

**Executive Committee Meeting  
31 October 2018  
MINUTES**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

VADM Barry McCullough, USN (Ret) – *President*  
VADM Hank Giffin, USN (Ret) – *East Coast VP (phone)*  
VADM Tim La Fleur, USN (Ret) – *West Coast VP (phone)*  
CAPT Dave Lee, USN (Ret) – *Secretary*  
CAPT Dave Adler, USN (Ret)  
RADM Denny Conley, USN (Ret) *(phone)*  
RADM Mike Frick, USN (Ret) *(phone)*  
RDML Cindy Thebaud, USN (Ret) *(phone)*  
RADM Sinclair Harris, USN (Ret) *(phone)*  
RADM Jeff Hathaway, USCG (Ret) *(phone)*  
RADM Jim Shannon, USN (Ret)  
Mr. Thad Smith  
CAPT Bill Erickson, USN (Ret) - *Executive Director*  
Ms. Julie Howard

**MINUTES**

As there is currently not a quorum present the minutes from the meeting on 5 September 2018 will be reviewed and approved at the next ExCom meeting.

Note: Later in the meeting a quorum was reached.

**OLD BUSINESS**

SNA had a very successful West Coast Symposium and did make a small profit on the event. Over the last 12 months SNA has made 4 awards and has 2 proposals under review as part of our new Enlisted Grant Proposal.

**SECRETARY REPORT**

SNA is at the point of releasing the ballot for voting. We have eight members that will depart the BOD in January. SNA received 25 nominations to fill the 8 slots. In preparing the ballot we propose to breakout the Coast Guard into a separate category to ensure that SNA has at least 1 of the nominations from the Coast Guard elected.

**TREASURER REPORT**

The financials were reviewed. SNA is close to achieving our budgeted income and there are no issues with regards to expenses.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

SNA is in good health and still holding our reserve as per our Bylaws.

**SYMPOSIUM REPORT**

The highlights of the schedule were discussed. For the International Navies Lunch we have a new Commodore attending. The plan is to meet with him and Commodore Connell before he leaves.

A new strategy to increase our social media presence was briefed. SNA plans to add an interactive platform to allow for the audience in the seminar sessions to ask questions electronically. We are also working on a Continuing Conversation / Facebook Live area. We are working with Facebook on sponsorship opportunities.

#### **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

The membership numbers were reviewed. SNA membership remains steady with our Coast Guard membership continuing to be a bright spot.

#### **CORPORATE REPORT**

SNA currently has 95 corporate members with 2 companies dropping recently. We are on track to meet our budget projections.

#### **AWARDS REPORT**

The Old Salt Turnover happened 22 October when ADM Tidd handed it over to ADM Davidson. There was a very nice write up on navy.mil. The new Old Tar has also been announced and will be presented during the National Symposium to Master Chief Tooker.

The awards committee would like to recommend the following as our Special Recognition Awardees: OSC David Brakebill, USN (Ret), VADM Bill Earner, USN (Ret), RADM Sonny Masso, USN (Ret), CAPT Brian Perkins, USCG. A motion to accept the nominations was passed unanimously.

The awards committee also put forth the names of those individuals nominated to go in to the Hall of Fame. A motion to accept the nominations was passed unanimously.

The committee has decided that the Heritage Night theme should be the "Saga of the USS INDIANAPOLIS." Paul Rinn has agreed to be the Moderator and an author, Dr. Richard Hulver who has just finished a book on the subject, will put together the program with him..

#### **COMMUNICATIONS REPORT**

Nothing to report however it was noted that the Committee Chair was in Norway doing an interview for SNA Surface SITREP.

#### **SPECIAL PROJECTS**

As part of our heritage mission SNA is sponsoring Lifeline: Pearl Harbor's Unknown Hero. The SNA premier will be 6 December at the Navy Memorial. This will also be shown on a number of National Public Television stations.

#### **National Museum of the Surface Navy.**

Hampton Roads Surface Museum is no longer under consideration. A National Museum of the Surface Navy now planned to be integrated into the USS IOWA Battleship Museum. The Surface Museum will be a 20,000 square foot dedicated display area set aside in a former berthing space. The target audience is education, veterans, and community. San Diego BDOC students are involved for their volunteer service. During this last Fleet Week they had quarter million attendees. They plan to move the ship to a better location in the next 2-3 years; however the plans for the Surface Museum will go in place before then. They have reached out to us mainly for publicity. SNA have already received an

article for the next SITREP and there will be a space for them at the symposium. One of our long range plans is for them to incorporate an SNA Hall of Fame Display.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Next ExCom is planned for the first week of December.