

IN ATTENDANCE

VADM Barry McCullough, USN (Ret)
CAPT Dave Adler, USN (Ret)
CMDRCM David Carter, USN (*via phone*)
RADM Dennis Conley, USN (Ret)
CAPT Mike Davis, USN (Ret), (*via phone*)
RDML Mike Frick, USN (Ret), (*via phone*)
VADM Hank Giffin, USN (Ret), (*via phone*)
CAPT Matt Gimple, USCG, (*via phone*)
VADM Kevin Green, USN (Ret)
VADM Lee Gunn, USN (Ret)
RADM Sinclair Harris, USN (Ret), (*via phone*)
RADM Dave Hart, USN (Ret)
RADM Jeff Hathaway, USCG (Ret)
CAPT Sam Howard, USN (Ret), (*via phone*)

CAPT Ron Jenkins, USN (Ret), (*via phone*)
VADM Doug Katz, USN (Ret)
VADM Bill Landay, USN (Ret), (*via phone*)
CAPT Dave Lee, USN (Ret)
VADM Carol Pottenger, USN (Ret), (*via phone*)
RADM Rob Reilly, USN (Ret)
CAPT Paul Rinn, USN (Ret)
Thad Smith, (*via phone*)
CAPT Jim Tackett, USN (Ret)
CAPT Bill Erickson, USN (Ret)
Julie Howard, (*via phone*)
Debbie Garry
Marianne Catina

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The meeting was called to order by the President, VADM Barry McCullough, at 1705.

The minutes from the January 3, 2016 EXCOM meeting were approved with one change. Captain Jenkins, USN(Ret), was added as present by phone

Admiral McCullough reported that the Symposium was a huge success.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

The minutes from the January 2017 Board of Directors meeting are under review and will be posted on the Board of Directors website when completed.

The 2017 West Coast Symposium is currently scheduled to be held in San Diego on July 13. A formal request to host event on the base has been submitted to Naval Base San Diego. Currently SWOFOT is scheduled for July 11-12, Retired Flag Brief will be on July 10 and the SNA San Diego golf tournament is tentatively planned for July 14.

CORPORATE MEMBERS REPORT

Captain Bill Erickson reported that SNA currently has 90 corporate members. Reviewed 2017 budgeted income, revenue to date and outstanding Invoices. Added 1 new sponsor, Rite-Solutions, Inc. Admiral Hathaway reported that he is planning to work with 8 potential Coast Guard affiliated corporations on joining SNA as corporate sponsors.

SECRETARY REPORT

No report.

TREASURER REPORT

Captain Jim Tackett presented the current finance report and reported that the SNA budget is on track as of this quarter but the Symposium income is not yet on the finance report. Explained that a due sharing seems high but that is normal for the 1st Quarter. It is an annual disbursement that includes dues sharing for 3-year and Life members in addition to regular quarterly dues. Reviewed chapter disbursements to date.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Captain Erickson, on behalf of VADM Bill Earner reviewed SNA investment accounts. The accounts have increased in value since December 2016.

SYMPOSIUM REPORT

Admiral Dave Hart reported the 2017 attendee numbers were about the same as 2016 but the Symposium net was much higher than 2016 revenue. Several Hot Wash comments that were submitted were discussed:

- Encourage Board Members, Executive Committee members and Chapter Presidents to attend the Awards Luncheon and industry evening receptions.
- Set-up charging stations throughout event.
- Do more to encourage attendees to join SNA. Add more signage. Have moderators mention joining SNA during seminar sessions.
- The Horn the night of banquet was loud and long. Recommend that horn be used again but maybe get more help with crowd control to use all the ballroom doors and not just the center doors to enter banquet.
- Increase focus on Reserves.
- Lack of exposure of Senior Enlisted speakers. One recommendation was to pair CNO with MCPON and Commandant USCG with MCPOCG.
- How can we get more attendees, not media, to ask questions during seminars? Some recommendations included separate microphones for media, have questions submitted electronically, or have chapter presidents bring questions from their chapter members.

Presented the timeline for the 2018 event.

ENLISTED PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION GRANT PROPOSAL

Captain Paul Rinn provided background on why he is recommending that SNA create an Enlisted Professional Education Grant Program based on his interactions with over 1500 mid level and senior enlisted at speeches he has given to numerous Navy commands. Main points taken from these conversations regarding SNA membership were:

- Indifference from the Chain of Command WRT joining SNA
- Feeling that it is more an officer and senior enlisted organization
- No real advantage to junior enlisted WRT advancement. However it does provide recognition (Zumwalt, Burke, Decatur, and graduation awards)
- Not sure their financial commitment gains anything! Events are usually free
- Education assistance would be a significant assistance and incentive to join SNA

Captain Rinn proposes that SNA provide financial grants to qualified Enlisted Surface Warfare and Cuttermen members of SNA to assist in fulfilling professional goals and qualifications. The grants would be up to \$600 per grant. Recommendation was that SNA set aside \$20K annually for this program. The course must be in their field and would assist in advancement in the Navy or Coast Guard. The grant request would need to be validated by the Sailor/Cuttermen's command to be considered. The grant approvals would be determined by a 4-5 person panel of SNA EXCOM members under the oversight of the Executive Director with final approval required by the SNA President. The full proposal was emailed to all EXCOM members. EXCOM approved the program for 2017.

SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

Vice Admiral Lee Gunn presented the proposed 2017 Scholarship Committee, which was approved by the EXCOM. Presented 2 options to EXCOM on number of scholarships for 2017 based on number of renewals/non-renewals. Original plan was for 44 renewals and 16 new scholarships. At this time, only 40 students will be renewing their scholarships. Option 1 was to award 16 new scholarships and renew the 40 requests for a total of 56 scholarships. Option 2 was to award 20 new scholarships and renew the 40 requested renewals for a total of 60 scholarships. EXCOM voted to approve Option 2.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Admiral Rob Reilly reviewed the February membership statistics including the trend slides. Numbers are remaining stable. The Membership Committee is working on updating the Chapter Excellence program, developing a SNA Hiking program and an active duty Transition program.

AWARD REPORT

Captain Dave Adler reported that the Symposium Awards luncheon was a success and thanked the staff for all their work. It was also announced that the SNA NJROTC Stephen Decatur awards program started accepting nominations on March 1. To date 47 nominations have been downloaded. The Awards Committee is looking for more members to serve on the Committee.

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

Captain Erickson reported that Captain Ned Lundquist is currently on travel. Provided an overview of possible stories to be included in upcoming SNA SITREPs.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

No Report

NEW BUSINESS

Admiral Harris reported that the new SNA National Board members have selected "Enhancing the SNA Brand" as their project this year.

The next EXCOM will be held in June. Captain Erickson will email possible dates to the ExCom Leadership.

Meeting adjourned at 1815.