



Pacific Northwest Region, National Model Railroad Association



Annual Membership Meeting
Sheraton Guildford Hotel
Timber Room 3
Surrey, BC Canada
Saturday, May 25, 2024 8:00AM PDT
Access via Zoom Available

1. Opening Comments from Region President: Jeff Hermann
 - a. Welcome.
 - b. Introduction of board officers and committee chairs.
 - c. New membership with use of Pathfinder program.
 - d. Guide book and new member survey online for pathfinders and leadership.
 - e. Request for more volunteer involvement.
 - f. Thanking 7th Division for putting on the convention.

2. Secretary's Report: Brian Orysen
 - a. Presented by secretary via Zoom.
 - b. Motion to accept by Bill Fassett, Second by Andy Love.
ACTION ITEM: Annual meeting minutes. Approved

3. Treasurer's Report: Rick Martin
 - a. Outlay of expenses and funds.
 - b. Donated watch appraisal.
 - c. Watch on loan to the Inland Northwest Rail Museum at Reardan WA for display.

4. Office Manager Report: James Keena
 - a. Certified that we have a quorum.
 - b. Current Membership.
 - c. Constant contact list status.
 - d. New membership mostly acquired thru clubs and train-shows.

5. Special Recognition: Jeff Hermann
 - a: PNR region has 12 clubs that are 100 percent NMRA.
 - b. Calgary Model Trainmen club, Calgary, AB Canada 75 years, Accepted by Andy Love.
 - c. Tanana Valley Model Railroad club, Fairbanks, AK 40 years, Accepted by Bill Fassett.

6. Achievement Program Update: Bill Fassett
 - a. PNR membership most in AP awards with 68.
 - b. PNR Master Model Railroaders with 5.
 - b. PNR challenged for more Golden Spikes.
 - c. Volunteer public service work in the hobby on public displays for volunteer award.

d. New transition service projects for adapting the hobby for people that have developed a medical or disability issue.

7. Announcement of 2025 PNR Convention Host Report: Bill Fassett

- a. Held at Pasco, WA May 9 – 11
- b. New scheduled time frame to accommodate working members.
- c. Hotel rate \$129.00 per day, includes room, parking, and breakfast.

8. Special Presentation: Gordy Robinson - MMR

(NMRA President via Zoom with slide presentation)

What is happening at the national level in 2024.

- a. Introduction of benefits of Grouper program for Medicare advantage and Medicare supplement plan recipients that covers NMRA membership.
- b. Grouper membership benefits renegotiated and updated as of January 1 with cash back now along with free membership.
- c. Engagement & Brand awareness that the NMRA exist.
- d. Recreating the hobby, to be more family oriented.
- e. Changes at national level, what has arrived, on the way and the future includes.
- f. On boarding and retention in the hobby.
- g. Updating the NMRA digital platform.
- h. Discussed and working on future things for the hobby.
 - i. Vision 2030 for the NMRA and beyond.
 - ii. NMRA 2025 will be 90 years old.
 - iii. Trainfest 2025 held in Milwaukee, WI will be back as a NMRA event.
 - iv. Leadership training summit will be held late 2024.
 - v. Division success kits.
 - vi. Involvement of social media in the hobby.
 - vii. A possible national convention for the PNR region.

9. Closing Comments: Jeff Hermann

- a. Thanked everybody for attending.
- b. Next annual membership meeting at Pasco, WA 2025.

Meeting Adjourned : 9:12 AM

Summary: **ACTION ITEMS**

- a. May 12, 2023 annual meeting minutes. Approved

Recorded by PNR Secretary: (From Recorded Zoom Meeting)
Brian Orysen