

Report of Delegates Meeting – Austin Healey Club of America (“AHCA”)

(www.healeyclub.org)

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The governing body of AHCA is the group of delegates elected by each of the 47 local clubs plus one delegate representing “national members” that do not belong to any local club. As of November 2018, AHCA has 2,973 members including 463 national members. AHCA has seven clubs with more than 100 members including CAAHC with 103. Clubs represented this year by attending delegates were 25 plus a few more that submitted proxies.

Synopsis of Officer and Leadership Reports

President Completing his second year in office, the AHCA President is Gary Feldman a member of the Northeast Ohio club. He summarized his multiple trips in 2018 to local and regional events.

VP Safety The officer recommended a website: www.toptiergas.com stressing the importance of superior fuel to preserve engine performance. All Healeys are now more than 50 years old and some roadside breakdowns can be avoided by constant attention to preventive maintenance.

VP Promotion Utility of the national club website benefits from continuous refinements each year. About half of all new club members join through the website. New membership sourced from Facebook is enhanced by paying for a feature called “boost”. The club is also increasing blast emails to members through “Constant Contact” – a well-known commercial web service. Confidentiality of the 2,500 member email database is guaranteed by the service.

VP Conclave The 2018 Conclave in French Lick, Indiana was successful by participation (209 registrations) and by finance (\$7,900 income to AHCA). The 2019 Conclave slated for Deadwood, South Dakota in September had 197 registrations as of the delegates’ meeting. Conclave leaders stressed that convenient hotel room reservations would be used-up in the first quarter of 2019. Cars can be shipped to Rapid City, SD if the drive to the Black Hills is impractical for otherwise interested members.

VP Insurance The AHCA continues to maintain comprehensive insurance coverage for general liability and directors' and officers' liability that protects the national club and all local clubs against financial loss. The insurance carrier will provide a certificate of coverage by request for any local club, regional event or the national conclave.

Donald M. Healey Memorial Fund (“DMH Fund”) The DMH Fund has secured more than \$20,000 in donations since inception. The organization has its own board of directors and recently awarded its first annual scholarship (\$2,500) to a student at McPherson College. The college has a bachelor's degree program for automotive restoration.

Regalia The AHCA has commissioned a line of men's and women's jewelry that features the organization's crest and name. Items can be ordered in silver metal or a less expensive bright alloy.

Membership The Membership Director stressed his goal for earlier production of the printed directory in 2019. The process started this year in November with annual dues statements sent to members. The 2019 directory will include an alphabetical list of all members that was missing in the 2018 printed directory.

Secretary The AHCA has completed full digital conversion of all available club documents that have historical significance. A process is in place to convert contemporary paper records to a digital archive each year.

Treasurer The national club has consciously managed an annual budget process that allows for moderate draw-down of the fund balance each year. Slight declines in total annual dues and total advertising revenue in the Healey Marque have been experienced. The delegates approved a 2019 budget plan showing \$174,000 in income and \$199,000 in disbursements.

Healey Marque The club's monthly magazine (11 issues/year) enjoys great participation by volunteer authors. The editor, Reid Trummel, reported his continuing enthusiasm and commitment after 13 years in the post. Beginning in 2019, the magazine will have its first “compensated” writer focusing on researched Healey automobile history.

Healey Museum By recommendation of the officers and unanimous vote of delegates, the AHCA will contribute up to \$2,500, in 2019, to the Healey Museum in the Netherlands. The AHCA donations will be triggered as matching amounts against donations to the museum by any local club. This funding arrangement has the upside potential for \$5,000 flowing to the museum during 2019.

Conclave Outlook 2020 Delegates considered a multi-club cooperation proposal to host the 2020 Conclave but it was tabled for further review. The 2020 approval process will consist of a site and sponsor recommendation by the officers for an email vote by the delegates in the first part of 2019.

Elections All current officers, except the retiring Secretary, were elected for another annual term. The newly elected Secretary is Peter Sturtevant, a local member of the Austin Healey Club of New England.

Next Delegate Meeting Date The AHCA delegate meeting returns to Indianapolis for November 8-9, 2019

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