

fTo: Ken Sorenson, SSA Chair
From: John Godfrey, Chair, Trophy Committee
Subject: Trophy Committee Report for February 19/20, 2016 SSA BOD meeting
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1. Re-formation of the Committee

At the 2015 Fall BOD meeting the Trophy Committee was reconstituted. The minutes say:

6.3.2 Trophy Committee – The Ad Hoc committee appointed by Chairman Maleady was dissolved and morphed into the Trophy Committee. Members are John Godfrey (Chairman), Jay McDaniel, Sarah Arnold, Peter Smith, and Richard Maleady. All trophies will be held at SSA Headquarters. HQ will update engraving, handle repairs and shipping.

2. Plans for 2016

In 2016, the racing-related trophies will be:

- repaired/refurbished as necessary
- updated with current information
- have suitable shipping containers purchased and fitted
- be presented to winners at the competition venue
- be on display at the SSA Office
- have a presentation “liturgy” written that succinctly explains the history/meaning of the trophy to be used at the time of presentation.

The mechanism and circumstances by which trophies may or may not go home with the winners requires further committee consideration and will be addressed for the 2017 season.

3. Background Context

The trophy retirement issue was raised by multiple persons in 2015. Without trying to recapitulate that discussion, two points are noteworthy:

- a. On the fall competition pilot poll respondents were asked if the trophies should be retired from circulation:
 - No – 123; Yes 41
 - The respondents were evenly split on whether the trophies should go home with winners or return to a central public display location.
- b. Despite the myriad BOD discussions on this over the years, the SSA Bylaws seem explicit. The last sentence of Article XI, Section 2 (2) – the Trophy Endowment Fund reads:

“Such trophies shall be presented to recipients at the contest at which any such award represented by a trophy is won, or at such other venue as the Board of Directors may from time, in its discretion, decide.”

Respectfully submitted,
John Godfrey (QT), Chair