

**SURFACE NAVY ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
4 December 2002**

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Ms. Debbie Garry, SNA Staff

The minutes of the 29 October 2002 meeting were approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

VADM Gunn discussed the International Luncheon to be held at the January Symposium. Commodore Nick Harris has confirmed three attaches for the Coalition Operations panel. Need to publicize luncheon and be sure that attendees know it is open to all.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

SNA GW Destroyer 100 Symposium: Decent turnout with over 100 attendees at the November 7th event. Good presentations were given by all. SNA has copies of the presentations available for distribution.

Miscellaneous: National Symposium invitations have been mailed. Next edition of *Surface Sitrep* is at the printers and will be ready for mailing shortly.

AWARDS COMMITTEE

Forty-four nominations were received this year for the Arleigh Burke Award. Committee is currently in the second round of voting. RADM Sutton proposed five candidates for Special Recognition at the January Symposium. This award recognizes people for their contributions to the United States Navy and SNA. The EXCOM approved all 5 candidates. RADM Chesbrough was nominated for recognition and did not participate in the voting.

Hall of Fame: CAPT Masso presented a concept brief on the proposed Hall of Fame at Surface Warfare Officers School. This is an exciting project to honor Surface Warriors. VADM LaFleur has approved the location and name for the new SWOCDOC Building (Name: Memorial Hall). CAPT Ron Brinkley of SWOS has committed to providing space on the quarterdeck of the new building in Newport. The building's estimated date of completion is April 2004. It is proposed to hold the dedication of the building and Hall of Fame dedication on separate dates due to the diversity of audiences. The estimated cost of the project as presented is approximately \$170K, which includes a full size sculpture of Admiral Burke and plaques recognizing the individual recipients. SNA's front-end investment would be 50% of the sculpture cost. A computerized kiosk offering biographies of the winners would increase the cost.

The EXCOM wants the committee to create a fundraising plan, which needs to include a line item that will cover emergency expenses, and ongoing costs as new members in the Hall of Fame are selected. Corporation participation should be investigated. The Committee should also consider asking individuals such as retired Flag Officers/SNA Members to donate to the project. It was discussed building the initial Hall of Fame without the kiosk and sculpture to lower the cost. These items could be added at a later date. CAPT Erickson will contact RADM Hare regarding legal issues. The EXCOM felt that the CNO should be

approached for approval of the project. EXCOM complimented the Awards committee on its excellent work and research and granted approval to proceed to the next level, that of further developing the concept.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The ballots for the EXCOM of Director elections have been mailed to all voting members. The deadline for voting is December 31, 2002. A reminder email will be sent by SNA Staff reminding the membership to vote.

SYMPOSIUM REPORT

Most speakers have RSVP'd. USMC participation at the symposium is being pursued. RADM Tom Bush has declined and his Deputy Director is being asked to attend in his place. Working with RADM Ulrich on proposed changes. Suggest that we change the Retired Captain brief to also include Retired Commanders. EXCOM approved and title will be changed on the schedule. SNA staff will update schedule to show that international luncheon is open to all attendees.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Data shows that SNA has had a 1% growth this year, thus not equaling last year's performance. Ways to increase new membership and increase retention will be investigated. In process of selecting Chapter Excellence winners. It appears that three chapters will be honored this year with possible inclusion of honorable mentions.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Budget and YTD totals presented to EXCOM. 87.06% of projected revenue has been collected as of October 28, 2002. Just received \$8000 more that not included in report. Data shows that individual membership revenue is down but offsite by corporate income. Actuals and the proposed 2003 budget will be presented at the January ExCom meeting.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COUNCIL

RADM Retz reported via telephone that we are on track with PR. Letters have been sent regarding Symposium and RSVPs are being received.

NEW BUSINESS:

It was proposed that EXCOM meet once more before Symposium. Two dates were offered: January 2 or 10, 2003.

With no further business meeting was adjourned at 1825.