



Pacific Northwest Region, National Model Railroad Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Comfort Inn & Suites- Downtown
Seahawk North Room
Tacoma, WA
Wednesday, May 10, 2023
3:00pm PDT

1. Opening Comments from Region President: Jeff Herrmann
Present: Jeff Herrmann, Russell Segner, Rich Pitter, Bill Fassett, Rick Martin, Greg Kujawa, Shirley Sample, Kurt Laidlaw, James Keena, Jeff Shultz, Dave Liesse, Rich Kurchner, Bill Messecar, Ed Liesse, Chris Jones. Lori Sebelley, Bob Parrish, (via zoom) Shelley Shelstad, Victor Gilbert, Peter Armstrong, Guest, Burr Stewart. Mike Cummings, (NMRA secretary for National HQ).
 - a. Voting Members Reminder
 - b. Agenda for Annual Membership Meeting & Banquet
 - c. Pathfinder Program Update
 - d. Introduce Mike Cummings, Secretary NMRA
MR. Cummings made a few comments about NMRA's national role in the hobby. The current NMRA president is working on expanding and enhancing the international membership. Only 5-7% rail-pass members stay on and re-enroll. National is reassessing the rail-pass system.
How do we do to help local regions and divisions to function better? Looking to improve assimilation of new members.
2. Secretary's Report: Sterling Millar..... Tabled
 - a. Approval of Minutes: March 2023
3. Update on 2023 PNR Convention: Kurt Laidlaw, Convention Co-Chair
A brief summation of attendance to the convention and overview of non-rail events. Kurt offered an overview of events over the next days.
4. 2024 PNR Convention Update: Lori Sebelley, Convention Chair, 22 -26 May 2024.
Located at the Sheraton Guilford Hotel, Surrey BC, Canada.
Web site to be up by July of this year. Three tier registration based on set calendar dates.

No action taken as this was approved last year at the Eugene convention.

5. Fifth division bid for regional convention. May 20-27, 2025 in Pasco Washington 129 /night. Registration to be approx. 130.00 for event.

Bill Fassett moved for approval, Richard Kurchner second, motion passed.

6. Education Committee Update: Jim Rice, Chair

There was a pathfinder fill out sheet that will be up on the Region page that is intended to help identify new members and connect them to resource members.

7. AP Update: Bill Fassett, PNR AP Manager

Bill spoke to the activities at the regional and divisional level. He spoke of the volume of activity in the region and that the five newest MMR's would be recognized that Saturday evening banquet.

8. Treasurers Report: Rick Martin- MMR PNR Treasurer

- a. Current financial status
- b. Membership fee allocation to Divisions

Follow-up on Dues allocation for Canada. We not forward money to NMRA Canada

9. Switchlist update and articles needed: Greg Kujawa, Switchlist Editor

Greg spoke to the current contributions for publication. Next issue in August and follow up of the Tacoma convention.

10. Closing Comments: Jeff Herrmann

- a. Next PNR Board Meeting: Aug. 12, 2023

Adjourned 4:15

Recorded by Bob Parrish.