

# San Diego Fine Woodworkers Association

## Draft Board Meeting – SDFWA Library

September 7, 2025

### **Directors:**

President	<b>Gary Anderson</b> (Present)
Vice-President	<b>Ron Lacy</b> (Present)
Treasurer	<b>Pete Sterling</b> (Present)
Secretary	<b>Oi Ling Kwan</b> (Present)
Member Shop Representative	<b>Nancy Bosecker</b> (Present)
Design in Wood Representative	<b>James Strawn</b> (Present)
Past President	<b>Lou Adzima</b> (Present)

### **Other Members/Guests Present:**

**Dallas Kleck**  
**Erika Cheswick**

## Meeting Agenda

Introduction and Updates	Gary
Proposal to Approve Erika Cheswick as VP	Gary
Financial Recap	Pete
2025 Design in Wood Review	Jim
Proposal by Steering Team to Initiate Fund Raising Program	Pete
Proposal by Membership Team to:	Erika
Create a Military Discount for Active Duty GI's	
Create a Scholarship Fund on behalf of Rosie Trone	
Proposed Policy on Reimbursing and Approving Expenses	Pete
Annual Meeting (December 6 <sup>th</sup> ) Plans – Group Discussion	All
SDFWA Organizational Plans for 2026 and beyond	Gary

## Meeting Minutes

Meeting is called to order at 1:02 p.m.

## Presidential Update - Gary

Next two BOD meeting will be on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays: October 12 and November 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **New Leadership:**

Steve Peterson - Membership Volunteer Coordinator. He will develop a system to track “who is doing what”, especially new members after their first 90 days. He will continue to support Nancy and Lynn.

Dan Taskalos – Communication Coordinator is responsible for communications that go to Membership. He is also responsible for Pro Class Calendar reflecting activities accurately.

Mathew Smith has been named the Community Involvement Coordinator. He will field, evaluate and respond to all requests for Community Involvement projects. Once they are approved by the Board, he will also be responsible for finding a Project Leader for each.

Travis Good has been named as Chairman of the Nominating Committee for the upcoming election.

### Goals for 2025

Gary handed out a copy of the Goals the Board set for itself for 2025 and asked everyone to review the progress we've made and to keep the focus on the steps necessary to complete them all by the end of the year.

### New Sponsor

Sawinery has new tool to scrape glue off of projects, will also provide 15% discount to SDFWA Members.

### Website Update

Progress continues. We now have a new, cleaner Home Page. There will soon be a "Members Only section as well.

### Shop Tour

Taylor Guitar Shop Tour on September 16 is limited to 30 people and is full. No guests can be accommodated due to these restrictions placed on us by Taylor Guitars.

## Proposal to Approve Erika Cheswick as VP

The Board voted unanimously to approve Erika Cheswick as VP for the remaining term in Ron Lacy's place.

## Treasurer Update - Pete

Pete e-mailed detailed Financial Report to BOD members previously. He provides a Financial Summary which will be posted on the Website. Members will have access to the Summary.

In addition, Pete presented a draft of a policy detailing the process for requesting and receiving reimbursement for purchases made on behalf of SDFWA. Input was made and a final draft will be emailed to Board Members.

## 2025 DIW Review – Jim

There were 258 entries according to Jim. The space can accommodate up to 300 entries. More Traditional and Contemporary furniture are needed (except chairs). Jim also says that the new set-up and tear-down are much better organized and more efficient with the Fair's hired help.

Jim proposes a new category with “assisted builds”. Currently projects built with assistance from teachers are not eligible for submission to the Fair.

Jim needs help to increase high quality submissions. Gary recommends Jim to contact Teddy in Marketing.

### **Shop Update – Dallas**

Shop 4.0 continues to be on-time and under budget, thanks to the many volunteers.

### **Events Team Update - Gary**

Bernie has resigned leaving a need for a new Team Leader. There is general agreement that we need someone to take hold of the events issue and work on new ideas.

### **Steering Team Update - Pete**

Proposal to initiate Fund-Raising Program (to support our long-term goal to build or buy our own building).

Much discussion led to a feeling that more information was needed before the Board could take action.

Further discussion is deferred until Gary confirm with Mary and John.

### **Membership Team Update - Erika**

Membership Team provided a detailed memorandum to the Board of Directors and the Education Team. Membership Team has two proposals: 1) a 20% discount for active military members to take classes at SDFWA, and 2) Rosie Trone Memorial Scholarship to provide two \$250 scholarships annually for Introduction to Woodworking A.

The next step is to ensure that Education is fully engaged and comfortable with these proposals. Erika will follow up.

Proposal to rename two of the SDFWA Scholarships as Rosie Trone Memorial Scholarship in accordance with the Membership was discussed and passed unanimously.

### **Annual Meeting – Gary**

December 6 is the combined Eye Opener for November and December. We are looking for ideas to make the event really special.

## **SDFWA Organizational Plans for 2026 and beyond**

Gary presented the first draft of a new Organizational Structure for SDFWA, citing the need for more Leaders and perhaps another layer or two in certain areas. Board Members were asked to study the issue and recommend any thoughts they may have.

Meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Oi Ling Kwan, Secretary