

San Diego Fine Woodworkers Association

Board Meeting Minutes – SDFWA Library

July 12, 2026

Directors:

President
Vice-President
Treasurer
Secretary
Member Shop Director
Design in Wood Representative
Past President

Gary Anderson (Present)
Erika Cheswick (Present)
Pete Sterling (Present)
Oi Ling Kwan (Present)
Dallas Keck (Present)
James Strawn (Present)
Lou Adzima (Present)

Meeting is called to order at 1:00 p.m.

Welcome and Announcements

Gary

- Donation - We received a \$5,000 donation from Sue Darragh's mother this year
- Website – Minutes from Board of Directors Meetings will soon be available in Members Only section
- Bank/Zelle Update – Pete and Gary will continue to try to recover the \$7,000 lost due to fraud. We may consider soliciting help from the media
- June Financial – Despite the significant costs of the new addition, our YTD income is above both last year and budget!

New SDFWA Organizational Chart

Gary/Erika

Three versions of the new SDFWA Organizational Chart were presented for discussions. Key points:

- Election of Board of Director remains the same as current
- Stagger term limits and increase to 2 years
- Administration under Secretary? – reformulate the chart
- Each Member of the Board will have a specific role and responsibilities in the operation
- Clearly define each Board Member's responsibilities and duties
- Additional Member may be added, as needed, moving forward
- Re-evaluate nomination process and deadlines

- Board Of Directors will now elect the Chairman of the Board who will have overall responsibility for the Association
- Each President may rework the Organization Chart according to the expertise and experience of the individuals in those positions. The Organization Chart is a work-in-progress document.

Gary and Erika will rework the Org chart and send it out to the Board Members for final approval at the August Board Meeting.

Financial/Budget Review

Pete/Dallas

For the mid-year financial report, revenues from Education and Tool sales are higher but those from Membership are lower compared to budgeted amounts. Expenses from Education is higher compared to budget. Some DIW expenses are still pending but are expected to be under budget. Current Cash Reserves are \$509,930.

Dallas reports Shop Membership is up. Education was able to utilize the extra wood donated from Grogan Estate to reduce expenses. He will also review Shop Supplies expense in more details.

Design in Wood Recap

Jim

The Board congratulates Jim for the exceptional show he put on at the County Fair. Gary also thanks Jim for the space for SDFWA Holiday Gift Sale and Education display.

By the numbers: 364 entries (numbers not seen since 2005) and with better quality items; 41 SDFWA Members entries; 82 first-time entries; the Lion Head was sold for \$28,000; fifty thousand dollars merchandise sold. Jim to obtain “release” from creators for advertising.

What Happened: photograph of a piece of furniture appears in Fine Woodworking Magazine (costly to produce the photograph); display walls have been painted; roof on Chair Shop remade so chairs can be hung on the outside to attract more attention; 53 chairs were made; wallet size cards were taken three times as often as the post-card size; Scavenger Hunt was a success.

For the Future: evaluate show case Student Award; requests to purchase chairs; submit photographs on a project to Fine Woodworking Magazine; next year’s theme is Chocolate (Sweets).

Eye Opener and Annual Meeting Agenda Ideas

ALL

- Slide show of Sponsors during social time (between 8-9 a.m.) at Eye Opener
- Annual Meeting – Tom Parker is the Event Manager
- Pie day?

Succession Planning

Some individuals have been identified. Additional progress needs to be made.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Oi Ling Kwan