

My name is Chris Albin. I am running for Area 6 Director and here is a short summary of my platform.

In January, our current Director announced that he would not be running for a second term as Area Director. After a lot of soul searching and discussion with other members and my family, in May I announced to the MiDiv Executive Committee and to the National Office that I would be running for Director of Area 6 in the upcoming election.

I have been a member of SCCA since 1990. I started with Solo 2, and am still competing 26 years later. A couple years after joining, I began competing in Club Racing in Improved Touring, later driving in Production and GT races (at last count I'm at 638 races). Along the way I have participated in Road Rally, RallyCross and many track events with my wife, Lesley, and my daughter, Andrea. I think I know quite a bit about the issues that our Club faces. I have served on the Club Racing Board for seven years, as well as the Improved Touring and Production Advisory Committees. At the local level, I have been the Southern Illinois Regional Executive for over a decade, I served on the St. Louis Region Club Race Committee, organized Road Rally and Solo events, and volunteered as a PDX Instructor. I believe my wealth of experience at all levels of the club has shown me what works well for this club, and more importantly, what is not working. I believe that Area 6 deserves a director that will look out for the best interests of all of the programs that SCCA sanctions, while always focusing on the health of the dozen unique Regions that make up Area 6.



In my everyday job as an aerospace plant chairman, I face conflicting opinions and needs, and an entrenched idea that "this is the way we have always done it" and I just don't find that an acceptable excuse for following the path of least resistance. I believe my experience negotiating contracts and representing my co-workers has taught me how to find the best possible solution for everyone in the club. I am very committed to this Club. I'm committed to making this club work – to taking care of my MiDiv family, and I hope you'll stand behind me in my bid for SCCA Area 6 Director.

- We should treat our members as customers and improve our customer service.
- Be on the lookout for things that are driving members away and causing them to not renew their membership, so that we can correct them.
- Make sure we have a strong base of Regional programs to support our National programs and not just concentrate on the National part. Big events with national competition are great, but what good are they if you don't have the regional programs to feed them to help make those events successful in the future?
- When we try new things, we should make sure there is a way to return back to where we started so that if it doesn't work, it doesn't do any permanent damage.
- Promote cooperation between all programs of our Club. I believe there is room for everyone if we work together. Cooperation is necessary across all programs, regions, and the entire membership. At the end of the day, we are all members of the same club: the Sports Car Club of America.

I would appreciate your vote when ballots arrive in your mailbox in the coming weeks. Please remember to mail your ballot no later than November 10th to make sure it arrives in time to be counted.

Thank you,

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