



MOTOR BUS SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2007

2006 Election Results

On February 24th, the Election Committee announced that it had completed the counting of ballots for the 2006 Election of Officers and Trustees, and certified its results. A total of 245 valid ballots were received by January 31, 1007; the results of the count are as follows:

For President:

William Vallow – 136
Dino Mandros – 109

For Executive Vice President:

Charles Sullivan – 233
Dino Mandros – 1

For Secretary:

Gerald Squier – 239

For Treasurer:

Richard Phillippi – 235

For Trustee (2 vacancies):

Mike Ferlise – 232
Mike Seft – 231

The Officers for the 2007-2008 term are:

President: William Vallow
Executive Vice President: Charles Sullivan
Secretary: Gerald L. Squier
Treasurer: Richard Phillippi

The Trustees for the 2007-2012 period are:

Mike Ferlise and Mike Seft

Outgoing Officers

The Board of Trustees thanks the outgoing officers, who did not stand for re-election, for their many years of service and commitment to the Society and their even longer terms of membership:

Charlie Sullivan has served as President since 1986 and guided the organization through many turbulent times, including the temporary cessation of the publication of *MCA* by establishing and editing *Motor Coach Today*. Even though Charlie steps down from the Presidency, he will continue to serve the Society as Executive Vice President.

Eli Bail had served in the position of Executive Vice President ever since it was established in the reorganization of the 1980's. He acted as firemen to extinguish the many fires of day-to-day operations. Perhaps his greatest contribution was in recruiting two different editors for *MCA* when the former incumbents resigned. But of equal importance have been the many articles that he has researched and written—both with his *by-line* and as a major contributor. Eli will continue to serve the Society in the realm of publications through his research and writing.

Steve Goldmann has served as Treasurer for close to 20 years.

During this time, he has managed to keep the Society solvent, and in fact in good financial shape, thanks to his fine business acumen. Beside taking care of the Society's money, also handled all of the incoming mail. Steve will continue to serve the MBS as a member of the Board of Trustees.

Board of Trustees

For the information of our members, the current make-up of the Board of Trustees includes the following six people

Steve Goldmann
Murray Kramer
Richard Phillippi
Jim Gilligan
Mike Ferlise
Mike Seft

The purpose of the Board is to set policy, approve appointments to vacant committees and positions and address overall organizational problems. The Trustees meet on an as needed basis, usually four or five times a year. Any member who has a problem of situation that he or she would like to Board of Trustees to consider can contact them in writing at:

Post Office Box 261, Paramus, NJ 07653-0261, or at
www.motorbussociety.org.

Message from the New President

To the Members of the Motor Bus Society:

I feel honored to be elected as your new President. After Charlie Sullivan and Jerry Squire, and the other presidents before me, I know I face some impressive precedents. I promise to do my best, to be accessible, and to help make the Motor Bus Society better. If you have any concerns, please e-mail me at the website or arcvalo@aol.com. I will acknowledge receipt and get back to you as soon as possible.

I intend to be a president for all the society, whether or not you voted for me. Being a member has been one of the highlights of my life. I want the MBS to be a viable organization for years to come, and will work very hard to see that this happens.

There are a number of concerns I plan to address. If you have any you would like me to present at the trustee meeting, please send them to me by 26 March.

Thank you again for your support. I will not let you down.

Bill Vallow

Moor Coach Age

Production of the article on Passaic and Passaic county New Jersey has encountered many roadblocks of late. In the last *Newsletter* we anticipated that the Fall (Oct-Dec) 2005 issue of *NCA* would be completed in mid-December, be sent to the printers by the first of January and in the mail by the first of February. But during the first week of March, we find that the issue is still waiting for last minute corrections and additions. Part of the delay can be attributed to the complex map of the area that had to be constructed from scratch, since no comprehensive transit map of the area was ever published. We literally had to draw a new map from the maps of the individual companies that operated in the area. Then there was a breakdown of communication between the editor and the author—one waiting for questions and the other for input. This problem was finally resolved, and the story proceeded to page layout, followed by the final draft being sent to the author and the corrected draft being sent back to the editor. It is now reported that soon as the editor gets the corrected document back, he will then proceed to make the final changes and send the issue to the printers for shooting and production of a final version *blue line*. But all of this time has not been a total waste, as the editor has the content of the Winter 2006 issue ready to go, and has been working on stories for the remainder of the 2006 issues and the first of the 2007 issues.

President Bill Vallow will be discussing the Publications problem with the Trustees at their March 31st meeting, and will be looking into ways to improve the situation.

Spring 2007 Convention

Arrangements for the hotel for the Spring 2007 Convention in North Carolina were completed and the announcement were completed in early January. After having announcements for the 2006 Conventions sent by first-class mail because of delays to *MCA*, the Trustees decreed that all future announcements would be included with *MCA* mailings to avoid the additional expense. At the time, we didn't think that this would be a problem, as it appeared that the 2550 No. 4 issue would be ready for mailing during February. But as the end of February approached we could see that an *NCA* mailing would not occur in time for sufficient notice for prospective convention attendees.

A hard copy of the announcement is enclosed. Advance copies were sent to those members who are on the Secretary's e-mail mailing list in early January. Any member wishing to be added to this list should contact the Secretary at glsquier@comcast.net. The MBS website was updated in February, including the text and form for registration.

Conventions staff is already working on arrangements for the Fall 2007 Convention, which will be in the Columbus-Dayton, Ohio area during the Columbus day weekend (October 6-8--Sat-Mon).

The MBS Website

Many members noticed (and complained) that the MBS website <www.moorbussociety.org> was inactive during the second half of 2006. During this period, the webmaster family faced some severe medical problems, and he was unable to devote any of his personal time to MBS activities. Then just at the time these problems were being resolved, he faced a major computer hard disk failure, and this was not fixed until after the first of February.

But now the webmaster is back on line, and the site has been updated to include announcements and forms for the Spring 2007 Convention, and the report for the Fall 2005 Convention in Philadelphia. A couple of new features were also added;

NEXT STOP: features listings of bus shows in various areas.

BUS DISPATCHER: This is a place for fellow bus enthusiasts to request information on all things bus!

Vacant Positions

As mentioned in previous *Newsletters*, in connection with the 2006 election of Officers, we are soliciting applications from members who are in acting as one of the seven **Regional Vice-Presidents**. In recent years, these positions have been largely dormant, but it is the hope of the new President to get more people involved in MBS activities.

The current by-laws of the Society specify that the seven Regional Vice Presidents are nominated by the President and are confirmed by the Board of trustees. Each Regional VP serves a two year term—the same as the appointing President. The seven regions are:

- 1 New England:** Main, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut
- 2 East:** New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia, Virginia Maryland and Delaware
- 3 Mid-West:** Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska
- 4 Pacific Coast:** California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Alaska and Hawaii.
- 5 Southwest:** Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, Colorado and Wyoming.
- 6 South:** Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, Tennessee, Kentucky, North Carolina and South Carolina
- 7 Canada and Foreign**

The only requirement for these positions is that the member actually live in one of the states in the area he wishes to represent.