

**Porsche Club of America Chicago Region  
Board of Directors Meeting  
April 8, 2026  
Final Minutes**

**Voting Board Members Present**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Dana Comolli – President          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Grace Chen – Director     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Pete Bukantis – Vice President    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Ross Conforti – Director  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Catherine Fischer – Treasurer     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Marcin Proszek – Director |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Stanley Sangdahl – Past President | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Brian Scifers – Director  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Mark Prescott – Secretary         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Bart Surowka – Director   |

**Coordinators Present**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Dana Comolli –<br>Autobahn/Website/Sponsor/Chief<br>Driving Instructor | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | John Moore – Concours                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | David Bowers – Autocross                                               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Barb Mashburn – Concours               |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Todd Conforti – Blackhawk/Safety                                       | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Robert Safe/Committee – Social         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Pete Bukantis – Blackhawk/AX Timing                                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Jack Steidle – Rallye                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Pete Hackenson – Blackhawk                                             | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Jake Steidle – Rallye                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Glenn DeWeirdt – Gingerman                                             | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Brian Scifers – Rallye                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Neil French – Gingerman                                                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Cliff Horn – RADE/TRAC                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Mark Palmer – Gingerman                                                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Joel Kaphengst – RADE/TRAC Volunteer   |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Susan Shire – Club Race Registration                                   | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Keith Clark – RADE/TRAC                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Bob Rath – Insurance                                                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Tess Conforti – RADE/TRAC/Social Media |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Griffin Fujii – Membership/social media                                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Ross Conforti – RADE/TRAC DE Reg       |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | <open> - Historian                                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Mark Prescott – RADE/TRAC CR Reg       |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Jody Freund – Drivers Ed Tech                                          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Sean Gillette – Tours                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Committee - The Scene                                                  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Julie Gillette - Tours                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Karen Stephensen – Charity                                             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Todd Benz – Zone 13 Representative     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Maggie Surowka – Dinner Dance                                          | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Ed Leed –Car Numbers/Member DB         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Ashley Chin – Dinner Dance                                             | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Debbie Leed – Car Numbers/Member DB    |

*This meeting was held via Zoom video conferencing.*

- Others: Henrique Regina, Chris Winslow, Derek Chen

**Secretary's Report (Mark Prescott)**

The meeting started with all board members present: a quorum at 7:04pm

March 2026 minutes were sent out prior to the meeting with 1 comment received. No further comments since. A motion was made to accept the minutes:

Motion to accept minutes: Pete Bukantis

Second: Stanley Sangdahl

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 March 2026 of \$823,962 compared to March 2025 of \$795,056. Cash assets in March 2026 were \$392,541 compared to March 2025 of \$447,482. Income for March was \$13,077 with a YTD of \$56,219. Our expenses were (\$21,776) with YTD of (\$65,571). With a charity disbursement accrual of (\$835), our March net loss was (\$9,534). YTD result is a net loss of (\$13,778) which is normal for this time of year.

Top income sources were Events and Scene Income.

Large checks include payments for Concours, Road America, and Printing.

Total bank account balances, including checking, savings, and CDs was \$392,541.

Charity collected YTD is \$4,565 versus \$5,455 this time last year.

Top receivables are the incident and damage at TRAC from RA. Payment for TRAC by National is expected shortly.

Each event was reviewed at a high level; everything did well with limited activities YTD. Accruals are on track to this time last year.

Motion to accept financial report as presented:

Motion: Pete Bukantis

Second: Grace Chen

Accepted: Motion Passed unanimously

### **President's Report (Dana Comolli)**

Dana asked about covering the photographer's hotel costs for multi-day events. There was no opposition to this. It may be possible to use points earned through the region Chase credit card to redeem towards hotel if the hotel participates. Dana and Catherine to coordinate. No other report.

### **Vice President's Report (Pete Bukantis)**

No report

### **Past President's Report (Stanley Sangdahl)**

Other than working on updated TRAC parking maps, No report.

### **Autocross Report (David Bowers)**

Via Email - Asking for volunteer help at the 4/18 Autocross School. We only have 15 people registered to help run the day, which isn't enough to run the event and have in-car instruction. We need another 10 to 15 people to ensure we can safely run the day and have the proper instructor to participant ratio.

Please register as a volunteer here if you can help:

<https://clubregistration.net/events/signUp.cfm/event/16815>

### **Timing & Scoring Report (Pete Bukantis)**

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

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

Novice day looks good but needs more instructors. Currently 34 novices have signed up with 4 on the wait list and 30 instructors. Dana will reach out to the list of Road America instructors to see if they can help.

For experienced only day we have 33 drivers (paid). Should be getting more with weather watchers signing up at the last minute. A decision will be made on 2 run groups or 3 run groups depending on numbers of drivers and possibly let drivers pick.

Lady's day is public and open for registration.

All set with Taco Tuesday catering.

### **Charity (Karen Stephensen)**

Karen, no report. Per Dana, there have been no online donations yet.

The team is working on a variety of proposals to drive up donations.

### **Gingerman Report (Glenn DeWeirdt)**

Via Email from Glenn- The Gingerman registration will be posted on Clubregistration this month and go live in June. We could not come to an agreement with Gingerman management to add Friday to the event. However, we made an agreement to allow up to 15 Chicago PCA members (priority given to PCA Chicago Board and Coordinators) to attend the Friday Gingerman Fast Guy Club (FGC) track day. In turn, we will allow FGC members to attend our HPDE on Saturday and Sunday at a discounted rate. All FGC members will be required to participate under PCA Chicago HPDE rules.

I think this is a very good compromise and eliminates our financial risk.

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

RADE should be all set. Working to finalize TRAC. Registration for RADE is looking OK and could still use more instructors. Rates go up May 5.

#### **Autobahn Report (Dana Comolli)**

4 spots left for Street Survival, should sell out.

#### **Chief Driving Instructor's Report (Dana Comolli)**

We could use more instructors for upcoming DE events.

#### **Concours Report (John Moore, Barb Mashburn)**

Concours school at Body Builders on March 22 was well received. 75 attendees with most attendees first timers to Concours. Article for Scene has been submitted. Looking at options for videography with two new members to encourage participation. Dana will distribute a link to the video done at school.

Judges school is at MPC in Westmont on April 19.

#### **Historian Report (Open)**

No Report

#### **Insurance Report (Bob Rath)**

Up to date through May and most of June for COI.

#### **Membership Report (Griffin Fujii)**

Membership Report for March 2026 was distributed prior to the meeting. Primary membership is up slightly to 2723 – Total 4123, Primary 2723, Affiliate 1400.

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

Via Email - Fourteen teams have signed up for Rallye School (5/3). Expect a few more registrations given the added exposure of being in Dana's weekly email blast. The Rallye School Rallye route / timing checkpoints are set. Jack and Karen Stephensen will pre-run the course on Sunday, 4/19.

### **Dinner Dance (Maggie Surowka and Ashley Chin)**

Maggie and Ashley have stepped up to coordinate the Dinner Dance. It will be 12/12/26 at the CHEZ hotel in Schaumburg. Budgets and pricing should be similar to last year with possible savings in venue cost and possible increase in ticket price, more to come.

Club subsidies would be projected at \$17,514.60, hopefully less. Budget assumes 210 attendees with 11 comps. The comp number is in line with last year's subsidy per person which is less than last year. Grace to provide budget from last year.

A deposit of \$2,000 is needed now to hold the space for the event.

Motion was made to pay the deposit.

Motion: Pete Bukantis

Second: Ross Conforti

Accepted: Motion Passed unanimously

### **Safety Report (Todd Conforti and Jody Freund)**

No report.

### **Social Media (Tess Conforti, Griffin Fujii)**

The team would like to see the video from Concours to possibly use on Facebook. The video is now on a personal YouTube channel and should be sanctioned through the region site, not separately. This also applies to another group setting up on Facebook on their own.

### **Technical Report (Jody Freund)**

(Per Joel) Planning novice tech event day before the tech session at Fischer's on Saturday.

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 - The next two social events are all set. Westmont Cruise Night added to the Calendar. Calibre Coffee is Sat April 11.

### **Potters Picnic (Catherine Fischer)**

No report

### **Sponsorship / Dealer Liaison Report (Dana Comolli)**

Napleton has reached out to see if there is any opportunity to assist with events. For TRAC looking into sponsorship possibilities.

The tech event for Women Under the Hood at Porsche Orland Park was discussed. First time for this event, not a Chicago Region event. It was judged as being a little light on technical content. Overall, it was felt as a good event. Feedback to the folks putting on the event was given to help improve if this is done again next year. It did bring out a whole group of women who are not members of the club which was an opportunity for new members to join. The location down south in our region was good as well.

Article for the Scene is submitted.

### **The Scene Report (Editorial Board)**

Per Pete Bukantis - Next version of Scene is underway. Chris Winslow is leading the effort for this next scene. Goal is to have article ideas lined up for future versions.

### **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. There are about 55 people who signed up. Somewhat of a learning curve with communication. Decision was made on purpose to limit attendance for first tour under new coordinators.

If there are any prizes to give away it would be appreciated. Grace has leftovers from the dinner dance.

### **Webmaster's Report (Dana Comolli)**

Web report was supplied in meeting invitation.

### **Zone 13 Rep Report (Todd Benz)**

Zone Presidents meeting went well last month. Treffen in South Carolina was well attended, attendance is encouraged. Todd will be at RADE. Parade is in June and there will be a zone gathering.

### **New Business**

Next meeting is May 6, 2026.

### **Action Items:**

None

Meeting Adjourned at 8:01PM

Motion to Adjourn: Marcin  
Second: Ross Conforti  
Motion Passed Unanimously