

Tuesday, September 16, 2025
SDC Board of Directors Meeting
Fireside Room, DoubleTree Hotel

At 1:09 PM, Denny made some announcements and introductions before the start of the meeting. The board members and directors were asked to introduce themselves to the members attending the meeting. Due to technical difficulties, video and audio from online members, Cindy Foust, Carl Thomason, and Cindy Sale, were unable to participate in the meeting.

Denny announced this was his last term and week as president. He updated those attending the meeting on Cindy Foust's recent health condition, causing her to resign her Secretary status, and the appointment of Tony Urich as Secretary until the elections.

Denny introduced the Allegheny Chapter members in charge of this year's International Meet.

SDC President Dennis Foust officially called the meeting to order at 1:20 PM Eastern Time.

Denny announced the appointment of Peter Bishop as Zone Director for the Northeast Zone. He also announced the appointment of Tony Urich as Board Secretary in the absence of a current Secretary until after the elections.

Denny asked Secretary Tony Urich to take the roll call and determine a quorum. Members present are as follows: Dennis Foust, President; Donald Jones, Vice President; Jane Stinson, Treasurer; Tony Urich, Secretary; Peter Bishop, Northeast Zone, Clyde Furr, Southeast Zone; Don Cox, South Central Zone; Harvey Snitzer, Crossroads Zone; Bob Dudeck, Atlantic Zone; Tom Sexton, Upper Mississippi Valley Zone; Ed Smith, Pacific Southwest Zone; Tom Cantral, North Central Zone.

Jack Gregory, Pacific Can Am Zone; Phil Henderson, International Zone; and Carl Thomason, Parliamentarian, were absent from the meeting. A quorum was acknowledged of members present.

The minutes of the SDC Board of Directors Meeting of July 13, 2025, were read by Secretary Tony Urich. Denny asked for any corrections or additions to the minutes. A motion was made by Harvey Snitzer to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Don Jones. The motion was passed by all members present.

The Studebaker National Museum was asked to give a presentation of recent events that have occurred at the Museum. Pat Slebonick commented on the debut of the Muppet car, the great attendance of the Copshaholm Concours d'Elegance, the good response they're receiving from children's programs at the museum, along with their continued feature exhibits. The museum was thrilled to receive the 2025 Leighton Award for Nonprofit

Excellence from the Community Foundation of St Joseph County, Indiana. As the winner of this award, the museum receives a \$200,000 2:1 endowment challenge grant. With the assistance of the museum archivist, Andy Beckman, the museum asked the SDC for request of \$2500 for the restoration fund. Don Jones praised the Museum's continued support of programs enhancing Studebaker's history. Tom Sexton made a motion for the SDC to donate \$2500 to the SNM for their continuing restoration fund, seconded by Don Jones. Motion carried.

Chris Collins gave an update on the Studebaker National Foundation, thanking the SDC for their advertising efforts. Chris emphasized the continued support that SNF is receiving from donations and encouraged members to promote this scholarship program to our young people.

Denny announced the following positions need persons to step forward for Zone Coordinators: the Atlantic Zone and the Pacific Can Am Zone.

Eddie Ranne and Ray Chartrand of the North Texas Chapter were asked to present a slide presentation of next year's 62nd International Meet in Waxahachie, TX, to be held from September 23 through September 26, 2026. The entire event will be at one location, with many hotels within a short distance of this host hotel and convention center. An information booth is available at this year's International Meet in the swap area.

George Hamlin, representing the Studebaker International Affiliated Clubs, handed out an updated list of Studebaker Organizations Outside North America.

After a short break, the 2025 International Meet team, Brian Ott, meet chairman and Bob Dudeck, gave an update of what to expect this week, the activities, tours, and fellowship, and hopefully a good experience.

The meeting moved into the election of officers. The SDC Officer Election Committee consists of Brian Ott and Peter Wendt. Brian and Peter explained how the election would take place. Nominated candidates would be able to make comments on their selected office they are seeking, along with the letter they provided showing their willingness to serve in that position. The President's position would be chosen first. As there are three candidates, the first candidate to receive seven votes would be considered the winner. Nominations for SDC President are: Don Cox, Ed Smith, and Jane Stinson. After each had their chance to declare themselves the best candidate, a blank paper was handed to each board member in attendance to cast their written choice of candidate. The count was done by the election committee, Peter and Brian. The resulting count gave Don Cox enough votes to win the first round. Don Cox becomes the new SDC President. Two candidates are running for Vice President: Ernie Brown and Jon Stalnaker. Again, the candidates were given a chance to voice their willingness to seek this position. During Jon Stalnaker's speech, he paused to ask Don Cox if he could assume the Zone Director position for the South Central Zone that was now vacated due to Don Cox becoming SDC

president. He would remove his name from the Vice President ballot if he assumed this position. A motion was made by Clyde Furr to appoint Jon Stalnaker as Zone Director of the South Central Zone, seconded by Don Jones. The motion passed unanimously. Since Ernie Brown was now the only candidate for SDC Vice President, a motion was entertained to elect Ernie Brown by acclamation, by Don Jones, seconded by Clyde Furr. The motion carried unanimously. The next office being filled was the SDC Secretary. The candidate for secretary is Cindy Sale. Cindy was unable to be at the meeting, but did not need to be present to accept the position. Being Cindy was the only candidate for secretary, a motion was made by Tom Sexton to elect Cindy Sale by acclamation, seconded by Clyde Furr. The motion carried unanimously. The final position for the office was SDC Treasurer. Avi Prochazka was seeking this position, and being he was quite new to SDC, he was questioned extensively on how he would fulfill this position. After much discussion, a motion was finally made by Don Jones to elect Avi Prochazka by acclamation. Clyde Furr seconded the motion. The motion carried by nine votes.

Frank Philippi has accepted the Atlantic Zone Coordinator position.

Comments for the good of the order were brought forth.

The Allegheny Chapter felt they were eligible for some pre-meet expenses paid to them from money already collected from registrations. Chapter members were paying out of their own pockets, bills that were required prior to the event. They highly recommend that the SOP International Meet Guidelines be revised to assist in the future the financial needs of the host chapters.

Jon Stalnaker announced his intent to plan a Studebaker event around the 100th anniversary of Route 66 in 2026. A possible cruise from beginning in Illinois through to the end in California. Members could jump in and drop out or do the entire length as they wish. The board seemed excited by this venture and asked Jon to put a proposal together for the next board meeting on October 12, 2025.

The final order of business was to give the retiring treasurer, Jane Stinson, mentoring rights to the new treasurer, Avi Prochazka, for a period no longer than six months. Jane Stinson made the motion, allowing her to work with Avi for six months, familiarizing him with the financial requirements of SDC. The motion was seconded by Harvey Snitzer. The motion carried by eleven yes votes.

No further business was brought forward. Peter Bishop moved that the meeting adjourn, seconded by Tom Sexton. The 61st International Meet Board meeting was adjourned at 4:18 PM Eastern time.