

Executive Committee and Board of Directors
Audi Club of North America
Manitowoc, WI

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To all concerned,

The publicity surrounding recent events initiated by the current ACNA (National) Board of Directors has been cause for great concern to the Chicago Chapter Board of Directors. During a meeting last week, the Chicago Chapter Board of Directors discussed the issues at length and as such we would like to share our concerns with the National Board of Directors. Please be aware that all 12 Chicago Chapter Directors and every past President of the chapter fully supports the following resolutions.

1. The purpose of our organization is to foster enthusiasm for Audi automobiles through various social and driver's education events and to grow this community. As such, anything that distracts from this goal is counterproductive. Indeed the recent e-mail to members from National discussing ongoing legal proceedings is inappropriate and diminishes our club in the eyes of the membership and to our sponsors. Indeed, the open letter to Audi owners from Johan de Nysschen elevates the gravitas of the situation. When you have caught the attention of one of your largest sponsors – in a negative fashion – the recent actions and judgment of the National Board of ACNA are absolutely called to question.
2. Craig Leichty and Mike Fisher should be allowed to return to the sitting board of directors and be allowed to serve out their terms as promised and as guaranteed under Article V - 5.2. The Executive Committee made this promise during the last conference call with chapter representatives in October of 2006. As a matter of personal integrity, we all must uphold our word or it becomes meaningless.

Whatever personal animosity exists between the National Board members should be put aside for the sake of the club and business should go on as conducted prior to the last National election. While "replacement" Board members have been chosen, it is our understanding that they were appointed by the executive committee and not by a legal quorum of the National Board of Directors. As such, the action was illegal and should be rendered void. We certainly thank these "interim board members" for their service during their brief term.

3. The cost of defending the National club from legal action - while addressed by the bylaws – is inappropriate in light of the root cause behind the whole sequence of events. The funds from membership dues and sponsorship revenues should be directed to support club activities, not to defend questionable judgment in our court system. Our local membership has been quite vocal about this issue.
4. Our local membership has also expressed great concern over how the last election was conducted, and this is most certainly another "root cause" for the recent

discontent. We acknowledge that the bylaws direct the Executive Director and two Board nominees tabulate and certify the election results; however, precedent has dictated that a neutral third party be used to tabulate the ballots. The use of a neutral third party was done to remove any possibility of even the appearance of impropriety. While having the results tabulated by the hard working and dedicated staff at National headquarters itself is certainly not an indication of any wrongdoing, the shift in tabulation methods does more “than raise an eyebrow”.

Our concern over the election applies not only to the tabulation methodology, but also to the “amendments” to the bylaws that were on the last ballot. ACNA board minutes indicate that the proposed bylaws were never discussed or approved by the ACNA board of directors prior to their introduction as a referendum as required by Article XI – 11.2. As the letter and spirit of Article XI was not adhered to, the referendum was improperly conducted

Given the concerns of membership over the last election, the results and how the votes were tabulated, we are strongly suggesting that all of the ballot issues be raised again – following correct procedure - and that a special election be conducted to either validate or render moot the results of the last election. We strongly insist that such an election take place and respectively insist that a neutral third party such as a CPA (approved by all parties) tabulate the results as was our club’s prior policy.

5. The board must take speedy action to settle differences between all parties – before we are sucked further into the morass of the legal system - and to “make our club whole” again. Collectively, we must present a unified, positive voice for all club members. The normal lines of communication between National and the regional boards must be restored and that we collectively do our best to put this ugliness behind us.

The Board of Directors of the Chicagoland Chapter respectfully requests a prompt response to our concerns. As the elected representatives of our chapter, our Directors have been queried daily by the membership about the above issues. If we are to retain any credibility in the eyes of our members, we owe our constituency honest and forthright responses in a timely fashion.

As elected representatives of our membership, we ALL must remember that we are here to represent and work for the interests of the membership as a whole and that we should not be using our energy and resources to take ANY action that distracts from this.

Best Regards,

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