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<u>Notes from the Director's Chair</u> <u>Area 4 Director Update for March 2024</u>

Our GLDiv program managers and regional leaders are gearing up for the coming season. Competition is just around the corner, folks. Please consider joining us at the Convention in Fort Wayne this weekend.

So, here's what I did this past month.....

Video Conference Meetings:

- Club Racing Board (CRB) (2/6): The group reviewed the locations for data collection at some of the Hoosier Super Tour events. The use of using a spec ABS system in BSpec was discussed. As the XCRB face to face meeting was approaching, conversations about topics and the agenda ensued. The results of all of the CRB rules changes can be seen <u>here</u>.
- Electrified Vehicle Advisory Committee (EVAC) (2/22): I brought up two "out of left field" conversations I had over the previous month. One with a fellow from Texas who wanted to electrify a formula car. The other was from the manager of a race track who wanted to investigate if the SCCA could help him host EV only track sessions. We also discussed writing a 'fact sheet" to pass out to regions and venues who might be interested in having events that would hosting EVs. There's a lot of misinformation about EV safety and we need to educate our member regions and event venues on the true issues.
- > Board of Directors (BoD): Due to scheduling issues, we postponed the February meeting.

SCCA Events:

Cincinnati Region Banquet: Once again, our good friends at the Cincinnati Region invited me and my wife Melinda to attend their annual banquet. We had a great time last year so we enthusiastically accepted.

Like last year, the agenda was packed so I kept my remarks to a couple of minutes. I applauded the region membership and pointed out that the region's leadership provided the space to allow the members to enjoy a wide variety of well run events in many programs. The meal was excellent, and the awards ceremony portion of the evening was very nice. Melinda and I offer many thanks to the Region leadership for the invitation.

Melinda and I have also been invited to the Detroit Region banquet and we are looking forward to that event on 3/10. I attended that suare last year and thoroughly enjoyed myself.

I have one last chance to promote the GLDiv Convention. This year's event will be held at The Summit in Fort Wayne on March 2^{nd} with a social portion held the evening before at the Hilton Garden Inn. Event details and registration information can be found <u>here</u>. Many of our colleagues from the National Office will be in attendance. Please reach out to <u>Val McCammon</u> if you have any questions, comments or suggestions.

The BoD has proposed a Bylaws change. You can view the details of the proposal by following this <u>link</u>. Voting has already begun (it started 2/13) and will close on 3/14. The proposed Bylaws change would strengthen term limits on members of the Club who are elected to the National SCCA Board of Directors. Currently, a member in good standing can hold a Director position for two consecutive elected terms before having to step down. However, after being off the Board for a term, the current Bylaws allow that same person to then run for election to the SCCA Board of Directors again at a later date. The Bylaws proposal would limit members' eligibility to serving a maximum of two elected terms total.

I encourage everyone to vote for this proposal. Voting for this follows the same path as any other vote.

- 1. Go to my.scca.com and log in.
- 2. In the horizontal menu, hold your mouse over "Member Resources" and select "Surveys and Voting".
- 3. Click on the button and cast your vote.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Be sure and visit the <u>GLDiv website</u> for information about all of the SCCA programs within the division. We have schedules, official's contact info, standings, etc. for all the SCCA programs.

Please take a few minutes and make sure your contact information is accurate in the SCCA database. It's important to have the correct information there so the club knows how to contact you. Log in to your <u>my.scca.com</u> page and check.

As I mentioned previously, there is a new path to getting your annual waiver. You can now get it through the Member Account Portal (MAP). Follow this <u>link</u> to get the instructions. There is also a story about the program <u>here</u>. I've done it and it only takes a couple of minutes. Be prepared to upload a headshot picture of yourself.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to hearing from you soon. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments you may have about any facet of the GLDiv. I want you to make the most of your membership and I will help out in any way possible to make that happen.

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