

The A.A.C.A. South Florida Region Board Meeting of Tuesday, February 4, 2026 was called to Order by President Elpidio Padilla at 7:35 p.m., at La Carreta Restaurant, 8650 Bird Road, Miami, FL 33155.

In Attendance: President Elpidio Padilla, 2nd Vice President Jorge Salazar, Secretary Yovanna Hernández, Treasurer Manny Garcia, Past-President Tomás Hernández, and Board Members Angel Aulet, Benjamin Cardonne, Alejandro Clay, Millie Garcia, Jean Hawa, Tony Hernandez, Thomas Kosky, Mike Penn, Ira Shapiro, Bob Squier, Junior Felix Valdes.

Establish a Quorum: President Elpidio Padilla was able to establish a quorum with 16 members of the board present.

First Order of Business - Acceptance of Board Meeting Minutes from Previous Meeting: President Elpidio Padilla asked if everyone present had read the minutes of the January's 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; Ira Shapiro 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 January 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: Al Padilla reported in lieu of Ed Medina, that as of now we have 251 active families.

General Membership Meeting (February 19, 2026): Al Padilla informed us that we will have a guest speaker who does car photography artwork. He also mentioned that he is looking forward having Tony Marquez from Tesla as our next month's speaker.

Art Deco Car Show Report: Jorge Salazar reported that it was a great car show and that on Saturday we had 67 cars and Sunday we had 89 cars. He added that most everyone liked the layout of the cars in the show field.

Ira Shapiro presented the budget reconciliation for the show. Ira said that he spoke with the Police Lieutenant who said that for next year he was going to discuss with the Miami Beach Commissioners about having cars enter at 7 o'clock in the morning in order to better accommodate the layout of cars before the public starts coming in. Ira also mentioned that the new director of the Miami Design Preservation League, Meg Lousteau, had been present at the show and had given lots of compliments about us. He said that despite of having a last-minute layout change, especially since the fire department needed a 20-foot clearance, it came out to be great and proposed keeping it for next year and made a request to look for a grant rider for the future. Even though there were a couple of issues about parking locations and some cars not being led out in time, those concerns would have to be rectified next year. It was noted that the food vendors were not invited back this year because many of them deposited their cooking oil in the grass causing a major costly clean up by the city.

Al Padilla recognized Jorge Salazar for all his extraordinary efforts during the opening of the show. He also mentioned that we need to have an emergency oil spill kit at all our shows.

Cauley Square (February 22, 2026): Al Padilla reported that Ed Medina informed him that he we have 39 pre-registered cars.

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the show, and *Sidelights* will have an ad for them in our next edition.

Winston Park Car Show (March 14, 2026) – Ed Medina informed us that we already have 19 pre-registered cars.

Good Shepherd Car Show (March 21, 2026) – Manny Garcia reminded us that cars have to be 25 years and older. He suggested to modify judging using AACA rules. Al Padilla also recommended all profits to go to charity.

Other Club Business:

Jean Hawa informed us that MaryAnn Sebastian has sent a donation to the club and gave the check to our treasurer.

Sunshine Report: Jean Hawa informed us that Ed Medina is awaiting surgery on a foot injury.

Adjournment: With no further club business to discuss, President Elpidio Padilla made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 p.m. It was unanimously seconded and approved.

Submitted by Yovanna Hernandez, Secretary

East Ridge Village Car Show (February 28, 2026): Jean Hawa informed us that there are 26 pre-registered cars and that she pulled out the insurance already. There will be two food trucks on site. She added that the only expense we will incur is the cost of the windshield cards.

NIKE Missile Site Classic Car Show (March 7, 2026) - Al Padilla reported that Ed Medina informed him that there are 46 pre-registered cars. He reminded us that only 1950's, 60's and 70's cars were to be in the show.

Biltmore Way Classic Auto Show (March 8, 2026) - Manny Garcia informed us that he received an approval from the City of Coral Gables and everything has been taken care of and got a call from the Coral Gables Police informing us that we need to have a third police officer at the show. Manny reminded us that Guardian Lifts is our new sponsor, and they will be coming to the show.

Winston Park Car Show (Cancelled) – Al Padilla explain that this show was cancelled because the new Board at Winston Park did not agree with the AACA rules. Al said that both he and Ed Medina and the Winston Park Board had reached an impasse regarding this situation.

Good Shepherd Car Show (March 21, 2026) – Manny Garcia reminded us that this show started to help the new school and now has become a big show. He mentioned that cars have to be 25 years and older. Coffee and doughnuts will be provided for members.

Other Club Business:

- _Millie Garcia suggested that we should check Harris Field Park in Homestead for a car show possibility.
- _Alejandro Clay said he has contacts in Doral for a possible show.
- _Manny Garcia mentioned Coconut Grove Arts Festival has a had a relationship with our club in the past. Ira Shapiro suggested we should contact them and see what they will like to offer.
- _Jean Hawa asked Ira Shapiro about the Vizcaya Farm Market Show. Ira responded that he has not worked on that yet but suggested that we could fill the Winston Park space with that show.
- _Tomas Hernández made a motion to reinstate Chico Goldsmith as a member of the Board of Directors to replace the late George Harvey. Jorge Salazar seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

Sunshine Report: Jean Hawa informed us that she received a call from Cathy Harvey telling her that George Harvey had passed away while in vacation in Italy and that she is planning a Celebration of Life at the end of the month. Jean also said that Ed Medina had an achilles tendon injury and will be having surgery in the near future.

Adjournment: With no further club business to discuss, President Elpidio Padilla made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m. It was unanimously seconded and approved.

Submitted by Yovanna Hernandez, Secretary