

**Porsche Club of America Chicago Region
Board of Directors Meeting
March 4, 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/Committee – 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/Social Media
☒	Griffin Fujii – Membership/social media	☒	Ross Conforti – RADE/TRAC DE Reg
☐	<open> - Historian	☒	Mark Prescott – RADE/TRAC CR Reg
☐	Jody Freund – Drivers Ed Tech	☒	Sean Gillette – Tours
☐	Committee - The Scene	☐	Julie Gillette - Tours
☐	Karen Stephesen – Charity	☒	Todd Benz – Zone 13 Representative
☐		☐	Ed Leed –Car Numbers/Member DB
☐	<Open> – Dinner Dance	☐	Debbie Leed – Car Numbers/Member DB

This meeting was held via Zoom video conferencing.

- Others: Pat Niesen (Charity), Derek Chen

Secretary's Report (Mark Prescott)

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

February 2026 minutes were sent out prior to the meeting with a few comments received, followed by the minutes with addendum 1 regarding Charity donation web site. No further comments since. A motion was made to accept the minutes:

Motion to accept minutes: Ross Conforti

Second: Pete Bukantis

Accepted: Passed unanimously

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 February 2026 of \$821,808 compared to February 2025 of \$761,619. Cash assets in February 2026 were \$451,285 compared to February 2025 of \$456,427. Income for February was \$28,077 with a YTD of \$43,143. Our expenses were (\$11,582) with YTD of (\$43,468). With a charity disbursement accrual of (\$1,732), our February net was \$14,764. YTD result is a net loss of (\$3,917) which is normal for this time of year.

Top income sources were charity, Events, interest and special PCA rebate.

Large checks include payments for events, and membership expenses.

Total bank account balances, including checking, savings, and CDs was \$451,285.

Charity collected YTD is \$3,705 versus \$3,895 this time last year.

Top receivables are the incident and damage at TRAC from RA and PCA National for RA expenses.

Each event was reviewed at a high level; everything did well with limited activities YTD.

Motion to accept financial report as presented:

Motion: Ross Conforti

Second: Stanley Sangdahl

Accepted: Motion Passed unanimously

President's Report (Dana Comolli)

No report

Vice President's Report (Pete Bukantis)

No report

Past President's Report (Stanley Sangdahl)

No report

Autocross Report (David Bowers)

Have insurance in place for all events and approval from Schaumburg.

Timing & Scoring Report (Pete Bukantis)

Looking for someone to step up and be owner of the equipment this year. Equipment should be good to go.

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

All events are up and will open on CR on March 4. Looking to promote early bird pricing.

Updated advertisement for the Scene. Thursday April 23 will be an open track day. Looking for online classroom the week prior to Novice Day.

Charity (Karen Stephensen)

Pat Niesen spoke on behalf of the charity team.

Update - thanks to online website for online donations. So far there have been no donations.

Finalizing more articles for Scene and waiting on information from Charities to support that effort.

Looking at ideas to promote more engagement between members and charities, more to come.

Gingerman Report (Glenn DeWeirdt)

No report.

Dana mentioned the Friday open driving time will be provided under the local club day with special pricing offered to PCA Members.

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

Second deposit is in and pricing is finalized. Event opens on 3/4/26.

Pricing is based on expenses from the past years. Looking to clear expenses with adjusted rates.

Total expenses are projected to be \$112,000. A motion to approve the expenditure was suggested.

Motion to accept expenses as presented:

Motion: Stanley Sangdahl

Second: Pete Bukantis

Accepted: Motion Passed unanimously

There will be a slight adjustment to schedule to accommodate additional experienced sessions each day and some Novice time on Friday.

Autobahn Report (Dana Comolli)

No report

Chief Driving Instructor's Report (Dana Comolli)

We received a \$500 grant for the instructor school last year from Motor Sports Safety Foundation.

For this year, there is interest from Road America to host the instructor school in exchange for their instructors attending for free. Other instructors will pay a fee. Planning and discussion of options is underway. Timing would be early April and October when there are open track days.

Instructor and student eval forms have been handled manually in the past. An online option through Driving Evals is now available. The advantage is the instructor can see all previous student evaluations and students can evaluate instructors. In addition, the process is automated so the dependency on an individual is removed.

Concours Report (John Moore, Barb Mashburn)

The Chili cook off and edible art went well. They offered enjoyable awards and had a DJ providing music. Concours school is at Body Builders on March 22. The school should be an upgrade, working to finalize agenda.

The budget for Concours was shared with seven events for the year. The school helps fund the season, so we are looking for good turnout. Still working to finalize last event. Discussing a possible 8th event for a school type format later in the year. Budget is set to break even for the year.

Motion to accept budget as presented:

Motion: Ross Conforti

Second: Grace Chen

Accepted: Motion Passed unanimously

Historian Report (Open)

No Report

Insurance Report (Bob Rath)

Up to date through March for COI, autocross season is all set.

Membership Report (Griffin Fujii)

Membership Report for February 2026 was distributed prior to the meeting. Region is down seventeen members this month from last month – Total 4120, Primary 2721, Affiliate 1399.

Looking for ways to focus on lapsed members. Will renew items on goodie store and national merchandise.

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

Pushing towards Rallye school with upcoming advertisement in Scene. Good shape at this point.

Dinner Dance (Open)

We are still looking for someone to chair the 2026 dinner dance. If no one is found there will not be a dinner dance this year. Need to find someone or have a decision in place before the end of March as planning needs to start now.

(Note) – at the end of the meeting Catherine indicated that she might have someone willing to manage this event. More to come.

Safety Report (Todd Conforti and Jody Freund)

Tech sheets have been updated to cover 6 months.

Social Media (Tess Conforti, Griffin Fujii)

Facebook is live for March events and we are looking to build out the event presence online and add some structure to facilitate submittals for posting. More to come from Tess and Griffin

Technical Report (Jody Freund)

Planning novice tech event day before the tech session at Fischer's.

Tech session is April 12 at Northstar with typical agenda to explain tech requirements and any new changes.

Social Report (Robert Safe/Committee)

Via email - Valentine's Day went well. St Pats day social is open on CR. Women under the hood day is open through Porsche Orland Park. The cooking class reg is open and going well on signups. First P&P is open on CR, starting early at 7am. The mall is looking to see about blocking off some portions of the parking lot for PCA.

Potters Picnic (Catherine Fischer)

No report

Sponsorship / Dealer Liaison Report (Dana Comolli)

Woman in Motor Sports of North America reached out and expressed interest in sponsoring Ladies Day. We have some funding from Mobil Oil, possible dinner, and sponsorship from Chicago Auto Pros. So far, we have collected \$4500 towards the event. The folks running Ladies Day are reaching out to others as well.

The Scene Report (Editorial Board)

Per Pete Bukantis - Current version of Scene is ready to go to print. Board format is working well. Looking at putting together a schedule of articles for preplanning.

Touring Report (Sean and Julie Gillette)

Spring trip to Road America is booked and ready. Stopping at Kelly Moss on the way north. Staying at Siebkens and having dinner at track on Saturday with a sunset cruise.

The budget was presented. Overall, we will try to make up for some of the losses from last year.

Motion to accept financial report as presented:

Motion: Ross Conforti

Second: Pete Bukantis

Accepted: Motion Passed unanimously

Webmaster's Report (Dana Comolli)

Web report was supplied in meeting invitation.

Zone 13 Rep Report (Todd Benz)

Todd outlined events he will be attending to represent Zone 13. He attended the national meeting earlier this year to share experiences. Zone 13 president meeting is in Chicago in two weeks.

New Business

Next meeting is April 8, 2026.

Action Items:

None

Meeting Adjourned at 8:03PM!

Motion to Adjourn: Ross Conforti

Second: Pete Bukantis

Motion Passed Unanimously