



# ESAA

## Annual Planning Meeting

### November 12, 2022



**12:00PM ♦ Youth Aquatic Center, Fiesta Island**  
San Diego-Imperial Council ♦ Boy Scouts of America

### NOTES

Presiding: Russ Christensen

Attending: Sammy Knight, Chuck Dowe, Matthew Giedt-Parades, Bruce Doole, Travis Lindsay, Chris Vaughan, and Karl Shelton.

#### Monthly Business Meeting

- 1. Call to Order:** Russ Christensen called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM. Russ and the team thanked Melissa Lardie for coordinating the service project event of the morning at Camp Fiesta Island.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance:** Bruce Doole led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3. Invocation:** Karl Shelton opened our meeting with a prayer of guidance.
- 4. Approval of Minutes:** October meeting minutes were reviewed by the board. Chuck Dowe moved to approve the minutes as submitted, seconded by Sammy Knight. The motion passed unanimously.
- 5. Treasurer's Report:** Karl reported that the end of October balance was \$16,828.37. Dinner even costs have not been deducted. Estimated balance after event costs is approximately \$13,200. Russ collected \$20 at the Gathering dinner for pins and patches and will submit the funds at council HQ next time he is there.
- 6. Membership Report:** No report.

#### Committee Reports

- 7. NOESA Nominations Wrap-up:** Discussion ensued about the idea of presenting JP LaBrucherie's award at separate event in the desert. This was generally supported, and Sammy will contact JP to see if a time and place might be of interest in the near future. If not, we will present the award at the next Gathering Dinner, along with the deferred award for Jay Wegerzyn.
- 8. Gathering of Eagles:** Matthew Giedt-Parades reported that Gathering of the Eagles Dinner came in at almost budget. He recapped the change in venue, summarizing that Island Palms took too long to secure a date and was much higher in price than previous years. The selection of the Seven Seas was an acceptable alternative given short notice and limited target budget. He thanked Melissa, Karl, Russ, Chuck, Amber, and Sammy for their program support.

Consensus was that the Seven Seas room was tight for 58 people. The food was not great, and the service was moderate, but there were few complaints at the event. Overall, it was not a preferred location, and we will review options for next year.

Matthew will see to it that group photos are sent to the recipients. All agreed that Ben Howard did a great job as keynote speaker.

9. **Newsletter & Web:** Chuck Dowe said that he will update the NOESA page with board of review dates and plans to add a Spotlight for Eagles and Eagle Scout projects. He also asked Matthew for an article on the Gathering Dinner for the upcoming newsletter.
10. **Council Report:** We received a council report from Stan Miller at the Gathering Dinner, so we skipped any further updates at this meeting.

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11. **Year in Review – Start, Stop, Continue:**
  - Bruce Doole confirmed that we will stop administering the William Doole scholarship. The application count for the funds has been low, and there is no family interest in supporting an alternate set of qualifications.
  - Russ Christensen proposed that we start overseeing maintenance of the council Eagle COH supplies. Much of what is available is in poor condition and should be restored to better quality. Chris Vaughan moved that we take on the maintenance responsibilities, and Sammy Knight seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Plans will be discussed at the December meeting. Chuck Dow moved that expenses for the maintenance materials come from our ESAA account. Sammy Knight seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously.
  - We agreed to continue the ESAA Barbecue event and to expand our networking event calendar. We will target quarterly networking events with our next event in January or February. We also agreed to create a new Board position of Social Chair, with Chris Vaughan nominated for the position.
  - We want to pursue “logo wear” for ESAA members. We will look at specific wearable items and need to consider a simplified logo for easier printing.
  - We will start an “Eagles who we know” registry in order to expand our active membership. This list can be used for our networking events and other activities. The list will likely be managed by the Membership Chair.
12. **Networking Events:** Chris Vaughan will oversee the upcoming networking events. Bruce Doole recommended our first event be at the Bernardo Winery, and Chris will contact them for pricing and availability, and will report at the December meeting.
13. **Council Eagle COH Equipment Oversight:** We discussed the ESAA taking maintenance responsibility for the Eagle COH items available from council. We agreed to add a board position of Quartermaster, who will oversee the status of the materials and related maintenance.
14. **Nomination of Board Positions:** We agreed to form a Nominating Committee for 2023 board positions, let by Sammy Knight. As input to the committee, we captured interest level of several members for available roles.
  - **President** – Russ Christensen said he could continue in the role
  - **1<sup>st</sup> VP** – No immediate volunteer but we need to identify someone who will move into the president role at the end of the next term.
  - **2<sup>nd</sup> VP** – Matthew Giedt-Parades is interested in continuing in this role and especially in overseeing the Gathering Dinner event.
  - **Secretary** – open position.
  - **Membership Chair** – Jim Atkins is willing to serve.
  - **Treasurer** – Greg Deering is willing to serve if no other member will. He is unavailable to attend our morning meetings but can provide a monthly report.
  - **Newsletter & Website** – Chuck Dowe is willing to serve.
  - **Social Chair** – Chris Vaughan is willing to serve.
  - **Quartermaster** – no one stepped forward at the meeting.
15. **Calendar Planning:** The calendar of events was reviewed and will be published on our website. In addition to the networking events in 2023, we agreed to add a council service project following Summer Camp to help organize material ahead of storage.

Adjournment at 2:00 PM. Next meeting December 1, 2022, 7:10 AM, Atherton Hall.