

San Diego Fine Woodworkers Association

Board Meeting – SDFWA Library

November 4, 2025

Directors:

President

Gary Anderson (Present)

Vice-President

Erika Cheswick (Present)

Treasurer

Pete Sterling (Present)

Secretary

Oi Ling Kwan (Present)

Member Shop Representative

Nancy Bosecker (Present)

Design in Wood Representative

James Strawn (Present)

Past President

Lou Adzima (Present)

Other Members/Guests Present:

Dallas Kleck

Diana Ram

Meeting Minutes

Meeting is called to order at 1:03 p.m.

Nancy Bosecker plans to step down from the Board in 2026. President Gary thanks Nancy for her contributions to the Board. Nancy will continue to assist in various SDFWA functions.

Membership Team Update Diana

Membership Team presents “ask me about membership” arm bands to be worn by Team Members during Eye Openers and other Shop events. The visual aid may encourage anyone with questions regarding SDFWA membership to approach these individuals. The Board agree this is a great idea. Gary asks about using similar concept for Shift Supervisors.

In addition to a Welcome Letter from the President, Membership Team will set up an information table at Eye Opener to provide Bronze Members information, benefits, and answer questions.

The Team proposes Quarterly Bronze Member targeted events by invitation. First event is planned for February 15, 2026. They are advised to proceed cautiously, not to single out any membership category.

The Team also proposes to include a Membership Policy page for SDFWA website. They will provide a draft to the Board for review and discussion.

The Team further presents a proposal to increase membership fees. The Board discuss what should be the appropriate amount and the timing of implementation. The proposal is pended. The Team may re-introduce this topic at a later time. Diana and Dallas will meet to discuss further.

Shop Update **Dallas**

Remaining issues to be completed by mid-December are: finish kitchen, separation wall in lathe area, keep a 5-ft walk way clear through the Shop, rearrange/reorganize Bench Room by mid-January. A new Robust Lathe (\$12,500) has been acquired completely through donations.

Treasurer Update **Pete**

Due to Shop 4.0 expensed coming in October, the Net Operating revenue is in negative number.

Pete noted we need to work on the 2026 Budget Forecast.

DIW Update **Jim**

2016 DIW date is set, it begins on June 9.

Palomar College students will be able to display their work at DIW after recent update of wordings in Qualifications.

Fair Leaderships is now attending meeting between Jim and his Fair contact. This has speeded-up the decision process.

Total of 54 chairs were built this year. Gary asks for photographs of the Fair, Toys give-away and recipients to go on the Newsletters. Jim will provide the list all the chair recipients and some photos.

Website Update **Gary**

Isaac has done a lot of work in the background to update and stabilize the website. "Members Only" page on website will allow each member access using a new unique member number on the 2026 Membership card.

Dan T, Communication Director, has been tasked to keep the website contents current.

Annual Meeting **Gary**

Date of the SDFWA annual meeting is scheduled on Saturday December 6. Doors will be opened at 7:30 a.m. with pancake Breakfast by Boy Scouts until 9:00. Annual Meeting starts at 9:00 a.m. with ribbon-cutting for SHOP 4.0, announcement of Scholarship Fund, election of Board of Directors. There will be demonstrations at stations for each SIG, Education, and Vendors. In addition, there will be raffle drawings. Members are encouraged to visit each station to qualify for the Grand Prize drawing.

Priorities for 2026

Gary

Community projects

Expand education programs

Extensions to Palomar College students

Recognition for Jean on the chairs donation

Events Team re-visit after Team Lead resigned

Other fun activities

Meeting adjourned at 3:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Oi Ling Kwan, Secretary