



Pacific Northwest Region, National Model Railroad Association



**Board of Directors Meeting via Zoom**

**Saturday, January 20, 2024**

**12:00pm PDT**

Present: Jeff Hermann, Richard Kurschner, Rick Martin, Brian Orysen, Larry Sebelley, Lori Sebelley, Greg Kujawa, Jack Hamilton, Bob Parrish, James Keena, Shelly Shelstad, Bill Fassett, Christopher Jones, Bill Voogd, Bill Messecar, Dave Liesse.

1. Opening Comments from Region President: Jeff Hermann
  - a. Brian Stokes agreement of appointment to be Ballot Chair – Canada.
  - b. PNR Webmaster vacant position.
  - c. Jeff Schultz agreed to fill the Webmaster position on a interim and temporary basis.
  - d. PNR Education chair still vacant position.
  - e. Congratulations on all the MMR's and Golden Spikes.
  - f. Pathfinder program update.
  - g. Discussion on new members surveys and December zoom meeting.
  - h. Process of engaging of new members.
  - i. A planed new member zoom meeting for February 13<sup>th</sup>
  - j. Spreadsheet for superintendents on new members for tracking and projections.
  - k. Superintendents to look into more Golden Spikes awards vs that more AP' and MMR's being issued.
2. Hamilton Pocket Watch: Jack Hamilton
  - a. NMRA at Sacramento Museum no interest due to no documentation.
  - b. Decision not to sell but be displayed on loan at the Inland Northwest Rail museum.
  - c. Classified as an asset for PNR records.  
**ACTION ITEM:** Jack Hamilton assigned task to have watch appraised for value.
3. Nominating Committee Report: Shirley Sample (via email)
  - a. Asked Robert Leatha and Brian Stokes to serve on nomination committee for PNR President and Vice President candidates for upcoming 2024 election.
  - b. Call for nominations will be published in February Switchlist with duties and requirements.
  - c. Candidate's statement will be published in the Switchlist.
  - d. Election will be held through Election Buddy.
4. PNR 2024 President's Award for Service to the Region Nominations: David Liesse
  - a. Criteria for submitting in PNR Policy manual pages 24 - 25.
  - b. Send submissions to David Liesse by March 31<sup>st</sup> to create award plaques.
  - c. NMRA President's Award for Service to the Division Nominations: Send submissions to Jeff Hermann by March 31<sup>st</sup>

5. Secretary's Report: Brian Orysen
  - a. Nov 18, 2023 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes were approved.  
**ACTION ITEM:** Meeting minutes. Approved
6. PNR Office Manager Report: James Keena
  - a. Constant Contact list update with Divisions 5, 6, 7 and Surrey convention personnel with the most usage.
  - b. An additional subscription was obtained.
  - c. Notification by Larry Sebelley of numerous faulty emails on list.
  - d. Discussion on templates for Constant Contact list.
  - e. Conflict of Interest forms are all up to date.
7. Treasurer's Report: Rick Martin
  - a. Constant Contact list subscription now PNR cost, due to past was paid by an individual.
  - b. Submitted 2023 Year-End Report.
  - c. Submitted 2024 Budget Report.
  - d. Directors and Officers Liability Insurance new policy with effective date of Nov 14, 2023.
  - e. Update on CD's.
  - f. Treasurer notified will be resigning on September 1, 2024.
8. PNR VP Report: Richard Kurschner
  - a. Nothing to report.
9. 2024 PNR Convention Report: Lori Sebelley
  - a. Clarification that May 22<sup>nd</sup> for Modeling with the Masters and evening meet & greet only.
  - b. Notified of new registration cost.
  - c. 40 of the 50 Clinic slots filled with some clinics presented twice.
  - d. Updated that only Deluxe and Club rooms only available.
  - e. Updates on all registration numbers with full registration met and exceeded.
  - f. Update on Banquet Meal.
10. 2025 PNR Convention Update in Pasco WA: Bill Fassett
  - a. Monthly meetings to start in February 2024.
  - b. Advertising to begin after the Surrey Conventions has finished.
11. AP Update: Bill Fassett
  - a. New MMR member: Brian Ferris
  - b. Change in AP evaluations 2024 Surrey Convention.
  - c. Recognition of MMR's awarded since 2023 Tacoma Convention will be made at 2024 Surrey Convention banquet.
  - d. PNR lead NMRA in awards issued in 2023.
  - e. Two club leaders generated 25% of PNR awards (Jack Hamilton / Phil Miller).
  - f. Encouraged more Golden Spikes awards, due to that leads up to more possible Merit and AP awards.
  - g. Encouraged superintendents to get monthly reports from their AP managers.

12. Update Switchlist: Greg Kujawa
- a. Requested from the President and Office Manager instruction for members on how to “opt out” (unsubscribe) from the Constant Contact group email list.
  - b. Waiting on articles.
  - c. Waiting Superintendent Reports.
  - d. May 1<sup>st</sup> cutoff date for May Switchlist..

13. Division Reports by Superintendents:
- Division 1: No Information.
- Division 2: No Information.
- Division 3: Nothing to Report.
- Division 4: Presenting a bid for the 2027 National Convention to be held in Tacoma, WA.
- Division 5: Update on 2025 Convention.  
Open clinics presented on month’s with a 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday.
- Division 6: No Information.
- Division 7: No Information.

14. Closing Comments: Jeff Hermann
- a. Next PNR Board meeting via Zoom March 9, 2024.
  - b. No Board of Directors meeting at Surrey Convention.

Meeting Adjourned : 1:32 PM

Summary: **ACTION ITEMS**

- a. Jack Hamilton assigned task to have watch appraised for value.
- b. November 18th, 2023 meeting minutes. Approved

Recorded by PNR Secretary:  
Brian Orysen