



ESAA Board Meeting July 7, 2022



7:10AM ♦ Atherton Hall & Zoom Meeting
San Diego-Imperial Council ♦ Boy Scouts of America

NOTES

Presiding: Russ Christensen

Attending: Chuck Dowe, Jim Atkins, Sammy Knight, Dan Mazzella, Matthew Giedt-Paredes, Paul Honeycutt, and Karl Shelton.

- 1. Call to Order:** Russ Christensen called the meeting to order at 7:10 AM.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance:** Chuck Dowe led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3. Invocation:** Karl Shelton opened our meeting with a prayer of guidance.
- 4. Approval of Minutes:** June meeting minutes were reviewed by the board. Matthew Paredes moved to approve the minutes as submitted, seconded by Jim Atkins. The motion passed unanimously.
- 5. Treasurer's Report:** No report.
- 6. Membership Report:** Jim Atkins reported no new members since last meeting. One member paid their dues.

Committee Reports

- 7. Scholarships:** Jim Atkins said that the scholarship program was complete for the year. There were questions about status of funding distributions, and Karl agreed to confirm that all funding is being processed.
- 8. 2021 Scoutmaster of the Year Plans:** Paul Honeycutt will work with Chuck Dowe to repost the Scoutmaster of the Year application on our website. Paul asked for background on Chuck Smith, and Russ Christensen gave a brief review of Chuck Smith's scouting history. It was confirmed that Paul's committee will discuss whether to change the name of the award to remove Chuck Smith's name, and to discuss whether additional recognition should be added to the program for other leadership positions. Paul will report on recommendations next month.
- 9. Newsletter & Web:** Chuck reported that all resources sent to him have been added to the website. No change in newsletter recipients or subscription change. Looking for newsletter submissions by next Friday. Chuck also mentioned that one person contacted him for the date of a possible networking event by ESAA.
- 10. ESAA Barbecue:** Dan Mazzella reported that no progress had been made with Council on the event scope or venue. Dan will contact Amber Green this week to reconfirm commitment from Council, and if it looks like it will slip beyond August, we should redirect our plan and organize an ESAA networking barbecue event, likely at Balboa.
- 11. Gathering of Eagles:** Matthew confirmed the target date of 11/9 for the Gathering and will connect with the Island Palms to confirm the date and meal pricing. Matthew promoted two possible keynote speakers, Ben Howard and Reno Harnish.

New Business

- 12. NOESA Nominations:** Sammy Knight shared that nominations will be open Aug 1-30 and we will be able to award up to six NOESA awards.
- 13. Council Report:** Karl Shelton spoke on the bankruptcy status, that we are waiting for the court to make a final decision. The council will contribute \$2.4M to the abuse victims' trust fund as its portion of the settlement, and the contribution will be a combination of cash and selected real estate assets. Karl also announced that Traci Urabe has joined the council team as registrar.
- 14. Around the Table:** Matthew shared that Norman Mineta recently passed away. Mineta, a Japanese youth during WWII, was imprisoned at Hart Mountain, WY and was part of the Scouting program there. He later served as mayor of San Jose, congressman, and presidential cabinet member.

Adjournment – Next meeting August 4, 2022, 7:10 AM