

West Region Meeting February 21, 2026

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 am.

Those in attendance and on conference call:

Regional Executive – Denny Luther
Regional Membership Director – Deb Hird
Regional Competition Director – Lauren Killam
Secretary – Sheila Wyman
Treasurer – Linda Hommer
Webmaster – Heather Streeter - Call

Governors:

Jay Hommer – Corvette Club of Iowa (CCI)
John Hird – 4 State Vettes, Inc. (
Lauren Killam – Cornhusker Corvette Club (CCC)
John Hogan – Glass Express Corvette Club (GECC)
Bob Williams – Boone Trail Corvette Club (BTCC)
Frank Wietharn – Topeka Corvette Association (TCA) - Phone

Guest:

Mary Lou Brueggeman – 4 State Vettes, Inc.
Diane Bowen – Cedar Rapids Corvette Club – call

Secretary – Sheila Wyman

November minutes were posted on the West Region website. One correction made in the Regional Competition Director section. Should read the RCDs discussed and voted for the “suggestion” of 3 meetings instead of 4. It will still need to be passed by the governors to make the final say so. Any other corrections or additions to the minutes from Novembers meeting? Hearing none, motion to approve by Bob Williams and seconded John Hird. Approved.

Jack Bidding needs to go into the membership database to uncheck his name and put in the new governor John Hogan. Need to refer to your number.

Treasurer – Linda Hommer

Treasury reports sent out. Financial reports shows we made money. Receiving money for permanent numbers that will be deposited into the scholarship fund. Denny sent out the year end reports. Competition is still spending but not bringing in any money. Ended the year with a

negative \$82.00. Motion made to accept treasury reports by Bob Williams and seconded by Jay Hommer. Approved.

Regional Executive Report (RE) – Denny Luther

Quite a list of By Law and Standing Rules with several put on hold or dropped. Discussion on how to help finance the competition award program. One suggestion was having a sanction/worker participation fee for every event at 25 cents which will go to National. Will be put on hold. Proposed changes made to rules and bylaws will be presented to the governors.

Regional Competition Director (RCD) – Lauren Killam

Went over the top five winners in speed and non speed events. First event held in Florida using the new classifications worked well. The new classifications are part of the Axware timing program. Good response in participation in the supplemental programs. Convention in 2027 will be held in Bowling Green and expect a lot of participation in these programs. Supplemental Programs are the Young Guns Competition Program, Zora Competition Program an FCOA. These programs have sponsors for this year. West Region might consider sponsoring one of the programs for 2027. The cost would be \$350.

There is a new podcast – Corvette Today and Corvette Bloggers. “Governors Garage” is a website to instruct Governors to do stuff. Kyle Felts is doing screen shots and videos on how to assist with different functions. Lauren will send out the website link. Very helpful.

There have been two zoom meetings with Rene Cardenas on how to create an event in the database and how to create an event flyer and upload to the system. There will be a third zoom meeting in March on how to do results after an event and upload to the system.

Safety information is online and refers you to the website. Regulations state that you need a hard copy of the rules for your event. You need only to print out the part of the safety guidelines that are for your type of event. You do not need to print out all 68 pages of the safety guidelines.

President Deb Murphy is requesting any club to submit a member who works above and beyond that would be a good person to receive the Don Hoskins Award this year. Send information to Deb.

Walt put forth the question if what happens to the website if it crashes or something happens to him, we need a backup plan. All documents are in GoDaddy and backed up nightly. Doug McMahon has all the passwords. Would like a team or committee sent up to manage this. Reach out to any club member that knows about databases to be on the committee.

You denote a youth member by their birthdate. FCOA member cost is \$10. Governors need to go through their youth members and look for members aging out and get them motivated to continue as an adult member.

Much discussion on the 80 mph speed on low speed events. Any rule change needs to be submitted within 15 days prior to the next meeting for consideration.

Rulebook states that the governor needs to fill out the claim form and send to the insurance company. However, if there is an incident at your event and a claim needs to be filed, you need to complete the insurance claim form within 48 hours and send to the VP of Competition and the Business Manager and they will make the decision to send it on to the insurance company. Do not submit to the insurance company before getting reviewed by them.

RCDs requested Rene put out the criteria for awards.

West Region Awards Banquet will be held in Omaha on March 21st. Flyer is on the website and needs to be completed to attend and can also pay online. West Region will be providing the dessert for this event. The shirts awarded will be royal blue for both men and women.. Next year may be considering recycling awards.

John Hird mentioned the insurance claim needs updated to show 48 hours to process a claim and it also shows Tim Bailey which needs changed.

Denny asked Lauren on possibly purchasing West Region merchandise. Need to go to the CCC merchandise button and it shows all different types of clothing. Can possibly work with Center Trophy where they get their CCC merchandise.

Regional Membership Director (RMD) – Deb Hird

NCCC has 14,317 members with 215 clubs. Our region has 1,214 members with 16 clubs. Membership drop was 2100, about 17%. Reasons for drop in membership were-aged out, dues increase, no value in NCCC, and didn't like the direction the organization was going. We have a 51% rule that says that each club must have 51% of their members be NCCC members. No way of verifying that clubs have 51%. Suggestion to grandfather in the current clubs and any new clubs must be totally NCCC and club members. Continuing to look at region realignment.

Governors need to remember to do a search when adding a new member to make sure they don't have a prior NCCC number. Need to avoid duplicate NCCC numbers. Also make sure and link the spouse with the member. Zip code entries with just five digits if it won't let you put in the last 4 digits.

Use the 2026 membership application on the website. All governors must update their club information to include meeting locations. This must be an address and not a PO Box to be able to put a “dot” on the map. If you are a club that changes meeting, locations, need to put in the presidents address or a club members, or the Chevy Dealer in your area. Meeting locations must be on goggle maps not the US Postal Service.

IRS tax rule on using web payment for club functions is \$200,000 and 200 transactions. No Form 1099 will be issued if amounts are under. Clubs must have their own tax ID number.

2026 National convention has only 199 reservations so far. 650 nights have been reserved out of 1,200 nights. We will need to pay for the hospitality and banquet rooms if room count is not met. We need more members to sign up for this convention.

Membership cards have been mailed. Back of card shows discounts that you are eligible to receive. Lifetime membership cards will be mailed soon. There will be no patches this year.

Sandy Arnold – Vice President of Membership- informed us that the Governors manual in online and most people don’t know it is there. She is working on a two hour training session as a zoom call to each region to learn the functions of the Governor position.

Lauren will be checking on possibly putting a link on the West region website to be able to purchase West Region merchandise.

Webmaster – Heather Streeter

The new webmaster is Heather Streeter from the Corvette Club of Iowa. Kathy Bribois has retired. Denny has appointed Heather as webmaster. Motion to approve Heather as webmaster made by Jay Hommer and seconded by Lauren Killam. Heather’s phone number is 515-681-9423 and her email address is Hstreeter99@gmail.com. Denny requested Heather go to the website and update the West Region officers to show her as the new webmaster. She will need to upload her picture and would also need to change Denny’s name as the “D” was omitted.

Old Business

Need to have a motion and second to continue with the scholarship program. Motion made by John Hird and seconded by Bob Williams. Passed.

Diane Bowen, Chairperson for Scholarship Committee, commented on the West Region scholarships. Eligibility to qualify, apply and receive a scholarship is on the West Region website. She would like to see some changes on the application and will be submitting the proposed changes to the board prior to the next meeting.

Diane has appointed her 2026 committee for reviewing the applications. They are Lyle Knutson from Cedar Rapids Corvette Club, Nan Brittain from Corvette Club of Iowa and Carolyn Horst from the Cornhusker Corvette Club. Let Diane know if anyone else would like to be on the committee for 2027.

Motion to approve the committee made by John Hird and seconded by Bob Williams.

Approved.

Diane will be sending the names of the past scholarship recipients from 2005 to 2022 to the webmaster to post on the West Region website. There were no eligible applicants to receive a scholarship in 2023 and 2024.

Applicants must apply for the National scholarship online and be submitted by May 15th. The application is on the National website. Applicants must apply for the West Region scholarship by August 1st. Any club member is eligible to receive a scholarship along with children and grandchildren.

New Business

The call in number for the West Region meetings belonged to Kathy Brisbois, who may not be attending the meetings. Denny is wanting to set up a zoom number that can also be used to just call in. Frank wanted someone to check on the cost. John Hird will look at a “team website” that can do both. Will discuss at the next meeting.

A committee needs to be established for review of the West Region Operating Rules with Denny Luther as the chairperson. Volunteers are Lauren Killam, Linda Hommer, and John Hird. Motion made to appoint committee made by John Hogan and seconded by Bob Williams. Passed.

Question made for the Treasurer on possibly purchasing CD's. Our current bank is merging with another and don't really know what the new bank will allow us to do. Current bank doesn't charge us anything but don't know about the new bank. Linda will be checking on. Will discuss at next meeting.

Frank Weithsrn asked about new classes on speed events. All new generational classes are posted in the competition manual.

Governors Roundtable

April 18th - Funkana Big Hills Council at Mid America Center. Must drive a Corvette. Flyer is on the website

Corvette Club of Iowa doing rallyes and funkanas in May, June 2-day event, July 2-day event and October a couple of rallyes

All current events will be listed online through the NCCC Website.

Corvette Club of Iowa has donated \$500 to the West Region Scholarship fund.

Motion to adjourn made by John Hird at 11:02.

Submitted by

Sheila Wyman, West Region Secretary