

NEWS FROM NATIONAL

FROM: Wynne Smith, Executive Director
TO: BMW CCA National and Service Officers,
Chapter Presidents, Newsletter Editors
DATE: October 22, 2002

MEMBERSHIP STATS as of 10/22/2002

	Full	Associate	Total
Current Membership	63651	7324	70975
Last Month's Membership	63259	7266	70525
Monthly Net Gain (Loss)	0.62%	0.80%	0.64%
Monthly % Change	392	58	450
Last Year's Membership	57405	6385	63790
Annual Net Gain (Loss)	5854	939	7185
Annual % Change	10.2%	14.71%	10.65%
New Members, 10/02	1316		
Renewals 10/02	63.7%		
Roundels Mailed	64,140		

DEC ELECTIONS – DEC Congress

Nominations close on October 31 – so far I have received nominations for Dan Tackett for the Pacific Region; and Geoff Tolsdorf for the North Central Region and Ross Karlin for the North Atlantic Region. C'mon folks – this is a vitally important team, South Central and South Atlantic need representation too. A hard copy of the nomination form and info is enclosed.

ELECTIONS

Positions open are: Secretary, Treasurer, North Central Regional Vice President, South Atlantic Regional Vice President and Pacific Regional Vice President.

Barbara Adams has been nominated for the position of Secretary, Tom Soulé of LA Chapter has been nominated for the position of Treasurer, Scott Blazey has been nominated for the position of North Central Regional VP, Carlos Diaz Estrada has been nominated for the position of South Atlantic Regional VP and Eddy Funahashi of Central California Chapter has been nominated for the position of Pacific Regional VP.

Time is getting short! Nominees for Regional Offices, and those nominating them, must reside and be a chapter member in the specific region. If you would like a template, please contact me and we can email or fax one to you. Nominations should include a candidacy statement of *no more than* 300 words and an appropriate photograph of the candidate. Those wishing to help in refining the CCA's strategic framework: its values, vision, mission and broad goals; those wishing to help formulate and refine policies that govern our practices should send their nominations, acceptances, candidacy statements and photographs to the National Office **before 5 PM EST October 31, 2002.**

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

To be held November 2 and 3, 2003 in Austin, Texas. If there are topics you'd like your Regional Vice President to present, please contact them to make sure your topic appears on the agenda. The following **PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENTS have been** submitted by Bailey Taylor, former President of BMW CCA. These will be considered during the November, 2002 Board meeting:

Proposed Amendment 1:

Article 6. of the BMW CCA Bylaws now reads in relevant part:

Section 2. All officers shall hold office for a period of two years, or the period of time which exists between one annual meeting and the one approximately two years later. The President shall serve not more than two consecutive two year terms.

Proposal amending Section 2. as follows:

All officers shall hold office for a period of two years, or the period of time which exists between one annual meeting and the one approximately two years later. No officer shall hold a particular office for more than two consecutive two year terms, exclusive of any unexpired term to which the officer was appointed.

The rationale for this amendment is simple: The BMW CCA Board needs regular infusions of new and enthusiastic officers in order to prevent burnout and stagnation. Some officers may continue to hold the same office due to inertia and/or a warped sense of duty and obligation. At the very least this amendment would ensure that no one board officer becomes entrenched for decades in a given office.

Proposed Amendment 2:

A new section of Article 7. will be created to read as follows:

Section 7. Exclusive of duly scheduled meetings, no motion shall be called for a vote without the express consent of no fewer than 2/3 of the Board of Directors.

Bailey Taylor also believes that BMW CCA business should-if at all possible- be conducted at scheduled Board Meetings where BMW CCA members have ready access to the agenda as well as the opportunity to attend said meetings. Unfortunately, since the advent of e-mail this is frequently not the case. Motions are often voted on via e-mail, and the discussions and results may or may not be reported in the minutes of the corporation. Some Board members have even requested that a motion from a scheduled meeting be re-called for a second e-mail vote for the purpose of allowing them to change their vote! This amendment is intended to make these e-mail Board Meetings the exception rather than the rule.

It is not unreasonable to assume that BMW CCA membership will exceed 100,000 members within the next five years. I believe that it is essential that we have a dynamic, qualified, and publicly accountable Board in place to deal with the opportunities and challenges which will be presented.

GATEWAY TECH/ TECHFEST WEST

The fate of this event scheduled for March 19- 24,2003 *is still in question*. Toyo Tires has offered to work with the L.A. Chapter to help host and organize the event, with Toyo's Marketing and Technical Departments assisting in pulling technical sessions together – but there remains a concern that there will not be the manpower and the teams in place to handle the work involved.

FORMS

The National Office will be closed Monday, November 11 for Veterans Day as well as Thanksgiving Day and the Friday after.

best regards,

Yes...it's that time again. Enclosed are the forms you'll need to conduct chapter business for 2003. You don't really need to use the forms – just please provide the necessary information to us. If you have questions or need more detailed information, please give me a call or send an email to me at wynne_smith@roundel.org.

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