, SNA had 47 new applicants and 42 renewals. From that we have 18 new recipients and 38 renewals. The list of applicants and demographics was reviewed. We continue to have a very strong renewal rate.

There have been some questions about the renewals' GPA on whether it is last 12 months or cumulative. Policy clarification is that it will be a cumulative 3.0 GPA.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Nothing dramatic nearing this mid-point of year. Membership Committee meeting is on 16 June and will address merger of Cuttermen Association. We have revised our membership fees so that they fall within the Ethics gift rules for promotional memberships.

AWARDS COMMITTEE

We have distributed 385 Stephen Decatur Jr Awards for the 2016 program. The Committee held a meeting a couple of weeks ago and have had a couple of membership changes. The topic for the next Heritage Night was discussed and the Committee is currently looking for input on Special Recognition and Hall of Fame recipients.

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

Currently on travel.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Something end of July. Date will be circulated.

No further business meeting ended at 1808.