International Relations Committee

2006 Winter Meeting Minutes
Marriott Key Bridge Hotel
Arlington, VA

Jackson C. Stevens, Vice President, International Relations
Jim Hoffman, Senior Director of Membership
David Smith, Deputy Director of Membership

Committee Members Present: None.
Of the four members previously reported, one (Lee Webber of Guam) was unable to attend the Winter Meeting while the other three (Pat DuMont of the Florida Region, Tom Hoffman of the Caribbean/Latin American Region, and Betty Reese of the European Region) were attending the Region President's Meeting.

Guests:
Chuck Black – New Member
Paul Chung – Undecided
Byron Falk – New Member
Valerie Falk – New Member
Dr. Carol Ann Hackley – New Member
T. Cole Hackley – New Member
Alan Heisig – New Member
George Irion – New Member
David Todd – New Member

Jack Stevens opened the meeting at 2:00PM, welcoming all attendees, and gave a brief overview of the purpose of the committee. Jack asked all attendees to indicate if they would like to become committee members when they filled out the meeting attendance roster. Those members requesting assignment to the committee are indicated above by the note "New Member".

He then introduced John Panneton, National President, who reinforced the importance of the International Relations Committee, as well as the Navy League's commitment to the overseas councils, adding that overseas councils relate to Navy League of the United States in the same way domestic councils do. President Panneton also mentioned the new bylaw, passed at the 2006 National Convention Meeting, which allows for non-U.S. citizens to hold the office of Council President with the sanction of the senior military officer in Europe or the Pacific and with the approval of the National President.

Jack Stevens explained how the International Relations Committee is the logical follow-up to the Chief of Naval Operations 1000 ship navy concept. He then added that the

committee's purpose is to support international councils and to re-enforce communications to all councils. With this, Dr. Carol Ann Hackley shared the "sister council" concept that was successfully instituted between the Mexico City and Puerto Vallarta councils with the Stockton council as a way work together to increase the presence of the Navy League.

Jim Hoffman, Senior Director of Membership then distributed the proposed International Mission Statement. Jack Stevens pointed out the differences between the current Navy League Mission Statement and the proposed International Mission Statement, which led to a review of the Mission statement goals

- To reach out and educate – not by lobbying, but by partnering with the local sea service entities.
- To pull together ideas from other international councils.
- To support community relations in a larger context, that is more common in the international council community than among the U.S. councils.

Jack mentioned that some overseas councils (he mentioned Puerto Vallarta and St. Maarten/St. Martin) not only support the US sea services but also provide support to the sea services of other friendly nations plus these councils sponsor or host many community service projects. He said that much of the funding comes through the local community and is then distributed back within the local community.

Feedback on the proposed International Mission Statement should be sent to Jack Stevens with the goal to have the feedback presented at a meeting during SAS.

Jack Stevens asked that all of the guests advise if they are willing to take an active role on the International Relations Committee. The meeting was adjourned at 3:00PM.