

## Candidates for Election PNR 2018

This year the members of PNR will elect a new President and Vice President. The two incumbents (Jack Hamilton and Shirley Sample have declined nomination and will retire from service at the end of their terms on August 21, 2018. The elected officers will assume their responsibilities effective September 1, 2018

The candidates put forward by your nominations committee are as follows

### **PRESIDENT**

#### **Kurt Laidlaw – Fourth Division**

Hi, my name is Kurt Laidlaw and I am running for the position of President of the Pacific Northwest Region. I have always believed that it is important to give back to a group as much as you get out of it. Jack Hamilton made a fairly convincing argument to me at the PNR Convention in Portland that with the number of people we have in the region, it shouldn't be that difficult to get a number of people to run for the regional offices. He told me the nominations committee had a list of 75 people they were calling for the presidency. I told him I would put my name in the bucket and lo and behold when they reached into the bucket there was a single sheet of paper so here I am. Jack Hamilton lies.

I have been an active member of the NMRA in the PNR 4<sup>th</sup> Division for close to 8 years. When I retired from the military-industrial complex I decided I needed something to fill a few hours of each week and thought model railroading would be a good choice. Little did I realize what I was getting into. I have served as a 4<sup>th</sup> division board member and assistant superintendent. I have helped organize the 4<sup>th</sup> division spring meet three times, and I was the contest chairman at the 2014 PNR Convention held in Tacoma, WA. I model in N scale (to keep Jack Hamilton happy) and am a member of the 4DNTRAK modular group.

Trying to fill Jack's shoes is going to be a tough assignment, but I know that with the help of the various division superintendents and the PNR officers I will do my best to fulfill the responsibilities of the office and continue to make the PNR the region the rest of the country looks to for examples of how to keep members and make the hobby enjoyable for all.



## **Vice President**

### **Bob Parrish, MMR – Third Division**

I'm a lifelong modeler that was started out by my dad at age four. He modeled with a small group on the west side of Chicago in 1948. He moved me to HO in 1954 with some rolling stock that he had previously built.

I have modeled variously in S, O, HOn3 but mostly in HO. I am on my second around the room layout and am captivated by trolleys. A small amount of time has been given to G scale also.

I have served on several different committees when the regional gatherings have been hosted by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Division in Boise, Idaho.



In addition to the candidates identified by the Nominations Committee, you will have the opportunity to make a “write in” choice