

## REUNION 2003

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MINUTES OF NNWA Business meeting, 11 Oct 03, Branson, MO.

At 9:00 am Jim Hambley, President, called the meeting to order. Mike Snyder led in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

The Two-Bell Ceremony was conducted by Mike Snyder and Frank Cantrell.

New members and first time attendees were introduced and welcomed.

The minutes of the 2002 business meeting were read and accepted.

The treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Jim Hambley reported on the achievement of goals as follows:

- (1) New membership cards completed.
- (2) SOP for Reunion Organizers is working.
- (3) Review of By-Laws is working.
- (4) Increased membership exceeded 10%
- (5) The Navy Nuclear Weapons Registry is under development.
- (6) Logo baseball cap selection under review.
- (7) Dragon logo decal procured
- (8) Trademark/copyright registered.
- (9) Web page up and running.

Frank Cantrell reported on procurement and sales of logo items, i.e., decals and pins. He said sales are good.

Ellamae Weaver, Secretary-Treasurer, reported as follows:

### SECRETARY'S REPORT 1 October 2002 – 30 Sep 2003

There were three big mail outs

- (1) January 2003 Bulletin with last years Board of Director's Reports
- (2) February Membership Rosters were mailed
- (3) June 2003 Bulletin with Reunion information

There were 62 New Member packets mailed.

In addition to collecting and depositing the fees and dues from the new members, dues were collected and deposited from 154 members.

Public Affairs releases and reunion notices were mailed to 67 magazines and newspapers.

There are now 480 Total members, 11 Associates, 35 LIFE, 434 Regular. (NOTE: as of 12 January 2004, the numbers are 500, 11, 37, 452 respectively)

Of the 445 Associate and Regular members, (as of 30 September 2003) 25 have paid through the year 2001, 37 have paid through the year 2002, and 383 members paid through 2003 and beyond.

Actions Taken by the Board of Directors:

- (1) The proposal passed to purchase 200 each 3 inch "Keeper of the Dragon" decals in a quantity of 200 decals @ \$2.31 ea. For a total of \$462.00 plus shipping. They will be of the same material as our 5-inch decal. They will sell for \$3.00 each including shipping.
- (2) The proposal passed for the purchase of 400 Lapel Pins of each logo 800 total pins @ \$1.11 each, plus \$15.00 for artwork for each pin, and approximately \$15.00 for shipping, for a total of: \$933.00. They will sell for \$2.00 including shipping
- (3) A proposal to subsidize the Hospitality Room and door prize at the Branson Reunion did not pass.
- (4) A proposal to give each regular member attending the Branson Reunion a lapel pin and "Keepers of the Dragon" decal passed.
- (5) The proposal passed for the purchase of materials and laminating machine for the development of new NNWA membership cards. It came to \$128.48.

**NAVY NUCLEAR WEAPONS ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL REPORT**  
**From 23 September 2002 – 30 September 2003**

**INCOME**

Balance on hand as of 23 September 2002	\$18,416.69
New Associate Member	25.00
New Membership	1,245.00
Renewal/Reinstated Membership Dues	3,640.00
Logo Sales	729.25
Misc.	18.00
<b>2002 Reunion Income</b>	<b>2,116.18</b>
<b>2003 Reunion Income</b>	<b>20.00</b>
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>7,793.43</b>

**EXPENSES**

Historical Upkeep	\$300.00
Incorporation Fee	400.00
Logo Lapel Pins	949.00
Logo 3" Decals	463.50
Web Site Fee	108.24
Postage	420.53
Printing	662.43
Masc. Office Supplies	277.53
<b>2002 Reunion Bills</b>	<b>8,003.00</b>
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$11,854.23</b>

**2003 REUNION EXPENSES**

Insurance	395.00
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Advance to Paulette Picoulet 1,500.00  
**Sub-Total**                    **1,895.00**

**TOTAL INCOME**    **\$26,210.12**  
**TOTAL EXPENSE**   **\$13,479.23**  
**BALANCE**            **\$12,730.89**

Mike Snyder, Historian, commented on the number of new members we have and reported that he has received from 3 to 4 hundred pieces of historical information from members, and requested that all members record their personal history of their experiences while working with Navy nuclear weapons, and submit it to him. He also reported he needs some assistance with the models repair and/or replacement.

Ray Margeson, Web Master, reported that the web page had 7,400 "hits" in 2002 and 19,000 "hits" to date in 2003. The web page contains a new section on SWUs. He is incorporating more pictures on the web site and solicited ideas from the members for inclusions on the web site.

Bill Grizzard, Director, reported that he and Frank Cantrell conducted the audit of the Treasurer's records and there were no discrepancies.

Unfinished Business: Branson was the first time NNWA utilized a professional reunion planner, and comments were favorable.

New Business:

There were five Board Members up for election. Mike Snyder and Ray Margeson volunteered to remain on the Board. Richard "Sam" Samsel volunteered to serve as Secretary and Frank Kelly volunteered to serve as Treasurer. Phil Markin was nominated to fill the remaining vacancy. They were all elected to the Board

Owen Johnson made the 20th NNWA 2004 Reunion presentation. It is a five-day cruise out of Tampa, FL, aboard the Carnival Cruise Line Ship, "Sensation". Prices per person for a category 4A inside cabin \$422.33, or a category 6A Ocean View cabin for \$472.33. Price includes a \$50.00 shipboard credit for each stateroom and a complimentary one-hour cocktail party. Our group will all dine at the first sitting. There will be no dinner dance, but dancing is available nightly in many of the lounges and show room. Owen is taking a cruise on the "Sensation" to work out details.

Jim Hambley announced that reunion plans should be made two years in advance. The 2005 reunion will be held in the Western Zone. Suggestions were made for San Diego, San Francisco, and Seattle. The 2006 reunion will be held in the Central Zone with suggestions for Wisconsin with Bill Beard as Host, San Antonio, Chicago, and Corpus Christi. The 2007 reunion will be held in the Eastern Zone with the suggestion of Niagara Falls with Ray Margeson as Host.

Sue Eisenhower was recognized. She donated a Cruise Book to NNWA in memory of Ike Eisenhower.

Maurice Cheek was recognized for his donation of the dragon "Albert".

Sid Hart was recognized for his donation of an autographed book by Paul W. Tibbets who piloted the Enola Gay, which dropped the first atomic weapon on Hiroshima.

Richard Arcoleo made the suggestion that NNWA consider donating a plaque to the Navy Memorial in Washington, D.C. Also consider engaging a professional photographer to develop a reunion picture album. The Dunning Company, which does this for many military reunion groups, was suggested.

Ellamae Weaver was thanked for her service on the Board as Secretary-Treasurer for the past two years.

The meeting was adjourned after the closing prayer.

Submitted by Ellamae S. Weaver