



**SSCVA Regular Board of Directors Meeting  
7770 Corinne Dr. Hammond, IN  
March 18, 2026**

**1. WELCOME**

**a. Roll Call**

- i. In attendance: BLACKWELL, BRASHIER, CASH, ESPINO, EVANS, GRISOLIA, MALONEY, HOLMES, PATENA, QUNELL, ROBERT, VELLIGAN, WIESER
- ii. Absent: BONDS, KLIDERIS, SCHUFFERT, SEGARRA, SPENCER
- iii. Staff in Attendance: PHIL TAILLON, KRISTIN TAYLOR, NIKKI LOPEZ, NICOLE WOLVERTON

**b. Pledge of Allegiance**

**2. REPORTS**

**a. CEO Report**

- i. Presented ITA Best Cooperative Partnership Award for the 'We Want Banana's' video
- ii. Bears update should come at the end of the month, or possibly in May
- iii. Phil Spoke at the Highland/Griffith Chamber, which was held at the Indiana Welcome Center
- iv. Savor the South Shore was a success with 43 participating restaurants
- v. Phil had a great event at the Hard Rock and thanked everyone who came out.
- vi. Phil reported that Jeff produced a new Bears video and to be on the lookout for it
- vii. Convention center update: COG and RDA have passed their most recent agreements

**b. CFO Report**

**i. Innkeepers**

- 1. Provided a report that innkeeper up a total of \$71,000 for the first 2 months of the year.

**ii. Financial Update**

- 1. We have 82% of appropriations remaining

- c. Approval of Claims #2908-2910, 31426-32226 in the amount of \$736,312.00
        - i. Motion made by **PATENA** to approve claims, seconded by **ESPINO**.  
Approved unanimously.
      - d. Staff Reports – In BOD packet
      - e. Committee Reports - None
- 3. OLD BUSINESS
  - a. None
- 4. NEW BUSINESS
  - a. Approval of Meeting Minutes February 19, 2026
    - i. Motion made by **VELLIGAN** to approve minutes, seconded by **BRASHIER**. Approved unanimously.
  - b. 2026 South Shore Summer Campaign Co-op Agreement
    - i. Motion made by **CASH** to approve Co-op agreement, seconded by **MALONEY**. Approved unanimously.
- 5. PRESENTATION
  - a. None
- 6. PUBLIC COMMENT
  - a. Two (2) minutes maximum per person or five (5) minutes for a group spokesperson. Please keep your comments civil and constructive to policy issues. The Chair, at his/her sole discretion, may recognize individuals wishing to speak on different topics.
  - b. New Regular Meeting- Date: February 19, 2026, at 12:00 pm at the Indiana Welcome Center.
- 7. ADJOURNMENT
  - a. Motion made by **VELLIGAN** to adjourn, seconded by **BRASHIER**.