



Military Vehicle Preservation Association (MVPA)
Public Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes: Wednesday, July 31, 2025, 8:00pm EDT

Type: Public Board Meeting. 74 MVPA members present.
Patrick Tipton called the meeting to order at 8:01pm EDT.

1. Roll Call Secretary: Record attendance of all board members and note absences.
2. Consent Calendar Motion by John Hedges, second by Patrick Tipton. Unanimous approval. Motion passed.
 - A. Approve June 30, 2025, BOD meeting minutes
 - B. Appointment of John Schroeder as Chairman of Nominating Committee to replace John Hedges who will run for re-election.
 - C. Approve reimbursement of \$407.91 to Mike Lusty for hotel rooms for April, 2025 Historical Archives trip to John Cheney's storage building.
 - D. Approve reimbursement to Patrick Tipton (\$1503.90), John Hedges (\$428.32), and Jane Brough (\$247.94) for travel expenses to MVPA offices July 22-24, 2025. Pulled from consent calendar by John Hedges.
 - E. Approve payment to Augusta Expo, Fishersville, VA of \$1000.00 for 2026 International Military Vehicle Festival venue
 - F. Approve contract with Augusta Expo, Fishersville, VA for venue facilities, services, and fees not to exceed \$10000.00.

Discussion on approval of travel reimbursements to Patrick Tipton (\$1503.90), John Hedges (\$428.32), and Jane Brough (\$247.94) for travel expenses to MVPA offices July 22-24, 2025. Motion by John Hedges, second by Dan Wesolowski. Patrick Tipton and John Hedges abstained. Remaining four board members approved. Motion passed.

3. Officer Reports
 - A. President's Report, Update on organizational transition. Patrick Tipton. Presentation enclosed.
 - B. Vice President's Report, Discussion on the status of committee appointments, call for volunteers, future bylaw changes, future policy changes, legislative initiatives, John Hedges
 - C. Treasurer's Report: Current financial status. Updated 2025 budget. Robert Brough and Assistant Treasurer Jane Brough. Presentation enclosed.

- D. Secretary's Report Dan Wesolowski working meeting minutes, working the phones for HQ and working on lapsed member renewals
- E. Judging Committee Chris Doran. Judging plaques will be done this week and shipped, other judges' accessories are ordered, judging meeting pending, working an additional judging category to make it easier for more members to get vehicles judged.
- F. Chief Morale Official Rory Grenier working with affiliate presidents to increase membership, the need for conventions to be less costly and more fun, promoted the Aniwa Show in three weeks in Wisconsin. Briefed the beer trailer for the 2026 convention.

4. Editor's Report- History in Motion, John Adams-Graf, presentation enclosed.

5. 2026 MVPA-HA Lewis & Clark Cross-Country Convoy, Terry Shelswell, LC'26 Convoy, presentation enclosed.

6. Old Business

- A. Recent legal bills from Stinson LLC Patrick Tipton
- B. Strategic Planning Committee Report John Schroeder
- C. Property tax assessment update John Hedges
- D. Crowne Plaza update Patrick Tipton

7. New Business

- A. Louisville Convention lessons learned Dan Wesolowski and John Schroeder, presentation enclosed.
- B. Virginia 2026 update John Hedges, separate meetings will be held for convention 2026, presentation enclosed.

8. Discussion items

- A. Discussion of possible by-laws changes to include board of director's size, board composition, term length and limits, and qualifications of directors.
- B. Discussion of the closure of the office, the historical archives, and the future of MVPA HQ.
- C. Discussion on a membership drive Zoom-a-thon concerning 6,000 to 7,000 former members who are potential warm leads for new members. Need an ad hoc committee to get new members.
- D. Discussion on the documents stored at John Cheney's facility in Ohio.

9. Public Comment

- JAG suggested we add donations to our member application.
- Bruce Sharp supports selling the building, auction material that is not needed.
- Verne Jenkinson comment on a Missouri registered agent.
- MVPA sales items, most items are sold at the convention, all stored at the HQ.
- Mark Sargent questioned the legal fees and who should pay. The previous board sought legal counsel, and Patrick Tipton is continuing to work on getting the bill reduced.

Luke Sparks stated that MO statute is that the group initiating the special election pays the legal fees.

When is the last time we advertised back issues of magazines? Will look into reopening the Supply Room.

Michael O'Connell agreed that we need to stop large hotel commitments at conventions.

Darrell Lehman asked if we considered at Title 11 type action. Not really but that was why drastic measures were recently taken.

Briefly discussed corporate sponsorship.

10. Announcements

Upcoming events. Next board meeting slated for August 28, 2025

11. Adjourn to closed session

A. Excess employee vacation bank (personnel matter)

B. Membership management services (negotiations)