

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

Sunday, June 14, 2026

All attendance was online via Zoom.

Call to Order: President Donald Cox called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM Eastern Time and thanked all for attending. A roll call was conducted by the secretary, who established that 14 members were in attendance, including 1 non-voting member, Carl Thompson, thereby confirming a quorum for the meeting.

Attending: Donald Cox, President; Denny Foust, Past President; Ernie Brown, Vice-President; Cynthia Sale, Secretary; Carl Thomason, Parliamentarian; Peter Bishop, Northeast Zone Director; Tom Cantral; Southeast Zone Director; Bob Dudeck, Atlantic Zone Director; Pacific Can-AM Zone Director; Phil Henderson; International Zone Director; Gary Sanders; Upper Mississippi Valley Zone Director; Ed Smith; Pacific Southwest Zone Director; Jon Stalnaker; South Central Zone Director; Harvey Snitzer; Crossroads Zone Director; Clyde Furr; Southeast Zone Director. **Absent:** Avi Prochazka, SDC Treasurer; Jack Gregory, Pacific Can-AM Zone Director.

Approval of May 3, 2026, minutes: The minutes of the May 3rd meeting were presented for approval. No changes were discussed. Harvey Snitzer moved to accept the minutes as presented. Tom Cantral seconded the motion. Voting was by roll call; all attending were in favor. Motion passed with twelve yes votes.

Brick for Fred Fox request from Ann Turner: Don reported that Ann Turner, Turning Wheels Editor, has asked the SDC to purchase a brick from the Studebaker National Museum's Legacy Patio Project in honor of Fred Fox for his years of writing articles for Turning Wheels. All attending agreed that this was a good acknowledgment of Fred's service in writing technical articles. His years of sharing his extensive skills and knowledge in our magazine have greatly benefited our members. It was suggested that Ann Turner could write the engraving. Denny Foust made a motion for the SDC to purchase the 12x12 brick in honor of Fred Fox from the Studebaker National Museum for the museum's Legacy Patio with the anticipated cost of \$1,852 plus tax. Jon Stalnaker seconded the motion. Voting was by roll call; all attending were in favor. Motion passed with thirteen yes votes.

Board Member shirts: Don Cox reported the polo shirts have been received and will be sent to members soon.

Trademark reimbursement: Don Cox reported that Avi has sent him the check for Pat Slebonick's invoice for the renewal of the SDC Trademarks. The check will be signed and sent to Pat at the Studebaker National Museum in a few days.

Board Member Tenure: Don Cox asked Ernie Brown to create a document showing each board member's tenure and who is up for reelection. Ernie reported that the Crossroads, International, Northeast, Pacific Can-Am, and South Central Zone Directors and Zone Coordinators are on the next round of elections. Regional positions in the Atlantic, North Central, South Central, Pacific Southwest, Southeast, and Upper Mississippi Zones are coming in the next cycle. Ernie is creating a timeline for submitting the election announcements in Turning Wheels, so people have time to think about them.

Artificial Intelligence Agent (AI) for parts search on the SDC website: Don reported that Dan Scott has been asked whether the SDC should host an AI (Artificial Intelligence) Agent to help people find Studebaker parts online. Dan Scott's message was emailed to the board members so they could review it before this meeting. Many responses included concerns about privacy, accuracy, compatibility with our current web services, cost, impact on vendors, and whether any other car clubs were doing something similar. The consensus was that an AI Agent for searching parts is a good idea, but not enough is known about the process. Further research and the possibility of establishing a committee or a professional demonstration are anticipated.

Costs associated with Turning Wheels: Our printer is changing the paper grade used for Turning Wheels. Don Cox reported that Don Jones has notified us that the grade of paper Sheridan Press uses to produce Turning Wheels will change due to the printer consolidating its paper supplies. Don Jones has reviewed and approved the new paper for future issues, which will likely begin with the August issue. No noticeable production or quality concerns are anticipated. The cost savings of over \$1,000 annually will benefit our publication budget. These savings will also offset the rising cost of mailing the magazine's paper version.

Some members in Sweden are not receiving Turning Wheels: Don Cox reported that Cornerstone has notified Don Jones that two international members in Sweden have not received printed copies of Turning Wheels for many months and have requested replacements dating back 19 issues. The correct addresses have been verified, and Don Jones will contact APC, the company that handles overseas mailings, before we take further action.

Texas Meet Update: The host hotel, Residence Inn, has told us the Special Rate Contract called for 40 rooms, and as of mid-June, we have 52 reserved. They have increased the room count for our contract and will do so again if needed and if rooms are available. Cynthia Sale reported that the meeting schedule on www.SDCMeet.com had many typos. This has now been changed to the schedule published in Turning Wheels, which is correct as of this date.

Don reported that Jane Stinson has cautioned us to use the correct terms when publishing event details and activities to ensure we remain aligned with our Federal Tax Requirements.

Policy & Procedure Manual, status: After the June BOD meetings, Peter Bishop, Carl Thomason, and Cynthia Sale will work via Zoom to document the proposed updates to the By-Laws and Policy & Procedure Manual.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM CST.

Respectfully submitted, July 5, 2026
Cynthia Sale, Studebaker Drivers Club Secretary

Next Executive Committee Meeting is Friday, July 10, 2026, via Zoom at 7 PM EST
Next Board of Directors Meeting is Sunday, July 12, 2026, via Zoom at 7 PM EST