

**San Diego-Imperial County Boy Scouts of America  
Eagle Scout Alumni Association  
Meeting Minutes, August 5, 2021**

7:15AM ♦ Atherton Hall Conference Room and Zoom  
1207 Upas Street ♦ San Diego, CA 92103

<b>Members Present at SDIC:</b> Russ Christensen, Chuck Dowe
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<b>Members Present via Zoom:</b> Matthew Paredes, Bruce Doole, Sammy Knight, Paul Honeycutt, Karl Shelton (Karl was the Zoom Host and was present at SDIC – not in attendance and was briefed by Russ afterwards)
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1. Call to Order: Russ Christensen – 7:15 AM
2. Pledge of Allegiance: Russ Christensen
3. Invocation: Russ Christensen
4. Approval of May 6 and June 3, 2021 Minutes – Russ Christensen

Motion to APPROVE made by:	Motion to SECOND - APPROVE made by:	Vote Approved
Matthew Paredes	Bruce Doole	X

5. Treasurer's Report: Greg Deering was not present. Russ announced that there was currently \$10,433.18 in the checking account. There has been no activity since May of 2021.
6. Membership Report: Jim Atkins - mentioned that an SDIC program for tracking membership and membership renewal was beginning to be used for ESAA membership and that the first reminders of ESAA annual dues being "due" was sent out.
7. Scholarship Report: Jim Atkins - Matthew initiated a brief discussion related to scholarships as related to applicants who already have received full funding for collegiate tuition, academic supplies, and other expenses. Russ and Matthew agreed to discuss details outside of ESAA meeting. Jim mentioned that securing candidates for consideration for the ESAA scholarships was a challenge.
8. NOESA Nominations: Bruce Doole – Bruce Doole/2021 NOESA Chairperson mentioned that he would like to offer this position up to another ESAA Board Member. Sammy Knight offered to take over the NOESA Chairperson's responsibilities. Bruce mentioned that he would forward appropriate and relevant document to Sammy to begin the process. Karl Shelton and Sean Roy were identified as key people to reach out to for recommendations on identifying nominees.
9. Gathering of The Eagles Social Dinner: Matthew Paredes: Location and Dates - Matthew mentioned that the dates of Wed's., Nov. 3 and 10. 2021 are "penciled in" at the Island Palms Hotel on Shelter Island. Matthew confirmed that Nov. 10 has been identified and confirmed as the preferred evening with Steve Schel – GM of the Island Palms. Steve has had an ample resurgence of combined conference/room/food & beverage/hotel business and that this must take some priority. Steve did mention that the good business ESAA has carried out in the past will enable him to secure a date on either Wed's., Nov. 3 and 10. 2021. Deposit: - Matthew suggested that ESAA put forth a \$500 deposit to confirm earnest intentions to the Island Palms:

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Matthew will pay the \$500 earnest deposit on his VISA and submit a claim for reimbursement to Karl Shelton/Greg Deering.

Keynote Speaker: - Matthew mentioned that the keynote speaker is an important component of the dinner to get people out and inspire all present on the importance of Scouting. Matthew suggested that Sean Roy and Karl Shelton be consulted to identify possible keynote speakers. Russ will consult with Sean and Karl.

10. Newsletter and Web Report: Chuck Dowe – Chuck requested all ESAA Board Members to submit any Newsletter items to him by the weekend – Sa., 8.7.2021. Chuck would be sending out the newsletter the week of Mo., 8.9.2021. Chuck has articulated the SDIC Marketing Department and has included key information on the inaugural class of female Eagle Scouts.
11. Council Report: Karl Shelton – Russ reported for Karl mentioning that a new District Director had been hired. There will be a focus for this person on unit membership. Russ made an appeal to ESAA Membership to consider serving as a Unit Commissioner to support units with roundup and new registration. The Unit Commissioner would simply be a supportive voice for unit leaders to make recruitment and renewal for membership as effective as possible. Karl has access to training modules, strategies, and best practices that any interested Unit Commissioner could reference to be an informed, supportive and positive influence in their role.

## New Business

### 12. Upcoming Events:

- a. ESAA BarBQue – Russ led a discussion to see if any ESAA Board Member would want to lead the effort to present the ESAA BBQ within the next six weeks. There were no interested at the time. Matthew shared that the BBQ had traditionally been to thank SDIC staffers and staffing is limited now. A late lunch was planned one year which enabled those at SDIC Headquarters to be present – this enhanced attendance. Russ discussed opening the event to all Eagles within the council and will report back with a plan.
  - b. Planning Meeting and Service – Russ announced plans to schedule the Annual ESAA Planning Meeting and Service Project. Traditionally, this has been held during the first week of November. Saturday November 6, 2021 will be the date for the 2021 Planning Meeting and Service Project Meeting. The agenda generally focuses on a look ahead for 2021 including: recruiting ESAA Board Members, planning events/dates, and carrying a service project at the direction of the Camp Ranger. Russ asked if there were recommendations on a location – Fiesta Island and Mataguay were mentioned. It was suggested that we defer to Karl to identify a facility where the November 6, 2021 2021 Planning Meeting and Service Project meeting could take place. Russ will follow up with Karl.
13. University of Scouting: The University of Scouting will be held Saturday, August 9, 2021 at Point Loma Nazarene University – PLNU. Russ prepared and presented an overview of a 25-30 minute PowerPoint presentation outlining ESAA. The presentation highlights the many ways in which ESAA supports SDIC, acknowledges girls and boys and girls who have achieved the rank of Eagle Scout, promotes and awards scholarships and several other efforts vital to Scouting. Russ invited all ESAA Board Members to attend the University of Scouting.
  14. Around the Table: June Meeting: - Sammy Knight shared that there had not been a quorum at the June, 2021 meeting. Sammy mentioned that Karl Shelton as a 1) Eagle Scout 2) Former President of ESAA could be voted in as a member and be available to establish a quorum. Chuck Dowe having had extensive involvement with the Order of the Arrow as an auxiliary SDIC service group and knowing of organization/meetings/volunteer staffing and roles – noted that while this was a good idea – Karl Should remain as an “outside” voice. National Service Territory II, New Directory – Bruce Doole shared that this directory will highlight the Scouting bios to support a Scouting leadership network in the southwest. All in ESAA are encouraged to send their Scouting bios and a photograph to Russ. Bruce to send his bio to all ESAA Board Members as a template.

Russ Christensen announced the next meeting would be held on Thursday, September 2, 2021 at 7:15 AM.

The meeting was adjourned by Russ Christensen at approximately 8:30 AM