



Pacific Northwest Region

Public Service Program



NMRA members in the Pacific Northwest Region may accrue Time Unit credit towards the Association Volunteer Achievement Program Certificate by participating in the Public Service Program. Leaders of approved projects earn 2 T.U. per month, and members of the project team earn 1 T.U. per month of service.

Two major forms of participation are:

- Work on projects that establish permanent layouts or displays in public venues.
- Work with other NMRA members or their families to assist them during transitions in their modeling career.

Appointment to the Public Services Program is by application through your Division AP Manager or Superintendent. The application form is available at http://pnr.nmra.org/policies/PSC_Application_5_2024.docx or http://pnr.nmra.org/policies/PSC_Application_5_2024.odt

More information:

The Public Services Committee was created by the Board of Directors and is covered in Section T of the Policy and Procedures Manual:

T-1. General

1. The Public Service Program serves to provide an avenue for members of the Region to participate in and receive appropriate credit for certain public service activities of a long or continuing nature, or for activities that serve fellow NMRA members during transitions in their modeling careers.
2. Long-term or continuing services. The Program provides a variety of services to the public through the planning, development, construction, installation, maintenance, and/or operation of long term NMRA and Model Railroading hobby related layout or displays at public facilities such as libraries, hospitals, museums, visitor centers, or similar. For purposes of this committee, long term means a display of a permanent nature to be available for public viewing across a significant period of time (measured in years) as documented in the original plan.
3. Transition support services. The Program recognizes the planned efforts of members or teams of members who assist other NMRA members during transitions in their modeling careers due to the effects of time or disease. Examples include assisting a widow or widower in moving the member's layout to a new home, or in helping modify the modeler's physical environment to allow the modeler to continue to enjoy the hobby in spite of disability. Such activities should be consistent with the PNR's Member Services Program. Activities within this category require the approval of the Division Superintendent and the Division AP Manager to receive recognition.

The Public Service Program Chair is Bill Fassett, who receives applications from the Division, and tracks participants.

T-2 Chairman Responsibilities

1. The Public Service Program Chair is appointed by the President and serves until replaced. There is no fixed term of office. Because of common points of interest, the Achievement Program Chair will serve either as the Public Service Program Chair or be a part of that programs management structure.
2. The Public Service Program Chair shall exercise oversight and general management of all PNR Public Service projects.
3. The Committee Chair may at their discretion appoint a separate chair for each long term activity covered under this Public Service Program structure.
4. The creation of an activity specific committee will be at the discretion of the Public Services Program Chair and must precede the commencement of the activity.
5. Individual activity committee membership is construed to mean active participation and contribution in one or more phases of the activity with credit accruing during those periods of active participation. For example an individual who is involved in the initial planning and development but who does not actively participate in some other phase (construction, installation, etc.) does not receive TU credit for the nonparticipation periods.
6. Participation and credit for each individual in a specific activity is to be validated by the appointed chair for that activity and verified by the Public Services Committee Chair.