



# ESAA Monthly Board Meeting March 2, 2023



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

## NOTES

**Presiding:** Russ Christensen

**In Attendance:** Matthew Giedt-Parades, Greg Deering, Sammy Knight, Jim Atkins, Christopher Vaughan, Travis Lindsay, Chuck Dowe, Bruce Doole

### Agenda

- 1. Call to Order:** Russ Christensen called the meeting to order at 7:10 AM.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance:** Matthew Giedt-Parades led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3. Invocation & Grace:** Chris Vaughan opened our meeting with a prayer of guidance.
- 4. Approval of Minutes:** February meeting minutes were reviewed by the board members in attendance. Greg Deering moved to approve the minutes as submitted, seconded by Chris Vaughan. The motion passed unanimously.
- 5. Treasurer's Report:** Greg Deering shared that he had not seen the recent financial reports. No new transactions were reported.
- 6. Membership Report:** Jim Atkins said that had not received any new membership dues, and that we had no new members this month.  
There was general discussion on the policy of offering one year membership to those who attend and pay for an ESAA mixer event. Chuck Dowe formulated a motion that going forward any non-member who pays for and attends an ESAA mixer event will be granted membership for the remainder of the year. Jim Atkins seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. This policy should be referenced in upcoming mixer advertisements.
- 7. Newsletter and Web Report:** Chuck Dowe reported that the newsletter is scheduled to be published tomorrow. He needs content covering Scoutmaster of the Year and Eagle Project of the Year awards. Jim Atkins and Russ Christensen will provide the content.
- 8. Scoutmaster of the Year:** Jim Atkins announced that the 2022 SDIC Scoutmaster of the Year is Andy Tseng of Troop 680. Andy has been notified and is looking at presentation event options. Jim will pick up the perpetual trophy from Atherton Hall tomorrow for engraving. Matthew Giedt-Parades took time to praise Jim for his many years as committee chairman, and we all echoed the sentiment.
- 9. Eagle Scout Service Project Award:** Jim Atkins reported that Ian West of Troop 777 was selected for the council-level award. His project, "Play it Forward" involved collecting musical instruments to be used for incoming musicians at school music programs. Ian has been notified and invited to be recognized at the upcoming Eagle Recognition Dinner. Matthew Giedt-Parades raised the question of how to promote the program to more Eagle Scouts so that we may receive more nominations in the future. Notification reminders begin in October each year at Roundtable and through the Eagle Project Counselor team.

- 10. Scholarships:** Jim Atkins said that notifications are out in Scouting 360 and Roundtables that applications are due by April 30. Jim said that one application for the Doole Scholarship has been received.
- 11. Networking Events:** Chris Vaughan is targeting March 23<sup>rd</sup> for our next mixer, likely at Pizza Port in Carlsbad. The cost will be \$25 for selected food and drinks. He will create a flyer and work with Melissa on a DoubleKnot registration page. The youth event at Viasat is not yet set but likely the end of March. An alternate location is Northrup Grumman, and Chris plans confirm this in the next week. Chris also asked about the location of ESAA signs we have used in the past. He will look again at Balboa HQ.
- 12. Eagle Recognition Dinner:** Chris Vaughan confirmed the date and venue as April 18 at the MCAS Miramar Officers Club. Announcements are out on multiple social media sites as well as direct email to past participants. Keynote speaker will be Capt. Rick "Wigs" Ludwig, USN RET. He was TOPGUN commanding officer in the '80s. DoubleKnot registration pages are available for Scouts and for Sponsors, and must be made by March 20.
- 13. Eagle COH Equipment:** Russ Christensen will meet Bob Shuttlesworth at the Service Center office tomorrow to review plans to refinish the equipment.
- 14. Friends of Scouting:** Chuck Dowe will work with Katrina Petchers to support the FOS program for ESAA and other adult Eagle Scouts in the council.
- 15. Mentor Program:** Bruce Doole has enrolled in a two year mentor training program at SDSU. He would like to see ESAA establish a mentoring program for young adult Eagle Scouts, and hopes to use what he learns to help us get started.
- 16. Volunteer Opportunities:** Bruce Doole shared that there are several 5K fun runs coming up soon and would like ESAA to have a presence in handing out water to participants. Upcoming events include Race for Autism on April 1, Miracles Babies on May 7, and March for Babies on May 20. Please contact Bruce if you would like to participate.
- 17. Council Report:** no report this month.
- 18. Around the Table:** Matthew Giedt-Parades that he found a NiteRider bike light while riding the other day. NiteRider is a local manufacturer and he contacted them to see if he could find the original owner. No identifying marks were on the light, but NiteRider offered to replace the damage housing for Matthew. He wanted to share this positive story of a local business.

Adjournment at 8:19 AM. Next meeting April 6, 2023, 7:10 AM, Atherton Hall.