

**Porsche Club of America Chicago Region
Board of Directors Meeting
January 7, 2026
FINAL Minutes**

Voting Board Members Present

☒	Dana Comolli – President	☒	Grace Chen – Director
☒	Pete Bukantis – Vice President	☒	Ross Conforti – Director
☒	Catherine Fischer – Treasurer	☒	Marcin Proszek – Director
☒	Stanley Sangdahl – Past President	☐	Brian Scifers – Director
☒	Mark Prescott – Secretary	☒	Bart Surowka – Director

Coordinators Present

☒	Dana Comolli – Autobahn / Website / Sponsor / Chief Driving Instructor	☒	John Moore – Concours
☒	David Bowers – Autocross	☒	Barb Mashburn – Concours
☒	Todd Conforti – Blackhawk / Safety	☐	Robert Safe – Social
☒	Pete Bukantis – Blackhawk / AX Timing	☐	Jack Steidle – Rallye
☒	Pete Hackenson – Blackhawk	☒	Jake Steidle – Rallye
☐	Glenn DeWeirdt – Gingerman	☐	Brian Scifers – Rallye
☐	Neil French – Gingerman	☐	Cliff Horn – RADE / TRAC
☐	Mark Palmer – Gingerman	☐	Joel Kaphengst – RADE / TRAC Volunteer
☐	Susan Shire – Club Race Registration	☒	Keith Clark – RADE / TRAC
☒	Bob Rath – Insurance	☐	Tess Conforti – RADE / TRAC
☒	James Kaikis / TBD – Membership	☒	Ross Conforti – RADE / TRAC DE Reg
☐	<open> - Historian	☒	Mark Prescott – RADE / TRAC CR Reg
☐	Jody Freund – Drivers Ed Tech	☒	Sean Gillette – Tours
☐	Natalie Szabo – The Scene	☒	Julie Gillette - Tours
☐	Adam Kern – social media	☐	Todd Benz – Zone 13 Representative
☐	Derek Chen – Dinner Dance	☐	Ed Leed –Car Numbers/Member DB
☒	Grace Chen – Dinner Dance	☐	Debbie Leed – Car Numbers/Member DB

This meeting was held via Zoom video conferencing

- Others: Henrique Regina, Cindy Jacisin, Griffin Fujii, 17737267310, Spring – Kinga Wesolowska and Maggie Surowka, Becky Morris – CASA, Karen Stephensen, Darryl and Edye Hughes – Hughes Who

Secretary's Report (Mark Prescott)

The meeting started with all board members present: a quorum at 7:01pm

November 2025 minutes were sent out prior to the meeting. They included two addendums for email votes after the November meeting. Numerous comments were received prior to the final version. No further comments since. A motion was made to accept the minutes:

Motion to accept minutes: Ross Conforti

Second: Stanley Sangdahl

Accepted: Passed unanimously

Charity (Karen Stephensen)

The committee recommended 3 nominations:

- Casa of McHenry County sponsored by Catherine Fischer
- Hughes Who sponsored by Darryl Hughes
- The Spring Foundation sponsored by Maggie Surowka

Each Charity was given seven minutes to present their material that was distributed with the meeting agenda. A three-minute QA session followed for each charity.

The BOD will enter executive session after the regular meeting to decide on the charity selection for 2026.

Treasurer's Report (Catherine Fischer)

The financial report was distributed prior to the meeting and reviewed. The club's financial summary starts with total assets in December 2025 of \$609,217 compared to December 2024 of \$776,226. Cash assets in December 2025 were \$517,188 compared to December 2024 of \$514,398. Income for December was \$38,949 with a YTD of \$764,258. Our expenses were (\$56,481) with YTD of (\$714,803).

Top income sources were Events and some income from CDs and PCA rebate.

Large checks include payments for events, Presstech, and reimbursement to a driver related to track damage at Autobahn that the driver paid and then his insurance paid as well, so he was reimbursed.

Total bank account balances, including checking, savings and CDs Toal \$517,188.

Charity collected YTD is \$24,954 versus \$29,004 last year.

Top receivables are the incident and damage at TRAC from RA.

Events were reviewed by each, most everything did well. An update will be sent for the annual results of each event.

Motion to accept financial report as presented with an update to the summary section:

Motion: Stanley Sangdahl

Second: Mark Prescott

Accepted: Motion Passed unanimously

President's Report (Dana Comolli)

No report except to welcome new board members.

Vice President's Report (Pete Bukantis)

No report

Past President's Report (Stanley Sangdahl)

No report

Autocross Report (David Bowers)

Boomer's contract is signed, waiting to hear back from Tire Rack for July. Looking for 6 events and dropping the lowest score. Requested COI from Bob Rath. We should have the budget in place by the end of January for presentation to the board.

Timing & Scoring Report (Pete Bukantis)

No report

Blackhawk Farms Report (Todd Conforti, Pete Hackenson, and Pete Bukantis)

Black Hawk Farms has recently repaved the entire track. Looks nice. Need to see what happens with pricing when new contracts arrive. Tentative dates have been submitted and should be OK when they are approved. Rates went up slightly, about 6% increase. May increase the drivers' rate by about 5%.

We will have a lady's day this year. No instructor school this year. New brochure is in place and will be submitted for uploading to our web site. Will have a cheaper rate for early signups.

Gingerman Report (Glenn DeWeirdt)

No report

Road America Report (Ross Conforti, Cliff Horn, Keith Clark, Tess Conforti)

Deposits are due so we will need to pay RADE and TRAC. No motion was needed for annual expense. Catherine will pay these so we can proceed.

Autobahn Report (Dana Comolli)

We will have one south track event in 2026, Tuesday July 28

Chief Driving Instructor's Report (Dana Comolli)

John Ruther has retired. Dana will be taking over this role.

Concours Report (John Moore, Barb Mashburn)

Getting ready for season kick off. Chili cook off is first at the Exchange, followed by Concours school at Body Builders. The school should be an upgrade. Did a Scene article about what to do over the winter to prepare cars for Concours.

Historian Report (Open)

No Report

Insurance Report (Bob Rath)

Can not apply for insurance until February 1, but we are ready to go at that time. Autocross is first priority to satisfy city of Schaumburg requirements.

Membership Report (James Kaikis, Griffin Fujii)

We are looking forward to the General Membership Meeting on 1/18. Coordinators - We are running back the same event from last year. No changes to the format or layout except for additional charities.

Membership Report for 2025 was distributed prior to the meeting.

Per James, this is his final report as Membership Chair. Thank you, Dana, for the opportunity and thank you all for your support. He looks forward to seeing everyone in January and in the future!

Membership is at 4113 primary and affiliate at end 2025.

James is relocating and Griffin will be taking over. Griffin introduced himself and is looking forward to it. James will handle transition with the membership meeting on January 18 back at Chevy Chase in Wheeling with similar format and food menu. Seating capacity is 180 based on room configuration. Have most volunteers ready and coordinators with booths to present their

events for the year. We should have some merchandise items to give away and sell off for Charity. Griffin and Dana we will do a final push for members to sign up to finalize head count for Chevy Chase including new members.

Rallye Report (Jack Steidle, Jake Steidle, Brian Scifers)

Rallye Report via email:

We are all set for the General Membership Meeting on the 18th. Our goal this year is to introduce more members to Rallye and increase overall participation.

Rallye School will be May 3rd and is being held at Euroquipe in St. Charles.

We have Rallye Masters assigned for all five rallies.

For Rallye 3 (which is being held in August), Marcin Proszek and Kinga Wesolowska are first-time Rallye Masters. They will be mentored by long-time rallyists Susan Shire and Steve Rashbaum.

Dinner Dance (Grace and Derek Chen)

The December 2025 event seemed to go well with a lot of positive feedback. Grace will probably not chair this event in 2026 and is looking for someone else for this year. Grace is willing to handle the 2027 event (region 70th anniversary).

Safety Report (Todd Conforti and Jody Freund)

Not much to report but Todd is looking at membership meeting sign up pace. Sign up might be not that far off compared to last year's pace.

As for helmets: PCA is allowing 2015 and 2020 helmets in 2026 but we will investigate the availability of 2025 helmets. More to discuss about that.

PCA Club Racing is looking at SNELL date as well as manufacturers' date, which may be later than the SNELL date.

Also reviewing the tech sheet to clarify bi-annual tech inspection.

Social Media (Adam Kern)

No report

Technical Report (Jody Freund)

No report

Social Report (Robert Safe)

It looks like there will be a group of people to manage events. Otherwise, no report.

Potters Picnic (Catherine Fischer)

No report

Sponsorship / Dealer Liaison Report (Dana Comolli)

No report other than an inquiry from a body shop.

The Scene Report (Editorial Board)

Now have an editorial board – Pete Bukantis, Stanley Sangdahl, Dana Comolli, Chris Winslow. There may be others stepping up as well to share the workload.

Touring Report (Sean and Julie Gillette)

Spring trip to Road America is booked and ready. Julie introduced herself and is excited about taking over.

Looking at some new features such as apps for following along on the trips. May add some features to the spring tour along the way to RA.

Fall tour planned to Traverse City.

Brochure for the membership meeting is prepared and ready to go.

Webmaster's Report (Dana Comolli)

Web report was supplied in meeting invitation.

Zone 13 Rep Report (Todd Benz)

No report

New Business

Next meeting is February 4 including review of template budgets.

Bob Rath reported, sadly, that Neil MacDonald has passed. Arrangements are currently private. There will be an article in the scene regarding Neil.

Action Items:

None

Meeting Adjourned at 8:20PM to reconvene in executive session.

Executive Session to discuss Charity Selection for 2026

Dana reviewed the purpose of the session to review the charities. Catherine and Bart will abstain from voting due to connection to respective charities. Comments were opened.

The financials and presentation for each charity were discussed and debated.

It was discussed whether it would be good to pick more than one charity and if so, who would be the best to pick. Who would benefit including geographic location and financial size (large/small).

The charity committee is looking to raise more donations this year so if there is more than one charity there might be a broader appeal.

After much discussion it was decided to go with two charities in 2026 (50/50 split):

- Casa of McHenry County
- The Spring Foundation

Motion to give to both (unrestricted):

Motion – Dana Comolli

Second – Grace Chen

Motion approved unanimously

Adjourned Executive Session