



# MOTOR BUS SOCIETY NEWSLETTER SPRING 2009

## Results of the 2008 Election

The results of the 2008 election, as reported by Elections Committee Members Mike Ferlise and Mike Seft are as follows:

President	W. Vallow	56 (elected)
	D. Mandros	48
	Write-in	1
Executive Vice President	R. Hussey	105 (elected)
Secretary	G. Squier	103 (elected)
	Write-in	2
Treasurer	R. Phillipi	105 (elected)
Trustee #1	J. Gilligan	104 (elected)
	Write-in	1
Trustee #2	S. Keyles	105 (elected)

## Message from the President

Thank you for reelecting me to another term as your president. It is a privilege and honor to represent you. I am always proud to introduce myself as President of the Motor Bus Society.

In this, my second term, I hope for the following: That the publication continue on its current schedule. This depends on the amount of material available. Current prospects are quite favorable for the future.

My plans for the next two years center on increasing our membership. I intend to go online, locate transit associations, and contact them with information about the Society. This is something I will ask the regional vice-presidents to do in their areas.

I want to recruit members for positions which may need to be filled in the future. This includes regional vice-president, editor and/or publisher of the publication, and staff officers. When current individuals retire or resign, this will simplify replacing them.

Conventions are in the capable hands of our convention chairman, but I am more than willing to assist at any time.

I intend to continue to be available to all members. Any questions or comments need only be sent to me at [arcvalo@aol.com](mailto:arcvalo@aol.com) anytime. You will receive a reply as soon as possible.

A very important factor in making my presidency a real pleasure has and will be work done by Society volunteers, including the

Board of Trustees, committee members, Dino Mandros's work on conventions, the Regional VP's, and Eli Bail and Jerry Squier who do yeoman work for the members.

Finally, I thank you members sincerely for your support. I enjoy tremendously being with you.

Thank you all.

Bill Vallow, President

## Conventions

**Fall 2008:** The Fall 2008 MBS convention covered bus operations in southwest Ontario, Canada on October 17, 18 and 19, and was organized by Kevin Nicol and was headquartered at the Holiday Inn in Oakville. The meeting was attended by more than 50 members and guests. The Friday garage tour included visits to the Burlington and Hamilton transit garages and GO Transit stations as well as the Orion Bus Industries plant in Mississauga. The Saturday tour included stops at the Brantford, Woodstock, London, Masonville and Stratford transit garages. The Fall 2008 MBS meeting was held that night and was presided over by President Bill Vallow; entertainment was provided by XVP Bob Hussey. On Sunday, visits were made to Grand River, Guelph and Brampton transit garages, to the Halton County Radial Railway museum and to the Parkinson Coach Lines garage.

**Spring 2009:** The Spring 2009 convention is scheduled for April 24 and 25 in Kansas City, MO, with headquarters at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in downtown K. C. Plans for garage tours include visits to Lawrence, Topeka and Johnson County in Kansas on Friday and to the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority on Saturday, with a membership meeting on Saturday night. No activities are planned for Sunday.

**Future Conventions:** The Fall 2009 convention will cover eastern Virginia and will be held on October 9, 10 and 11 (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday) and is to be headquartered in Richmond, VA. The Spring 2010 meeting is slated for April 23-25 in Vancouver, BC (Canada) and the Fall 2010 convention will be headquartered in Harrisburg, PA on October 8-10, and will cover east-central Pennsylvania. Due to complaints from convention attendees about having the optional third day on Columbus Day Monday, all future meetings will have the optional third day on Friday.

## 2009 Membership Dues

Because of the previous erratic publication of *Motor Coach Age*, the Society has temporarily dropped its previous calendar year dues payment policy. Also dropped was the quarterly billing process; all members will now be billed at the same time.

It is presently anticipated that invoices for 2009 MBS membership dues will be sent out on or about July 1, 2009, with payment due by September 30th. As the dates printed in *MCA* issues catch up with actual time, it is expected that billing cycles will be shortened until we get back to the first of the year. This may take several years to accomplish, and is dependent upon the publication staff to produce more than four issues per year.

## MCA Publication Schedule

The issue of *Motor Coach Age* that accompanies this *Newsletter*, although printed in April 2009, is dated for July-September 2007 in accordance with the Board of Trustees decision to honor the memory of the late Albert E. Meier, *MCA's* long time editor. Mr. Meier passed away in December 2007, and he will continue to be listed as Editor until the last 2007 issue has been published.

That issue (October-December 2007) is already in preparation, and is expected to be released by the end of June. The issue will cover the Southern Trailways operation, and is the last story that AEM researched and wrote by himself. It was originally planned to include a commemoration of Mr. Meier's contribution to the Society and *MCA* in that issue. But the story has proved to be so big that it has been decided to end the first part in 1950. The remainder of the story will appear in the January-March 2008 issue, and it will include Mr. Meier's epitaph.

To help get back on schedule, publications staff plans to produce smaller issues by selecting shorter stories or breaking the longer ones into two sequential issues, until we are caught up. It is also planned to continue including a wide geographical representation of stories.

## Publication Sales

To clear out some of the backlog of *Motor Coach Age* and *Motor Coach Today* and generate some revenue for the Society, it has been decided to hold another special sale of previously published issues of those magazines.

It is planned to create special bundles of issues dealing with multiple issues of subjects in the same geographical area or subject. Lists of all available back issues and the special bundles will be prepared and will probably be included with the 2009 MBS dues invoice in July.

## Contact Information

For MBS membership forms, more information, or a list of available publication back issues, write to:

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the Secretary at [secretary@motorbussociety.org](mailto:secretary@motorbussociety.org)  
the MCA staff at [MCA-Editor@pixlyn.com](mailto:MCA-Editor@pixlyn.com)

Materials or questions for the *Motor Coach Age* staff should now be sent to the Paramus, NJ address, as the Visalia CA Post Office Box has been closed

**Secretary's E-Mail List:** From time to time, the MBS Secretary will send messages to members containing information on conventions, *MCA* mailings or other matters of interest that are of a timely nature. Only about 10% of the total MBS membership are presently on this mailing list. Any members who have a computer and an e-mail account who are not on this list and wish to be included should submit their e-mail address to the Secretary at [secretary@motorbussociety.org](mailto:secretary@motorbussociety.org).

## Corporate Name

Recently several of our sharper-eyed members noted the use of the name, "The Motor Bus Society II, Inc." and wondered why the change from "Motor Bus Society, Inc." had been made. For the benefit of members who did not receive a copy of the e-mail response, we reiterate it here:

During the 60 years of the Society's existence, the organization has been incorporated as a not-for-profit educational organization several times for various reasons. Each of these restructuring has taken place in the state of New Jersey, which requires that the same name cannot be used more than once. Varying versions of the MBS name (with and without "The" and "Inc.") had already been used, and use of the Roman numeral "II" was adopted for the present corporation. General Society business will continue to be conducted as *Motor Bus Society* and only in those case in which the correct corporate name is necessary will the full name be used.