



Pacific Northwest Region, National Model Railroad Association



Board of Directors Meeting via Zoom
Saturday, November 9, 2024
12:00pm PDT

Present: Jeff Hermann, Bob Stafford, Rick Martin, Jack Hamilton, Bob Parrish, James Keena, Charlie Hutto, Jeff Shultz, Brian Orysen, Magnus Christerson, Greg Kujawa, Jeroen Gerritsen, Peter Ulvestad, Mike Stepner, Lee Calkins, Bill Voogd, Shelley Shelstad, Bill Fassett, Dave Liesse

1. Opening Comments from Region President: Jeff Hermann MMR
 - a. Jeff Herrmann opened the meeting at 12 noon. He welcomed those in attendance and thanked them for their participation.
2. Secretary's Report: Brian Orysen.
 - a. Presented September 14, 2024 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes for approval.
 - b. Motion to accept by Mike Stepner, Second by Shelley Shelstad
ACTION ITEM: Meeting minutes. Approved
3. Office Manager Report: James Keena
 - a. Updated distribution list emailed to BOD members.
 - b. Update on required annual Conflict of Interest forms. (Not all members have submitted).
 - c. Update on Divisions Board members certifications. (Not all Superintendents have submitted).
Note: President reminded Superintendents to submit required paperwork for NMRA insurance.
4. NMRA 2027 National Convention Bid: Magnus Christerson
 - a. Flyer was emailed to BOD members.
 - b. Presented with Power Point presentation.
 - c. NMRA BOD has conditionally award to PNR for the Convention and National Train Show at Tacoma, WA
 - d. Attendance:
Convention: Break-even (450 – 500), Goal (1000) attendees.
National Train Show: 10,000 attendees.
 - e. Volunteers needed starting in 2025.
 - f. Visibility in the community about the NMRA.
 - g. Marketing of the NMRA to families on Social Media.
 - h. Awareness to members and non-members about the NMRA.
 - i. Budgeting issues discussed.
Note: Discussion on the attendance numbers and the promoting of the convention.
5. Treasurer's Report: Rick Martin MMR
 - a. Insurance renewal issue due this month.
 - b. A member recommended another company to help on this issue.
 - c. NMRA dues allotment received and dispersed to the divisions.

- d. Update on PNR monies.
- 6. Vice President Report: Bob Stafford
 - a. Membership update status.
 - Membership dropping in some divisions.
 - Concerned about meeting projected goals.
- 7. PNR 2025 Convention Report: Bill Fassett MMR
 - a. Flyers out to divisions.
 - b. Website up and operational on November 15, 2024.
 - c. Information presented:
 - Convention time frame dates.
 - Registration.
 - Modeling with the Masters.
 - Hotel (Information and Pricing).
 - Tours.
 - Banquet meal selection and price.
 - Clinics.
- 8. AP Update: Bill Fassett MMR
 - a. Presented an email AP report with a list of members receiving awards, since last BOD meeting.
 - b. Divisions 3, 5, and 6 leading on the awards.
 - c. Following awards YTD:
 - Golden Spike (21)
 - Merit Awards (75)
 - AP Certificates (58)
 - Master Model Railroaders (5)
 - d. Encouraged Superintendents to continue meeting with AP Managers on promoting and supporting of certificates, during the holiday season.
 - e. Changes to Structures whereas Background buildings are allowed to be judged.
 - f. Changes to Authors on electronic publication page count section, will be determined at regional level.
 - g. Discussed 3rd division doing AP evaluations in open format.
 - h. Updated on PNR leading in awards.
- 9. PNR Education Update: Lee Calkins
 - a. Update on 4th divisions clinic presented. (238)
 - b. Working on categorizing these clinics.
- 10. PNR Contest Chair Update: Jeroen Gerritsen
 - a. Have had a meeting to date.
 - b. Have 4 judges and 2 possible will be following up.
 - c. Preparing a judges list for PNR 2025 Regional Convention in Pasco, WA.
- 11. Switchlist Update: Greg Kujawa
 - a. Mike Stepner is featured layout article for November publication.
 - b. Requested a brief report from Education Chair on overview on education program.

c. Awaiting Quarterly reports from Divisions 3, 5, 6, and 7.

Note: President reminded members about the Switchlist being online on the PNR website.

12. Webmaster Update: Peter Ulvestad

- a. Recommends alias email addresses for Board members on website.
- b. Requested events for posting.
- c. Update on reorganizing and cleaning up of website.
- d. Updated Mailing list.

13. Modeling with the Masters: Jack Hamilton MMR

- a. Training session for the east side of the mountains:
For the 3rd and 5th divisions. Between mid-February to mid-March.
Will need to MMR's and Students for training.

Note: President noted it is critical to keep the MWTM going.

14. Division Reports by Superintendents:

Division 1: Charlie Hutto

Update on Mini meet in Eugene OR on September 28, 2024.

Tentative spring Mini-meet at Coos County Fairgrounds in 2025.

Division 2: Jeff Shultz

Rickreal Train show and swap meet on December 7, 2024

Division 3: Bob Parrish MMR

Update on recent meets.

Open House N-Scale club from Thanksgiving to Christmas in Boise ID.

Group getting together at Hobbytown store meeting room in Boise, ID.

Division 4: Mike Stepner

Update on recent Ops Sessions.

The Boeing Train show is going on this weekend.

Update on future Train Shows.

Division 5: Bill Voogd

Update on Swap meets held in Missoula MT and Spokane WA.

Division preparing for Pasco WA convention.

Division 6: Peter Ulvestad

Update on future Train Shows.

Discussed open house in Lethbridge, Alberta Canada.

Division 7: Superintendent not present

15. Closing Comments: Jeff Hermann

- a. Next PNR Board meeting via Zoom February 1, 2025.
- b. Submitting Membership, Clinicians list.

Meeting Adjourned: 1:25 PM

Summary: **ACTION ITEMS**

- a. September 14, 2024 meeting minutes. Approved

Recorded by PNR Secretary:
Brian Orysen