

San Diego Fine Woodworkers Association

Board Meeting

August 3, 2025

Directors:

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Vice-President

Treasurer

Secretary

Member Shop Representative

Design in Wood Representative

Past President

Gary Anderson

Ron Lacy

Pete Sterling

Oi Ling Kwan

Nancy Bosecker

James Strawn (Absent)

Lou Adzima (Absent)

Meeting Agenda

Welcome, Opening Remarks and Updates

Gary

Financial Recap

Pete

Recap of 2025 DIW and Plans for 2026

Jim

Shop 4.0 Update

Dallas

Steering Team Recap

Ron

Evaluation and Disposition of Recommendations from Events Team

Gary

Please see Attachment of their recommendations

Current Issues from Membership Team

Gary

Announcing discontinuation of Spousal Membership Cards

Meeting Minutes

Meeting is called to order at 1:00 p.m. Board Member present are Gary, Ron, Pete, Oi Ling and Nancy, also present is Dallas Keck. Jim and Lou are absent.

Presidential Remarks and Updates

Gary

Gary announces that SDFWA has a new Sponsor, Murphy's Surplus. They will give our membership 30% discount on all of their products.

SDFWA Annual Meeting is scheduled on December 6, 2025. Gary asks for ideas and suggestions for the event since it is a special celebration of Shop 4.0.

New position – Volunteer Coordinator, responsible to track new members beyond the 90 days. Steve Peterson has taken this position.

Pat Duffy who is in charge of the Digital Tools is stepping back. Zen Baralka will be part of the Team replacing Pat. Travis will assist with the Digital SIG while he is back for the summer.

Upcoming new position – Community Outreach Coordinator. More to follow in next News Letter.

Treasurer Updates

Pete

Pete distributed Statement of Activity for the month of July prior to the meeting. Compared to 2024, Year-to-date expenses is slightly higher due to Shop 4.0.

Pete and Dallas will evaluate and update the Request for Reimbursement form. Any purchases for SDFWA must be pre-approved to get reimbursed.

DIW Updated

Jim

In Jim's absence, update is deferred to next meeting. Those who visited the DIW at the Fair express the opinion that the physical displays and signages were much better than those in the past. There was also feedback that those volunteering for the Chair Shop may not have had a positive experience. This will be referred to Jim and Joe for action.

Shop 4.0 Updates

Dallas

Dallas says that we have made great progress in Shop 4.0. It is ahead of schedule and under budget. A copy of the space layout and a copy of the Shop 4.0 Work Plan are posted in the Shop. The goal is to hold October's Eye-Opener and the Holiday Gift Sale in the new space.

Steering Team Update

Ron

Ron reports that the team has completed the tasks of defining roles, tasks and responsibilities for our major fund-raising effort. The next step is to beta-test the fund-raising system on a small-scale project such as acquiring an additional American Beauty lathe.

Events Team Update

Gary

Board received and considered the recommendations from the Events Team. Some of their recommendations such as Fall Seminar and occasional educational event will require member or members who will volunteer to take ownership and run the program. Most of the recommendations regarding the General Meeting should be resolved through the Suite D

acquisition and new meeting space it affords us. There was disappointment that the Team had no recommendations for new Events.

Membership Team Update

Gary

Erica has asked the Board to consider raising the Bronze Membership due to: 1) \$50 annually with a \$15 credit towards classes; or 2) \$75 annually with a \$25 credit towards classes. Further discussion is needed.

There was agreement that the discontinuation of the spousal Membership cards would commence 1/1/26.

Meeting adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Oi Ling Kwan, Secretary