

JACK BURROWS

for Area 2 Director on SCCA's National Board of Directors

I've been involved with SCCA for 47 years, working races on a series of Log Books in the days before SCCA required workers to be licensed members. I finally joined in 1980 and am a 36-year member of the Washington DC Region. I was a worker, primarily a pit marshal, for 30+ years before getting a competition license 17 years ago, and I've been a low-budget IT racer since then.

I've spent 10 years on the DC Region's board of directors and been a seven-time Regional Executive there.

Three of those RE years were in the late 1980's and early 1990's and four more were from 2010 to 2014 when I stepped down from the Region's board again. In both of those tenures the Region was facing serious challenges, and I believe I left it in better organizational and financial shape than it was in when I was initially elected. I've also been the Region's Competition Chairman and held a Solo Steward's license. I've worked for many years with other regions throughout the Northeast Division on a wide variety of issues and always tried to do so with a focus on what was for the betterment for the entire Division and not just my own home region. I also conducted a seminar at SCCA's national convention on maintaining good working and financial relations with race tracks and event sites.

I believe that SCCA is generally in good shape although we face significant challenges which are both internal and external. Some of the Club's programs, like Solo and Rally Cross, are in pretty good shape and are growing. Club Racing is in trouble though. It's been facing stiff competition from other organizations such as marque clubs and NASA, and our response to those challenges has been a hit-or-miss series of mostly band-aid fixes. PDX, which can be a gateway to SCCA in general and racing in particular, is foundering. It seems to me that much of this is because SCCA doesn't seem to know what to do with the PDX program, and yet this is precisely the type of event which is the bread-and-butter of most of the organizations which are successfully competing with us.

As a multiple-time Regional Executive of one of SCCA's largest regions, I also believe that we can do a better job of providing direct support for our regions. This is especially true of smaller regions with fewer resources. We must never forget that SCCA is a member-driven organization, but there is far more to it than mere numbers of members. For 40 years SCCA has been wringing its hands over the fact that recruiting new members is far easier than retaining them once we get them. While member turnover is a fact of life in organizations like SCCA, I believe we can do more to retain them and this is an area where SCCA nationally can help its regions.

I believe I have a thorough and well-rounded background in SCCA at the regional and divisional level and can be a fair and effective director representing all regions of Area 2 on SCCA's national board. So when SCCA mails your ballot to you in October, I would appreciate it if you check the box next to my name and mail it in.

Thank you,

