



Pacific Northwest Region, National Model Railroad Association

Board of Directors Meeting via Zoom

Saturday, November 8, 2025

MINUTES

1. ATTENDANCE: Jeff Herrmann, Bob Stafford, Larry Sebelley, Lori Sebelley, James Keena, Jeff Shultz, Dave Holden, Shelly Shelstad, Mike Stepner, Victor Gilbert, Greg Kujawa, Jeroen Gerritsen, Dave Liesse, and Peter Ulvestad. The meeting was held via Zoom and began at 12:00 noon Pacific.
2. **ACTION ITEM** APPOINTMENTS: Jeff Herrmann announced his intention to appoint Shirley Sample as Nominating Committee Chair, Dave Liesse as PNR Treasurer, and Russell Kerr as PNR Secretary. Motion to approve the appointments was made by Jeff Shultz and seconded by Shelly Shelstad. Motion was approved.
3. NMRA MARKETING & BRANDING UPDATE: Jeff Herrmann reviewed the steps the region and divisions will need to take implement to the new logo and branding requirements announced by NMRA. Greg Kujawa reported that he is researching the process it will take for the PNR Switchlist to be compliant
4. The Board of Directors decided not to renew the PNR Directors and Officers Liability Insurance policy for 2026.
5. 2026 PNR CONVENTION STATUS REPORT: Dave Holden, Convention Chair reported that the convention hotel is now set up for taking convention room reservations and that the convention website is up and working. He also reported that his volunteer team for Layout Tours, Program, and Dinner has been filled. They are requesting suggestions for MWTM topics. Dave will work with Larry Sebelley to set up PNR Registration account.

6. 2027 NMRA CONVENTION- PUGET SOUND EXPRESS REPORT: Magnus Christerson and Robin Peel gave an update on convention committee action and requested financial assistance from each division to create standardized NMRA Information Banners that can be used at train shows and other local events to promote NMRA and the convention. Magnus will send design and cost information to Division Superintendents before printing and also work with Canadian Divisions to avoid any cross border issues.
7. **ACTION ITEM**-APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion to accept the minutes of the August 2025 PNR BOD meeting was by Victor Gilbert and seconded by Mike Stepner. Motion passed.
8. PNR OFFICE MANGER REPORT: James Keena reported that current PNR membership is 1,379 members plus 13 Rail Pass members.
9. VP REPORT: Bob Stafford commented on the need for focused effort on recruiting new members at upcoming train shows.
10. PNR COMMITTEE REPORTS:
 - i. AP: Bill Fassett MMR, PNR AP Manager provided a written Report
 - ii. PNR Celebration of Models/Convention Contests: Jeroen Gerritsen, Chair reported that he will work with the 2026 Convention Chair to help secure contest evaluators
 - iii. Switchlist: Greg Kujawa MMR, Editor reported that all articles except 5th Division have been received for the November 2025 edition. Next issue will be in February 2026
 - iv. Website: Peter Ulvestad, Webmaster requested regular updates on train shows and other calendar dates that need to appear on the website.
 - v. Modeling With The Masters: Jeff Herrmann reported that Jack Hamilton MMR lead a MWTM session in University Place, WA on November 1st. There were 16 students and 9 instructors certified. A

request was made to 6th and 7th Divisions to secure dates and locations for MWTM events in the spring of 2026.

11. DIVISION REPORTS AND UPDATES:

- i. 1st Division: Charlie Hutto's term as Superintendent ended in September. No replacement has been elected.
- ii. 3rd Division: A successful Division Meet was held in October. Shelly Shelstad was reelected as Superintendent.
- iii. 4th Division: Has several new members whose email addresses are not working. He will follow up with James Keena to get them corrected.
- iv. 7th Division: Recent Vancouver Train Show event was cancelled due to leadership change. Victor will discuss possibly holding a MWTM session at the Railway Modelers Meet in May 2026. Otherwise he will schedule it in April 2026.

12. NEXT MEETING: The meeting ended at 12:57. The next PNR BOD Meeting will be held ia Zoom on February 7, 2026.

1. Closing Comments: Jeff Herrmann

Next Meeting: Saturday, February 7, 2026 12 Noon Pacific Via ZOOM

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeff Herrmann, MMR

ACTION ITEMS:

1. PNR Officer Appointments: Secretary, Treasurer, Nominating Committee Chair
2. Minutes: August 2025 BOD Meeting