



Pacific Northwest Region, National Model Railroad Association

Board of Directors Meeting via Zoom

Saturday, February 1, 2025

MINUTES

1. **ATTENDANCE:** Jeff Herrmann, Bob Stafford, Rick Martin, Larry Sebelley, James Keena, Greg Kujawa, Bill Fassett, Lee Calkins, Dave Liese, Peter Ulvestad, Bob Parrish, Jack Hamilton, Gordy Robinson, Jeff Shultz, Shelley Shelstad, Bill Voogd, and Ed Molenkamp
2. **OPENING:** The meeting was called to order by Jeff Herrmann at 12:03 pm
3. **PRESIDENTS COMMENTS:**
 - a. Congratulations to Greg Kujawa MMR #787
 - b. Resignation of PNR Secretary Brian Orysen. Recommendations for replacement should be shared with Jeff.
 - c. New NMRA Calendar allows for direct event placement
 - d. NMRA 90th Anniversary branding opportunities and national support materials
 - e. Confirmation of 2027 NMRA Convention awarded to PNR 4th Div. to be held in Tacoma
4. **COMMENTS FROM GORDY ROBINSON, PRESIDENT NMRA:**
 - a. GROUPER Benefits
 - b. January NMRA Board Meeting highlights
 - c. NMRA's new partnership with TrainFest in November in Milwaukee
5. **PNR PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR SERVICE TO THE REGION:** Dave Liese reminded the Board that nominations are due by March 31st There will be an announcement for nominations in the February Switchlist.
6. **SECRETARY REPORT:** Minutes of the November 9, 2024 PNR Board of Directors Meeting were approved as distributed. **(ACTION ITEM)**
7. **OFFICE MANAGER REPORT:** James Keena reported that all membership roster updates have been distributed to the Region and Division leadership. Constant Contact mailing lists appear to be working properly.

8. **TREASURER REPORT:** Rick Martin reviewed FY 2024 results and solicited input for changes in FY 2025 budget.
 - a. AP mailing expenses will no longer be separated by country.
 - b. MWTM projected lodging expense will be increased
9. **VICE PRESIDENT REPORT:** Bob Stafford reviewed the year-end membership numbers and requested that Division Superintendents submit their goals for 2025 membership growth. Several divisions need to recruit Membership Chairs.
10. **2025 PNR CONVENTION:** Bill Fassett reported that all registration and hotel information is available on the convention website and registration is tracking well.
11. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
 - a. **Achievement Program:** Bill Fassett reported
 - i. PNR leads the NMRA in AP Certificates, new MMRs and Golden Spike Awards
 - ii. Proposal for counting Volunteer Service hours for 100% Clubs conducting Open House events approved by Division is being reviewed by national NMRA
 - iii. Several AP Managers will be heading to Fairbanks, AK to conduct AP evaluations.
 - b. **Education:** Lee Calkins distributed the working draft of clinicians and clinics available for publication and use by divisions. He requested that all divisions help in developing and maintain the list.
 - c. **Celebration of Models and Contests:** Jeroen Gerritsen submitted a written report that 7 judges have been secured so far for the convention. Their committee will have a meeting in February.
 - d. **Website:** Peter Ulvestad reported that the website is being continually updated and there is room for more content.
 - e. **Modeling With The Masters:** Jack Hamilton reported that 11 MMRs have signed up for "certification" to be completed during February and March. A free MWTM event will be held in Kennewick, WA on Saturday March 1, 2025.
12. **DIVISION REPORTS:**
 - a. **1ST DIVISION:** Charlie Hutto thanked Bob Stafford for his assistance in establishing the format for Zoom Clinics in 1st Division. A Division Meet is being planned for May on the Sout Coast- East Bay area.
 - b. **2nd Division:** Jeff Shultz reported that their January Division Meet went well and that the hotel for the 2026 PNR Convention has been secured.
 - c. **3rd Division:** Shelly Shelstad reported that a club in Twin Falls is coming on line as a 100% club and new members are being recruited.

- d. **5th Division:** Bill Voogd reported that plans are going well for the 2025 convention and they will also be promoting attendance at the MWTM session in Kennewick, WA.
 - e. **6th Division:** Ed Molenkamp reported that long-time NMRA member and PNR webmaster, Mark Johnson recently passed away and that he be remembered and recognized in the Switchlist. Ed also reported excitement for the spring show season's approaching.
 - f. **7th Division:** Larry Sebelley reported that the Vancouver Train Expo in January was well attended and the Railway Modelers Meet of BC is coming up in May.
13. **CLOSING:** The meeting was concluded at 1:30pm. Next BOD Meeting will be held via ZOOM on Saturday, April 5, 2025 at 12 noon Pacific Time.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jeff Herrmann MMR®

ACTION ITEM: Approval of Nov. 2024 BOD Minutes