

From the Zone!

It's hard to believe it was only a couple months ago when the invite went out to all the Presidents of Zone 13 to attend the annual President's Meeting. Once again it was scheduled to be held in Chicago over a Saturday and Sunday in March. The weather was going to be improving as spring time approached, and we had 6 new presidents coming to take part in their first meeting, (which was also going to be my final meeting as I am in the last year of my term as Zone Rep.) It was shaping up to be a great weekend, but a little virus had a different idea. Little did we know at that time how drastic things were going to change.

I was excited, this was going to be the first time I had all 8 regions represented. So we could not just forget about it. There was too much knowledge and ideas to be shared just to have fall by the wayside. So we switched to a web based meeting! Everyone was able to get online and we were joined by the National Secretary, Aaron Ambrosino. Aaron was a wealth of knowledge, know-how and helped out in a major way when the glitches crept in to the meeting. It was unfortunate, but I kept getting bounced from the meeting, but as previously mentioned, Aaron came to the rescue!

We discussed many topics from the basics of how the club is set up, to what funds are available in the way of subsidies, to what National Events are put on during the course of the year, but the most important area is the risk management portion of the presentation. This is the most important thing as we all play a role in it. Without a great risk management program our Insurance costs could sky rocket. If we were to lose our insurance, it would virtually mean the end of the club. We would not be able to put on the events that we now do.

We talked about Certificates of Insurance and which events require having one issued. We discussed waivers and which ones to use. We talked about the Minimum Standards that are set forth by the club to make sure events are run safely. We also discussed the forms that are required to be filled out after an event. These forms are where we call all help out.

The Post Event and Observers Report are the forms required to be filled out after an event that required a Certificate of Insurance. These are simple reports that are filled out online at PCA.org. One is completed by the Event Organizer and the other is completed a participant in the event who was not part of the event team, or an officer of the region. The purpose is to get an honest assessment of the event and if there were any issues. So if a volunteer is sought to do this, please do your part and step up to complete the form, because safety is everyone's responsibility.

We are fortunate as a club to have so many talented people step up to run our regions. Being President isn't always an easy job, especially with the current times, so remember to thank them every chance you can. May you be safe and may you and your family's stay healthy. If everything goes well, we will soon be able to get back to being together with our Porsches.

Stay Safe, Stay Healthy!

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