

**SDC Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Sunday, October 5, 2025**  
**All attendance was via GoTo Meeting.**

**Call to Order:** President Donald Cox called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM Central Time. He thanked all those who attended and responded to his request for priorities that this board should address.

Attending: Donald Cox, President; Ernie Brown, Vice President; Avi Prochazka, Treasurer; Cynthia Sale, Secretary; Jack Gregory, Pacific Can Am Zone; Jon Stalnaker, South Central Zone; Harvey Snitzer, Crossroads Zone; Tom Sexton, Upper Mississippi Valley Zone; Bob Dudeck, Atlantic Zone; Ed Smith, Pacific Southwest Zone; Tom Cantral, North Central Zone; Phil Henderson, International Zone; Clyde Furr, Southeast Zone; Carl Thomason, Parliamentarian; Denny Foust, Past President. Carl Thomason verified a quorum was present.

Welcome: The President welcomed and thanked the new officers: Cindy Sale, as Secretary; Avi Prochazka, as Treasurer; and Ernie, as Vice President. Zone directors were also acknowledged: Jack Gregory, Director for the Pacific Can-AM Zone; Peter Bishop, Director for the Northeast Zone; and Jon Stalnaker, Director of the South Central Zone.

**Approval of previous minutes:** The SDC Board of Directors meeting held on September 16, 2025, minutes were reviewed. Don Jones said the minutes should be corrected to read “Zone Director” rather than “Zone Coordinator” for Jon Stalnaker’s appointment to South Central Zone Director and to add Frank Philippi as Atlantic Zone Coordinator. Tom Sexton made a motion to approve the September 16, 2025, minutes as corrected. Denny Foust seconded. The motion was passed by all members present.

**Discussion – Improving Chapter Support for Future International Meets:** President Donald Cox initiated a discussion on chapter support, highlighting concerns regarding delays in financial disbursements for event funding, as expressed by the Allegheny Region Chapter during its hosting of the 61st International Meet in Washington, PA, in September 2025 and the 2026 International Meet currently planned by the North Texas Chapter SDC. The issue was not about the availability of funds but the timeliness of payments to the hosting chapter. The board concurred that improving payment methods and schedules, as well as reinforcing approval procedures, are essential to any revision of the current payment process. A formal review of the bylaws and procedural rules will be done to ensure that any legal or operational changes are appropriate. The President will contact Jane Stinson, International Meet Coordinator, to develop procedures and work with chapters to implement an improved approach.

SDC Treasurer, Avi Prochazka, was tasked with identifying alternative payment options and reporting to the board any suggestions for faster, easier reimbursement to an International Meet Hosting Chapter. This item was identified as a priority for the SDC BOD.

**Discussion – Review document “Guidelines for Hosting an International Meet”:** Tom Sexton inquired about the availability and status of the “SDC Guidelines for Hosting an International Meet” document. The version being sent out appeared to be a draft, possibly outdated, which led to uncertainty among some chapters. Donald Cox asked the secretary to send the current guideline document to the board for review and discussion at a future meeting. Denny Foust will determine whether the BOD approved the current version. Tom Sexton suggested that the International Meet Chairs from past consecutive hosting chapters could meet virtually to review their experiences, challenges, and best practices, which would help hosting chapters as they plan and host future International Meets.

**Discussion – Audit and Transition to New Treasurer:** President Donald Cox mentioned it is standard business practice to have an interim financial to align with the change in treasurer. There was consensus that a formal audit serves as a safeguard for the organization and the individuals involved, preventing the inheritance of unresolved financial obstacles. Concerns were raised about the qualifications and verification procedures for the new treasurer, including the need to bond and conduct a background check to reinforce trust and ensure compliance with governance standards. The discussion also addressed the contractual arrangement with the current accounting firm, which has audited the SDC annually, and that firm’s continued availability. Past President Denny Foust will contact the accounting firm and report back to the board with answers to their questions.

**For the good of the order:** The discussion transitioned to the eligibility criteria for board members, including background checks and the requirement that candidates be SDC members in good standing for a minimum period. Participants voiced concerns about allowing new members to assume board positions without sufficient familiarity with the organization. A proposal was made to review the bylaws and add an amendment requiring at least 2 years of SDC membership to be eligible for a board member position. Further, the discussion included questions about the accessibility of membership records and the capacity of existing board members to verify members’ standing. Donald Cox was tasked with contacting Mark Wheeler at Cornerstone to determine who has access to the membership database and to ensure that all board members have access to membership records.

**Discussion – Future BOD Meetings:** Donald Cox asked whether members were interested in holding monthly board of directors’ meetings to sustain momentum on the items discussed today,

prioritize discussions, carry forward those items, and address future needs. The consensus is to continue holding full BOD meetings monthly for the near future.

Meeting adjourned 7:20 PM CST.

Respectfully submitted, October 12, 2025

Cynthia Sale, SDC Secretary

**Next Meeting Dates**

Executive Committee

Meetings will resume after  
the first of the year

SDC Board:

November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7 PM Eastern Time  
December 7<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM Eastern Time