

# NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CORVETTE CLUBS, INC. GOVERNORS MEETING MINUTES



Sheraton Westport – St. Louis, MO

**September 10, 2011**

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**November 11-12, 2011**  
at  
Sheraton Westport Plaza  
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**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

**FRIDAY November 11, 2011**

<p><b>EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING</b> Chairperson: Hal Bellamy Phone: (574) 825-5536 Time/Room: 4:00 p.m.**Please Check Signs.</p>	<p><b>REGIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</b> Chairperson: Kevin Milton Phone: (812) 490-1078 Time/Room: 7:00 p.m.**Please Check Signs</p>
<p><b>FINANCE COMMITTEE</b> Chairperson: Bernyce Molenda Phone: (817) 370-1875 Time/Room: 6:00 p.m.**Please Check Signs</p>	<p><b>REGIONAL COMPETITION COMMITTEE</b> Chairperson: Jack Wilson Phone: (815) 885-2700 Time/Room: 6:30 p.m.**Please Check Signs</p>
<p><b>CHARITY COMMITTEE</b> Chairperson: Patrick Dolan Phone: (517) 651-2029 Time/Room: 7:00 p.m.**Please Check Signs</p>	<p><b>REGIONAL MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE</b> Chairperson: Larry Morrison Phone: (970) 434-5120 Time/Room: 7:00 p.m.**Please Check Signs</p>
<p><b>CONVENTION STEERING COMMITTEE</b> Chairperson: Deb Murphy Phone: (352) 343-8993 Time/Room: 6:30 p.m.**Please Check Signs</p>	<p><b>HOSPITALITY ROOM</b> Chairperson: Ron Ruston Phone: (405) 348-3545 Time/Room: 8:00 p.m. Skylight</p>

**SATURDAY November 12, 2011**

<p><b>EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING</b> Chairperson: Hal Bellamy Phone: (574) 825-5536 Time/Room: 8:00 a.m. – **Please Check Signs</p>	<p><b>BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING</b> Time: 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Room: East Ballroom</p>
<p><b>**Chairpersons are requested to let their committees know in advance of any changes</b></p>	<p><b>HOSPITALITY ROOM</b> Time/Room: 8:00 p.m. Skylight</p>

**The airport shuttle for early flights on Sunday leaves the hotel at 4:45 a.m.**

Meeting Dates for 2011

Feb 25-26, 2011  
April 29-30, 2011  
June 18-24, 2011  
September 9-10, 2011  
November 11-12, 2011

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**National Council of Corvette Clubs, Inc.**

September 10, 2011

Sheraton West Port – Plaza Tower, St. Louis, MO

**Governors’ Meeting Minutes**

**Hal Bellamy – President**

Hal called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. We had the pledge of allegiance, led by military veteran, Bill Quine. Members that have passed away since the last meeting were announced, followed by a moment of silence. Hal asked that we also consider all those who sacrificed greatly in New York 10 years ago tomorrow. Those members announced were:

Johnnie Juneau	Little Egypt Corvette Club	Midwest Region
Dawn Marsden	Cedar Rapids Corvette Club	West Region
Maggi Morin	G-burg Vettes	East Region
Barbara Bush	Corvette Club of Michigan	Michigan Region
Joseph Groves	Corvette Club of Michigan	Michigan Region
Michael Morton	Pacific Coast Corvettes	West Coast Region
Dave Sandstrom	Antelope Valley Corvette Club	West Coast Region
Bill Stafford	Tiretown Corvette Club, founding member	East Ohio Region

National and Regional Officers were introduced. Gayle Yanko announced a new club in the Southeast Region, Middle Tennessee Corvette Club. Sue Puksich announced that the Ozaukee Corvette Club has joined the Midwest Region.

Hal requested a motion to authorize payment to the proxy officers. Larry Hickman made the motion. Allen Morris seconded. No one opposed or abstained. Motion carried.

**Officer Reports:**

**Jack Wilson – VP of Competition**

14 Regions were represented at the Competition meeting last night. Pictures of the tear-down equipment and the process have been added to the Convention Procedure Manual along with the VP of Competition’s master file. Jack is working with Joan this week to put all of the VP of Comp’s information on the server so everything is together in a central file for future VP’s of Comp.

Points were updated on the Web site on September 8<sup>th</sup>. We typically have on an annual basis, around 1200 sanctioned events across the country. This year we have 1365 sanctioned events. 915 of them are done, and 789 have been posted. Those that are outstanding are all current within the last 30 days. 2,320 men have earned points either as entrants or workers, and ladies are at 1,313. 219 of the clubs have earned points. Jack read the top 15 in the 2011 point standings for clubs, ladies and men.

PLACE	CLUB NAME	CLUB NUMBER	POINTS
1	CORNHUSKER CORVETTE CLUB	WR-095	16379
2	MICHIGAN AUTOCROSS GROUP	MI-362	8361
3	WINDY CITY CORVETTES, INC.	MW-351	7174
4	BUCKEYE CORVETTES, INC.	EO-010	7014
5	CORVETTE CLUB OF MICHIGAN	MI-006	6622
6	OKLAHOMA CITY CORVETTE CLUB	SW-131	6427
7	NORTHERN ILLINOIS CORVETTE CLUB	MW-167	5973
8	CORVETTE CLUB OF IOWA	WR-022	5725

9	BADGER STATE VETTES	MW-246	3988
10	WISCONSIN CORVETTE CLUB	MW-075	3860
11	ROUTE 66 CORVETTE CLUB	MW-470	3603
12	COWTOWN VETTES	SW-055	3345
13	CORVETTE CLEVELAND, INC.	EO-005	3241
14	NORTH FLORIDA CORVETTE ASSOCIATION	FL-058	3169
15	GREAT RIVER CORVETTE CLUB	MW-155	2742

PLACE	NAME—LADIES	POINTS
1	MCLEMORE, CAROLYN	2248
2	WENTZEL, MARY A.	1375
3	GAU, KATHY	1285
4	REITZ, CHRISTINE S.	1050
5	MANZ, MARIE	1035
6	HEINEMANN, JOAN A.	917
7	THOMAS, JOAN	894
8	FAIRLAMB, LINDA	878
9	SAMUELSON, CAROLYN K.	831
10	MALWICK, DEBORAH S	785
11	GAUDU, TRACY	763
12	MORRISON, CINDY J	723
13	MOLENDIA, BERNYCE	717
14	WILSON, JANET	716
15	PARKS, BETTY	683

PLACE	NAME—MEN	POINTS
1	CARDENAS, RENE	2529
2	SNYDER, WARREN	1954
3	CURTIS, HOWARD J.	1339
4	LICHTENWALD, LARRY L.	1317
5	WENTZEL, BRUCE E.	1292
6	GOTT, GEOFFREY H.	1272
7	GAU, GENE	1153
8	REITZ, THOMAS C.	1069
9	PRICE, MILTON J	1059
10	HEINEMANN, DAVE	934
11	WILSON, JACK C.	810
12	STEFFEN, LARRY N.	798
13	MANZ, JON	798
14	THOMAS, JIM	797
15	MALWICK, DONN A.	785

There is one record drag event left for this year, on Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> with Cornhusker Corvette Club in Kearney, NE.

There was one clarification request last night on whether spectators can have a ballot to vote at a “participants’ choice” show. The answer is *Yes*. The current Rulebook stipulates “both entrants and spectators to vote at People’s Choice concourses”.

In discussion it was recommended that at the drivers’ meeting it should be mentioned that if you do not have a lock-out on your steering column and have to shut your car off, make sure you go to the neutral position, not all the way off where it will lock your wheel. This is already in the Rulebook but needs to be emphasized so people know what to do if their car decides to quit on them so they don’t cause themselves a worse problem.

The new carbon Z06 and the new ZR1 have the street performance option from the factory of putting on the new Michelin Pilot Cup Series tires. Those have a wear rating of 80. Our rules require 110 and a minimum of 8/32” tread for street class. Any cars with factory tires with a wear rating of less than 110 and minimum tread depth of less than 8/32” will be moved to Group 1. They are not allowed in street class.

The proposed rulebook changes will be discussed under New Business.

### **Larry Morrison – VP of Membership**

14 of 15 regions were represented at the committee meeting. As of September 6, we have 17,287 members, which is pretty much in line with where we’ve been in prior years. The largest NCCC club is the Tulsa Vette Set with 408 members.

Governors need to keep their e-mail addresses current on their screens so they receive the e-mail blasts that go out. It is also part of your log-in. Let Larry and Joan know if you change it. Keep members’ addresses up to date. We have had some new members with incorrect addresses, whose packets have been returned to Distribution as undeliverable.

The database will close down on October 8<sup>th</sup> for renewals. If you have any new members, make sure they are entered in the database before the 8<sup>th</sup>, and the check and application are to the RMD by the 15<sup>th</sup> of October. The database has to be cleared out in order to start renewals on October 15<sup>th</sup>.

When you put a new member in the database, please get the membership application and check to the RMD in a timely fashion. There are several out there that are way over 30 days. This is not fair to the new member or to NCCC.

### **Cindy Urenda – Secretary**

Joe Scafero made a motion to approve the minutes from our last meeting. Arnie Bailey seconded. The minutes were approved as written.

Ron Ruston will mail the ballots out on October 8<sup>th</sup> so that by the time it arrives in your mailbox, the proposed by-law changes will have lain on the table the required 30 days. All of the information on the proposed By-law and Rulebook changes, and the Convention will be on the website for you to look at. They need to be postmarked back by October 31<sup>st</sup> so that she has them all in time for the November 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Hal asked for a motion to approve the mailing of late proxies to the Secretary within 7 days for attendance only. Dave Heinemann made the motion, Larry Hickman seconded. Motion carried.

### **Bernyce Molenda – Treasurer**

A couple of recommendations came out of the Finance Committee last night. One is to close the account with 1<sup>st</sup> Merit Bank in Akron, Ohio, and put that \$51,000 in savings. The report on the 2010 Convention books will be completed by November's meeting by Hal Tumbleson and Bernyce Molenda because they had nothing to do with the Convention books.

### **Dick Yanko – Past President**

Dick presented the Past President's award to Joe Vasta. Joe was not able to attend the 2011 Convention where the award is usually presented. The award is for all the time and effort Joe has donated to National Council.

### **Kevin Milton – Parliamentarian**

All of the regions were represented at the RE meeting last night. They went over the final version of the By-law proposals and since Kevin's voice is not working well, Jeannie Ruston will read them into the minutes later in this meeting.

### **Hal Tumbleson – Business Manager**

Housekeeping: The early shuttle to the airport will be leaving at 4:45 in the morning. If anyone needs to go earlier, see him and he will work something out with the hotel. The normal run begins at 5:30. The lady he usually works with isn't here, so make sure that unless you requested an upgrade, you got the \$99 rate. The rate for the next two years will be \$105. It will go up to \$107 for 2014-2015. There is a clause in the contract that allows us to renegotiate in the future based on the economy.

The FAQs on the insurance program are approved and up on the website. New questions submitted to Hal are added to the website with the answer. Since Convention there have been 7 claims. This is partly because of the increase in activity that Jack mentioned. 4 will not be paid because there was no real damage. The people filed those claims just to notify us. We will have an update in November. The most serious was that a pedestrian was hit at an event and had some hospital bills we are taking care of. Our premium will not go up for next year.

We have had a few cases of the puck slipping off the jack during tech and busting the rocker panel. Hal is going to ask that his budget be raised to include a "garage endorsement" that would cover those kinds of incidents. The cost should be between \$250 and \$500.

The new NCCC Family Helping Family program will be for traveling NCCC members who need help with their car, or just want to have a cup of coffee with a fellow member. Hal asked the Governors and REs to try to get two people from each club to sign up as contacts. One should be (or know of) a good mechanic. The other person may be someone who has (or knows of someone who has) a spare bed or a car trailer, or would like to be the contact for a traveling member who just wants to meet and visit. Information on how to become a contact person is on our website. Your information will not be public knowledge. There will be a private URL that is only accessible to members.

## **Doug McMahan – Public Relations**

We are trying to get more active in trying to gain members and gain clubs. We've had several new ads go out in various magazines. We did a trade in the NCRS magazine. We are tweaking some of the forms, adding QR codes and special URLs so that we can tell what ad people are responding from. Larry Morrison has already gotten one back from one of our traveling displays.

Doug got quite a few responses from clubs planning to attend the Corvette World Tribute. He got a lot of pictures and members said they wore their NCCC logo merchandise, so hopefully we got some exposure. There was also an insert in the goodie bag and book. What we tried to convey is that we enjoy Corvettes from all aspects. He put the number 59 on the car because that was the year NCCC started.

The new museum tables are in place with the new ads we approved the first of the year. They have the QR codes on them and are much nicer than the previous tables. Give Doug your feedback on those.

Doug shared samples of ads that he passed around for people to see and asked for any ideas or input. The artwork is similar for each ad, but they are different because he tries to target the market we're going after. Dave Heinemann asked if we are still trading ads with the museum. Debbie Lindsey said that deal expired. Doug will check on it. He wants any market that is free, where we can promote NCCC. Dick said we got a quarter page in theirs and gave them a ½ page in our book.

## **Ron Ruston – Sgt. at Arms**

Ron reminded everyone of the local restaurants that give discounts to NCCC members. He has some breakfast coupons for those who are interested in breakfast here at the hotel. He thanked the candidates for office for providing the munchies last night.

## **Dennis Patrick – Vision Committee**

The Vision Committee has been meeting regularly and getting lots of input on things they should look at. This committee was created by Mr. Yanko to lead change and create a vision that will guide NCCC into the next decades. The committee is focusing on 4 things that they think are the most important.

- 1) Getting the message of NCCC to the members/prospective members. We have information on the website and in ads, and written testimonials. The Vision Committee is suggesting simplifying the information so it's easier to get out to Governors, and a medium that gets it out to the people in the clubs. We need to get out the message of the value of NCCC. The programs we have give a very quick turn around on their investment.
- 2) The composition of the Executive Board. The board members are doing things that are not in their job description. The Vision Committee wants to look at what they actually do and try to understand what goes on behind the scenes and define what the organization should look like in the future. Do we have the right positions to help clubs grow and help the organization grow?
- 3) What is really happening with membership? It has been constant within 1-2% over the last 10 years. They will be looking to see if there are certain areas that are growing, certain regions that are not growing, and find a basis to start targeting where recruiting should be.
- 4) Take a look at the history of where we've spent our money over the last couple of decades to see if we are spending it in the right places.

The committee is meeting with the REs and RMDs and will talk to the Governors at each meeting.

**Hal Bellamy** announced that retired State Police Officer, Patrick Dolan and our Sergeant at Arms, Ron Ruston would be extracting a \$20 bill from anyone whose cell phone rings during the meeting. The charity it will go to this time is an NCCC member from the West Region who has been out of his home for several months due to flooding. So do him a favor and let those cell phones ring.

## **Sylvia Hoaldrige - Publications**

The Summer/Convention issue of Blue Bars will be out the last week of September. Sylvia thanked everyone who sent photos to her. She received 26 DVDs with 10,000 photos from the Convention photographer. The majority of the ones she

used in Blue Bars were sent to her by members. The deadline for the fall issue is September 30<sup>th</sup>. It should be out in mid November. Members who are not in the database when it shuts down on October 8<sup>th</sup> will not receive the Fall issue.

Region news will continue to be in Blue Bars as long as she is editor, because she firmly believes that it is important for the regional officers to report to their regions and that it benefits all NCCC. There is now a QR code on page 3 that will take you directly to the Blue Bars page on the website. Next year, there will be a QR code by the name of each region, so anybody can use their smart phone on the code and it will take them to that region's webpage.

The Blue Bars staff has grown. Sylvia introduced Patsy Shearer and Pat Clark. They will go through the newsletters that we send in. Pat will do the hard copies and Patsy will do the electronic ones. Patsy's e-mail address is [wshearer001@cfl.rr.com](mailto:wshearer001@cfl.rr.com). Pat will open a P.O. Box specifically for Blue Bars correspondence. Joan will set up an e-mail address for her and link the contact information for both Pat & Patsy to the Blue Bars page. Pat is a writer and they have been brainstorming some new ideas for next year. Sylvia would like your feedback on them.

New regional officer group photos will be taken at the November meeting.

### **Debbie Lindsey – Sponsorship**

Sponsorship has taken in approximately \$44,000 this year. Several sponsors attended our convention.

On the discounts for members page of the website, there are a variety of discounts for members to use. We are getting rebates from Sears for purchases made through their program. There is a new company, Car Art Work offering a 10% discount. They donated a door prize for today. They produce metal artwork and can do logo merchandise.

We have a credit card promotion available through the website. You can have a picture of your own car put on the card. NCCC gets a \$50 rebate the first time you use the card. Please let your members know about it. It's an easy way to get \$50 to NCCC.

They are exploring a Nation Safe Drivers program similar to AAA, and hope to have more information up on the website and at the next meeting.

Debbie thanked the East Region members who helped her at Carlisle at the end of August. Joe Vasta, Steve Johnson, Dave Walters and members of the Lancaster County Corvette Club. We had a flyer in the packet people received when they registered their car. She congratulated the Bellaire Corvette Club for winning the participation award at the Baltimore Grand Prix the next weekend. Member Bob Lueckel's '67 was selected as the favorite by the drivers.

Mid America has made some changes to how they run Funfest. We will be hosting two seminars which will give us the opportunity to publicize our organization. Michelin will be doing another survey later this year and will continue to offer us a rebate on tires.

Doug McMahan helped her with the sponsorship brochure for next year's convention. It brings out the military aspect and the Wizard of Oz aspect of Topeka, KS.

### **Patrick Dolan – Charity**

The winner of the 2011 raffle car was an NCCC member, Rick Rynberg, who is normally at Convention, but was in Las Vegas at a business convention this year. He is thrilled with it and drove it to the region meeting in Michigan on Tuesday. A picture of it that was taken before it was given away will be used on the 2012 membership card.

Patrick thanked the Midwest Region for the help they gave the Charity Committee at the Convention, and the opportunities to raise funds for the National Kidney Foundation and the Grants program. They did a very good job for us. The NKF was behind on the 100% club awards, so they will be sent out. The transplant games have been suspended because the last two years they have lost money due to the lack of sponsors.

Our new dealership is Shaheen Chevrolet out of Lansing, MI. The 2012 Raffle car will be a Grand Sport with the 3LT and Heritage package. The color will be known by the November meeting. Between the Carlisle and Mackinaw shows, they have raised about \$6,000 already. Let Patrick know if you need him to send you tickets.

Patrick reviewed the Charity and Grant program financial reports. We were eligible for a \$3,000 rebate on the 2011 car, and are in good shape for the next raffle car purchase. One hardship grant was given to the gentleman in the Midwest with the flooding situation.

## **Joan Thomas – Webmaster**

Joan is not feeling well and is excused from reporting.

## **Pat Kelly – FCOA**

You will notice on the report that a few months ago we had over 3,000 members, but she had to pull out a ton of 16 year olds. So far this year there have been 171 FCOA members who have turned 16. Pat hopes the Governors are encouraging the club members who sponsored these kids to sign them up for the youth membership. Children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews can join as youth members. Her club has 9 youth members who work events, and they compete. They work concession stands, chase cones and do a lot of the running around that some of us no longer have the energy for.

She is getting caught up and will be in good shape by the November meeting. For the fall issue of Blue Bars, she was going to have an article on former FCOA members that are now active members in NCCC clubs. She will not be able to meet the Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> deadline, so that article will be in the winter issue instead. She has a list of a lot of kids who are active, but if you know of anyone, get their names and contact information to her, so she can include as many as possible in the article.

Tony Cizel with Badger State Vettes said his club ran the concessions at the “Heat is On” speed event on July 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> with Northern Illinois Corvette Club. This year they have a check for \$500 for FCOA. Pat said there are a number of clubs and regions that over the years have donated funds to FCOA. That money is used to purchase things to go into the kids’ membership packets. She really appreciates it and always looks for some cool thing for them. This year, she found a light weight Frisbee with a line drawing of 6 generations of Corvettes celebrating the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of FCOA that will be in this year’s packets.

## **Larry Higgins – Distribution**

So far this year, 11,211 packets have been sent out.

## **Hal Tumbleson for Deb Murphy – Steering Committee**

Hal T. chaired the committee meeting and reported on Deb’s behalf since she didn’t make it to the meeting due to a cancelled flight. They had a debriefing on the 2011 Convention, went through the 2012 Convention that is coming up in Topeka, and talked a little bit about 2013. Hal asked for a round of applause for all of Dave Heinemann’s hard work.

Dave recognized Joan Heinemann, Larry Pagliaro, Betty Parks, Hal Bellamy, and the members of the Midwest Region and all the others who helped. Everyone went above and beyond. He also thanked the Board of Governors, the E-board and the NCCC members for their support. He thanked Debbie Lindsay in particular for the sponsorship money and bringing in the GM tour. Larry P. added his appreciation for everyone’s efforts. He thanked Joan Thomas and said the results were almost done in real time and sent in for the trophies, which were customized with our names on them. They were working at warp speed to do the Thursday afternoon low speed results in time for Friday morning awards. Dave added his appreciation for all the hours Joan put in setting up and maintaining the Convention pages on the website. He said he didn’t think Joan or Betty ever slept because they seemed to be e-mailing at all hours. Dave also thanked Walt Jenkins for setting up and making requested changes to the on-line registration.

Betty said she has been actively involved with Conventions since 1990 in the Poconos. This, by far, has been the one that has offered the most challenges. The hotel was very creative with the things they tried. They did not publish the financial report from Convention yet, because it is not final. There are still a few small items outstanding. 546 people paid for a full week Convention package. 27 sponsors attended. There were 116 day passes, 111 workers, and 28 guests and VIPs (all of the mayor’s staff attended the banquet). 878 people came through at one time or another. 64 people got refunds because they couldn’t attend, mostly due to health issues. They were hoping to break even, but due to some of the things that happened with the hotel, it looks like there will be a loss. They are trying to improve that by selling leftover stuff from the Convention, including trophies for people who place too low to receive one at the banquet. In the original Autobahn agreement, the low speed was going to be on the go-cart track, but they didn’t get the improvements done, so we had to purchase the entire facility which upped our cost by \$7,000. 26 people in the high speed, 28 people in the low speed and 11 in the lapping experience cancelled. If they had not cancelled, the entry fees would have covered the entire cost of the Autobahn, but instead we were \$2500 short. The hotel charged us more than double what we had budgeted for beverages and billed us for everything they could think of, even the phone line to run credit cards on an 800 number and the power

used by vendors. We had problems with them over shuttle usage and the number of rooms we needed. The overflow hotels were much easier to work with. We rented a van and found John, who was “an absolute jewel”, to drive it. We spent an extra \$2,000 on that, but on the bright side, John got a job referral out of it and ended up with a full time job. Betty met with the hotel negotiator from Westport Sheraton in April, who gave her some tips on what to look out for. She has a long list of lessons learned for future negotiations.

## **NCM Update**

Hal B. attended the Board of Directors’ meeting last weekend. One of the Board members had to resign for a family situation, so Jack Siprel (sp?) was elected to the Board. He is an enthusiast with lots of Corvettes. The museum is in pretty good financial shape. They have raffled 38 Corvettes this year. They took in \$3,145,000. About half of that was profit. Those raffles probably impact our charity raffle. Patrick is on the ballot again this year for the Hall of Fame. He missed it by one vote last year. Hal plans to organize a letter writing campaign when it gets closer to time to vote.

The plans for the motorsports park continue. The boundary surveys are complete for 184 acres. The track design is underway. The feasibility studies are complete. The environmental things they have to deal with will be done in a couple of weeks. The re-zoning is all underway. And they don’t have money to do it. The course is about 2.4 miles. They are looking at a three quarters of a million dollar a year contribution from General Motors. Information is available on their website. The planned completion date is 2014, which is the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the museum.

There’s a new You Tube video of the world’s fastest production car lap in a 2011 Corvette. It was a regular, off the floor Corvette being driven by an engineer.

The National Corvette Restorers’ Society (NCRS) has donated all of their archives to the museum.

## **New Business**

The Steering Committee met last night and interviewed the candidate for 2012 Convention Treasurer. It is their recommendation that Peg Quine be nominated for Treasurer of the 2012 Convention. Larry Hickman made the motion, Arnie Bailey seconded. There was no discussion, no one opposed, and no one abstained. Motion passed.

## **Dick Yanko – 2013 Convention Proposal**

Envelopes were passed out to the Governors containing brochures from the hotel and Bowling Green and Dick’s proposal letter. When he began to plan this last summer, the museum was going to have a track for us, we had a NHRA drag strip in Bowling Green, we got the plant and museum and other things to go see and enjoy. Earlier this year, the museum said the track would not be ready in 2013, but we still had the super speedway in Nashville, until July when they announced that was closing. So we’ve got Beech Bend, but Dallas Jones, who owns the track, won’t talk to us about using it until January 2013. The plant announced in July that they were adding 400 new jobs and the C7 will be built there, but it will be the 2014 model. They will shut down in January or February when they build the last C6. They will tear the line out and put the new one in, and may not reopen for tours until September or October. The owner of the hotel, Mr. Hammond has some health issues and has not named a successor, so that may be sold. Last but not least, Dick can’t design a shirt until he finds out who to go to at EMI to get approval.

Dick read his proposal letter, saying that Bowling Green has been the home of the Corvette since 1981. Four generations have been built there and the fifth will be introduced as the 2014 model in the summer of 2013. It is centrally located and can be reached in about 2 days by anyone living east of the Rocky Mountains. He proposes that the 2013 Convention be held in Bowling Green from June 24-28. It will be a 5 day Convention hosted by Council clubs with chairs and co-chairs from various clubs and regions. The host hotel will be the Holiday Inn Plaza and Convention Center, which also hosted the 2001 Convention. He went on to list local attractions in the area and several restaurants that are within walking distance. The proposal includes our awards banquets, parties, hospitality rooms, and events including rally, car shows and funkhana. They will continue to explore opportunities for additional events. Governors should be aware of the obligations involved in putting on an event the size of our Convention. Council will be obligated for room nights and fees to the hotel & convention center for \$110,000 based on booking 600 room nights at the host hotel. This is without considering the cost of food, beverages and everything else associated with putting on a Convention. The hotel expenses can be offset by filling the hotel and with food and beverages for our dinners and hospitality rooms. Governors will be asked to vote yes or no for this proposal. A yes vote indicates the governor and his/her club approves and will support this Convention, the format and any deposits required. He hopes you will vote yes and come to Bowling Green in 2013.

Dick answered several questions. Beech Bend is where we had the low speed event in 2001. It is a 1/8 mile oval track. Behind the drag strip is another area where they park trailers for drag events. If they will let us, we can do an autocross out there. It's where the funkhana was held in 2001. The \$110,000 is clearly off-set by the room nights, and food and beverages we purchase. The contract will include that the room nights for anyone coming 3 days prior to, or staying 3 days after Convention will count in our total room nights. He is trying to get the rate below \$100 per night. The Convention package would be about \$170. There is no track for a high speed in the area. We will only have a low speed and drags. A majority of no votes means there will be no Convention in 2013. He is looking for clubs/regions from all over the country to help. Any money made will be split between Council and the group. The money the group gets will go to the scholarship fund. He might be able to get us a static tour, where they would take us through to see the plant set up, but the line would not be running.

### **Larry Beebe – 2012 Convention**

Larry showed a PowerPoint presentation. The hotel is the Capitol Plaza. The Convention Center is hooked onto it, so we will spend most of our time right there. There are two secured parking lots. There will be a salute to the military one night, a Land of Oz costume contest, a prom night costume contest and a cruise to Heartland Park with dinner at the capitol. For the military night, send pictures of any family member or yourself in uniform and identify who they are and what year it was from for a slide show. He also wants pictures from our proms.

Autocrosses and drags will be at Heartland Park, a state of the art complex. It is where SCCA has held there nationals for 3-4 years. It is basically the same as it was at the 1993 Convention except it's been reconfigured so you don't have to worry about the lake on the north side. It's only 10 minutes south of the hotel and on the same street. There is a facility near the track for motor homes and campers. They may also be able to stay inside the track, which is secured so rigs can be left there, too.

They are working on some day trips. There are lots of things to do in the area. The Topeka Convention will be June 23-30, 2012. Hope to see you there.

### **Jeannie Ruston for Kevin Milton – Proposed By-law Changes**

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*The proposed By-law change to allow electronic balloting affects three articles, which will be voted on as one. Balloting would be either electronic or written for each election, not both in any election. The By-Law is written as either to allow the question to appear on a written ballot in 2011 and, if accepted, allow for electronic balloting in 2012 and beyond.*

#### **ARTICLE VII – Officers**

##### **SECTION 2. National Officers (First Sentence revised to read, changes written ballot to valid ballot)**

- D. Election and Term of Office.** Officers of the Corporation are to be elected by a valid ballot at the last regularly scheduled governors' meeting of the calendar year for a two-year term.

#### **ARTICLE XI – Committees**

##### **SECTION 3. Duties. Teller Committee**

**A or B as Detailed Below**

**Added paragraph A for electronic ballots and the current wording for written ballots becomes paragraph B**

- A.** For Electronic Ballots, A Teller Committee shall consist of 1 RE, 1 RMD, appointed by their committees and 1 Governor appointed by the Executive Board, all subject to the approval of the Board of Governors at the meeting prior to the elections. No candidate for office may be a member of this committee. The Committee shall witness the Sergeant-at-Arms download and print the Election Results, sign the report (to confirm the validity) and report the results to the board of governors.
- B.** For Written Ballots, A Teller Committee shall consist of 4 RE's, and 4 RMD's, from members appointed by their committees, and 4 additional NCCC members appointed by the Executive Board, all subject to the approval of the Board of Governors at the meeting prior to the elections. No candidate for office may be a member of this committee. The committee shall count all ballots cast for office, for convention bids, and for proposals to amend these bylaws. The

NCCC Secretary shall collect the unopened ballots, verify their validity, and tally the club participation as indicated on the outer envelopes. The committee shall remove the ballots from the sealed envelopes, delivered by the NCCC Secretary, tally the votes cast and report the results to the board of Governors. (Replace Paper with Written in first sentence of this paragraph.)

**Article XV – Amendments**

**SECTION 1. Amendments.** (Last Sentence revised to read Replace the word written with valid.)

A two-thirds vote of valid ballots received shall be necessary to pass any such motion for amendment.

**Section 3. NCCC Ballot Procedure:** (New paragraph A and the current wording for written ballots becomes paragraph B) A or B as detailed below.

**A.** An electronic ballot submitted by the Club Governor received by the date specified by the NCCC E-Board shall be valid.

**B.** Only a sealed absentee ballot, contained in an envelope affixed with the Club's seal or club Governor's signature, postmarked by the date as specified by the NCCC Secretary, shall be valid on matters requiring written ballots.

*The proposed by-law change to Article XI is to re-insert “without prejudice” in this section as it was prior to 2008, at the bottom of page 14.*

**Article XI  
Committees**

**Section 3. Duties**

**Regional Executive Committee**

**Change From:**

The Regional Executive committee shall be comprised of the elected/appointed Regional Executive from each Region. The immediate Past President and Parliamentarian shall be non-voting members. This committee shall be chaired by the immediate Past President or an individual elected from the ranks of the Regional Executive committee. Any proposed revision, amendment, or repeal to the corporate By-Laws shall first be referred to this committee, to review and make recommendation(s) based on technical application, if necessary (correct Article, Section, etc., resolve any conflict with other articles, suggest language changes (with the permission of the author) which do not change the original intent of the proposal).. After due investigation and review, the findings of the committee shall be presented to the Board of Governors at the regularly scheduled business meeting following the annual meeting or a special meeting called for such purpose. The committee shall retain a permanent record of all resolutions passed during the year by the Board of Governors. The committee shall also review financial matters presented by the Finance committee and other duties as assigned by the Executive Board.

**Change To:**

The Regional Executive committee shall be comprised of the elected/appointed Regional Executive from each Region. The immediate Past President and Parliamentarian shall be non-voting members. This committee shall be chaired by the immediate Past President or an individual elected from the ranks of the Regional Executive committee. Any proposed revision, amendment, or repeal to the corporate By-Laws shall first be referred to this committee, to review and make recommendation(s) based on technical application, if necessary (correct Article, Section, etc., resolve any conflict with other articles, suggest language changes (with the permission of the author) which do not change the original intent of the proposal). After due investigation and review, the findings of the committee shall be presented, without prejudice to the Board of Governors at the regularly scheduled business meeting following the annual meeting or a special meeting called for such purpose. The committee shall retain a permanent record of all resolutions passed during the year by the Board of Governors. The committee shall also review financial matters presented by the Finance committee and other duties as assigned by the Executive Board.

*The proposed amendment to Article VI has been drafted to equally address the out of pocket expenses for “all” Appointed Officers, similar to the language for the Executive Board.*

**Article VI  
Dues and Finance**

## Section 4. Reimbursement of Expenses

Replace paragraph C, Appointed Officers

### Change From:

#### C. Appointed Officers.

- 1) Director of Publications shall receive mileage reimbursement based on the miles from the governors' meeting to the incumbent's residence for the attendance of any regularly scheduled meeting (with the exception of the annual meeting) or special meeting. This Director shall be reimbursed by the Corporation for out-of-pocket expenses incurred in the execution of the duties of this office and such other sums as may be established and approved by the Board of Governors.
- 2) Directors of Convention shall be reimbursed such sums as may be established and approved by the Board of Governors. The incumbent shall be reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses incurred in the execution of the duties of this office from the affected convention year funds.
- 3) Convention Treasurer shall be reimbursed for telephone, postage and related convention expenses.
- 4) Assistant to Vice President-Membership shall be reimbursed for telephone, postage and related position expenses.
- 5) Director of Charity shall be reimbursed such sums as may be established and approved by the Board of Governors. The incumbent shall be reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses incurred in the execution of this office from charity funds.
- 6) Convention Steering Advisor shall be reimbursed such sums as may be established and approved by the Board of Governors. The incumbent shall be reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses incurred in the execution of the duties of this office from the convention funds.
- 7) Director of Sponsorship shall be reimbursed for telephone, postage and related position expenses. Any travel must be approved by the Executive Board if under \$1,000 and by the Board of Governors if over \$1,000 per occurrence.
- 8) The Webmaster shall be reimbursed for telephone, postage, and related position expenses.

### Change To:

C. Appointed Officers. Appointed Officers will receive mileage reimbursement based on the miles from the governors' meeting to their residence for attendance of any regularly scheduled meeting (with the exception of the annual meeting) or special meetings. They shall be entitled to reimbursement by the Corporation for out-of-pocket expenses incurred in the execution of the duties of their office or expenses incurred pursuant to the conduct of other corporate affairs and such other sums as may be established and approved by the Board of Governors.

1. Reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses incurred in the execution of the duties of the Director of Charity shall be from the Charity funds.

2. Reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses incurred in the execution of the duties of the Convention Steering Advisor, Directors of Convention and Convention Treasurer shall be from the appropriate Convention funds.

3. Mileage reimbursement shall be debited to the appropriate Convention Treasury for the Directors of Convention and the Convention Treasurer.

4. Any additional travel related expenses under \$1,000.00 must be approved by the Executive Board and by the Board of Governors if over \$1,000 per occurrence.

Bernyce Molenda said the last one should be tabled until the Finance Committee reviews it. Jim Harris said those four are broken out because they come from other than the general treasury. Nothing is being changed except the language. Bernyce, Patrick Dolan, Hal Tumbleson and Kevin Milton took a break to review the matter.

## **Jack Wilson – Proposed Competition Rulebook Changes**

RCDs distributed copies of the proposed changes to the Governors and Regional Officers. A summary document and a red-lined document of the Rulebook will be out within the next week on the NCCC website so Governors and members can review the changes prior to the vote at the November 12<sup>th</sup> Governors' meeting. As in the past, the vote will be for or against the entire Rulebook change package. The changes being made maintain the continuity and consistency that embraces safety, competitive fairness, and encourages participation. The changes were recommended by members of NCCC through their RCDs.

Jim Harris said the REs discussed this at length last night and he thought they came to the conclusion that under our current rules, when you propose something as a package, it can be divided up with the exception of the Finance Committee's

proposed budget, because our Standing Rules state that it must be voted on as a whole. If you have any issues, let it be known. If not, vote on it as a whole package. Jim Walton said they (the REs) did not really agree that that's the way it works. Allen Morris said they discussed a possible rule change, but most of the REs agreed that it could go either way. He thought most of the REs agreed that it should be voted on as a package. We should trust our RCDs' decisions. Joe Vasta said the current Standing Rules do not have a provision to submit the changes to the by-laws as one package to be voted up or down, but we could change the Standing Rule. Dave Heinemann read from the Rulebook, that if our rules don't address something, then we follow Roberts Rules of Order. In Roberts Rules, under package presentations it says "the report of the committee on Standing Rules is presented to the convention [Board of Governors] immediately following the adoption of that of the credentials committee by offering a motion in the form of reading the proposed rules in their entirety, regardless of their previous distribution. Nonetheless, in cases where every delegate may have a vote, has been provided with a copy, and the rules do not generally change from year to year [ours don't - we make corrections], the firmly established custom of the organization permits this reading to be omitted [so Jack doesn't have to read the whole thing]. After debate or amendment, if any, a single vote normally is taken on the complete body of the rules." There was some further rehashing of what happened last year and a suggestion that we change our Standing Rules to read that if the Rulebook is not passed as a whole, we revert to the previous year's rules. Hal Bellamy declared that this doesn't affect the reading of the changes at this time. They will not be voted on until the next meeting, and we can come back to this. Dick Yanko commented that the RCDs were chosen by their Governors to represent their region and have spent a year working on this Rulebook and these changes based on suggestions that the Governors made to them over a year. If you don't have faith in the people you elected, then shame on you.

Jack said if there are any questions after Governors read through the changes, they should contact their RCD.

### **Officer Nominations**

Hal B. appointed the Teller Committee consisting of Joe Scafero as chairman; Gary Brisbois, Jean Morrison, Carolyn Samuelson as at large members; Glenn Hutchison, Jeannie Ruston, Jim Harris, and Ron Brown representing the RE Committee; Cliff Harris, Ellouise Morrison, Peggy Stephens, and Debbie Schafer as representatives of the RMDs. Patsy Shearer objected to Gary Brisbois serving because his wife is on the ballot. Mike Godfrey will replace him. Jeanne Ruston cannot serve because her husband is on the ballot. Joe Vasta will replace her. Paul Hamersley moved to approve the Teller Committee as amended. Allen Morris seconded. No one opposed, motion carried.

After further review and examination [by Bernyce, Patrick, Hal T, & Kevin (see above, under Proposed By-law Changes)], it has been determined that the By-law changes as read, are acceptable, do not need to be forwarded to the Finance Committee, and are in good order.

Patsy Shearer of the Nominating Committee read the nominations as follows:

For Business Manager – Hal Tumbleson  
For Sergeant at Arms – Ron Ruston  
For Secretary – Kathy Brisbois

Jerry Limpach added:

For VP of Competition – Alan Moore and Paul Haack

The floor was opened for other nominations.

For the office of Business Manager – Kevin Milton nominated Hal Tumbleson. Ron Brown seconded. There were no further nominations. Betty Parks moved that the nominations for the office of Business Manager be closed. Jim Bartuska seconded. No one opposed or abstained. Nominations closed.

For the office of Sergeant at Arms – Kevin Milton nominated Ron Ruston. Larry Hickman seconded. There were no further nominations. Betty Parks moved to close, Walt Jenkins seconded. No one opposed or abstained. Nominations closed.

For the office of Secretary – Kevin Milton nominated Kathy Brisbois. Chuck Heretta seconded. There were no further nominations. Betty Parks moved to close the nominations. Joe Scafero seconded. No one opposed or abstained. Nominations closed.

For VP of Competition – Kevin Milton nominated Paul Haack. Sue Puksich seconded. Chuck Heretta nominated Alan Moore. Chuck Stephens seconded. There were no further nominations. Betty Parks moved to close, Larry Hickman seconded. No one opposed or abstained. Nominations closed.

## **Candidate Speeches**

**Paul Haack – Candidate for VP of Competition** Paul would like the opportunity to serve the organization as the next Vice President of Competition. He distributed copies of his application and wanted to give a little more background. He has been married to Diana for 21 years. She is also an active NCCC competitor. They have one son who is getting married next year, so they will be empty nesters in their late 40s. Professionally, he is a director of quality for a major supplier of automotive electronics. He runs a validation lab organization that validates products before they are released for production as part of the engineering process. It is a worldwide responsibility. He manages large organization and budgets. He has been a member of Windy City Corvettes and NCCC for 11 years. It is a great organization. It really is a family. This afternoon we've heard about charity support, scholarships, what the local clubs are doing in terms of community support...it's just really outstanding, and goes way beyond competition. We should all be proud to be part of this organization. They got their first Corvette in 1992, and weren't part of any club. They hooked up with their local club in 2000 and found out what they'd been missing. Now they have friends all over the country who would give them the shirt off their back if they needed help. He has volunteered for various positions in his local club and has been the Midwest Region's RCD for the past 4 years. It's great to have a choice of candidates this year. It's nice to see more than one person stepping up for a leadership responsibility. Paul thinks he is a very strong candidate for the position.

As a member of the Competition Committee, he has worked closely with Jack Wilson the last 4 years and considers him a close personal friend. He has done an outstanding job and Paul would like to maintain that momentum. He commits to you that all the improvements and changes that they've made over the last several years will be sustained. There's always room for continuous improvement and making things better as we go. It would be a very smooth transition of the leadership of the Competition Committee. In working closely with Jack, he certainly understands the level of work that's involved and the commitment required to be successful. He believes what the committee has done over the last 4 years has been well organized and managed. They've made a lot of improvements and communicated the decisions that are made in the meeting. The minutes are coming out very detailed, so membership is well informed of what is discussed during the meetings. He would look to continue to maintain that level of detail. There's some discussion about the current meeting structure of having certain parts open and certain parts a closed session. That has worked out very well, and it would be his intention to maintain that if elected. The key thing is to make sure that all discussions and decisions from the closed session are communicated.

He thinks the current process works for Rulebook changes, with input from members to their RCDs for consideration. All input is given thorough discussion and consideration. Not everything makes it into the final version. What we end up with is a blend of proposed changes that represent the diversity of the regions and different clubs. The last thing they made a lot of improvements on that he intends to maintain is the points standings. We have more and more events coming up. Paul developed the program they've been using the last 4 years. It allows them to keep the updates going very regularly and people know where they stand in the competition. He thinks this has had a positive impact on participation. Even if he is not elected, he will continue to maintain the program at no charge to the organization. The first Vice President needs to be ready to step in if something should happen to the President, and he would be comfortable doing that. Thank you for your consideration on this important decision. NCCC is a great organization with a strong history and he would look forward to building on its history and contributing to its future.

**Alan Moore – Candidate for VP of Competition** Alan has been a member of Tiretown and National Council for 43 years. He is an Army veteran. He was a platoon leader who reached the position of Sergeant E6, so he's used to dealing with people, and used to dealing with people who don't always like to go along with you. He has the time to be VP. He just retired after 39 ½ years as an engineer. The last 5 years, he spent working with UL, CSA, Canadian Standards, and TUV which is German Standard Society. In Tiretown he's held every position except for secretary. His wife, Gail said he can't be secretary because he can't spell worth a darn. He was RCD for 9 years. During that time, he suspended himself as Governor for Tiretown so that all clubs in the region knew they were getting equal standing. He has been Outstanding Member for Tiretown and was voted into the East Ohio Hall of Fame several years ago. Both he and Gail have dedicated most of their married life to help the region out and have enjoyed it.

If he is elected Vice President of Competition, one of the things that he wants to do is open up the RCDs meetings. He does not like the closed session because, even though it may not be happening, people think there are things happening that they are not included in. It is perceived that they are doing something they shouldn't be doing. He has several ideas that he would like to introduce that might help us get more people to compete, especially the younger people. It's nice to see the

competition grow this year, but as we get older, we're going to have to tap the younger generation to continue to survive. He has thought about being VP of Competition for some time and thinks now that he has the time, he can do the job very well. No matter which one [Alan or Paul] gets voted in, either would do a great job.

**Kathy Brisbois – Candidate for Secretary** Kathy and her husband have been coming to Governors' meetings since 2005. They joined National Council in 2003. One or the other of them has been active at the club level and the regional level since 2005. She has served as club secretary, regional secretary and this year has done the notes for the RE meeting. They have a lot of fun with the Corvette club and love all the people they have met. She would like this opportunity to show her appreciation for National Council by serving as your Secretary.

**Ron Ruston – Candidate for Sergeant at Arms (incumbent)** Ron promised to make it quick. He introduced himself and said he is the current Sergeant at Arms. If you like the way he's been doing it, vote for him. If you don't, vote him out. Thank you.

**Hal Tumbleson – Candidate for Business Manager (incumbent)** With your vote, Hal will continue to work for NCCC, the E-board and you to bring more member benefits to our clubs and members which protect the interest and integrity of NCCC. He has appreciated your trust and confidence in him the past 2 years, and pledges to you that he will work to make NCCC the best car club possible.

### **Bernyce Molinda – 2012 Budget**

The 2012 Budget went out with the financial information about a week ago. 2 items have been changed and a revised budget will be going out in a week. 1) We are going to add \$500 to insurance under Business Manager for garage coverage. 2) She was not aware of the proposed by-law change regarding officers, so a line item will be added for officers who travel out of region to discuss/promote NCCC.

The budget will be voted on "all or nothing".

Dale did the 50/50 drawing. The winner received \$167. Door prizes were distributed.

Larry Hickman made the motion to adjourn; Arnie Bailey seconded. The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Cindy Urenda*  
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Secretary