

BCA Board Meeting Minutes 1/20/2026

In attendance were:

Jerry Courson, Ajesh Parikh, Robert Starzyk, Sid Meyer, Melanie Mauser, Mike Meyer, Jack Welch Tim Turvey, Bill Gornan, Adam Martin, Anne Gibson and Pete Phillips.

Secretary report Jack Welch. All minutes had been previously approved, posted on the BCA web site and archived.

Treasurer report, Mike Meyer: None at this time, due to having not received the reports from our CPA firm. Mike will continue to push for the reports.

Committee reports:

National Meet Committee: The Dublin site will not be used for 2027 due to the complication of having to use two host hotels and the possible confusion for attendees, as well as the necessity of having two separate contracts. The NMC felt there was a possibility of not having a successful meet. Registrations are coming in slowly for the Albany National meet. With only 15 so far.

A possible National meet in Spearfish was mentioned, but even though that venue has a lot of interesting possibilities for a Buick event of some type, will not work as a site for a National Meet.

Sid Meyer will explore Auburn Indiana as a possible site; Jack Welch will explore having it at the AACA Museum in Hershey PA. Sid will send meeting requirements to Jack for forwarding to Hershey.

Personnel Committee, Tim Turvey: Tim and Melanie are working on contract renewals for Pete Phillips, whose contract expires on March first.

Museum: Jack Welch indicated the need for the Museum to receive a loan from the BCA .

Jack focused on the Buick Museum's fundraising plan and potential financial support from the BCA. Jack Welch explained that the museum would need short-term loans to implement its fundraising strategy, which includes creating a quality brochure and telling its story. Tim expressed concerns about the BCA's ability to lend money to the museum,

given the BCA's own financial situation. The board agreed that a feasibility study and detailed business plan were needed to address these concerns and demonstrate the museum's viability. Mark suggested adding a donation option for the museum in membership renewal letters, which Tim supported. The Museum Board will present a copy of their fund raising plan produced by Capacity Partners for the next meeting. Mark Wheeler will offer an option of including a museum contribution on all future BCA renewals. Pete mentioned running a half page display ad for the Museum in the Bugle.

Awards Committee: Melanie will provide inventory numbers and location details for grille badges as soon as possible.

Membership growth Melanie Mauser: proposed a new membership growth unitive involving reward for members who recruit new members, with the board agreeing to consider offering free eBugle memberships as an incentive.

Regions / Chapters Anne Gibson: The Board approved a motion allowing the Puget Sound chapter to revert to its original name after merging with North Cascades due to cost concerns. The meeting also addressed the Fireball chapter's missing bylaws, with Jack Welch explaining that early chapters often didn't have formal bylaws until incorporation was required,

Chief Judge; Adam Martin: We finally have the ball rolling on updating the judging manual from 2017. We are actively working on the manual updates.

Additional items

National Meet Financial Reconciliation

The Board discussed the financial reconciliation of the national meet, focusing on trophies, roster sales, and grill badges. Mike confirmed that most financial information was available, and Jerry mentioned receiving updated information from Mark on awards and rosters. Mark shared a spreadsheet detailing roster sales, revenue, and outstanding items. Tim and Jerry clarified the pricing and sales figures for rosters and grill badges. The team agreed to close the books by the end of the week, with Mike confirming he could complete the necessary journal entries.

BCA Roster Inventory Clearance Plan

The Board discussed the remaining inventory of rosters/directories, with Mark reporting 533 items still in stock despite online purchasing options and advertising in The Bugle. The group discussed strategies to sell the remaining inventory, including Facebook blasts, email notifications to BCA members, and potentially larger display ads, with Tim emphasizing the importance of clearing the inventory before reprints. Melanie mentioned available grill badges, with some inventory at Mark Wheeler's location and her garage, and agreed to provide specific numbers to Jerry for award inventory tracking. The conversation ended with a brief discussion about museum funding and Jerry's transition from treasurer role.

Membership and Event Planning Updates

The board discussed several key topics, including a membership acquisition plan from a Minuteman chapter member who tested advertising in theater production programs, though they noted Hemmings magazine's decline and agreed to consider other advertising channels. They reviewed the status of division requirements, with most clubs meeting the criteria except for the Modified division which needs both members and leadership. The board addressed a potential conflict between their annual meet and Buicks on the Bricks event, ultimately deciding there was no direct conflict since the latter is run by a separate organization despite BCA chapter involvement. They concluded by discussing Mr. McLaughlin's feedback about improving candidate information and question formats in their publications.

Chapter Logistics and Bylaws Update

The group discussed logistics for possible second in person Board Meeting in conjunction with the GS Nationals at Bowling Green KY in April, considering venues such as the Corvette Museum or a hotel conference room, with Melanie offering to check hotel availability. Tim Turvey will follow up with the Corvette Museum.