

Retiree Times

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SPECIAL EDITION FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The SDG&E Alumni Association was established in 1942 by Hance H. Cleland as the "SDG&E Old Timers" to promote, renew and continue the friendships and fellowships made during employment at SDG&E; recall and perpetuate the facts, traditions and memories attaching to the development of the gas and electric industry in San Diego and Orange Counties, California.

Today, as the SDG&E Alumni Association, a registered 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization, we remain committed to the original goals and objectives of the founders of the original organization, established many years ago.

As written in our bylaws, our board consists of 3-15 members, elected to 3-year terms. 4 of these members serve as officers of the organization: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, who are elected to one-year terms. All other board members are Directors-at-Large or serve as committee chairs. The board meets 6 times a year, conducting the business of the organization and planning social activities such as the Annual Luncheon and picnics. SDG&E has also called upon the Alumni Association membership in the past to help promote community issues. In an ideal world, the Board would experience regular turnover in order to maintain a fresh flow of ideas and prevent burnout of board members. But this has not been the case for some time. Our current slate of officers has been leading the organization for many years, a couple as early as 2012 and most recently as 2019. Our current board members reflect the same longevity. It's now time to look to our membership to recruit people who can bring a new freshness to the organization.

Who's ready to keep our organization going with your new ideas and energy? Click here [Alumni Board Interest Form](#) to let us know how you would like to help!

Your President,

Samm McDonald



"No non-profit organization can fulfill its mission or make lasting impact without the active participation of its people. Success is not built on good intentions alone—it demands commitment, engagement, and shared ownership from everyone involved." – Author unknown

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SDG&E Alumni Association 2025 Board

President	Samm McDonald	858-229-9671
Vice-President	Brienn Woods	858-344-6005
Secretary	Jim Teeter	858-999-5141
Treasurer	Ken Clay	619-820-2057
Directors at Large: Gloria Bowker, Jerry Crouch, Bruce Heilbrunn, Joyce Kelly		
SDG&E Corporate Advisor: Shaina Gross		

HISTORY OF CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS

The SDG&E Alumni Association Board of Directors is the governing body of the organization. Members of the Board are elected by the membership. The Board may consist of up to 15 directors, but in recent years the number of directors has been declining, due to a lack of interest by Association members in becoming board members and also to the lack of board member duties. Board members serve three-year terms. One-third of board member positions are up for election each year in order to maintain continuity on the Board.

The Association has four officers – president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer. Officers are elected to one-year terms. There are several responsibilities that are normally the responsibility of individual directors – editor of the retiree times, webmaster, directory, holiday luncheon, and fellowship.

In an ideal world, the Board would experience regular turnover in order to maintain a fresh flow of ideas and prevent burnout of board members. But this has not been the case for some time.

Our president, **Samm McDonald**, has been on the Board and served as president since 2014.

Our vice-president, **Brienn Woods**, has been on the Board since 2018, has served as vice-president since 2019, and has edited the Retiree Times since 2018.

Our secretary, **Jim Teeter**, has been on the Board since 2012 and has done a variety of functions as director (including editor of the Retiree Times) and served as secretary since 2020. Managed website.

Our treasurer, **Ken Clay**, has been on the Board since 2012, has maintained the directory since 2012, and has served as treasurer since 2016. Previously served as Vice President.

Joyce Kelly has been on the Board and coordinated the annual holiday luncheon since 2015.

Bruce Heilbrunn has been on the Board and managing our website since 2019.

Gloria Bowker has been on the Board since 2015.

Jerry Crouch has been on the Board since 2017.

Clearly, the time has come for others to begin taking responsibility on the Board if our organization is to continue. Some of your current directors do not intend to run for re-election when their current terms expire – Samm McDonald (end of 2027), Brienn Woods (end of 2025), Jim Teeter (end of 2026), and Ken Clay (end of 2026).

SOME STATS:

We currently have 1,528 regular and associate members in the directory.

We currently have 1,362 email addresses.

There are currently 623 people, the vast majority of whom are retirees, in our Facebook group.

The Alumni Association does not receive notice of deaths, retirements or retiree contact information from SDG&E. To be included or removed from the Directory, retirees/families need to submit their information to us.

Go to <https://www.sdgealumniassoc.org/about-the-alumni-associaton>, click on Directory and then on Update Directory Information. Complete and submit the form and your information will be updated in the next quarterly update of the Directory. You need to send the info to us! Sempra Energy and SDG&E will NOT give us any information about employees or retirees because they are protecting your confidential information.

THOUGHTS FROM SOME OF THE BOARD

From Jim Teeter, who joined the board in 2012:

I have really enjoyed working with the SDGE Alumni Board. It has kept me in touch with a lot of my former cohorts. And gave me something to do, especially to keep up my technology skills. I wrote newsletters for a few years, revamped and maintained the Alumni web site and organized alumni events. That kept me energized, fresh and relevant (at least in my opinion). But I am also getting to the point where I can't contribute as many new ideas. Service on the Alumni Board gives a sense of worth/accomplishment that is otherwise hard to find. There are a number of younger, more energetic, retirees out there that surely have some fresh ideas they'd like to try for the association. It has been a great feeling when you are able to introduce new retirees and former coworkers to the Alumni Association and hear their compliments when we have some successes, like outings, picnics, refreshment gatherings or a particularly eventful Holiday luncheon.

From Samm McDonald, who joined the board in 2014 and has served as President since she joined:

When I retired in 2004, part of my responsibilities in Community Relations included serving as the corporate advisor to the Alumni Association. I was excited to take on this new volunteer activity, as I believed it would allow me to make a difference in our community. I, too, have run out of fresh ideas and agree with Jim that we need a revamp of the board membership to continue the success of the organization.

From Brienn Woods, who joined the board in 2018 and has served as Retiree Times editor and event committee chair since joining and Vice President since 2019:

I was invited to join the board by Samm a few years after I retired. I was interested in seeing what it was about and what I could do to support the association. My initial observation was that we could do more to get people involved...group events such as ballgames, horse races, bus trips, happy hours, picnics, etc. I was excited to get involved, although some of my fellow board members politely smiled and told me "good ideas, we've tried it in the past without much success but go for it!". And I have. Facebook posts, member interest surveys, geographically dispersed happy hours...all met with the same enthusiasm as the past members experienced. The annual Holiday luncheon is well attended although the attendance is decreasing each year. We tried a spring picnic for two years with attendance never topping 20 people.

So, I feel we are at a crossroads, and this isn't something that our board can resolve on our own, particularly because this isn't just the board's association, it is all of ours.

Why do we exist as an organization at this moment? Will there be anyone who wants to take the reins and keep this Alumni group going? If so, who and when? We need action and answers now to ensure a successful transition, whichever way it goes.

Let me say that the time commitment on the board is not overwhelming...5 – 6 meetings a year and committee support for any activities, if that is a concern for you. It's fun and a way to stay in touch with others. Maybe get a few retired friends to join with you?



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WE'RE LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD ALUMS!

Join Our Non-Profit Board—Make a Difference!

Are you passionate about promoting, renewing and continuing the friendships and fellowships made during our time at SDG&E? SDG&E Alumni Association is seeking dedicated individuals to join our Board of Directors. We are looking for leaders who bring vision, commitment, and expertise to guide our mission forward. The time commitment is minimal, unlike other types of Boards. There are a maximum of 6 meetings per year (about 1 ½ hours either in person or video) to cover association business, plan events or give updates on director/officer activities.

Positions on the Board: (really not complex or time consuming)

- President – Lead our organization with strategic direction and inspire our team.
- Vice President – Support leadership initiatives and step in when needed.
- Treasurer – Oversee financial planning and ensure fiscal responsibility.
- Secretary – Manage records and maintain organizational transparency.
- Retiree Times Editor – working with other board members, create and distribute the newsletter.
- Board Members/Directors – Collaborate on key decisions, fundraising, and community outreach.

Why Join Us?

- Make a lasting impact on a cause you care about.
- Network with passionate individuals who share your commitment.
- Utilize your skills to strengthen and grow our organization.

If you have experience in leadership, finance, governance, or community engagement—or simply a strong passion for our mission—we would love to hear from you!

To Apply or Learn More: visit www.sdgealumniassoc.org

Help us keep our alumni connected—join our board today!

NEW MEMBER OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The number of new retirees continues to grow and we need a way to let them know about the alumni association! Who's willing to work together on a committee identifying ways to contact recent or upcoming retirees to invite them to become a member and also join our Facebook group?

If you aren't up for that task, would you invite friends and coworkers that are retired to join the Alumni Association www.sdgealumniassoc.org ?

There are no costs or dues to be a member, but it is the best way to find out information about events, new retirees and decedents, get assistance about retirement questions, etc.

The annual Holiday Luncheon is a great way to ring in the holiday season with friends and colleagues. The 2025 Holiday luncheon will be on Friday, December 5th at the Marina Village Conference Center – invite your friends to join you for a fun day and experience what the alumni association has to offer!

SDG&E ALUMNI TRANSITIONS

Listing of Retirees and Deceased since the last edition of the Retiree Times

A complete list of retirees and deceased members can be found on the SDG&E alumni website:

<https://www.sdgealumniassoc.org/>

Recent Retirees

Name	Date Retired	Name	Date Retired	Name	Date Retired
Jorge L Acosta	Jun 2025	Herminio J Garcia	Jun 2025	Digna A Mayo	Jun 2025
Vernon M Atkins	Jun 2025	R Craig Gentes	Jun 2025	Julia (McGregor) Mendoza	Jun 2025
Dan Batroff	Jun 2025	Dennis Gerschoffer	Jun 2025	Jeff Meyer	Jun 2025
Bertha Blas	Jun 2025	Saturnino Gervacio	Jun 2025	Huey G Mitchell Jr	Jun 2025
Alan Bunge	Jun 2025	Dave Gilmette	Jun 2025	Ester Moore	Jun 2025
Tom Burch	Jun 2025	Gary Grockowski	Jun 2025	Sheila Mulryan	Jun 2025
A S Conde	Jun 2025	Todd Gudger	Jun 2025	Henry "Rusty" Nelson	Jun 2025
Julie Cooney	Jun 2025	Minerva Gulbranson	Jun 2025	David Okuni	Jun 2025
Jesus Correa	Jun 2025	Michael Gunzelman	Jun 2025	Hector Perez	Jun 2025
Maricarmen Corum	Jun 2025	Diann Hale	Jun 2025	William C Powell	Jun 2025
Brian Crouch	Jun 2025	Kelly Hart	Jun 2025	Elvia Ramirez	Jan 2025
Molly Dana	Jun 2025	Rod Houdyshel	Jun 2025	Steve Rochester	Jun 2025
Jennifer Davis	Jun 2025	Lonnie Johnson	Jun 2025	Mark Ruiz	Jun 2025
James "Chris" Dickerson	Jun 2025	Alex Kim	Jun 2025	Grace Sedurifa	Jun 2025
William Dimmock	Jun 2025	Martha Lachmayr	Jun 2025	Michelle D Sherfield	Jun 2025
Nancy Donegan	Jun 2025	Art Lacs	Jun 2025	Katherine Shrock	Jun 2025
Laura Earl	Jul 2025	Karen Loney	Jun 2025	Dana Simmons	Jun 2025
Denise Fearon	Jun 2025	Claudio Magallanes	Jun 2025	Henry Spurgeon	Jun 2025
Thomas Fisher	Jun 2025	Donna (Kuretech) Martello	Jun 2025	David Stangland	Jun 2025
Marivel C Fulinara	Jun 2025	Marco Antonio Martinez	Jun 2025	Carl Stohr	Jun 2025

Recent Retirees, continued

Name	Date Retired
Terri Stolberg	Jun 2025
Paul Szymanski	Jun 2025
Jimmy Tan	Jun 2025
Reneé Taylor	Jun 2025
Kathryn L Valdivia	Jun 2025
Robert Wade	Jun 2025
Sonja Waller	Jun 2025
John Wiedenhoff	Jun 2025
Karen Wilson	Jun 2025

Deceased (Recent or just notified of passing)

Irene D Batch	Jun 2025
Sue Bell	Jul 2025
Mario Canedo	May 2025
Russell W Crane Jr	Aug 2012
J W "Jack" Glasheen	Jul 2025
Johanna "Yvonne" Hilton	Mar 2025
Myra (McCormick) Jones	May 2025
Patricia A Mahoney	July 2025
Alice Myers	Aug 2025
Dave Reistetter	May 2025
David Rogers	Jun 2025
Terry L Thomas	Jun 2025
David Timme	Nov 2024
Daniel R Turley	May 2025

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There are two types of membership available:

Regular Membership

- Any person, who has been employed by San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) and has been retired under the SDG&E retirement plan, shall become a Member.
- Any active employee of SDG&E with 25 years of employment as of 12/31/97, who is already a member, will continue to be a member.
- Any person who has qualified under these requirements cannot be removed because of re-employment at SDG&E or any changes in work status.

Associate membership is open to the following, by petition to the Board:

- Any SDG&E employee who leaves the employ of SDG&E prior to retirement, when they reach age 55
- Any SDG&E employee with 25 years of service as of 12/31/97, who has transferred to another Sempra affiliate; and
- Any spouse of the deceased retired SDG&E employee

Once approved by the board, the Associate Member shall be entitled to all the privileges of Membership.