



ESAA Board Meeting September 1, 2022



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

NOTES

Presiding: Russ Christensen

Attending: Sammy Knight, Luke Mellis, Bruce Doole, Matthew Giedt-Parades, Paul Honeycutt, and Karl Shelton.

- 1. Call to Order:** Russ Christensen called the meeting to order at 7:13 AM.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance:** Matthew Giedt-Parades led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3. Invocation:** Karl Shelton opened our meeting with a prayer of guidance.
- 4. Approval of Minutes:** August meeting minutes were reviewed by the board. Sammy Knight moved to approve the minutes as submitted, seconded by Matthew Giedt-Parades. The motion passed unanimously.
- 5. Treasurer's Report:** No report. Russ Christensen collected \$135 in cash at the Barbecue event and will turn it in at the council office.
- 6. Membership Report:** Russ Christensen reported that at the barbecue event we received a new Life Membership and 2022 dues from one member.

Committee Reports

- 7. Newsletter & Web:** No report as Chuck Dowe was out of town.
- 8. ESAA Barbecue:** Russ Christensen reported that about 20 people attended the ESAA Barbecue on August 14 at Atherton patio. It was a great opportunity to reunite with members we haven't seen in a couple of years. Great thanks to the organizers, Dan Mazzella, Matthew Parades, Sammy Knight.
 - We also discussed ideas for the next networking event. Suggestions included a visit to Deering Banjos, Camp Bashor, and an Amazon warehouse. We agreed that the next event should be set for early 2023.
 - Another idea was to organize a Career Speakers Program, where we have interesting people speak about what they do professionally and establish networking events around these talks. Examples of speakers included Bruce Doole, Greg Deering, Charles Dadswell.
- 9. NOESA Nominations:** Sammy Knight shared that he has received five nominations so far. We can award up to six NOESA awards this year. Nominations will be reviewed by his committee in the next week. Matthew, Paul, Bruce, and Luke offered to assist with the selection.
- 10. Gathering of Eagles:** Matthew Giedt-Parades announced that we will hold the Gathering of Eagles dinner at the Best Western Seven Seas hotel in Mission Valley on November 9. Pricing will be \$70 per person and \$130 per couple. Ben Howard (2021 NOESA recipient) will be our guest speaker. We will be able to use three different rooms with a no-host bar. We will be having the San Diego Buffet. The decision to depart from the Island Palms is due to their increased cost.

New Business

- 11. ESAA Annual Planning & Service:** Russ Christensen announced the date for our planning and service meeting for Saturday, November 12. Karl will work with us to define a service project for us, and our planning meeting will follow. We will create the 2023 working calendar and make recommendations for the 2023 slate of officers. No regular board meeting will be held on Thursday November 3 in favor of covering actions at the Planning Meeting.
- 12. Council Report:** Karl Shelton had several items of interest to share. He said that the Scouting lawsuit proceedings are nearly complete, and final actions and funding activities are underway. Applications are being received for Scout Executive and the board will fill the position formally in the next several weeks. Paid staffing will continue to grow slowly near-term with critical positions filled earliest. Karl also shared a Safety Minute, reminding us that the number one work related ailment is heat exhaustion and heat stroke. During our hot days to come, be aware of conditions, be sure to rest and drink plenty of water.
- 13. Around the Table:** Russ Christensen shared that council is hosting a major fundraising event, Champions of Scouting, aboard the USS Midway on September 24. Guests will attend to honor Jerry Sanders, and their contributions will go to fund council Scouting.

Adjournment at 8:25 AM. Next meeting October 6, 2022, 7:10 AM