2024 Horseless Carriage Club
of America
Board of Directors Meeting #1

Friday, March 15, 2024

The 1st 2024 Horseless Carriage Club of America National Board of Directors meeting was held at the Westin Hotel, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Call to Order-Mike Reid, 1:04 PM EDT

Pledge of Allegiance-Don Plumb

Roll Call-Jim Skillicorn
Mike Reid-President, present
Russell Holden-Vice President, present
Doug Tomb-Treasurer, present
Jim Skillicorn-Secretary, present
Andy Wallace-Chairman of the Board, present
Jon Rising, not present
Jeff Lesher, present
Kim Simoni, present
Vince Altieri, present
Terry Cole, present
Peter Jakab, not present
Don Plumb, present
Rusty Berg, present
Jeff Chattin, present
Danny Case, not present
Jim Diener, present

Recognition of Guests-Jim Skillicorn

Lindsey Jackson	Christine Holden	John Harris	Newell Booth
Scott Grooters	Beverley	Tom Lahey	Gladene Booth
Richard Cutler	Tracy Lesher	Keene Brewer	Steven Hughes
Wayne Simoni	Tricia Wallace	Don Denio	Ken Powell
Donna Diener	Dan Sutton	Jeff Stumb	Robert Monsen
Chris Podgett	Alan Wolfe	Dan Wolfe	Sally Barnett
Kenny Wright	Mike Yeakel	Terry Easton	Sam Barnett
Sally Barnett	Sam Barnett		

Welcome of New Board Member-Jim Diener by Mike Reid

Nomination Committee Report-Andy Wallace

The committee nominates for President, Russell Holden.
Call for Nominations from the floor: none
Vote for President: unanimous

Statement of outgoing President-Mike Reid
Gavel is passed to Russell Holden

The committee nominates for Vice President, Doug Tomb.
Call for Nominations from the floor: none
Vote for Vice President: unanimous

The committee nominates for Treasurer, Kim Simoni.
Call for Nominations from the floor: none
Vote for Treasurer: unanimous

The committee nominates for Secretary, Jim Skillicorn
Call for Nominations from the floor: none
Vote for Secretary: unanimous

The committee nominates for Chairman of the Board, Mike Reid.
Call for Nominations from the floor: none
Vote for Chairman of the Board: unanimous

The 2024/2025 Executive Committee consists of the Chairman of the Board, President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and two other Board Members.

The committee nominates Don Plumb as a member of the Executive Board.
Call for Nominations from the floor: none
Vote for Don Plumb for Executive Board: unanimous

The committee nominates Jeff Lesher as a member of the Executive Board
Call for Nominations from the floor: none
Vote for Jeff Lesher for Executive Board: unanimous

Review of 2024 Committees-Russell Holden

Executive Committee-Mike Reid, Chairman of the Board

Russell Holden – President	Doug Tomb – Vice President
Kim Simoni – Treasurer	Jim Skillicorn – Secretary
Don Plumb – Member at Large	Jeff Lesher – Member at Large

Activities-Vince Altieri, Chairperson
Kim Simoni, Peter Jakab
National/International Tours
Hershey Tent
Merchandising
East
West
Marion Welsh & Art Towhy Awards

Finance-Kim Simoni, Chairperson
Doug Tomb, Mike Reid
Annual Budgets
Investment

Regional Groups & Registries-Jim Skillicorn, Chairperson
Rusty Berg, Jon Rising, Alex Huppe, Gerald Robinson
Group Liaison & Communication
Regional Groups Publications & Awards
Member Development & Education

Communication-Russell Holden, Chairperson
Jim Diener, Mike Reid, Don Plumb, Keene Brewer
Website
Social Media
Publicity, Marketing, & Advertising

Strategic Planning-Mike Reid. Chairperson
Russell Holden, Doug Tomb, Jeff Lesher, Kim Simoni, Jim Skillicorn

National News-Doug Tomb, Chairperson

By-Laws & Governance-Jeff Lesher, Chairperson
Jeff Chattin, Peter Jakab
Insurance
Parliamentarian
Governance

2025 Board Nominations-Mike Reid, Chairperson
Members – Russell Holden, Doug Tomb

International Club Relations-Russell Holden, Chairperson
Mike Reid, Don Plumb, Mitch Gross-VCC/GB, Chris Stephen-VCC/NZ

Horseless Carriage Gazette-Kim Simoni, Chairperson
Members – Peter Jakab, Chris Paulson, Sharon Gooding, Howard Hodson, Bruce Spainhower, Eadi Popick, Bill & Anne Ottemann, Gil Fitzhugh, Anne Kemp Russell, Leo Short, Thomas & Joyce Edfors, Wayne Simoni

Web & Gazette Advertising Committee-Doug Tomb, Chairperson
Don Plumb, Peter Gariepy, Tracy Lesher, Kile Blake

Gazette Printing Review-Mike Reid, Chairperson
Russell Holden, Kim Somoni, Don Plumb, Tracy Lesher, Paul Dayly

Old Business-none

New Business-Russell Holden
California Law requires that the Annual General Meeting of the members be completed within six months of the end of financial year, prior to 31st March each year. The Annual General Meeting would include the election of officers and the publication of financial accounts and as well as reports on any major issues or undertaking that the club has progressed throughout the year. This meeting is open to any HCCA member to attend.

The Annual General Members Meeting and the Annual Tour & convention have typically been jointly held, however in taking this premier event to other parts of the country hosting a tour and convention in March presents challenges for the organiser with weather and logistics. Previously the majority of meeting were conducted in California so this was not an issue.

There needs to be a balance between maintaining the legal status requirement of a California corporation and providing the freedom to hold the Annual Members Meeting and Tour & Convention at a time and location that allows the National Club to hold this event in all areas.

Holding the Annual General Meeting via Zoom in March would provide the ability to conduct the business of election of officer's presentation of financial accounts and any other business to be undertaken and comply with applicable California Laws. The current HCCA By-Laws would need to be amended to read that the Annual Members Meeting is to be held within the FIRST six months of the calendar year, thus providing the opportunity to conduct the meeting, tour & convention in any state or territory with a far lesser probability of weather interfering with the event.

Recommendation:
The By-Laws committee meet and review the timing of the Election of Officers to ensure that the annual process complies with California Law and bring a recommendation to the July 2024 board meeting for consideration. Upon finalisation of the Election of Officers the results of these will be posted in the Club Gazette and on its web site with 60 days of said election.

The By-Laws committee meet and review the timing of the Annual Members Meeting to ensure that annual process allows for greater flexibility of location and timing and bring a recommendation to the July 2024 board meeting for consideration.

Currently the duty of organising the HCCA Annual Tour & Convention has fallen to the Vice President, who has in the past, has been required to personally guarantee the number of rooms blocked off at the lead hotel and the catering requirements, room hire and any other necessary contracts required for the successful running of the tour and convention. Historically, individuals have been forced to enter into contracts personally guaranteeing up to $40,000 in funds and requested to sign all manner of contracts and provide personal guarantees for short falls etc.

In organising the Annual Tour and Convention, the Vice President is organising the Club's National Tour and Convention not their "personal" Tour & Convention. As such, the obligation for entering into contracts should be held by the Horseless Carriage Club of America at the National level, not the individual member tasked by the Club to organise the event.

This motion seeks to alleviate this responsibility of the individual and have the National Club take on this responsibility.

Recommendations:

1. The Board provide approval on an annual basis for a selected HCCA member to organise the Annual Tour and Convention and negotiate contractual obligations with hotels and other necessary organizations required for the running of the tour and convention on behalf of the Horseless Carriage Club of America.

2. Prior to the signing of any contracts, that the Executive Board of the HCCA is provided with written copies of said contract or contracts and provides individual written delegated authority to the selected HCCA member to enter into said contract or contracts on behalf of the National Board.

3. The Board develop guidelines as to the requirements of the Tour and Convention for future organisers to follow.

Doug Tomb stated that he had spoken with Linda last week and she advised there is not a problem changing the HCCA bi-laws from "fiscal" year to "calendar" year. The fee for this would be $1,300.
Jeff Lesher reported that the financial reporting would be much easier if this change was made.
Jeff Lesher made the motion that the Bi-Laws Committee review "fiscal" year to "calendar" year change options to include developing guidelines for the National Tour & Convention and report back to the HCCA Board of Directors at the July 2024 Board meeting.
1st Motion-Jeff Lesher
2nd Motion-Doug Tomb
Unanimous

Items from the Floor-none

Round Table-none

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Rusty Berg

Seconded by Doug Tomb

Next HCCA Board of Directors' Meeting

Date:	July 19, 2024
Meeting:	2024 HCCA Board of Directors 2nd Face-to-Face meeting
Time:	3 PM
Location	Celebration of Brass IV – Kalamazoo, Michigan

Future HCCA Board of Directors Meetings
Friday, March 15th, 2024
Following the 2023 BOD 4th Meeting
Westin Hotel, Chattanooga, Tennessee.