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Buick Club of America

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**

Sloan Museum  
Flint, Michigan  
March 22, 1997

### **1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

A meeting of the Board of Directors (hereinafter the Board) was called to order at 10:00 a.m., March 22, 1997, by Al Eichelberger, President. Bill Anderson, Secretary served as recorder.

Officers and Directors Present:  
Al Eichelberger, President  
Terry Dunham, Vice President  
Bill Anderson, Secretary  
Lyle Marshall, Treasurer  
Bruce Andren, Director  
Dick Bury, Director  
Ron De Groff, Director  
Carol Derbin, Director

A quorum was present. Director Dick Schoppe was absent. Acting as Schoppe's proxy was BCA member Greg Field.

Attending the meeting were:  
Joel Gauthier, CPA, Accountant;  
Mac Blair, Chief Judge;  
Rick Schick, Chair, Judges Training Committee;  
Bill Biché, Chair, Policy and Procedures Committee;

Board of Director Candidates Bill Schoening, Del Cutter, Roberta Vasilow, and Jack Jones;

Judy Leets, Director, Buicktown Chapter;

Gary Goldenbogen, Director, Central Ohio Chapter;

Bill Horak, Director, North East Ohio Chapter;

Ken McClellan, Co-Director, Buick Driving Enthusiasts;

Roy Wager, Director, Chicagoland Chapter;

Richard Sarchburg, GMI;

Larry Gustin, Buick Motor Division; and

46 Members representing the Buicktown, Chicagoland, Central Indiana, Northeast Ohio, Finger Lakes, and Southeast Michigan Chapters. A list of these guests is provided in Appendix A.

Judy Leets, Director of the Buicktown Chapter welcomed the Board and those assembled to Flint and expressed the Chapter's appreciation for being chosen as the first to host a Board of Directors meeting.

## 2.0 MEMBERS REMARKS

President Eichelberger opened the meeting for comments from those assembled.

Wray Kniffen, of the Finger Lakes Chapter, which operates the BCA booth at the annual AACA Hershey event, made a call for volunteers to assist with the booth during the 1997 event.

Roberta Vasilow of the Buicktown Chapter volunteered to operate a booth at the Carlisle event. She was offered support by BCA similar to that provided to the Finger Lakes Chapter for Hershey.

Director Bury asked for comments on the \$200 BCA Directors are provided as partial reimbursement of travel expenses to attend Board meetings and the possibility of increasing it by \$50 to stimulate some discussion. Some opined that \$50 was insignificant and that if it was to be raised, \$400 would be more appropriate. Others suggested that Chapters assist Directors, as some presently do. Still, others commented that travel expenses were the individual responsibility of the Directors.

The foregoing "ice-breaker" led to more comments on other subjects, including:

**Dealer Support** -- All were agreed that Buick dealers could do more to support the BCA and its Chapters. But, absent the inclination of individual dealers, and many do support Chapters, a significant change in current conditions is not probable.

**Younger Members** -- Many were concerned about the "graying" of the membership and that more needed to be done to encourage younger persons to join. There was

universal agreement that the lack of disposable income and the perceived BCA emphasis on pre-60s cars contributed to the problem. Among the alternatives suggested were to institute a "member-get-a-member" program, to increase the number of "family" events to involve young people in BCA and the Chapters so that the young could develop an appreciation for the club and personal friendships, to increase the number of women participants, and to adopt mentoring programs (an established member assists in quickly integrating the newcomer into chapter/club activities).

**Number of Board Meetings** -- It was suggested that reducing the number of Board meetings would enable the club to save some money.

**Dues Reminders** -- It was noted that some members probably lose their membership because they lose or forget their dues notice. Multiple reminders would help correct this problem. Also, Chapters could help in this regard.

After about one hour, President Eichelberger brought the open session to a close and expressed the Board's appreciation for the comments and the interest demonstrated by so many attending.

## **2.0 BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

### **2.1 APPROVAL OF JANUARY MEETING MINUTES**

The draft of the Minutes of the January 18, 1997, Board Meeting was reviewed.

RESOLVED -- The Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of January 18, 1997 are approved as presented.

Motion by: Bruce Andren

Second by: Carol Derbin

Vote: Yes: 8, No: 0

### **2.2 STYLE OF MINUTES**

Director Derbin commented that she did not like the way Secretary Anderson was keeping the Board Meeting Minutes. Specifically, she felt that the "tone" of the Minutes is too formal which is not in keeping with informal nature of BCA, that the language used was difficult for individuals to understand, and that the Minutes were too brief requiring reference to the Appendices which had not been used before.

Anderson replied that, as a non-profit association executive, he kept minutes for other organizations for many years and that he has continued a similar approach for BCA because it is a substantive organization deserving of a proper record of its business decisions. The use

of Appendices ensures that all relevant documents presented to the Board for information and action are made a part of BCA's official record. Further, he indicated that he would try to accommodate Ms. Derbin by expanding the narrative within the body of the Minutes while retaining the other aspects of his format unless specifically directed otherwise by the Board.

The ensuing discussion supported allowing Anderson to continue with the preparation of the Meeting Minutes in form and format he has used since becoming Secretary.

### **3.0 TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Marshall presented financial statements for BCA as of January 31, 1997 and February 28, 1997, which were prepared by BCA's accountant. As of February 28, 1997, revenues to date for the current fiscal year are \$1,328 less than budgeted or \$211,246 and expenses are underrunning the budget by \$9,778 and total \$206,555. Therefore, the BCA has a net return to reserves of \$8,450. As of February 28, 1997, BCA has a Fund Balance of \$57,026 of which all but \$4,931 is encumbered. All of these reports, together with other supporting financial data are included in Appendix B to these Minutes.

RESOLVED -- The Treasurer's Report is accepted.

Motion by: Terry Dunham

Second by: Dick Bury

Vote: Yes: 8; No: 0

### **4.0 1997-1998 BUDGET**

Treasurer Marshall presented a preliminary draft of the BCA Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1997. It provides for annual revenues of \$317,236 and expenses of \$317,154 with a return to reserves of \$82. The budgeted revenues and expenses are similar to 1996 - 1997.

He noted that the draft budget assumes membership will continue at the present level and that he had made no inquiries of the Editor for advertising revenues which are projected to hold steady. As to expenses, he noted that many expenses are fixed by virtue of on-going operations which will need to be adjusted to account for inflation. However, bids for printing and design of *The Buick Bugle* have yet to be awarded (this represents about 40% of the annual budget) and that contracts for the Office Manager and Editor have not yet been finalized; these three major expense items needed to be established before the budget can be finalized.

A copy of the draft budget and annual membership data for the years 1989 to present are provided in Appendix C to these Minutes.

## 5.0 FINANCE COMMITTEE

A report from Ed Ingram of the Finance Committee was received. He noted that \$50,000 has been moved from a savings account to a Certificate of Deposit paying 5.35% interest with a maturity date of July 22, 1997 as authorized by the Board.

It was further reported that BCA can acquire an interest bearing (2.17%) checking account as replacement for the current account which pays no interest. A copy of this report is included in Appendix D to these Minutes.

Carol Derbin, Past-Treasurer, reported that the club's mutual fund has been closed, the account balance transferred to a Fidelity Money Market Fund paying 5 to 5.3 % interest, and that arrangements are underway to transfer signatory authority for this account to Treasurer Marshall.

RESOLVED -- The Finance Committee report is accepted.

Motion by: Terry Dunham  
Second by: Carol Derbin  
Vote: Yes: 8; No: 0

## 6.0 ADVERTISING REPORT

Ed Ingram provided a written report which advised that, "We continue to advertise in *Old Car Trader* and *Hemmings* on a monthly basis. Our ads run four times a year in *Old Cars Price Guide* and in several issues of *Old Car Weekly* (Hershey, Carlisle issues, the Car Club issue, Iola, and the GM issue)."

The report was unanimously accepted.

## 7.0 APPOINTMENT OF TELLERS COMMITTEE

President Eichelberger announced his appointment of Val Ingram and Ed Ingram to count the ballots in the upcoming Board of Directors election. He reminded all present of the importance of voting.

## 8.0 OFFICE REPORT

Office Manager Val Ingram provided a written report on office activities and concerns. She noted that the advertising program and internet exposure have generated substantial activity which coupled with "extra duties" imposed by the Board has made it difficult to get all her work done in a timely manner. She asked that Board members put requests for assistance in writing.

She noted that the need to make weekly deposits has added to her work. Joel Gauthier noted that the transition from monthly to weekly deposits has resulted in some confusion and that he will work with Val to facilitate the transition.

The Board was requested to provide written clarification regarding the procedures for and extent of reimbursement provided to BCA's independent contractors when attending Board meetings outside the normal California location and to ensure that the J.C. Taylor bond specifically cover "independent contractor" and not "employee". The issue of expenses will be resolved during the forthcoming contract negotiations. Bruce Andren will investigate the insurance issue.

She noted that there is confusion regarding the meeting expense reimbursement for Board Member Proxies and the applicable Standard Operating Procedure needs appropriate revision. Finally, she provided the usual office financial data reports and guidance for certain line items in the 1997-1998 budget. A complete copy of her report is included in Appendix E to these Minutes.

RESOLVED -- The Office Manager's report is accepted.

Motion by: Carol Derbin  
Second by: Ron De Groff  
Vote: Yes: 8; No: 0

#### **9.0 STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE NO. 1 AMENDMENT**

RESOLVED -- Standard Operating Procedure No. 1, Travel Allowance for Board Members to Attend Board Meetings, is amended by inserting the words "or their Proxies" after the word "Members" in paragraph two of the Procedure.

Motion by: Bruce Andren  
Second by: Lyle Marshall  
Vote: Yes: 8; No: 0

As amended, the referenced paragraph now reads:

"Board Members or their Proxies traveling over 200 miles round trip to a National Board Meeting will be reimbursed an amount not to exceed actual out-of-pocket transportation expense. Driving expense will be based on 25 cents per mile."

The Secretary will prepare an amended version of the complete Procedure and make it available to all requesting such information.

## 10.0 EDITOR'S REPORT

Vice President Dunham presented Editor Chuck Koch's report; a complete copy is contained in Appendix F to these Minutes. The Editor informed the Board that the combined mailing of the March issue of *The Buick Bugle* and the *1997 Directory* was done in segments with the last being mailed in the middle of March and that this had resulted in members not receiving the magazine on the customary date. However, all members are to be assured that they will receive their copies.

He reported that three bids have been received for printing and design of *The Buick Bugle* have been received and fourth is forthcoming.

Financially, revenues are slightly less than budgetary expectations and that expenditures to date (about \$130,000) underrun the budget by \$8,000.

It was noted that many members do not have telephone numbers in the 1997 edition of the *Directory*. An investigation is in order to ascertain the cause of this problem; some may be omitted at the member's direction for privacy.

RESOLVED -- The Editor's report is accepted.

Motion by: Dick Bury

Second by: Carol Derbin

Vote: Yes: 8; No: 0

## 11.0 CHAPTER COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Director Derbin (Chapter Coordinator) reported that there is interest in forming a chapter in the San Antonio (Texas) area and in re-activating a chapter in the Pittsburg (PA) area. She has communicated with representatives in each area and will report in the future as these plans progress.

RESOLVED -- The Chapter Coordinator's report is accepted.

Motion by: Terry Dunham

Second by: Lyle Marshall

Vote: Yes: 8; No: 0

## 12.0 REGIONAL COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Director De Groff (Regional Director) reported that he and Dorran Smith are continuing their work to fill the Golden West Region Director position and expect to have a person in place in the near future.

He reported that there was some confusion regarding the procedure by which Regional Directors are appointed. Some in the audience concurred. Secretary Anderson read the applicable Bylaws which are clear on this matter -- all Directors of Chapters located in the Region elect the Regional Director. It was agreed that De Groff would publish an article on this subject in a future issue of *The Buick Bugle*.

De Groff also agreed to host a meeting for Chapter and Regional Directors at the 1997 National Meet to discuss matters of concern to these officers. Rick Schick, speaking on behalf of the Gateway Chapter, indicated that a meeting room would be made available.

RESOLVED -- The Regional Coordinators report is accepted.

Motion by: Carol Derbin  
Second by: Terry Dunham  
Vote: Yes: 8; No: 0

### 13.0 SLOAN MUSEUM PRESENTATION

Steve Germann, Director, Alfred P. Sloan Museum, presented the Museum's plans for a Buick Archive and Museum project together with information on the Sloan and its relationship with its parent the Flint Cultural Center (FCC). Commenting on the Sloan he noted that it is:

- an educational facility intended to benefit, primarily, Flint and Genesee County and areas within a 50-mile radius;
- a historical museum, but its automotive collection makes it unique;
- a 501(c)(3) [tax-exempt] organization able to receive donations; and
- an accredited museum, placing it in the top 10 percent of museums nationally.

He reported that the FCC has acquired a 10,000 square foot masonry and steel building contiguous with the Perry Archives Building which houses the Sloan's automotive documents and artifacts. The Sloan intends to house the balance of its automobile collection (currently in off-site storage) in appropriate surroundings in this building and improve the Perry Archives' facilities. Cars will be moved between this building and the main Sloan Museum as the Museum rotates its displays and creates others.

He presented and discussed the preliminary architectural plans. These plans have identified certain necessary building improvements and other renovations which will cost \$350,000 to implement. It is intended that \$120,000 of this amount be contributed via staff and donated labor. Therefore, \$230,000 needs to be raised.

Several organizations have already made commitments or are contemplating commitments to assist in the project. He invited the BCA to become a part of this project. However, he made no specific requests, rather, he indicated that the Sloan was open to a broad range of contributions including: construction or maintenance labor; technical



expertise; assistance with collection maintenance; donations of automobiles, literature, or automobilia; as well as financial contributions. A complete copy of Mr. Germann's presentation is included in Appendix G to these Minutes.

President Eichelberger thanked Germann for his offer and for the hospitality extended to the BCA by the Sloan in the past two days. He then opened the discussion of the Sloan's plans for participation by the audience. A lively discussion ensued. A summary of the key points made during this discussion follows:

- There is considerable interest in and support for the project concept, but that support is conditioned upon the exact nature of the detailed plans for the Archive and Museum operations.
- Many in the Buicktown Chapter are willing to contribute their time and efforts.
- There was substantial concern regarding protecting that which is donated.

President Eichelberger thanked all for their insightful comments. He then appointed a Committee to study the Sloan's offer and to determine an appropriate BCA response. This Committee is to report periodically to the Board on its progress. Those appointed include:

President Eichelberger  
Vice President Dunham  
Judy Leets, Director, Buicktown Chapter  
Joe Taubitz, Buick Driving Enthusiasts  
Denny Meyer, Buicktown Chapter

He also asked Larry Gustin and Peg Holmes of the Buick Motor Division to serve on this Committee.

## 14.0 JUDGING MATTERS

### 14.1 JUDGING HANDBOOK AMENDMENTS

Chief Judge Blair reported that there is an error in the current edition of the *BCA Judging Handbook* in the production data presented for 1917 models and he proposed a correction.

RESOLVED -- When the next edition of the *BCA Judging Handbook* is printed, it shall indicate that there were 5,000 1917 E-49 models manufactured.

Motion by: Terry Dunham  
Second by: Lyle Marshall  
Vote: Yes: 8; No: 0

Chief Judge Blair reported that law enforcement agencies no longer consider CB radios safety devices. Accordingly, he proposed that they be removed as authorized accessories in the judging rules. Others commented that CB radios were essential in car caravanning and, therefore, their installation should be allowed.

RESOLVED -- CB radios remain an authorized accessory. The Board will further investigate the advisability of continuing this authorization and alter it, if appropriate, prior to the printing of the next edition of the *BCA Judging Handbook*.

Motion by: Terry Dunham

Second by: Dick Bury

Vote: Yes: 8; No: 0

## 14.2 JUDGING OF SENIOR CARS

Chief Judge Blair, supported by Rick Schick, Head Judge for the 1997 National Meet, reported that the current rules are unclear regarding judging of a Senior Award winning car after the car changes owners -- Does the award go with the car or remain with the owner responsible for its attainment? The present rules are clear if ownership is unchanged. However, if the car changes owners, it is unclear if the car remains a Senior, if qualified by points, or becomes eligible for regular judging. Opinions supporting both potential options were presented.

RESOLVED -- A decision on the judging of Senior Award winning cars is tabled pending further investigation and analysis.

Motion by: Bruce Andren

Second by: Dick Bury

Vote: Yes: 8; No: 0

## 14.3 JUDGING RECORDS

Anderson reported that the "lost" judging records for 1995 and 1996 had been located due to the efforts of Val Ingram. These records are now in the possession of Dorran Smith who is entering the data into the judges records database.

Rick Schick requested that he be provided a copy of the updated records, including the 1995 and 1996 data, on or before May 1, 1997.

## 14.4 JUDGES RECOGNITION

Responding to the Board's request, Chief Judge Blair presented a proposed judges' recognition program which would include pins of different style and color to denote the level of judging experience. He suggested the following judging points be assigned for service at

the National Meet and any Regional Meets using the 400-point judging system:

Attendance at Judging School	-- 1
Team Judge (National or 400-pt Regional)	-- 1
Judging Administration (National)	-- 1
Judging Administration (400-pt Regional)	-- 1
Deputy (National)	-- 2
Asst. Head Judge National	-- 3
Asst. Head Judge 400-pt Regional	-- 2
Head Judge National	-- 4
Head Judge 400-pt Regional	-- 3
Judging Committee Chair (per year)	-- 3
Judging Committee Member (per year)	-- 2
BCA Chief Judge (per year)	-- 4

He also recommended that the club provide a small banner on which commemorative judging pins provided by the Chapter hosting the National Meet could be displayed. He estimated that the cost for an initial supply of the banners and experience pins to be about \$4,000. Artistic renderings of the pins and banner are provided in Appendix H to these Minutes.

RESOLVED -- Implementation of a Judges' Recognition program is delayed pending availability of the necessary financial resources; this matter to be studied as part of the 1997 - 1998 budget development.

FURTHER RESOLVED -- Chief Judge Blair is to fully develop the program described and present a complete, detailed written report to the Board at his earliest convenience.

Motion by: Carol Derbin  
Second by: Dick Bury  
Vote: Yes: 8; No: 0

## 15.0 1997 NATIONAL MEET

### 15.1 PROGRESS REPORT

Rick Schick presented a progress report on the 1997 National Meet on behalf of the Gateway Chapter noting that 206 had registered for the Meet including 226 for the awards banquet. Twenty-eight (28) have volunteered to judge and 3 for judging administration. The cars entered number 142 -- 89 judged and 53 non-judged. These numbers are expected to increase significantly because 624 hotel rooms have been reserved. More details are provided in Appendix I to the these Minutes.

## 15.2 NATIONAL TROPHY AND MEET DASH PLAQUE

Rick Schick presented a full-size replica of the trophy to be awarded at the 1997 National Meet and the proposed dash plaque. Refer to Appendix J to these Minutes for the detailed specifications of the award.

RESOLVED -- The 1997 National Meet trophy and dash plaque are approved as presented.

Motion by: Dick Bury  
Second by: Bruce Andren  
Vote: Yes: 8; No: 0

## 15.3 PRE-JUDGING QUALIFICATION CHECK

Rick Schick presented a proposal requiring judged cars to participate in a Pre-Judging Qualification Check. This proposal is identical to that approved by the Board May 26, 1995. Points will be deducted as described below for inoperative equipment. It is intended that any car which fails one or more of the items will have repeated opportunities to repair the faulty item(s) and repeat the Check prior to entering the judging field at the prescribed time.

Category	Test	Point Deductions
Head Lamps	High & Low Beam	2 per failure (max 6)
Side/Park Lamps	Front & Rear Lamps	1 per failure (max 4)
Tail Lamps	Tail & Brake Lamps	1 per failure (max 4)
Direction & Backup Lights*	Front & Rear	1 per failure (max 4)
Horn**	Sound	2 per horn note (max 4)

\* Enter points in *Driving/Fog Lamps on Judging Form*

\*\* Enter points in *Exterior if mounted outside or in Engine if mounted under hood Gas Lamps will not be tested*

More details are provided in Appendix K to these Minutes.

RESOLVED -- The Pre-Judging Qualification Check will be required of all judged cars entered in the 1997 National Meet and point deductions shall be made as recommended for inoperative equipment.

FURTHER RESOLVED -- The detailed rules governing the Pre-Judging Qualification Check shall be printed in the June 1997 issue of *The Buick Bugle* and all entrants informed of this requirement by the Meet organizers.

Motion by: Carol Derbin  
Second by: Dick Bury  
Vote: Yes: 7; No: 0; Abstain: 1

It was agreed that the 1997 National Meet, given the number of expected judged entries, should provide an excellent pilot test of this program.

RESOLVED -- The Board will decide whether or not to make the mandatory Pre-Judging Qualification Check with point deductions a permanent part of the 400-point judging system based on the experience at the 1997 National Meet.

Motion by: Carol Derbin  
Second by: Terry Dunham  
Vote: Yes: 6; No: 2

## **16.0 CHAPTER & BENCHMARKING SURVEY**

Secretary Anderson introduced the Chapter and Benchmarking Survey forms which have been discussed since the November meeting and which were included in the materials distributed in advance of the meeting. These surveys are part of the strategic planning effort. He noted that Bill Biché, Chair of the Policy and Procedures Committee, had assisted in the development of these forms. He asked for their adoption so that they could be distributed soon enabling the results to be obtained in the same time period as the Member Survey forms. Copies of the forms are included in Appendix L to these Minutes.

RESOLVED -- Action on the Chapter Director and Benchmarking Survey Forms shall be tabled until the May 3, 1997 meeting of the Board.

Motion by: Carol Derbin  
Second by: Dick Bury  
Vote: Yes: 6; No: 2

## **17.0 GENERAL EXEMPTION NUMBER APPLICATION**

President Eichelberger reported that all the materials to complete the application had been turned over to Secretary Anderson for preparation of the submittal to the IRS noting that Anderson has experience in these matters. Further, Joel Gauthier, CPA, has provided an outline of the submittal and will assist Anderson in its preparation as needed.

## **18.0 1998 GREAT LAKES REGIONAL**

A proposed logo for the 1998 Great Lakes Regional Show was submitted by the Niagara Frontier Chapter for Approval. A copy of the design is included in Appendix M to these Minutes.

RESOLVED -- The 1998 Great Lakes Regional logo as prepared by the Niagara Frontier Chapter is approved.

Motion by: Dick Bury

Second by: Bruce Andren

Vote: Yes: 8; No: 0

## **19.0 CONTRACTS FOR OFFICE MANAGER & EDITOR**

President Eichelberger reported that the Committee of the Officers is revising the proposed 1997 to 1999 contracts based on the notes from the meeting with Val Ingram and Chuck Koch in January. After new drafts are developed, the contracts will be reviewed by an attorney to ensure that they comply with the provisions of the law governing independent contractors and revised as needed. In turn, they will be submitted to the Board for approval at its May 1997 meeting and each contractor for negotiation.

## **20.0 INTERNET MATTERS**

### **20.1 LINKS TO BCA HOMEPAGE**

President Eichelberger reported that AACA has approved linking the AACA and BCA homepages. Similarly, W.E. McLaughlin of the 1929 Silver Anniversary Buick Club agreed to link that club's site as soon as it is created with the BCA site. Details on each are provided in Appendix N to these Minutes.

### **20.2 BUICKTOWN HOMEPAGE**

The Buicktown Chapter requested approval of a homepage for their chapter.

RESOLVED -- The Buicktown Chapter's website is consistent with Standard Operating Procedure No. 15 and, therefore, is approved and shall be hosted by the BCA, consistent with standard conditions pertaining thereto, at no cost to the Chapter.

Motion by: Terry Dunham

Second by: Dick Bury

Vote: Yes: 8; No: 0

### **20.3 DONATION**

President Eichelberger reported as a result of the BCA homepage, John R. English of Port Townsend, Washington, communicated his intent to donate certain Buick-related archival material.

RESOLVED -- The Buick Club of America accepts the donation with gratitude and directs that such materials be accepted and stored at the BCA headquarters until such time as a permanent repository is agreed upon and that President Eichelberger commend Mr. English for his donation in writing.

Motion by: Terry Dunham

Second by: Bruce Andren

Vote: Yes: 8; No: 0

#### **20.4 BOMBSIGHT**

President Eichelberger reported to the Board about the on-going actions between the BCA and the Bombsight Homepage operator, Deborah DeStefano. Included with his report was a written record of a dialogue between Ms. DeStefano and the BCA Webmaster, Peter Garropy, a letter from Ms. DeStefano, and a report by Dorran Smith on her meeting with the Los Angeles Chapter on March 10, 1997, all of which are included in Appendix O to these Minutes.

The Board discussed the continuing problems as described in the afore-mentioned documents and decided to take action consistent with the applicable provisions of the BCA Bylaws.

RESOLVED -- The Board of Directors of BCA hereby institutes expulsion proceedings against Deborah DeStefano (BCA #30785) because her conduct has compromised the order, dignity, business, and/or harmony of the BCA by operation of a web page, Bombsight, which violates copyright and trademark restrictions and contains access to information inconsistent with the family values the BCA holds in high regard and will take final action at its May 3, 1997 meeting.

FURTHER RESOLVED -- Notice of this action shall be sent to Ms. DeStefano by certified mail return receipt requested and to all officers of the Los Angeles Chapter of the BCA and each member of the BCA Board of Directors.

Motion by: Dick Bury

Second by: Ron De Groff

Vote: Yes: 8; No: 0

#### **21.0 1999 NATIONAL MEET**

President Eichelberger reported that one bid had been received from the Central Ohio Chapter to host the 1999 National Meet and that no others had been received consistent with the regular bidding schedule and that he knew of no others. A copy of this bid is included in Appendix P to these Minutes.

It was agreed that any questions from Board Members regarding the bid will be submitted to President Eichelberger in writing on or before April 1, 1997. He will, in turn, obtain answers from the Central Ohio Chapter and report them to the Board at its May 3, 1997 meeting.

RESOLVED -- Action on the Central Ohio Chapter's bid for the 1999 BCA National Meet is tabled until May 3, 1997.

Motion by: Dick Bury  
Second by: Carol Derbin  
Vote: Yes: 8; No: 0

## 22.0 FUTURE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

Vice President Dunham noted that this first "on-the-road" meeting of the Board was very successful. An observation with which all agreed. He suggested that more like it should be held and that to enable the essential advance planning the Board should establish a schedule of locations for its future meetings.

President Eichelberger noted that precious financial resources could be saved and productivity enhanced by holding five Board meetings per year in the future instead of the customary six per year. He suggested that the January and March 1998 meetings be replaced with one in February. Anderson read the applicable section of the Bylaws which enable the Board to fix both the number and location of its meetings.

RESOLVED -- The meetings of the Board of Directors will be held in the following locations listed below and at the times generally described so that there will be only five meetings of the Board in fiscal year 1998.

May 1997	Pomona, CA
July 1997	St. Louis, MO (National Meet)
September 1997	Chicago, IL
November 1997	Pomona, CA
February 1998	"Road" Location To Be Determined
May 1998	Pomona, CA
July 1998	Boston, MA (National Meet)

Motion by: Terry Dunham  
Second by: Dick Bury  
Vote: Yes: 7; No: 0; Abstain 1



RESOLVED -- Pending resolution of details with the meeting host, the Chicagoland Chapter, the September 1997 meeting will be held on the 20th or the 27th.

Motion by: Terry Dunham  
Second by: Lyle Marshall  
Vote: Yes: 8; No: 0;

## 21.0 CORRESPONDENCE

President Eichelberger reviewed other correspondence received and correspondence he had initiated on behalf of BCA not otherwise addressed in these Minutes.

Letters were received from those listed below. Appropriate responses to each will be prepared by the President or Vice President; exceptions to this general procedure are noted. Copies of these letters are included in Appendix Q to these minutes.

**William D. Darrow**, Director Minnesota Fireball Chapter -- Updated Board on problem related to 1996 Heartland Regional Pedal Car Raffle

**Richard P. Scharchburg**, Thompson Professor of Industrial History -- Informed BCA of the Buick literature possessed by GMI in the Marr Collection and how it can be accessed.

**Long Island Buick Club Chapter** -- Informed BCA of Chapter 1997 activity plans and requested \$50 for car show

**Rob Seastream**, Lone Star Chapter -- Invitation to annual Bluebonnet Tour and funding request.

**Barry K. Dawibin**, Member #1884 -- Supports creating a Buick Museum in Flint, requests BCA establish a team of technical advisors and a technical library to assist members

**Joe N. Wiggins**, Member -- Wants to establish chapter in San Antonio; Carol Derbin to contact

**Kathy Rose**, Member #21915 -- Letter containing several ideas for improving BCA; Anderson to add letter to file on Strategic Plan development

**Linda Spencer**, SEMA -- informed BCA of Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA) *Action Network* formation to combat state legislative and regulatory proposals detrimental to the car hobby

## 22.0 ADJOURNMENT

RESOLVED -- The March 1997 meeting of the Board of Directors is adjourned at 5:35 p.m. EDT.

Motion by: Lyle Marshall

Second by: Carol Derbin

Vote: Yes: 8; No: 0;

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Anderson  
Secretary