



San Diego Rock Art Association (SDRAA)
Minutes of the Core Committee (CC) Meeting
March 29, 2026
Online meeting via Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m. by Steve Waller.

Present

Lawrence Baca (Treasurer), Rich Braun (Acting Recording Secretary), Greg Erickson (Member), Steve Freers (Member), Diane Hamann (Membership Coordinator), Ken Hedges (Webmaster), Jim Royle (Vice Chair), Steve Waller (Chair), Sandy Zahn (Historian). This online meeting was also open to the general membership, several of whom attended.

Absent

Eve Ewing (Member), Sherry Mitchel (Member)

Approval of Minutes

- Approval of Minutes for the January 11, 2026 Core Committee Meeting and the February 21, 2026 General Meeting. Ken moved to approve both and Lawrence seconded it. The motion was passed by the members present.

The committee discussed having an official email vote online regarding the minutes of today's meeting after the notes are sent out by Steve W., rather than waiting until the CC meeting (tentatively to be held May 3rd).

Treasurer

Reported by Lawrence (see the Attachment 1 for Treasurer's Report). Activities were slow this quarter. The current balance is \$26,211.15. A motion to accept the outstanding food receipt as submitted was made by Lawrence and seconded by Ken. The motion was passed by the members present.

Membership

Reported by Diane. No new updates. Membership fees remain suspended, not membership itself. Current membership is approximately 98 members (72 memberships).

Webmaster

Reported by Ken. Minimal website activity beyond meeting announcements. A motion to revise website language to reflect that fees, not memberships, are suspended was made by Steve W. and seconded by Diane. The motion was passed by the members present.

Program

Reported by Steve W. There were technical issues during the last meeting which prevented Zoom and Show-and-Tell presentations.

The next general meeting will be Zoom-only on April 12, in which short talks will be given by Lawrence and Sandy; others are encouraged to present.

June anniversary meeting likely in person; venue options discussed, noting ARARA meeting on June 28 and avoidance of the solstice. Francois plans an in-person presentation in June.

Ann Stoll offered non-rock-art but related anthropological presentations. Marglyph volunteered to present in the future.

info@sandiegorockart.org will soon redirect to Steve Waller.

Conservation and Education

The position remains vacant and no report was given.

Historians

Reported by Sandy. Archiving completed through 2025 and noted that June will mark 17 years of SDRAA.

Rock Art Papers

Reported by Ken. the volume is nearing completion with 15 papers totaling approximately 230 – 240 pages.

Future Direction

Lead by Steve W. Officer openings include Recording Secretary, Conservation & Education Chair, and Program Coordinator. Emphasis on directly inviting members to volunteer rather than general requests.

Survey results were reviewed; several members expressed willingness to help. The Averages of the Responses Received are summarized in Attachment 2 to these minutes.

Discussion covered speaker recruitment strategies, honorarium for presenters, alternative program formats, and the workload associated with symposia. Ken moved to post job descriptions for officer roles on the website to clarify responsibilities and Greg seconded it. The motion was passed by the members present.

Concerns raised regarding suitable venues for in-person meetings. Suggestions included libraries and simpler refreshments instead of potlucks.

April 12 next Zoom general meeting. May 3rd next CC meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Rich Braun, Acting Recording Secretary, on April 7, 2026.

Approved by email vote, 2026-04-25

SDRAA Treasurer's Report
3/29/26

Savings Account: ending in 8690

Beginning Balance 1/11/26	\$ 5,004.47
Interest accrued this period	\$.60
Ending Balance 3/28/26	\$ 5,005.07

Checking Account: ending in 0665

Beginning Balance 1/11/26	\$ 21,113.55
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Additions:
None

Subtractions:	
Reimbursement check to Sherry	\$ 132.47

Ending Balance 3/28/26	\$ 20,981.08
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Cash Box	\$ 225.00
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Total Assets:	\$ 26,211.15*
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*Outstanding debt for refreshments at last meeting. Reimbursement request not yet submitted.

SDRAA New Directions Survey: Summary Results

The survey was sent to 92 current SDRAA members for whom we had an email address on file. We received 42 responses, with the averages of the responses in each category presented below. The survey results will form the basis for discussion at the special in-person meeting scheduled for February 21.

Respondents were asked to rank the following aspects of SDRAA on a scale of 0-10 with **0** being *not important* and **10** being *very important*.

- **8.8** Continuation of SDRAA as an organization
- **7.3** Virtual meetings with a presenter giving a formal 1-hour talk
- **5.8*** In-person local meetings with pot-luck dinner, and informal show-and-tells
 - ***7.3** for members within SD County; **3.8** identified as elsewhere
- **7.5** Rock Art Symposium, with multiple presenters
- **7.6** Rock art preservation and conservation efforts
- **6.6** Publications: Rock Art Papers
- **7.7**** Field trips to local rock art sites
 - ****8.1** for members within SD County; **6.7** identified as elsewhere
- **7.1** SDRAA web page at <https://www.sandiegorockart.org/>
- **5.0** Fund raising
- **5.2** Organizational membership in IFRAO (International Federation of Rock Art Organizations) to vote on international concerns.