

**The A.A.C.A. South Florida Region Board Meeting of Tuesday, September 1, 2026, was called to Order by President Al Padilla at 7:30 p.m., at La Carreta Restaurant, 8650 Bird Road, Miami, FL 33155.**

**In Attendance:** President Al Padilla, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Ed Medina, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Jorge Salazar, Secretary Yovanna Hernández, Treasurer Manny Garcia, Immediate Past-President Tomás Hernández, and Board Members Angel Aulet, Benjamin Cardonne, Millie Garcia, Jean Hawa, Thomas Kosky, Mike Penn, Junior Felix Valdes and guest Maurice Hawa.

**Establish a Quorum:** President Al Padilla was able to establish a quorum with 13 members of the board present.

**First Order of Business - Acceptance of Board Meeting Minutes from Previous Meeting:** President Al Padilla asked if everyone present had read the minutes of the August'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; Ed Medina seconded it. Having no other discussion, the motion was voted on and passed.

**Second Order of Business – Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Manny Garcia was not able to present a bank reconciliation statement because tonight's meeting fell on the first of the month, before the issuance of the bank statement. He will present the statement from the club's bank account at next month's meeting.

**Third Order of Business – Membership Report:** Ed Medina reported that as of now we have 223 active families and is expecting another member as soon as tomorrow for a total of 224 families.

**Membership Meeting (October 15, 2026) –** Ed informed us that October's general meeting we will be meeting at Frankie's Pizza for Cars and Coffee. More information to follow.

**BBQ Picnic / Membership Meeting (September 19, 2026) -** Ed Medina mentioned that we will have our general meeting at the BBQ. He reminded us that current and past presidents will be cooking the hamburgers and hot dogs. He also reminded the volunteers what each will be bringing.

**Naples Drive and Dinner Cruise (October 10-11, 2026) –** Junior Valdes informed us that more rooms have been blocked by the hotel and more will be added on as people sign up. Ed Medina stated that 21 rooms have been reserved.

**Deering Estate Vintage Auto Show (November 15, 2026) –** Jean Hawa stated that she will be pulling the insurance policy shortly and that Ed Medina will be adding QR codes to the windshield cars, similar to what was done for the cars at Memory Lane.

**Election Board Slate –** Manny Garcia stated that a list of officers for re-election will be posted on the website by Ed Medina and Jean Hawa will include the list in the upcoming issues of *Sidelights*.

**Other Club Business:**

- Manny Garcia informed us that he has put in a request with the City of Coral Gables for the Biltmore Way Car Show in March 2027.
- Ed Medina announced that he has pulled insurance for the BBQ picnic and the Christmas Show (of December 5) and reminded us about bringing an unwrapped toy.
- Upcoming General Membership Meetings:
  - October 15- Frankie's Pizza (Thursday evening)
  - November 21- Elections will be held at a Cars 'n Coffee on Saturday, at Guy Lewis' home.
  - December 12- Holiday Party/Installation of Officers- Miami Outboard Club.
- Ben Cardonne is planning to talk with the car dealership at Sunset Place about a possible car event.

**Sunshine Report:** Jean Hawa informed us that Chico Goldsmith and Ira Shapiro were sent get well cards.

**Adjournment:** With no further club business to discuss, President Al Padilla made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. It was unanimously seconded and approved.

Submitted by Yovanna Hernandez, Secretary