

Studebaker Drivers Club Inc. (SDC) Board of Directors Meeting

Sunday, December 7th, 2025

All attendance was online via GoToMeeting.

Call to Order: President Donald Cox called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM Central Time and thanked all for attending.

Attending: Donald Cox, President; Denny Foust, Past President; Ernie Brown, Vice-President; Avi Prochazka, Treasurer; Cynthia Sale, Secretary; Carl Thomason, Parliamentarian; Peter Bishop, Northeast Zone Director; Bob Dudeck, Atlantic Zone Director; Jack Gregory, Pacific Can-AM Zone Director; Phil Henderson, International Zone Director; Ed Smith, Pacific Southwest Zone Director; Harvey Snitzer, Crossroads Zone Director; Jon Stalnaker, South Central Zone Director. Carl Thomason verified a quorum was present.

Approval of previous minutes: The SDC Board of Directors has reviewed the minutes of the November 2nd, 2025, meeting. Two corrections were requested: change the misnamed entry to "Ed Smith" instead of "Brown," and correct the spelling of Donald's name. With two corrections, Peter Bishop moved to approve the November 2nd, 2025, meeting minutes as corrected. Ed Smith seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial update: President Donald Cox reported that our treasurer, Avi Prochazka, is attending today but is unable to speak due to his recovery from pneumonia. No financial report will be made at this time, and Avi will vote by raising a hand as needed.

Discussion: Significant increases in postage costs for shipping printed rosters. Denny Foust reported that Mark Wheeler at Cornerstone advised that a paid advertisement on the roster's back page disqualifies the item from the USPS media/mail rate, which significantly increases postage for each roster. The board discussed covering the additional shipping cost for rosters ordered within the US. International mailing fees range from \$30 to \$60, depending on the destination, with Canada being the most common destination for international orders. The board reviewed several options. Jack Gregory and Peter Bishop volunteered to receive copies in bulk and, if logistics are feasible, deliver or mail them within Canada. Jack will determine the added cost and delivery method and report back to the BOD.

Discussion and approval: Request from Ann Turner: Anne Turner, Turning Wheels Editor, has requested greater editorial discretion to publicize SDC chapter and zone events at

reduced or no charge when space allows. Members recommended encouraging the editor's discretion to publish complimentary or reduced-fee listings of chapter events when space permits. This recommendation received unanimous consent from the attending members.

Discussion and approval: Use a different tool for online meetings. The GoTo Meeting subscription used for these and other SDC meetings includes several options that the SDC does not use. The GoToMeeting renewal is over \$300 and due in April 2026. We have been asked if there is an easier or cheaper alternative. Cynthia Sale offered Zoom as an option, with the Zoom Workplace Pro subscription priced at less than \$170 per year and fewer unnecessary features. Denny Foust made a motion to have Cynthia purchase a Zoom subscription so the group could try it in upcoming meetings before the GoToMeeting subscription was due to renew. The motion was seconded by Harvey Snitzer and passed unanimously.

Discussion: Creating Satellite Groups Affiliated with SDC Chapters. Jon Stalnaker presented updates on the proposed Satellite Group concept, which would allow smaller chapters to remain affiliated with the SDC as a satellite group of another chapter rather than disband. The policy manual already includes enabling language. Procedures and additional roles are being defined to address the facilitator's role and responsibilities as the Satellite Group's point of contact; membership relationships with the host chapter; insurance communication requirements; and membership dues handling. The procedures are intended to be kept simple for engagement and operational purposes. Several potential satellite candidates have been identified. Board members volunteered to contact local chapters to gauge interest and to refine facilitator role language. The board supports moving forward with the Satellite Group concept and agreed to refine policy language and operational details before full implementation. The discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

Discussion, SDC structure, committees, and guidelines: Committee structures and chair appointments were discussed, and the board acknowledged limited recent activity on some standing committees. Cynthia indicated she previously compiled an SDC organizational chart and committee list, which is now about 3 years old. She will update that chart and send a copy to the Board members. Denny Foust will provide copies of committee reports and documentation from the last cycle. The board will use the updated materials as the starting point for ratifying committee chairs and assigning roles in early 2026.

Discussion, Antique Studebaker Club, and Avanti Club. Ed Smith reported that the Antique Studebaker Club is experiencing staffing shortages in leadership and publications and is seeking support. BOD members were asked to identify candidates for open roles in the ASC and forward their suggestions to Ed. The board discussed closer collaboration among SDC, the Antique Studebaker Club, and Avanti Owners Association International, with cross-promotion of events and services to the mutual benefit of all parties. Cynthia Sale offered to promote ASC and AOAI events on SDC's Facebook and YouTube channels, as there is no additional cost to the SDC. The board supports cross-promotion, and Cynthia will add those events to social media upon submission of the event details by the ASC or AOAI.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM CST.

Respectfully submitted, December 22nd, 2025

Cynthia Sale, Studebaker Drivers Club Secretary

Next Meeting Dates

Executive Committee

Meetings will continue as a full BOD for the first quarter of 2026

SDC Board:

January 11th, 2026, 7 PM Eastern Time