



SORA Board Meeting Minutes March 4, 2025, 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM (EDT)

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Region 2: Stephen Marshall (NY)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Region 10: Jeremy Simmons (WA)
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Region 6: Nicholas Huber (OK), <i>President</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Executive Director</i> : Eric Casey
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Region 7: Eric Folks (MO)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Secretary</i> : Kambridge Stephens (At Large)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Region 8: Chuck Cousino (CO), <i>Past President</i>	<i>*President-Elect</i>

Invited Guests: Dick Bachelder (P)/ Sheryl Ervin (COI Rep.) Marcia Degen; Membership chair: vacant.

1. Approval of February meeting notes.
 - a. No comments. Motion to approve: 1-Broussard 2-Chris Edwards
2. Executive Committee Reports:
 - a. President's report: (Nicholas): Nothing to report.
 - b. Treasurer's Report: (Michael):
 - i. **Current account balances:**
 1. Savings: 49,859.26
 2. Checking: 2,391.80
 3. Receivables: 12,050
 - c. Secretary's Report: (Kambridge):



- i.
- d. Executive Director's Report (Eric C.):
 - i. Website updates: Nothing to update.
 - ii. Needs to update the board member list.
- 3. Standing Committee Reports:
 - a. Membership (Eric C.):
 - i. Member, online application status (see above): Provide an update next meeting. Some updates should be done before the end of next week (3/14/2025).
 - b. Conference Planning (Eric C): Not kicked off, yet. Abstracts are due March 31st. No location for SORA event has been selected; looking has not started, either.
 - c. Strategic Planning (Travis): Nothing to update.
- 4. COI Report (Dick/Sheryl): Had 10 out of 13 responses from COI. All 10 thought it was a good idea.
 - a. Length of time for presentations? 30 minutes? Potentially set up a schedule.
 - i. Yes, about 20 minutes with time for a break.
 - b. Should we ask the presenters to submit an outline or copy of slides for a third-party review or content/validity?
 - i. Yes.
 - c. Are Captain Reps welcome to attend the monthly SORA meeting?
 - i. It should be an option. The bylaws don't restrict their attendance.
 - 1. Suggestion: Requests are routed through D. Bachelder to the board. (Seconded by Chuck, then route the request to the President).
- 5. Ad hoc Committee Reports:
 - a. Newsletter status (Eric C., Michael B., Mike M.): 6 articles in the newsletter, updates to some presentations (EPA, NAWT, NOWRA), secondary safety, etc. Comments are due back to Eric by 3/11/2025.
 - b. OWTS funding options (Lance, Eric C.): Nothing to update.



c. Other updates: No other updates.

6. Old Business:

- a. Michael B – discussion of using/selecting a Greeter and Detective (this was tabled from last meeting)

7. New Business:

- a. Date selection for COI presentation: Need a moderator, Schedule the first presentation for mid-June. It was decided that 2 weeks' submission of PPT was required. President will direct where Biographies and PPT draft should go on the proposal they send out. Presentations will be on different days than the monthly meeting. Three presentations per meeting.
- b. Call for applicants.

8. Action Items: No.

9. Adjourn: 2:26CST

Meeting Dates for 2025 (First Tuesday of each month): All meetings will start at 2:30 P.M. EST.

January 7	July 1
February 4	August 5
March 4	September 2
April 1	October 7
May 6	November 4
June 3	December 2