

The A.A.C.A. South Florida Region Board Meeting of Tuesday, May 6, 2025 was called to Order by President Tomás Hernández at 7:32 p.m., at Rinconcito Latino Café, 9606 SW 72nd Street, Miami, FL 33173.

In Attendance: President Tomás Hernández, 1st Vice President Al Padilla, 2nd Vice President Ed Medina, Secretary Yovanna Hernández, Treasurer Manny Garcia, Immediate Past President Millie Garcia and Board Members Benjamin Cardonne, Chico Goldsmith, George Harvey, Jean Hawa, Thomas Kosky, Mike Penn, Ira Shapiro and Bob Squier.

Establish a Quorum: President Tomás Hernández was able to establish a quorum with 14 members of the board present.

First Order of Business - Acceptance of Board Meeting Minutes from Previous Meeting: President Tomás Hernández asked if everyone present had read the minutes of the April board meeting; if so, and if there were no questions, comments, or corrections, would someone move to accept the minutes as posted. Jean Hawa made a motion to accept the minutes; Chico Goldsmith seconded it. Having no other discussion, the motion was voted on and passed.

Second Order of Business – Treasurer's Report: Manny Garcia presented a reconciliation statement for April from the club's bank account. Manny added that with membership renewals, new memberships, monthly expenses such as coffee and dessert at the board and general meetings, storage rental fee and the printing and mailing of *Sidelights*, our treasury is sound.

Third Order of Business – Membership Report: Ed Medina reported that as of now we are back to 214 active families.

General Membership Meeting (June 21, 2025): Ed Medina informed us that the next membership meeting will be held at The Palace Nursing and Rehabilitation Center prior to the car show. Ed also shared with us that last month's meeting at Auto Detailing Supplies was very successful. The members enjoyed the shop and

were able to purchase items at a discount.

River Cities Report- Al Padilla reported that there were over 100 cars. He added that not only was it a phenomenal show but once the special lights at the venue were turned on, it became a beautiful site. Manny Garcia added that the food was very good.

70th Club Anniversary Celebration (May 17, 2025)- Ed Medina said that everything is set for the party. He mentioned that we have 87 confirmed reservations. He also added that a photo booth with our logo in the picture was being donated by Tony Hernandez, Auto Detailing Supplies offered a discount to our members, Williamson Cadillac donated pens and a bag, Benjamin Cardonne donated coffee mugs with our 70th year anniversary logo. The club was adding a couple of more surprises to the goodie bag given to everyone attending the celebration.

Memory Lane (September 26 – October 5, 2025)- Registration is open.

Holiday Party (December 13, 2025)- Ed Medina reminded us that the holiday party will be at the Miami Outboard Club.

Other Club Business:

- The Palace Nursing and Rehabilitation Center (June 21, 2025)-a 20-30 car event, food will be provided.
- Jean Hawa reported that the price to print *Sidelights* has increased, together with the higher cost of envelopes and stamps.
- Jay Mullinex will be having a garage sale to sell his tools and inventory.
- Manny and Millie Garcia were approached by National Board members asking for the AACA South Florida Region to host a National and a Grand National show in the future, as well as a Zenith Show. Manny mentioned that he had gone to Doral Central Park and checked the space available to have these types of shows and Millie Garcia will contact the park for availability. He mentioned that Eddie Dauer offered to be a sponsor, and that he will inquire if Rick Case would also be interested. Ira Shapiro added that Steve Moskowitz mentioned that National prefers to have the Zenith shows to be centrally located for the eighteen nominees from across the country and at the same time as a Grand National.
- Ed Medina suggested planning a car drive to Everglades National Park sometime in November.
- Ira Shapiro informed us that in reference to the Art Deco car show weekend of

January 17-18, 2026, Daniel Ciraldo is no longer in charge of the Miami Preservation League.

- Since Jean Hawa was unable to attend the Celebration of Life of Norman Kassoff, she deferred the event to George Harvey who expressed how inspirational it was to hear about Norm's history of his long and wonderful life that his friends and former colleagues shared that afternoon.

Sunshine Report: George Harvey reported that James McCrory has pancreatic cancer and reported that his wife Cathy's niece was killed in a tragic car accident.

Adjournment: With no further club business to discuss, President Tomás Hernández made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m.. It was unanimously seconded and approved.

Submitted by Yovanna Hernández, Secretary