

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CORVETTE CLUBS, INC. GOVERNORS MEETING MINUTES

Sheraton Westport – St. Louis, MO

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NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

FRIDAY November 7, 2008

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING Chairperson: Dick Yanko Phone: (207) 796-9475 Time/Room: 4:00 p.m. Board Room 2	REGIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Chairperson: Dave Heinemann Phone: (708) 448-7851 Time/Room: 7:00 p.m. Board Room 6
FINANCE COMMITTEE Chairperson: Deb Murphy Phone: (330) 784-1527 Time/Room: 6:00 p.m. Board Room 3	REGIONAL COMPETITION COMMITTEE Chairperson: Jack Wilson Phone: (815) 885-2700 Time/Room: 6:30 p.m. Conference Room A
CHARITY COMMITTEE Chairperson: Patrick Dolan Phone: (517) 651-2029 Time/Room: 7:00 p.m. Board Room 2	REGIONAL MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE Chairperson: Bob Bowen Phone: (319) 377-1829 Time/Room: 7:00 p.m. Conference Room D
CONVENTION STEERING COMMITTEE Chairperson: Hal Bellamy Phone: (574) 825-5536 Time/Room: 6:30 p.m. Board Room 7	FRIDAY NIGHT HOSPITALITY ROOM Chairperson: Gary Foster Phone: (515) 233-2373 Time/Room: 8:00 p.m. SKYLIGHT

SATURDAY November 8, 2008

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING Chairperson: Dick Yanko Phone: (207) 796-9475 Time/Room: 8:00 a.m. Conference Room C <i>**Chairpersons are requested to let their committees know in advance of any changes</i>	BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING Time: 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Room: East Ballroom SATURDAY NIGHT HOSPITALITY ROOM Time/Room: 8:00 p.m. SKYLIGHT
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Meeting Dates for 2009	Feb 27-28, 2009	Sheraton Westport Plaza St. Louis, MO
	May 1-2, 2009	Sheraton Westport Plaza St. Louis, MO
	August 7-14, 2009	Convention, Colorado Springs, CO
	September 11-12, 2009	Sheraton Westport Plaza St. Louis, MO
	November 13-14, 2009	Sheraton Westport Plaza St. Louis, MO



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Governors' Meeting Minutes

Dick Yanko – President

Dick called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. We had the pledge of allegiance. Members that have passed away since the last meeting were announced – *Joan Schmidt* of Southwest Corvettes, *Joyce Hudson* of Metrolina Corvette Club, mother of Warren Hudson, *Tyler Persnick*, 4 month old grandson of Thomas Persnick of Corvette Cleveland, *Don Smith*, one of our past champions from Carolina Region, *Tom Coates*, Kalamazoo Corvette Club and a former Blue Bars Editor and *Ken Watson* from Corvette Club of Michigan. This was followed by a moment of silence. Dick asked that we also remember those serving in the armed forces in our thoughts and prayers.

Dick introduced the Elected and Appointed Officials, the 2008 Convention Director and Convention Treasurer, and the 2009 Convention Director. The introduction of Regional Officers and Regional Officer Proxies was then made. Cliff Harris, West Coast RMD announced a new club in the Northwest Region, the Spokane Corvette Club. Dick introduced our special guest, the Executive Director of the National Corvette Museum, Wendell Strode.

Dick asked for a motion to pay the proxy regional officers, motion made by Larry Hickman with a second by Allen Morris. No discussion, motion carried.

Dick made an announcement that a 1959 red Corvette convertible was found this week on I-95 in Brevard County, Florida. Serial numbers were filed off. Contact Andy Walters, Brevard County Sheriff's Office.

Guest Speaker – Wendell Strode, Executive Director of the National Corvette Museum

Dick introduced Wendell and presented him with NCCC's check number four for the building fund for the new addition.

Wendell provided an update on the museum. There are 30,827 active members of the NCM. They do nine on-site events each year. Wendell acknowledged the Louisville club, the Bowling Green club and the Nashville club for helping to plan the first Labor Day event in 1997. The Nashville Club, and John McGee in particular still do the autocross for NCM events. They have started doing driving schools and are planning a motorama for GM's 100th anniversary on September 16th.

They are averaging about 1100 deliveries per year. Their Duntov Society, announced last year allows people to include the museum in their estate and financial planning. Sixteen people have participated in the program so far.

The NCM assets have increased to \$17 million and the liabilities have decreased to \$2 million. The members' equity has increased to about \$14 million. A 47,000 square foot building addition is underway and a 17,000 square foot renovation project. They have purchased land across the interstate for \$1,060,000. They plan to have a mile and a half road course, a quarter of a mile drag strip, and a couple of acres for an autocross area. The \$10 million project will include a library and archives. There will now be a permanent area for the Hall of Fame where representatives of three different groups are recognized each year. There will be an area for Corvette enthusiasts, organizations, clubs and the Corvette lifestyle to show Corvette owners what is available for them to become involved in. This is where the story of NCCC will be told, along with NCRS, C5/C6 Registry and others. They have retained a design firm to help them with that.

The addition will include a conference center that will seat about 370 people. There will be garage doors where the cars can go in and out. In the other part of the addition will be a Corvette Café that will accommodate about 75 people. It will be a caterer's kitchen rather than a full restaurant. The NCM Board is in the planning process for 2009. Wendell invited us to pass on any suggestions to him or to Dick Yanko, who serves as the NCCC representative on the NCM board. The 15th anniversary of the museum will be celebrated on Labor Day weekend next year. There will be a National Corvette Caravan. They are hoping for 10,000 cars and look forward to NCCC involvement.

The Corvette store does roughly \$3 million in sales. Internet sales are growing. They raffle about 15 Corvettes. In addition to the delivery program, they do an experience program for non-current model years. You can schedule a time to bring your car to the museum, and they will give you a VIP tour of the plant and the museum while the outside of your car is detailed. You also receive a window/door sticker and plaque. They are doing about 250 of those a year. The buyers' tour, where you watch your Corvette being made, is gaining in popularity, although it is difficult to time your arrival at just the right time when your car is on the line. The new opportunity being offered is for a photo album, where pictures are taken of your car as it progresses down the line. It is sent to you about two months afterward.

The museum tries to change out the cars every 6 to 18 months. If you have some thoughts or if you own a particular unique or classic car you think should be displayed to help tell the story and entertain and educate visitors, please share with them.

Wendell said he hopes that NCCC will take a leadership role in the activities at the new motorplex. He thanked Dick and NCCC for the donation and support we've given to the museum and to the building addition. In answer to questions from the audience, he said that it could be 4 to 6 years before we have the motorplex. They want to get the land paid for first. The cost of the photo book is \$400. You can also get package deals with the buyer's tour, delivery and the book. Wendell confirmed that the current NCCC and NCRS displays will come out during the renovation and will not be put back in. The stories of our organizations will be told in the new enthusiasts/lifestyle area. Members of the audience expressed concern that NCCC should have input on how we are represented in the new display. Several also express displeasure over the removal of our current display. Wendell said they are trying to make the exhibits and displays more educational and entertaining. He went on to say that the NCM Board feels that the NCRS and its mission is more in line with the mission of the museum and said they played a greater role and support in getting the museum started than any other organization; that we are not on equal footing with equal representation expected with regard to planning an exhibit or a display. Wendell closed by saying that they want to make all Corvette enthusiasts proud and will strive hard to meet that challenge.

Officer Reports:

Cindy Urenda – Secretary

The ballots will be sent out in a couple of weeks, and will be due back with a postmark of October 25th, so that there is ample time for them to be collected, posted as received on the Web site and brought back to the Nov. 8th meeting for counting.

There were no comments or corrections to the June minutes. Motion was made by Larry Hickman to accept the minutes as written with a second by Bernyce Molenda. No discussion, motion passed, minutes accepted.

Jack Wilson – VP of Competition

Several general items were discussed at last night's meeting. Points standings have been posted on a monthly basis 4 times, plus an extra at Convention time. The last one was August 28th. There were 628 events received and posted as of that date. Jack shared the list of the top 15 clubs, top 15 men and top 15 ladies. The top three in each were:

3. Windy City Corvettes, MW Region with 7872 points
2. Cornhusker Corvette Club, West Region with 9190 points
1. Oklahoma City Corvette Club, SW Region with 9295 points

3. Jack Wilson, MW at 1023
2. Ray Meesseman, MI at 1053
1. Paul Haack, MW at 1118

(Note that what Jack read is a bit different than the 8/28 posting because Jack moved them up due to the unfortunate passing of Don Smith, who was 9th at that time.)

3. Janet Wilson, MW at 1002
2. Diana Haack, MW at 1109
1. Tracy Gaudu, SW at 1503

Five new drag records were set at Convention and the record has been updated.

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| Group II H | 12.35 | Johnny Gann, Oklahoma City |
| Group II J | 12.57 | Darren Ellenburg, Oklahoma City |

Group I H	13.05	Ron Ruston, Oklahoma City
Group I LH	13.08	Jeannie Ruston, Oklahoma City
Group I LK	12.64	Bernyce Molenda, Tin Hall Toys

There were two clarifications submitted:

1. SE – Page 2-22, Section 2.7.2.7 Body with respect to Page 2-39, Section 2-14. Definition/Cosmetic:
 - a. **Question:** Is it allowable for a GM accessory replacement spoiler to be installed under the definition of “cosmetic” without it changing the competition Group?
 - b. **Answer:** Factory Limited Production/Personalized Options (LPO) offered from the manufacturer are allowed for C6 and newer.

2. RM – Page 7-9, Section 7.8.1:
 - a. **Question:** Clarification on this rule that states we need to show proof of ownership with a driver’s license showing same address. What happens when 2 NCCC members own a Corvette jointly but do not live together? Seems they can never show their Corvette and both receive points at a show.
 - b. **Answer:** The first line of 7.8.1 identifies “All Corvettes entered in a judged concourse must be owned by the entrant.” Living at the same address is language covering the definition of the primary, spouse/companion, and their dependent children. Therefore, the answer is “Yes”. Both will receive points at a show.

There was a discussion regarding open and closed sessions. The RCDs unanimously approved the decision to have closed sessions following their open sessions, to cover Rulebook and round table discussions. This is felt to be the most efficient way to accomplish what they need to get done.

They received a lot of feedback on what they should be addressing in the Rulebook. There was some discussion and voting on e-mail for those items which the RCDs felt comfortable making a decision on, while leaving the more complex ones for a formal meeting. It was unanimously decided to maintain the decision to continue communicating issues/Rulebook changes via e-mail. Clear cut decisions will be voted on via e-mail. More complex issues will be discussed via e-mail, but finalized and voted on at a formal Competition meeting. Those items which may have been voted on via e-mail will have a final confirmation vote at the formal Competition meeting. They feel that they can better address things and meet deadlines this way.

The Competition Committee minutes showed him as proxy for the Carolina Region. He was not proxy. Pete Dawley had contacted him prior to Convention with his opinions to be shared at the meeting. Jack erred in showing himself as proxy in his minutes and wants to clarify that.

Dick recognized the people who work events and asked the competitors to applaud them. He said they don’t get near enough credit because without them, we couldn’t be out there playing.

Dave Heinemann – Parliamentarian

Allen Morris gave an excellent report to the REs from the Finance Committee, so they are well informed on the budget and can convey that to the Governors and members of their regions, if they have any questions.

Calvin Camp, chairman of the 2007 Newsletter committee reported on the awards we gave out at Convention. Dave has asked the REs to go back to the Regions and get some input on how to continue for next year. The submissions have been dwindling every year. The Committee will decide in November how to move forward.

Another item they talked about last night was picking topics for the REs to write about in their Blue Bars report. They started this at the beginning of the year, and he hopes you’ve enjoyed the topics. The REs have done an excellent job so far. By picking the topics, everybody is talking about the same things and informing the entire membership throughout all the Regions on similar items, so we’re all working on it together to make this organization roll along better.

They had a great round table discussion last night. Due to the By-laws and Standing Rules we worked on during the first three years of his term, there wasn’t a lot of time for sharing. They took the time to do this last night. There are a lot of good things and exciting things going on out in the Regions. It is very important that the Regions share with each other in the different committee meetings so they know they’re not out there by themselves with problems and issues. It’s been a real pleasure to work with this group who works so well together. He wants us to know we have a great group of REs working for us.

He is also impressed that we have multiple candidates for positions this year. We haven’t seen that in a bunch of years. It inspires him to see that many people who care about this organization, and are willing to put their name in the hat.

Dave reviewed the voting procedure. Nominations later today will go on the floor to be accepted. The ballot procedure for Officers and the Convention bid will be mailed. Within the envelope Governors receive in the mail, will be two other envelopes along with the ballots and instructions. The smaller envelope will now have a stamp that says "Ballots". That's where the voting ballot goes into. The inside envelope is for the purpose of vote confidentiality. That envelope goes into the envelope which is addressed to the Secretary. On the back of that envelope, there is a stamp for you to fill in with your club name, the club number, your name, and signature. If you do not complete this information, your ballot will be considered invalid because we have no way of knowing where it came from. Put your name and personal return address on the front of the envelope in case the post office needs to return it to you for any reason. Joan will list the clubs who have returned ballots on the Web site, as she has done in the past. When the ballots are presented to Dave in November, he will get with the Teller Committee. They will open up the Secretary's envelopes, and have the unmarked envelopes for counting so they don't know who's voting. We want to make sure that there's no confusion and that everything is done properly, especially since there's competition for positions.

Deb Murphy – Treasurer

She is moving, so do not mail anything to her at the Ohio address from now through October 1st. Her new address will be 1723 Sunrise Court, Tavares, FL 32778. E-mail address will also change, so if you need to e-mail her in the meantime, use treasurer@corvettesnccc.org.

The annual audit is complete. It was expensive, but she did not go over budget. It was \$7,000. The review was mainly electronic. It is the same group that did our audit when she was treasurer 10 years ago, and they remembered us, so they dug out our old file and it seemed to go fairly easy this time. We did not have any issues. One interesting comment they made was that our organization received 89% of its support from membership dues in 2007 and the loss of this support could have a material affect on the organization. So be nice to your RMDs. If you need a copy of the audit, she will make you one.

Deb reviewed the white report. It shows the current ins and outs, year to date. The back page is the balance sheet and shows how much money we actually have. One thing you will notice is in printing and production expenses. This year we've paid for 3 issues and last year we only had 2 at this time. Bottom line is good and pretty close to where we were last year, but keep in mind that between now and the end of the year, our income is pretty slim. We still have to pay for this meeting, the November meeting, and one more issue of Blue Bars. There were no questions on what we're doing this year.

The yellow report is the 2008 budget compared to actual. It shows the annual budget compared to what we have spent so far this year. This sheet compares to the budget. The white sheet compares the same amounts to the prior year. Officer travel increased from \$.505 in May, to \$.585 now.

Several clubs received notices from the IRS concerning filing a 990 tax return. There was also information that they could incur a \$750 fee. She sent the e-mail that she received to the accountant she works with and was told that the rules have changed concerning 990s and who must file them for incorporated, not-for-profit clubs. If you are not-for-profit or not tax exempt, the \$750 fee should not apply to you. Deb encourages clubs to check with their tax accountants to find out where they stand. If you are currently not filing a tax return because your income is less than \$25,000, ask an accountant, if you're incorporated, if you need to file it. There's an easy form for not-for-profits. Most local clubs do not need to be tax exempt unless you're going to be selling items to club members or others without paying sales tax. So she encourages you, if you are incorporated and are not filing a 990, to find out if you need to. The \$750 is if you want to apply for tax exempt credit which isn't really necessary for most clubs. Check with a tax advisor in your state, as state rules can vary.

Larry Hickman asked why we have more than \$100,000 in our money market accounts, which is over the FDIC limit. Deb said we were getting really good interest on them last year. She will be opening a new account when she gets to Florida and will move money so we don't have more than \$100,000 in each. Larry also asked if the interest didn't show up on the budget because she is rolling it back into the account. Deb confirmed this is the case.

George Gallant – Business Manager

The early shuttle will leave at 4:45 in the morning for the 6:00 a.m. flights. The second shuttle will be at 6:30.

2009 reservation forms are out on the table. The price went up to \$89 next year. It would be helpful if everyone would make their reservations for the year right away, so we have some idea how many rooms we will be using. It is easier to cancel a reservation than to try to get one within 30 days of a meeting.

The beer in the hospitality room is already paid for, so please drink it.

We've had a few insurance claims; two at Convention, unfortunately. Someone was hurt doing the Funkhana, and somebody ran into somebody else's car. K & K is taking care of them. Last weekend a person couldn't get out of the way fast enough when a car spun out. She's okay; just shook up. George noted that many of us can't run as fast as we used to.

George asked how many event chairs have accident reports with them. Not many hands went up. It is important to have them, so we have witness reports right away and don't have to rely on memory. He also recommends taking a picture with your cell phone. Call or e-mail him if you don't have any accident reports. They should have been in the Governors' packets last spring. Joan will put the accident report on the Web site. There are two parts and both have to be filled out. Hopefully in November, we can invite Kurt Briner, the K & K rep to the meeting. George has sent him our Rulebook to familiarize him with our program.

George apologized to the Midwest Region for taking away their two front tables. Those need to be reserved for the appointed officers.

Bernyce Molenda said she thought we'd been told never to take pictures of the scene because of where it could go. George says it good to have on file with our waiver, just in case, but he's not telling us to send it anywhere.

Bob Bowen – VP of Membership

Dick said that a lot of us have children who have come up through the FCOA ranks, and now our children have children. But our children never had Corvettes and our grandkids have an interest and are probably in the FCOA program. Membership and the RCDs have talked about it, so let them know if you have some input on having "junior dependents", being allowed to have NCCC numbers on the grandparent's cars. That would include nephews and nieces. It's a program that has a lot of merit and would help drop the average age of this organization considerably. It would also get us some new blood and interest coming up through the ranks. Bob said that the RMDs will look at the Rulebook, By-laws, structure and all that and hopefully come up with a solution to that problem.

The RMDs were asked to look at the Region structure and one of the things in our By-laws is that a Region consists of 10 clubs and 400 members, or 500 primary and spouse members. If a Region doesn't meet those qualifications, they can be considered not in compliance per our By-laws. So if you're in a Region that falls into that category or have any thoughts on the matter, please let your RMD or Bob know about it. There are some Regions that don't meet that criteria.

Dennis Patrick has been kind enough to offer a 50th anniversary pin. The cost will be \$3.00 each. In the Governors' packets will be an order form with information about the pins. The clubs will order pins through the Governors. The flyer will also be on the Web site and sent to the RMDs. Dennis will submit the order after the November meeting and have them here for the February meeting. Governors not at the February meeting will have to reimburse Dennis for postage to mail them.

Larry Beebe – Public Relations

Larry thanked everyone who used the promotional displays throughout the year. The schedule is on the Web site.

We're currently advertising on Corvette Forum. We have a banner that appears at the top of the page. It rotates with others, so you won't always see it. We're currently looking at promoting ourselves in the 2009 Corvette Quarterly. This goes out to a very, very large number of Corvette owners.

The 50th anniversary celebration will be a week long celebration at Convention. NCCC will sponsor the Sunday meal and entertainment to start off the week celebrating the people of NCCC that have made it such a great organization, and also the 50 years of Convention. There will be free standing displays that will have 4 sides for posters that will have everything from this year's top 15 to past members that have won various awards. Joan has a database with a lot of information, but is still missing some. If you know of anyone she hasn't found yet, let them know. There will be a variety of pictures and a complete set of Blue Bars to look at.

Gary Foster – Sgt. at Arms

Gary thanked the candidates for last night's hospitality munchies: Larry Beebe, Larry Morrison, Bernyce Molenda, Dick Yanko, Kevin Milton, Patsy Shearer, and Sylvia Hoaldrige. He also acknowledged Larry Walker for keeping the tubs and bringing them here along with the banner, Jay Homer and Denny Luther for being his sidekicks and taking him to the grocery store to pick everything up, and Bob Bowen for helping clean up after it was all over. He was able to convince Schnooks to give us a \$50 discount since we had such a big order.

No one volunteered to do November, so Gary said it will be assigned to the region of the first person to win a door prize.

Teller Committee

While Hal made his way up to the podium, Dick read the Teller Committee nominations: From the REs: Joe Vasta, Bill Siebel, Margaret Bohanan, John McGee; from the RMDs: Cheryl Surdick, Peggy Stevens, Barb Harris, Pat Brown; At Large members: Nelda Mitchell, Jim Thomas, Joe Scafaro, and George Powell. Calvin Camp made the motion to accept these individuals for the Teller Committee. Larry Higgins seconded. No one opposed. Motion passed.

Hal Bellamy – Steering Committee

Last night in their meeting they began the process of reviewing and updating the policy and procedure manual. It's not a serious overhaul, just some clean-up.

Hal has noticed that a great number of NCCC club Web sites don't say anything about our Convention. It might help us all if we help each other, and just put something in there about it.

We're still looking for someone to do 2011.

Ron Ruston – 2008 Convention Director

Southwest region is very glad to have done the Convention in Tulsa. He hopes everyone had a good time. They had a good time putting it on. Right now they have about a \$10,000 profit. There are still a few things to work out on both the income and expense sides, but it should get better, not worse. There were a couple of issues on awards that they are working on. If there's something you think he doesn't know about, let him know.

Hal also thanked Dale Aker and Betty Parks for a project that was well thought out, well executed and well done.

Walt Jenkins – 2009 Convention Director

Walt introduced Hal Tumbleson. He announced that Homeland Security had purchased our racetrack and decided not to let anybody race on it any more, but about the same time, PPIR [Pikes Peak International Raceway,] reopened, so we will use it for the high speed and the low speed autocross. This is the track we used for the 1999 Convention. John Ames, National SCCA Champion, will design the low-speed autocross course. You won't get lost and it will be real fast.

We are going to have food every night. First night will be cold cuts; 2nd night is the NCCC kick-off for the week; Monday night will be at the Flying W Ranch with cowboy steaks and cowboy music; Tuesday night, the guy who bought PPIR is a chamber of commerce member in Woodland Park, and has invited everyone up for a BBQ. That is our free night, so you are welcome to attend. It's not very expensive and is a pretty drive. Wednesday will be South of the Border night. The Nacho Men, who've done Vettes on the Rockies for several years, will be entertaining. Thursday night is the big 50th birthday bash.

There will be tours for people who don't want to compete. Possibilities are Denver, Estes Park, Pikes Peak, Royal Gorge, Coors Brewery, Cripple Creek...there's a ton of stuff to do and we hope people who aren't competing will investigate some of these local tours. It should be a great time for everybody.

Bandimere is our drag racing venue. This is where we raced before. Larry Morrison said the elevation of the track is 5850, so be ready for the altitude change. All NHRA safety rules will be in place, and will not override NCCC rules. Coupes that are faster than 11:49 (factors in to 10:6 at sea level) will be required to have a roll bar, 5 point harness no older than 2 years, and a fire suit. Convertibles faster than 13:49 (factors in to a 12:49 at sea level) must meet the same requirements. In Corvettes without tops and/or windows, the driver will be required to have arm restraints. Larry will check to see if window nets are an acceptable substitute. Long pants, sleeved shirts (no tank tops) and close toed shoes are required for all drivers. Every car that runs out there will have to be teched at Bandimere that morning. When you pull in Thursday morning, have the tech card from your registration packet completed, so we can get everyone teched and ready to race by 9:00.

Walt said that PPIR is about 15 minutes away from the hotel. Bandimere is about an hour away. Groups will run high speed and low speed on two different days. Schedules are always tentative until the event. White tee-shirts are available for sale today, and orders are being taken for colors.

Hal pointed out that the shirts say "Corvettes with Altitude". The 2010 proposal is for West Palm Beach, FL. Manny will talk about it under New Business.

Rhonda Higgins – Distribution

Renewals are coming around real quick. She found that a lot of people were throwing out their packets because the envelopes said Goodyear on them. This year they will print "NCCC Membership Packet" on the outside, bottom left corner. The left over envelopes with Goodyear on them will be used, so please tell people not to throw them away.

New Regional Officers

While Pat made her way up to the podium, Dick asked for the appointment of Joe Vasta as RE for the East Region and Dennis Morin as RMD for the East Region. Allen Morris made the motion. Manny Montgomery seconded. No one opposed. Motion passed.

Pat Kelly – FCOA

Pat congratulated the Florida Region for becoming the 5th region to exceed 200 members.

#3900 was assigned to a nephew of a member of St. Louis Corvette Club in the Midwest Region.

Mid America featured FCOA in this year's Funfest book and Hagerty Insurance will feature FCOA in the next edition of their e-newsletter.

FCOA is only for the children, grandchildren and nieces or nephews of NCCC members.

Pat thanked the Southwest Region for the donation of \$1, 298.55 from the proceeds of the Convention Peoples Choice and the Washer Tournament. She also thanked Tri-State Vettes and Northern Illinois Corvette Club for donating \$343.50 from concession stand sales that their FCOA kids ran at events in July.

Manny Montgomery said that his club, North Florida Corvette Association and the Corvette Club of Mandarin put on a big car show at the Golf Hall of Fame in Florida every year. They have always given the proceeds to the museum, but after what's happened the last couple of meetings, both clubs voted to give it to our future in NCCC. He presented a check for \$3500 for FCOA.

Convention Treasurer

Dick announced that Dale Samuelson was nominated for the 2009 Convention Treasurer. Arnie Bailey made the motion to accept. Larry Hickman seconded. No one opposed. Motion passed.

Joan Thomas – Webmaster

As each officer makes their report, she is constantly reminded how much is on the Web site that you all need to know because they want to get information to you. As things come up, like the accident form, they are added to the Web site. If you need something you can't find, let her know and maybe we can get it on there.

One of the things on the Web site is when ballots are mailed and received. Members can go to the Web site to get information on what is being voted on, so they can give their Governor input. They can also check to see that their club's ballot was received by the Secretary.

The Web site is a good place to find "now time" information between newsletters. Information about the current Convention will be there, and will be updated constantly. You will also find Candidate information and 50th Celebration information.

Joan will have a complete set of Blue Bars for people to look at during Convention. If you would like to have any of them, let her know which ones and she will see if she has an extra copy to spare.

Sylvia Hoaldrige - Publications

The Convention issue will be mailed out no later than Thanksgiving. It will be her last issue as Blue Bars Editor. Her successor has not been named yet, so she is setting the deadline for the winter issue as December 1. You are welcome to continue to send articles and items to her for future Blue Bars, and she will be happy to get them to her successor when he or she is named.

The 4 center pages, 33, 34, 35, & 36, were omitted from some issues. If you don't see NCCC's number one club for 2007, you don't have the centerfold. She would like a count and will try to get them printed and distributed. Let your RE or RMD know. There are only 100-150 that are bad.

Debbie Lindsey – Sponsorship

Debbie thanked the Southwest Region for the excellent job at Convention and doing a great job with our sponsors. She has heard nothing but good comments.

George Gallant and members of the East Region helped at Carlisle at the end of August. They were right next to the GM display. There was a beautiful Velocity Yellow Z01 on display. They had good sales and some club interest. Will be at the Effingham event next weekend to promote NCCC and the Charity Program.

She has started the promotional materials for Convention. The ad/sponsor brochure is done.

Corvette Market offered a rebate for their magazine in the 2008 Convention packets. We have over \$1,000 in rebates on the credit cards.

To clarify the request for e-mail addresses: sponsors prefer to e-mail and save mailing costs. It is totally voluntary. It is suggested that the Governors get the e-mail addresses at renewal time. They will go to Joan, who will send the e-mails to members. The e-mail addresses will not be given to the sponsors. There will also be an option to opt out later, if you change your mind.

Debbie has \$50 gift certificates from Mid America and Zip for each Region to pick up

Debbie said she had a little comment on Mr. Strode's story. He provided good information, but she had a problem with his comment about NCRS being a founding group with the museum. NCCC was heavily involved, also. Patrick Dolan and others were instrumental and deserve a great deal of credit. Allen Morris said that originally the atrium had nothing in it, until we did our display.

Patrick Dolan – Charity

Patrick said that when Wendell left, he followed him into the hall and they had a conversation.

The 2008 Corvette winner was a young lady from North Little Rock, Arkansas. Her father had been a kidney recipient, and had passed away. She and her mother sold tickets for the team in Arkansas. The donation to the Kidney Foundation was \$86,241.

Patrick attended the U.S. Transplant games in July, in Pittsburg. We had great signage up and were the only silver level sponsor besides Coca Cola. It was a great event.

2009 raffle tickets are available. Pick them up here, or contact him if you need some to sell. The car is going to be the new gray color coupe with a 3LT package. Patrick thanked Debbie and the East Region for their help at Carlisle. Over \$7,000 worth of tickets were sold. He was doing a big show at Mackinaw Island in Michigan that weekend. It rained hard and they only sold about \$1400. Patrick also recognized clubs that had raised money for Charity.

The Treasurer's report and the Charity report were reviewed. As of September 6, the grants program has \$39,034.15 in the bank. Nine scholarships were given away this year at Convention for a total of \$9,000. The balance of the Charity account after paying for the car is \$140,609.72. We still have to write the check to NKF, leaving approximately \$54,000 to start the raffle year (enough to cover the cost of the car, even if we don't sell a ticket).

There is a link to NKF on our Web site where you can get information about the Transplant Games. Joan will put in a direct link to the games.

Convention Funds

Dick asked for a motion for \$10,000 for the 2009 Convention to cover contracts and deposits. Allen Morris made the motion and Bernyce Molenda seconded. No discussion. No one opposed. Motion passed.

Old Business

The Nominating Committee read the list of nomination for officers:

President: Dick Yanko. No other nominations were made. Allen Morris made a motion to close the nominations. Joe Scafero seconded.

VP of Membership: Larry Morrison & Patsy Shearer. No other nominations were made. Allen Morris made a motion to close. Joe Scafero seconded.

Parliamentarian: Kevin Milton & Sylvia Hoaldrige. No other nominations were made. Elena Siebel made a motion to close. Ray Meesseman seconded.

Public Relations: Larry Beebe. No other nominations were made. Walt Jenkins made a motion to close. Joe Scafero seconded.

Treasurer: Bernyce Molenda & Mary Bellamy. No other nominations were made. Elena Siebel made a motion to close. Calvin Camp seconded.

Each candidate made a campaign speech.

Ballots will be mailed in 2 weeks and are due back the end of October. [postmarked by 10/25]

New Business

Dennis Patrick – Vision Committee

The members of the Vision Committee are Joe Vasta, Kevin Milton, and Penn Pritchett. They are working to create a vision for our future, where National Council can become a premiere car owners organization so that the next time people from NCM come here, they'll be talking about NCCC and not NCRS. We need to think about the next generation of people who will be coming in. Most of the people we're targeting have different needs from an organization than what we're doing today. Over the next six months, they will be taking input and analyzing data. They will be visiting Regional Officers meetings to update them and get input. They want everybody in National Council to own the vision. They will be putting a survey on the Web site after the November meeting, for input from any member of NCCC.

Manny Montgomery - 2010 Convention Bid

Manny suggested that we put the original story of the NCM annex with pictures, if we have them, to run in Blue Bars, so future generations know the actual history.

2010 Convention proposal is for July 24-30 in West Palm Beach, FL. The hotel is a Marriott with a room rate of \$99. The track venue is 25 miles away at Miroso Motorsport Park for all races. There is a lot to do for non-competitors. There's a dog track and lots of other things. Allen Morris said that his favorite restaurant in the world is on Worth Street in Palm Beach. The shops are more exclusive than Rodeo Drive's. Manny said they have tours of Worth Street.

Rulebook Changes

A Standing Rule change was proposed by Manny Montgomery, North Florida Corvette Association and Larry Morrison, Colorado West Corvette Club. Manny made the following motion:

Under Membership page 4 of the Standing Rules Policies & Procedures of NCCC: Replace the current language to read like this: "The handbook, including By-Laws and Stand Rules will be available to all members on the NCCC Web beginning January 1, 2009."

Joan asked for an amendment to change "Web" to "Web site". Bernyce Molenda made the motion to make the change and Sylvia Hoaldrige seconded. Jack explained that this is to reduce the cost by providing the Rulebook via the Web site instead of having to provide CDs and mailings.

Discussion: Larry Hickman asked what the actual cost savings is. Larry Higgins said the CDs and postage costs about \$.60 per CD.

Dick said 12,000 CDs would cost about \$7200. For years, the Rulebook has been every four years. Now it will be updated every year. It makes sense in this day and age to do this electronically because it is cheaper and more accessible. Dave pointed out that it keeps the most current information available to everyone via the Web site at all times. Dick said this was going to lay on the table until the next meeting so Governors can go back to their members and decide how to vote.

Jack passed out copies of the Rulebook changes to the Governors to take back to their Regions to decide how to vote in November. The RCDs put a lot of work into this. The document will be on the Web site next week. They already have the redlined version of the changes in the Rulebook on the Web site, so you can look at it to see where the changes were made. Additions were made for the new

C6 Z01. The focus is on enhancing the clarity and points equity. We want a "living" document, meaning as current a document as possible in front of the membership, but it really is an annual document that is changed annually through Governor approval. The first 16 items (25%) are typos & grammatical errors that don't change the language or intent of the Rulebook. Jack reviewed some of the changes, but due to the shortage of time, he did not do them all. If you have any questions, all the RCDs are up to date on this.

2009 Budget

Dick said Deb would have to give a brief synopsis of the budget. Both Rulebook changes and the budget will lay on the table until the next meeting. The budget is not balanced. Deb will explain why. Please review all this information with your Governors and clubs and we'll pick it up next time.

Deb said there are two quick corrections. On the expenses, awards and recognition expense, the Regional awards/rebates \$8,000 is included in the national individual awards, so the money is there, but the category is not. The National Officer awards should be \$650 and the Regional awards should be \$8,000. It will be corrected in the copy that goes out with the minutes. The other correction is in computer expense. She left off \$1,000 for software expenses, so it will be \$6,350 instead of \$5,350.

The total budget that we're looking at is going to be \$91,785 in the red. Most of that expense is due to the increases in advertising, we have almost a flat membership income, we added \$30,000 for the 50th celebration, and we increased the postage by \$20,000 because we want to send every member the 50th anniversary luggage tag and extra patch for the renewal.

The 50/50 raffle had \$121 going to Jim Thomas. The Midwest Region will do munchies in November.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Urenda

Cindy Urenda
Secretary

Regional Executive Meeting

September 12, 2008, 7:00PM

Present at the meeting:

Dave Heinemann - Parliamentarian
Calvin Camp - Midwest
Jerry Limpach – West Ohio
Jim Gray - Roadrunner
Bernyce Molenda – Southwest
Margaret Bohannon - Carolina
Chuck Heretta – East Ohio
Glenn Hutchinson - Florida
Mary Bellamy - Indiana
Bill Siebel - Michigan
John Maxwell – Rocky Mountain
John McGee - Southwest
Allen Morris – West Coast
Gary Brisbois – West
Joe Vasta - East

Dave called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and indicated that there were some changes to the submitted agenda and discussions were had about the changes.

Regional border alignments were discussed and how new regions were added as well as some notations on how to combine regions. All changes need to be approved by the Board of Governors

Dick Yanko came into the meeting and had no updates for the group.

Cindy Urenda was sitting quietly and stepped up to pick up proxies from all of the REs in attendance.

Dave indicated that there would be a Rule Book Standing Rule change regarding the distribution of Rule Books from printed/mailed rule books to purely electronic rule books from the website.

Wendell Strode will officially be coming from the Corvette Museum to the Governor's Meeting to talk about the Museum. He will likely open up for questions from the floor.

Allen Morris brought the Finance Committee's report. The Audit and review of the tax returns were done; no improvements to the procedures were suggested. We did find that advertising income from national companies required us to pay more tax. Last year it was \$1400. They did compliment us on our record storage. The budget overview to be presented at the meeting is everything through 9/10/08. Mileage will go up to 58.5cent per mile. We are \$157000 in the black, but there is \$34k for Blue Bars production for the rest of the year, \$60K for the two meetings in St. Louis, taking that into effect we are about \$63k under budget for the year.

With the new budget for 2009, we are currently \$92K over budget. The budget for advertising for 2008 was \$2500 in 2009 it is \$25000 in order to promote this organization. At the 2009 Convention, there is a budget for \$30k for a 50th anniversary celebration, a one time fee. Postage for renewal packets for 2009 will be going up from \$22K to \$40K. This 18K increase is because of additional new trinkets to be sent.

Convention 2008 will like have about a \$22K profit. 400 people at convention, there were 161 day passes. That made the money for the convention. 55 kegs of beer were used and they only budgeted 25.

We did well in 2008, and suggested that Deb Murphy is going out in style.

Discussions were being had as to what we're spending 25K on in additional incentives to promote the organization. Working with GM and several publications to get our information out there. Corvette Quarterly is a direct hit for advertising money.

A notation was made that it was suggested that National was only going to send NCCC patches or expensive items only to the people that send in a form to purchase them. The postage overage for 2009 was for sending out these previously "purchasable" items that were revenue generating items.

Sylvia Hoalridge came into the meeting and indicated that the printer made a mistake on approximately 150 Blue Bars that were missing the centerfold. It should have pages 33-36 and somehow those got missed and were pulled from the distribution. It was sent out to some folks which it was missing. RMDs are going to check with the Governors to see if their pages were missing. The next deadline will be December 1, 2008 for the Winter Blue Bars. She will be running for Parliamentarian for 2009-2010. "I love this organization, and I have been a Parliamentarian for two other organizations, plus I've been an RE, and a national officer and I think it will be a great thing."

We would like to see more articles from the committee for Blue Bars focusing on our membership and clubs. Find a good way to keep focus on everything we've tried to do over the last year.

2008 Newsletter Contest – Seven Clubs sent in newsletters, Jerry Limpach, Calvin Camp and Chuck Heretta were judging for the RE's. 1st Place Nashville Corvette Club – Tire Smoke, 2nd Place Corvette Club of Iowa – Sportsmate, 3rd Las Vegas Corvette Association – Newsvetter, 4th Place Cowtown Vettes – Cowtown Low-Down, 5th Corvettes of Temecula Valley – Valley Vette View.

We need to work within the organization to drum up entries for the newsletter contest. The guidelines are simple, 3 issues printed and sent in to a specific address, it needs to be promoted! If we want to continue with the same rules, we need to pick judges and plan for next year.

Deb Murphy came into the meeting and passed out the financials to date. She indicated a couple of minor changes to the 2009 budget that changed the numbers and they will be provided in the minutes. She updated us on the audit which was very good. The biggest concern is that our membership needs to grow to meet our expenses and that if it were to decline; it would become a tremendous hardship to the organization. She's moving, so "don't call and don't write until after 10/1/2008."

Dave got volunteers for the Teller committee for counting votes.

Jeannie Ruston was in the meeting and praise was given to them for everything that they did and how smooth things went. They did a phenomenal job bringing in high end people, speakers, race cars and venues in the Tulsa convention this year.

Dave gave a good note on the Tulsa convention and the convention in general. He suggests if you get any chance to go to the convention DO IT! It's a phenomenal experience and you will have a great time.

Round table around the room **Allen Morris** had nothing to add, which was very surprising. **Calvin Camp** explained that he was leaving the Midwest region and moving to the Carolinas. **Jerry Limpach** talked about high performance driving schools in his region and how many people that were NOT members of the NCCC

came to the events. **Glenn Hutchinson** indicated that he had some issues with a blown tire that caused \$4500 damage due to old tires. The last two numbers are the year that they were made. **John McGee** represented NCCC at the museum meeting. Keep everything positive! **Margaret Bohannon** is indicating that apathy is running rampant in their region. Any suggestions would be greatly appreciated. **Chuck Heretta** said that they will have their Chili Cook Off in November, no idea what they will be doing for a theme. **Bill Siebel** this year Michigan region had two drivers' schools to bring in new drivers. It was very successful and something that everyone should consider. **Joe Vasta** indicated that the change committee will be looking to appear in the near future to bring suggestions to all of the committees. **Gary Brisbois** indicated that they got access to the ANG base for an event to get new folks to race, **Mary Bellamy** also sang the praises of the Tulsa convention nearly as much as Las Vegas. **Bernyce Molenda** from the Southwest Region we appreciate everyone that showed up at convention. **John Maxwell** indicated that we're having convention from August 8-14 2009. **Jim Gray** indicated that 2008 attendance was down and that they were going to try and bring a great contingent to the 2009 convention to race! **Dave Heinemann** gave a quick download on information gathered about the National Corvette Museum. Only two groups NCCC and NCRS have been given opportunities to have a seat on the board. Very high position folks are on that board and we should be proud to be part of that relationship with our board position. GM gives the Corvette Museum 12 cars per year to raffle off. Mr. Wendell Strode was the person that kept that place afloat and created a revenue stream for that organization. We do still have displays (NCRS and NCCC) at the museum, until the wall gets removed. At that time, we do not know whether we will have a display. Be aware that the display at the museum is too static and it needs to be changing.

Dave Heinemann closed the meeting was adjourned at 9:35PM.

Minutes taken by John Maxwell

Dave Heinemann
NCCC Parliamentarian

REGIONAL MEMBERSHIP'S September 12, 2008 MINUTES

The Regional Membership meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM on Sept 12, 2008 by Bob Bowen, Vice President of Membership. There were 16 members in attendance. They were: Diane Bowen-West Region, Ellouise Morrison-Rocky Mountain, Gail Yanko-South East, Patsy Shearer-Florida, Peggy Stephens-East Ohio, Cheryl Surdick-Southwest, Debbie Haskell-Carolina, Sue Puksich-Midwest, Barb Harris-Michigan, Larry McCarty-Roadrunner, Pat Brown-West Ohio, Denny Morin-East, Cliff Harris West Coast, Sue Runyan-Indiana, Pat Kelly-FCOA and Rhonda Higgins-Distribution.

We welcomed Denny Morin as the new East Region RMD. Thank you to Joe Vasta past ER RMD.

Pat Kelly-FCOA gave her report. We discussed some of the problems she was encountering on the returned FCOA applications. Gave her some suggestions as to alternative wording in hopes that she will get the information she was requesting.

National officers came in as follows:

Joan Thomas-Web Master discussion on e-mail information that sponsors want, how it would be used, and how we would keep the information private. A letter will be put in with the renewal packets describing the process. Still needing the RMD's help tracking past officers and their addresses to invite them to the 2009 50th anniversary celebration.

Joan is still looking for some back issues of Blue Bars 1962-1971.

Blue Bars editor, Sylvia Hoaldrige, says centerfold pages 33-36 missing from the extra Blue Bars issues. Let her know how many. The Convention issue is her last BB. In November the new editor will be announced. For now the deadline for the next issue is December 1. Thank you Sylvia for a great job!

President-Dick Yanko announced that he was running for President.

Secretary Cindy Urenda came in to pick up attendance slips. She wanted to know if everyone was now receiving the minutes by e-mail.

Rhonda Higgins-Distribution passed around the new membership card. Asked for more money for her budget for 2009 as the most of the packets will contain two cards, two patches, and two luggage tags. Lifetime members will be receiving a 50th membership card for this year also. This card is not intended to replace the black lifetime card. She is still having trouble delivering new member packets. Packages keep coming back with address not deliverable. Governors and RMDs, make sure address changes get in to Bob, the VP of Membership. Bob stressed that the address changes are to be in to him before the renewal process. Getting them during the renewal process, slows down the process.

RCD, Larry Morrison introduced himself and is running for VP of Membership.

Denny Morin- RMD representative for finance reported that we will end 2008 in the black but the 2009 unbalanced budget will look high because of all the expenditures for the 50th anniversary celebration.

Treasurer-Deb Murphy reported the same information. Also gave us her new mailing address to use after 10/01/08. It is 1723 Sunrise Ct, Tavares, FL 32778. E-mail address good for another week.

Vision Committee will meet with the RMDs, REs and RMDs to discuss ideas for the future of National. They will be sending out surveys to the general membership also.

Bob wants dates for renewals to be in to the respective RMD. Bob projects to have the renewal packets out to the Governors and RMDs by 10/18/08. Please send the club renewal packets as you audit them. Do not wait until you have a handful.

Patsy Shearer-Florida RMD announced her candidacy for VP of membership.

Dennis Patrick our NCCC merchandising manager announced that he will have some 50th anniversary items for sale. He would like all governors to check with their membership as to how many would be interested in 50th anniversary pins. Suggested that the governors take the orders, give Dennis the money and deliver the pins back to their membership.

Dennis is also thinking of doing a 50th anniversary shirt one style, one color-sizes M to 3X. Members could order these on line also. Should be available February of 2009. A flyer will be in the membership packets.

The teller committee for November will be: Cheryl Surdick, Peggy Stevens, Barb Harris and Pat Brown.

RMD discussion followed: Cliff Harris started a discussion on making special needs people members. Various ideas followed as to what they would be charged to what to call them, to who is special needs and who could sponsor them. Send suggestions and ideas to Cliff by 11/03/08.

Dick Yanko was asked if we could look into what to do with the 16 year olds who leave FCOA but were sponsored by a Grandparent or Aunt or Uncle. Right now they could not join NCCC as a dependent according to our By-laws. A discussion followed on this subject.

A discussion followed on the realignment of Regions again especially since we have a request from a Region wanting to join a different Region. Need to get serious about this topic. It would save NCCC some money by eliminating the number of RMDs, RCDs and REs that are paid mileage.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Bowen and Barb Harris