



Navy Nuclear Weapons Association

Annual Business Meeting
Minutes

10 October 2014



Opening of Meeting:

The Navy Nuclear Weapons Association 2014 annual business meeting was held at the Ramada Inn Hotel in Reno, NV on 10 OCT 14. The meeting was called to order at 1000 with 58 association members and guests in attendance. Additionally, the following board members were present:

President:	Mike Snyder	Webmaster:	Ray Margeson
Vice President:	Frank Cantrell	Chaplain:	Edward Krenk
Secretary:	Tom Salisbury	Historian:	Guy Clemons
Treasurer:	Frank Kelly	Director:	John Gray
MAA:	Ron Moran	Director:	vacant
Director/Storekeeper:	Jack Grieves		

The president called on to the Chaplain to give the opening prayer which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The Chaplain then conducted the Two-Bell ceremony to recognize and honor the memory of the following association member who has passed since the last reunion:

LCDR Norman (Skip) Eltringham

GMT1 James Rohrkemper

The president welcomed everyone and called for all new association members and first time reunion attendees to stand and introduce themselves.

The president called for the secretary and treasurer's reports:

Secretary's Report:

The secretary read the minutes of the 2013 Annual Business meeting. There being no additions or corrections it was moved, seconded, and passed that they be accepted.

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer passed out copies of the NNWA 2014 Financial Report to the members. It was reported that there were no outstanding bills related to this reunion. It was noted that an annual

audit was conducted of the treasurer's records by two board members and the results provided to the president. Closing balance of the audit period: \$22,635.53

It was moved, seconded, and passed that all other outstanding bill be paid.

Presidents Report:

The president gave his report on the current status of the organization, specifically:

1. Recognizing the efforts of the secretary, treasurer, and webmasters in recruiting new members and in validating the association's membership list.
2. Membership status - the association has 402 members of which 342 are in good standing.
3. Discussed obtaining more participation from the women associate members, how to get them more involved.
4. Thanked Diane Ballard for all her hard work in setting up and organizing this reunion. She was given a round of applause by the membership.
5. Made a pitch for members to consider serving on the board of directors as different views help to strengthen the association.
6. Thanked the current board members for their service and support during his term as president.

The president asked for the remaining board members reports.

Vice Presidents Report:

Nothing to report.

Webmasters Report:

Provided a status of the number of website hits and the need for someone to be the association's backup webmaster. He is also looking for someone to assist in developing a database in which to maintain information about all known members of the navy nuclear weapons program regardless of whether or not they are/were members of the association. This would also be of assistance in establishing program entrance seniority when identifying the Grey Dragon.

Historians Report:

Provided a status on his efforts in identifying and cataloging the items in the association's memorabilia collection. Guy has logged everything into an Excel spreadsheet which makes items easier to track and inventory. He also made an appeal for each member to document details about their navy career and to place them on file with the Historian. If already on file it can also be added to or updated. If not done the members career history will be lost when they pass on.

Chaplains Report:

Clarified the name of the shipmates honored in the Two-Bell Ceremony. Stated that this would be his last meeting as a board member.

Storekeepers Report:

Reported website sales of \$735 since the last reunion and reported strong sales of items during this reunion.

Service Officers Report:

Discussed various recent and proposed changes to various veterans' benefits and assistance programs. Noted that the Service Officer section of the NNWA website provided postings with detailed information on each topic.

Provided an overview of the duties of a service officer, that they are specially trained to provide expert assistance, free of charge, to veterans and their families; and explained how to find one local to the service member. Encouraged members to contact him with questions and concerns regarding their service related benefits.

Addressed one question from the floor on the subject of concurrent receipt - that he expected no change to the current policy.

MAAs Report:

Provided details on how the reunion's dinner-dance, raffles, and door prizes would work.

Unfinished Business:

The president gave some information about how the Grey Dragon is selected, about the career of the current Grey Dragon, John Cummings, and then read a letter from John. John stated that he was honored to be the Grey Dragon but unfortunately could not attend the reunion because his health, he didn't feel up to traveling. He currently lives in a care facility in Chula Vista, CA and is fairly active.

There was no other unfinished business.

New Business:

1. Board of Director (BOD) Nominations:

The president announced that each year there were 6 positions open on the Board of Directors and those positions were up for election by the association membership. He then turned over the gavel to the Nominations and Elections Chairman, Guy Clemons for the purposes of taking nominations for the association BOD.

Guy gave an overview of the qualifications and responsibilities of a board member, noting that they must be computer savvy and have access to email as that is the manner in which the majority of association business is conducted. He explained that after he was chosen as elections chairman he had contacted the board members with expiring terms to determine if they desired to continue their service. The results were as follows:

Office	Incumbent	Willing to Continue on Board
President	Mike Snyder	No
Chaplain	Edward Krenk	No
MAA	Ron Moran	Yes
Director	Jack Grieves	Yes
Director	vacant	
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It should be noted that while one of the Director positions up for election is that of Service Officer, the position actually does not have an elected board member assigned. At the 2012 Reunion it was unofficially transitioned to an appointed position and is currently filled by Chuck Weber.

Guy further explained that he had contacted various members in good standing to determine their interest in serving on the BOD. The following members expressed a desire and as the Nominations and Elections Chairman he was now nominated them:

Cameron Shearon Dwight Chipperfield Randall Scallan

Guy opened the floor for additional nominations, and hearing none it was moved, seconded and passed the nominations be closed.

2. BOD Elections:

Guy opened the floor for elections. He entertained a motion from the floor that the Secretary cast a single vote for those individuals nominated which would represent the unanimous consent the voting membership present. The motion was made, seconded, and passed.

Guy called for congratulations for the newly elected board members and they received a round of applause. It was then moved, seconded, and passed that the elections be closed. Guy returned the gavel to the president.

3. Future Reunions:

The president announced that in 2015 the 30th reunion of the NNWA would be held in:

Region: Central US
Location: **San Antonio, Texas**
Host: Randall and Liz Scallan

The president stated that the 2016 reunion would be held in the eastern region of the US and then asked the general membership if there was anyone interested in hosting it. Regenia Clemons surprised her husband Guy by volunteering them to host in Indianapolis, Indiana.

As there were no other volunteers to host the 2016 reunion it was moved, seconded, and passed that the reunion would be held in Indianapolis, Indiana.

In 2016 the 31st reunion of the NNWA will be held in:

Region: Eastern US
Location: **Indianapolis, Indiana**
Host: Guy and Regenia Clemons

There was no other new business.

Close of Meeting:

There being no further business, at 1110 it was moved, seconded, and passed that the Annual Business Meeting be closed. It was announced that immediately following the new BOD would convene for elections of officers and conducting of business.

At 1115 the Chaplain led the association in a closing praying and the meeting was closed.

The bar was opened!

Submitted by:
John Gray
Secretary, NNWA