



## Pacific Northwest Region, National Model Railroad Association

### Board of Directors Meeting via Zoom

**Saturday, August 2, 2025**

#### MINUTES

1. **ATTENDANCE:** Jeff Herrmann, Bob Stafford, Rick Martin, Larry Sebelley, Lori Sebelley, Kurt Laidlaw, James Keena, Jeff Shultz, Shelly Shelstad, Mike Stepner, Bill Voogd, Ed Molenkamp, Greg Kujawa, Bill Fassett, Jeroen Gerritsen, Dave Liesse, Bob Parrish, Peter Ulvestad, Jach Hamilton. Guest: Magnus Christerson, Dave Holden
2. Opening Comments from Region President: Jeff Herrmann
  - a. Meeting was called to Order at 12:02
  - b. Bert Cripe (4<sup>th</sup> Division) was recognized for receiving the NMRA President's Award for Service to the Division and Bill Fassett was recognized for receiving the PNR President's Award for Service to the Region
  - c. A task force has been appointed to make a recommendation about reforming of PNR Education Committee
  - d. NMRA rebranding announcement will be made first week in September
3. 2025 PNR Convention Closeout Report: Bill Fassett MMR, Chair
  - a. Written report was submitted to the board
4. 2026 PNR Convention Status Report: Dave Holden, Convention Chair
  - a. May 13-16, 2026 Tigard, OR
  - b. Still recruiting some steering committee members
  - c. Contract with PNR will be submitted soon

- d. ACTION ITEM: Motion was made by Larry Sebelley to instruct the PNR Treasurer to make a \$1,000 loan to the convention committee as soon as the convention contract is signed by both the convention committee and PNR. Motion was seconded by James Keena. Motion Passed.
- 5. 2027 NMRA Convention Puget Sound Express: Magnus Christerson
  - a. August 10-15, 2027 Tacoma Convention Center
  - b. National Trin Show to follow the convention
  - c. Steering Committee has been formed and committees are being filled out: Operations/ Program/Marketing
- 6. Convention Contests: The board directed the 2026 Convention Committee and Jeroen Gerritsen, Contest Chair to develop a marketing and promotion plan for the convention that clearly explains the difference between AP Evaluation, Judged Contests, and Celebration of Models on Display and also encourages participation in each. Areas for the three different activities should be clearly delineated at the convention venue.
- 7. ACTION ITEM: Minutes of the April 2025 Board Meeting were approved as distributed. Motion by James Keena, Seconded by Ed Molenkamp. Motion carried.
- 8. Treasurer's Report: Rick Martin announced that the region's Certificates of Deposit are scheduled to mature in November and that he welcomes off-line discussion about how PNR can generate income.
- 9. Vice President's Report: Bob Stafford distributed and reviewed the membership growth progress to date compared to last year-end and 2025 year-end goals
- 10. NR Committee Reports:
  - a. AP: Bill Fassett MMR, PNR AP Manager distributed the AP and Golden Spike report through July 2025. He also commented that most of the AP SOQ's have been updated, are on the NMRA website, and are

available in fillable form format. Changes have been made to AP Author to include recognition of “informal publications.”

- b. Public Service: Bill Fassett MMR recognized members who have assisted in helping modelers in transition and have earned volunteer points toward the AP Certificate
- c. Switchlist: Greg Kujawa MMR, Editor reported that the next Switchlist will be published on August 15th
- d. Website: Peter Ulvestad, Webmaster requested that event dates be kept current
- e. Modeling With The Masters: Jack Hamilton MMR reported that there will be November 1<sup>st</sup> Session in the Tacoma area. Promotion for participants and MMRs to become certified instructors in beginning now.

11. Closing Comments: Meeting ended at 1:48pm

Next Meeting: Saturday, November 8, 2025 12 Noon Pacific Via ZOOM

Respectfully Submitted:

Jeff Herrmann MMR®

**ACTION ITEM: Approval of April 2025 BOD Minutes**

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