



PACIFIC
NORTHWEST
REGION

Board of Directors Meeting via Zoom

Saturday, April 11, 2026

12:00 Noon PDT VIA ZOOM

MINUTES

1. ATTENDANCE: Jeff Herrmann MMR, Bob Stafford, Dave Liesse, Larry Sebelley, Shelley Shelstad, Mike Stepner, Bill Voogd, Ed Molenkamp, Greg Kujawa MMR , Peter Ulvestad, Dave Holden, Magnus Christerson, and James Keena.
2. OPENING: The meeting began at 12 noon Pacific. Jeff Herrmann MMR welcomed those on the call and thanked them for their service to the association and the participation in the meeting. Jeff Congratulated Ed Molenkamp who has been elected to serve as Canadian Director on the NMRA Board of Directors. He also announced that Burt Cripe of 4th Division has earned Master Model Railroader #818. Joel Williams, 3rd Division has donated a spot to the May 13th MWTM session in Tygart, OR to someone on the 2nd Division Conference Committee that would like to attend.
3. PNR ANNUAL MEMEBRSHIP MEETING: The meeting will be held on Saturday, May 16th at 9:00am Pacific and be available via Zoom Meeting.
4. NMRA VISION 2035 and WORKPLAN 2026: Baseline reports are to be turned in by the end of April. 2nd and 3rd Division reports have been received.
5. OREGON RAILS 2026 CONVENTION: Dave Holden announced that the hotel room minimum has been achieved but the convention still needs 27

registrants to make its break-even number. Weekly email blasts about the convention program have been sent out regularly since January.

6. 2027 NMRA CONVENTION: Magnus Christerson reviewed a slide deck about current progress on the convention planning including a new convention logo. Promotional postcards are being made available to divisions for distribution at local train shows. The hotel contract including guest rooms and food have been secured. Calls for clinicians are beginning and convention registration is expected to be open in July.
7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the February 2026 PNR Board Meeting were distributed electronically. Motion to accept the minutes as distributed was made by Mik Stepner and seconded by Ed Molenkamp. Motion passed.
8. OFFICE MANAGER REPORT: James Keena reported that revised membership rosters and numbers for March have been sent to division superintendents. Current PNR membership stands at 1,357.
9. TREASURER REPORT: Dave Liesse reported that financials will be available after April 15th. He is working with Fidelity to get mailing addresses corrected. Mike Stepner reported that 4th Division is offering to make a donation of excess funds to PNR.
10. OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:
 - a. Vice President: Bob Stafford reported that the March membership rosters have been distributed and divisions should take a look at their "churn rate" (number of members dropping off vs the number of new members each month).
 - b. Achievement Program: Bill Fassett MMR submitted a written report. Burt Cripe is MMR #818. AP Evaluations will be available by

appointment in the Celebration Room at the Oregon Rails Convention. He also submitted a list of Golden Spike Award, Merit Awards and AP Certificates earned since the last BOD meeting.

- c. Switchlist: Greg Kujawa reminded the board that articles for the May Switchlist are due.
- d. Website: Peter Ulvestad reported that updates on the website design are being made. The board thanked him for the quality of the website and new design.
- e. Modeling With The Masters: The next session will be held in Tigard, Oregon on May 13. The session is nearly sold out.
- f. 3rd Division: Shelley Shelstad announced that their Spring Meet and Division meeting will be held in Boise on April 18th.
- g. 4th Division: Mike Stepner thanked his team for the coverage they have had at train shows to promote the 2027 NMRA Convention.
- h. 5th Division: Bill Voogd reports that Spring Meet and Division meeting will be held in Spokane on April 18th and they are preparing for the Helena, MT train show at the end of the month.
- i. 6th Division: Ed Molenkamp reported that they are well into train show season and are being well represented at each show.

11. CLOSING COMMENTS: Jeff Herrmann thanked those in attendance for their participation and reminded the board the next meeting will be held on Saturday, September 12, 2026 12 Noon Pacific Via Zoom

Respectfully Submitted.

Jeff Herrmann MMR- President PNR