

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2023

To: Board of Directors
From: Jim Osborn, Election Committee Chairman
Date: April 19, 2023
Subject: Election Committee Report

Activities since Last Board Meeting

- 1) Created the election ballot after the BoD approval of the candidate slate at the Fall 2023 BoD meeting per the Election Committee Policy and Procedure. The ballot was in both “paper” form for the *Waybill* and as an e-ballot as specified in the revised Election Policy & Procedure.
- 2) Forwarded the “paper” ballot and voting instruction for on-line voting to the *Waybill* editor for inclusion in the winter *Waybill* and launch the on-line e-ballot form.
- 3) Received and counted the ballots after the forthcoming election.
- 4) Prepared and distributed the Election Results report. The amended report is reprinted on pages 2 and 3 of this report.

Planned Activities

- 1) Destroy and delete the past election ballots per the election policy after approval of the BoD.
- 2) Prepare future election ballots per the Election Committee Policy and Procedure.
- 2) Continue to explore additional electronic voting applications.

To: Midwest Region NMRA Executive Committee

From: Jim Osborn & Steve Miazga

Date: February 16, 2023

Subject: Election Results

The ballots of the recent election were counted and audited on February 15, 2023 by Election Committee members Jim Osborn and Steve Miazga. Ron Scharping, MWR Membership Chairman, verified that all but two voters were valid members of the Midwest Region effective January 31, 2023.

The results of the voting are:

For President:	Bob McGeever (SCWD)	117 votes
	Paul Mangan (SCWD)	2 write-in votes
For Vice President:	Michael Hirvela (FVD)	81 votes
	Michael David Roderick (CID)	23 votes
	John Coy (CID)	20 votes
For Director-at-Large:	Dr. Robert Perry (CID)	108 votes
	Precilla Roderick (CID)	86 votes
	John Coy (CID)	4 write-in votes **
	Alex Schneider (DuPage)	3 write-in votes
	Reid Kahrs (WISE)	2 write-in votes
	Bob Blake (MICH)	1 write-in vote
	Dennis Janssen (WISE)	1 write-in vote
	Gary Saxton (FVD)	1 write-in vote
	Ken Mosney (RRVD)	1 write-in vote
	Michael Shockley (IVD)	1 write-in vote

**Note: Unfortunately, John Coy has served for 2 prior consecutive terms as DAL and therefore, should not be eligible to serve a third consecutive term.

The winners of the election are:

For President: Bob McGeever (SCWD)

For Vice President: Michael Hirvela (FVD)

For Director-at-Large: Dr. Robert Perry (CID)
Precilla Roderick (CID)
Alex Schneider (RRVD) (Subject to his acceptance)

Election Results continued....

Balloting Summary:

Total E-Ballots Received	104	
Total Paper Ballots Received	39	
Total Ballots Received	143	
Valid Ballots	126	
Invalid Ballots	2	Expired membership
Canceled Ballots	15	Members that voted twice
Votes not cast (under voted)	61	

Ballots Cast By Division:

Central Indiana (2806)	38
Fox Valley (2809)	22
Wisconsin Southeastern (2801)	18
South Central Wisconsin (2802)	18
DuPage (2811)	16
Rock River Valley (2810)	9
Illinois Valley (2805)	8
Winnebagoland (2803)	6
Michiana (2815)	5
Illinois Terminal (2807)	3

Respectively submitted,

Jim Osborn, Committee Chairman
Steve Miazga, Committee Member

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To: Board of Directors
From: Jim Osborn, Internet Committee Chm.
Date: April 19, 2023
Subject: Internet Committee Report

Activities since Last Board Meeting

- 1) Made updates to the MWR web site per requests from National, the Region & the membership.
- 2) Assisted with the Waybill electronic publishing.
- 3) Posted current PDF versions of the Waybill on the web site.
- 4) Assisted with several miscellaneous Division web site issues and updates.
- 5) Assisted the DuPage division with the population of their mobile friendly web site.
- 6) Assisted the President & Secretary with various web related documents and associated emails.
- 7) Added a MWR Calendar web page to the website
- 8) Assisted the WISE email distribution team with the use of the Constant Contact email application. Currently the Constant Contact Account is shared among the FVD, SCWD, WISE, CID & RRVD as well as the MWR.
- 9) Tended to monthly updates of the MWR email account.
- 10) Web site activity on the following page. Activity is up by 50% but typical for this cycle. See comments below the activity chart.
- 11) Completed the signup process on the NMRA Interchange site. It was very complicated, and I am not sure how well it will work as a remote meeting platform. I believe it will be difficult to get broad participation from the membership due to the complexity of Interchange.

Planned Activities

- 1) Continue with the general management and maintenance of the MWR web site and internet activities as appropriate.
- 2) Continue to assist with publishing electronic Waybill notices.
- 3) Support any division web requirements as requested.
- 4) Future expense for the Constant Contact email account is estimated at \$600 due June of 2023.
- 5) Assist the Secretary and President with the use of the Constant Contact application for the region.
- 6) Continue to manage monthly updates to the email data base per inputs from the Membership Chairman.
- 7) Support the upcoming election process.

MWR Historical Website activity

Metric	April-Sept 2019	Oct-March 2020	April-Sept 2020	Oct-March 2021	April-Sept 2021 *	Oct-March 2022	Apr-Sept 2022	Sept-March 2023
Sessions	2364	3100	2043	2072	1916	3184	1576	3163
Users	1592	2138	1527	1487	1408	2303	1128	2425
Page Views	5924	5596	3719	4010	3345	5653	3215	5197
Content Viewed								
Home Page	1362	1685	1293	1143	977	1287	763	1266
Waybill	921	1126	877	1162	960	1051	721	1091
Division Map	171	281	152	161	128	219	111	203
Conventions	294	279	93	213	263	235	112	110
DuPage Div.	269	1048	480	440	305	1741	264	1458
Contest Photos	1072	115	74	17	16	30	251	22
Minutes	22	19	85	31	92	162	97	108
About us	13	18	28	12	17	26	10	19
Clinic Resources	17	21	17	13	12	9	5	13
Elections	12	9	10	201	8	93	16	72
Contact us	29	18	14	13	8	17	18	13
Model Photos	63	41	36	44	29	59	46	41
Notices	94	93	72	69	75	111	77	61
Prototype Photos	18	19	10	12	9	17	1214	16
Policies	13	20	15	27	40	30	14	22
Reg Officers	290	323	179	188	186	149	180	110
Address Change		New	28	49	58	47	30	64
Calendar						New	76	54
Referrals From:								
Direct Entry	2364	1420	1023	1031	1011	1443	880	1690
Organic Search			New	340	239	646	186	550
Referrals			New	134	169	233	66	143
Social	27	23	20	9	12	52	6	83
User Devices:								
Desktop	68%	67%	70%	68%	68%	58%	67%	55%
Mobile	23%	27%	25 %	27%	28%	38%	30%	41%
Tablet	9%	6%	5 %	5%	4%	4%	3%	4%

* Recent 2022 activity is down 20% for this period cycle. The impact of Apple IOS14 security on our reporting statistics is currently unknown. Google estimates it might be 70% of Apple mobile devices. Slightly over 1/3 of mobile devices that access our site are Apple devices – or about 8-9% of our traffic. Currently Apple devices represent about 57% of the mobile devices.

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To: Board of Directors
From: Ron Scharping
Date: April 19, 2023
Subject: Membership Coordinator's Report

Activities since Last Board Meeting

Continued to provide membership information to Division membership coordinators on a monthly basis. The monthly report includes a roster, and the following reports as appropriate: 30 days past due on renewal, 60 days past due on renewal, new members, renewed members, rerailed members, members subscribing to the *Crossbuck* in the current month, deceased members, and change of address.

Provided an interface to National in the updating of membership records; address, phone, zip code, and email address changes.

Maintained a table of Region members who have "opted-out" of a printed *Waybill*.

Maintained a table of Division zip codes.

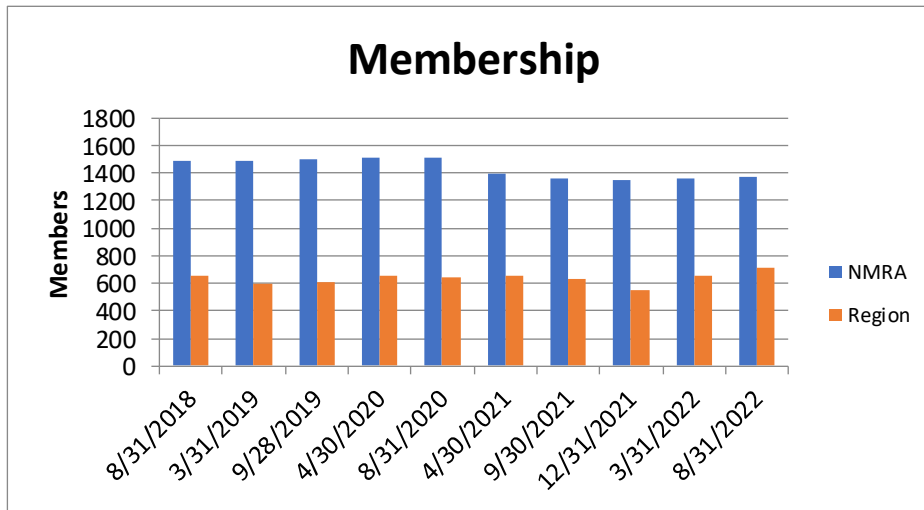
Continued working with the Region Constant Contact Coordinator to synchronize the Region Constant Contact list and the National database email addresses.

Provided the *Waybill* editor with mailing addresses for those NMRA members receiving a printed copy of the *Waybill*. Managed a "postage due" account with the Post Office to facilitate handling of undeliverable *Waybills*.

Planned Activities

Continue the above. As an early warning, I intend to resign from this position, after over 20 years of service, in June of 2025.

Region Membership Data



Date		Division										Out of Region	Grand Total
		1	2	3	5	6	7	9	10	11	15		
8/31/18	Region	58	47	43	33	82	5	55	29	82	35	94	563
8/31/18	NMRA	176	152	121	101	235	21	196	98	210	80	94	1484
3/31/19	Region	63	47	38	35	88	9	60	27	71	31	125	594
3/31/19	NMRA	167	147	121	98	234	22	197	103	201	77	125	1492
9/28/19	Region	58	45	32	28	84	10	55	23	74	28	164	601
9/28/19	NMRA	167	146	118	91	229	22	191	94	205	75	164	1502
4/30/20	Region	51	40	40	29	87	11	57	18	70	34	219	656
4/30/20	NMRA	162	145	115	95	226	20	188	83	188	74	219	1515
8/31/20	Region	46	40	40	31	80	9	59	16	66	32	224	643
8/31/20	NMRA	158	146	112	97	223	21	183	82	187	73	224	1506
4/30/21	Region	59	49	42	32	91	11	67	21	67	33	182	654
4/30/21	NMRA	150	131	104	92	217	21	177	76	179	65	182	1394
9/30/21	Region	58	51	42	34	93	11	66	21	71	37	149	633
9/30/21	NMRA	141	137	106	90	219	20	173	76	179	68	149	1358
12.31/22	Region	46	42	38	29	76	11	62	19	62	25	141	551
12.31/22	NMRA	139	134	111	88	218	20	173	77	183	68	141	1352
3/31/22	Region	60	55	47	33	96	11	74	25	76	38	143	658
3/31/22	NMRA	137	140	114	87	217	20	171	77	181	69	143	1356

(Region members are those members with a Waybill subscription)

For Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 20, 2023

To: Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA

From: Michael L. Hirvela, Director, Superintendent, Fox Valley Division (FVD), Div #2809

Date: May 1, 2023

Subject: FVD Report for Spring 2023 MWR BoD Meeting, May 20, 2023

Activities since Last Board Meeting:

- The FVD continued our 2022-2023 season with monthly meetings at the Gary Morava Recreation Center in Prospect Heights, IL. We have averaged 32-34 attendees with about a 50/50 split of members attending in person and over the Zoom computer system, including members and former members chiming in from Wisconsin, Florida and Tennessee. We also have been guested with Gordy Robinson, NMRA President, logging in from the Orkney Islands in the UK. .
- We have also continued with a member solicitation table at the DuPage Fairgrounds in Wheaton, IL, during alternating months of the Great MidWest Train Show, aka: The Wheaton swap.
- In January and February, the FVD had a display of member's model railroad and railroadiana items in the main lobby display case at the Mt. Prospect Public Library. Typically, we only have one month of display, but this year we were fortunate to get two months' exposure. We then were able to fill the display cabinet in the library's meeting room during the month of March as well. Three months of display is almost unheard of. The staff tells us we have one of the best displays of all the ones they host during the year.

Planned Activities

- To continue to host Hybrid In-Person and Virtual presence meetings for the remainder of the 2023 season and into the 2023-2024 season that starts in September.
- The Fox Valley Division will continue to host an NMRA member solicitation and information table at the Great Midwest Train Show, aka: The Wheaton Swap. FVD plans to be represented in June, August, October and December.
- The FVD BoD will be discussing plans for Summer activities before our season ends in May.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael L. Hirvela
Superintendent

For Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 20, 2023

To: Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA

From: Michael L. Hirvela, MWR Promotions and Special Projects

Date: May 1, 2023

Subject: Promotion and Special Projects Report for Spring 2023 MWR BoD Meeting, May 2023

Activities since Last Board Meeting:

- In conjunction with the FVD, we have had displays of model railroad and prototype railroading in the display cases at the Mt. Prospect Public Library during January through March 2023.
- Special Projects: none assigned.

Planned Activities:

- Attend some division meetings as schedule permits.

Submitted:

Michael Hirvela
Promotions and Special Projects

For Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 20, 2023

To: Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA

From: Michael L. Hirvela, Vice-President, MWR

Date: May 1, 2023

Subject: MWR Vice-President Report for Spring 2023 MWR BoD Meeting, May 2023

Activities since Last Board Meeting:

- Continued to be supportive of the Region.
- Continued to be supportive of the reorganization efforts in the WISE Division.

Planned Activities:

- Continue to support WISE Division's reorganization efforts.
- Provide support to the MWR President and Board.

Submitted:

Michael L. Hirvela
VP, MWR

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, October 2023

To: Board of Directors

From: John Robert Coy

Date: May 20, 2023

Subject: DAL Report to Nov of 2022 to May of 2023

Activities since Last Board Meeting:

Avon, Indiana Train Show, Feb 2023

CID Modelers Meet Oct., March 2023—Manager and Host

Participated in a number of Zoom Meetings. .

Attended all Division Meetings. Asst. Supt. Central Indiana Division

Assisting Others in their AP journey

Became MMR #730 in February 2023

Term Limit---end my 4 year tenure as a DAL. It has been my pleasure and honor.

Planned Activities

Assisting Others in their AP journey

Assist CID as Asst. Supt., with various Division Activities

Run for National Board position

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To: Board of Directors
From: Dr. Robert Perry
Date: May 20, 2023
Subject: Director at Large Report

Activities since Last Board Meeting

As the Avon Show Manager, I worked with John and Connie Coy on organizing and presenting the Avon-Washington Township Library Display on February 18, 2023 from 10am-3pm at the Avon-Washington Township Library. This display was done in support of the CID/NMRA for promotion of the group and the hobby. We had John and Connie Coy, as well as Mike and Precilla Roderick as volunteers. There were eight portable layouts present. Approximately 360 attendees viewed the layouts and were exposed to the NMRA through this event.

John and Connie Coy and I have been in contact with multiple model railroaders and are working on promoting the NMRA for possible membership.

Unfortunately, due to a conflict with a CIRROPS event, the backstage tour of the EnterTrainment facility in Ohio that was scheduled for April 15th was cancelled. This may be rescheduled at a future date pending interest.

Have written several articles on various model railroading topics and have had every article thus far accepted for publication in various Divisional, Regional and National publications including an upcoming article on 3D Printing an Arduino-controlled Transfer Table in Model Railroader Magazine.

Volunteered on multiple occasions to help display and operate the Glacier Line and the portable layouts owned by John Coy at various shows and tours.

Planned Activities

Given the significant success of the pre-COVID Avon Layout tour as well as the 2022 Bloomington Layout Tour, another layout tour has been planned for Saturday, May 6, 2023 from 10am- 3 pm. This will again be involving layouts in the Avon, Danville and Mooresville area. Thus far we have my layout in Avon, Phil Burnside and John Pancini also in Avon, Ron Phillips in Danville, and John Poray in Mooresville showing their layouts. We are open to other layouts in the western Indy or Hendricks County area that may be interested. John Coy, Roger Scroggins and I are putting together descriptions

of the layouts and will be sending addresses and the descriptions to our CID webmaster for inclusion in their advertisement of the event.

Future layout tours will be arranged in the northern and eastern counties pending interest.

Gave a lecture at the October Modelers Meet in Indianapolis on Arduino Control of a 3D printed Transfer Table.

Working on various AP certificates. Have received the Golden Spike as well as the Electrical, Scenery, Cars, and Chief Dispatcher AP awards in the past year. I have enough points for the author AP and will submit that soon. I currently serve on both the MWR and CID and will have the Official and Volunteer certificates when my service requirements are completed, thus completing the MMR. May also pursue the civil engineering award and give the turnouts that I make to a fellow modeler that will be rebuilding his layout.

Continued to try to improve on my own home layout by designing and 3D printing many commercially unavailable railroad cars, structures and details.

Planned Activities

Assisting John Coy in arranging future Modeler's Meets in various locations to help support modelers in areas not currently able to attend the meets due to distance from their homes.

Continue working on my remaining AP certificates and encouraging others in their pursuit of this as well.

Constantly trying to learn more about this great hobby of ours and assist and encourage others to do the same, especially through the benefits of membership in the NMRA.

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To: Board of Directors
From: Dave Mashino
Date: 4/20/2023
Subject: Midwest Region Director At Large

Activities since Last Board Meeting

Served as trainmaster for the Central Indiana Division. Attended all board meetings in person and via zoom. Worked at the CID's Danville and Lebanon train shows also at the CID booth for the Great Train Show at the Indianapolis Fair Grounds.

Our Danville show manager decided to retire this year, so I have taken over as the Danville show manager for the November 2023 show.

I received two AP certificates: Model Railroad Engineer - Electrical and Master Builder – Scenery.

Was host for the January meeting of the Midwestern Model Railroad Club and gave a layout tour.

Still working on my layout, the "Wildcat Valley Railway". My current project is a sawmill scene with a log flume and mill pond.

I have created a website featuring my Model Railroad at <http://www.mashinos.com> which is a work in progress and includes a blog showing progress and construction since the start of the Wildcat Valley Railway in 2018.

Attended most of the CID planned activities, virtual Zoom meetings and Modeler's Meets.

I have also attended a couple of operating sessions at members layouts.

Planned Activities

My wife and I are taking a trip to Colorado in June which will include visiting the Colorado Model Railroad Museum in Greeley and a ride on the Colorado and Silverton narrow gauge.

I plan to work on more AP certificates starting with Structures. I have several structures, both scratch built and kits ready to be evaluated.

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To: Board of Directors
From: Dan Hinel, MMR
Date: April 18,2023
Subject: Director At Large Report

Activities since Last Board Meeting

Attended Bi-Monthly CID BOD Meetings
Attended multiple Midwest area trains shows
Attended CID Modeler's Meets
Attended multiple op sessions in Midwest area
Attended multiple CID Track Talk events
Participating in CID modeling contest

Planned Activities

Attend Bi-Monthly CID BOD Meetings
Attend multiple Midwest area trains shows
Attend CID Modeler's Meets
Attend multiple op sessions in Midwest area
Attend multiple CID Track Talk events
Continue to participate in CID modeling contest

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2023

To: Board of Directors
From: Michael D. Roderick
Date: 04/28/2023
Subject: Director At Large Report

Activities since Last Board Meeting:

I enjoy helping the Central Indiana Division show managers put on some of the greatest train shows. I am currently serving as the Great Train Show Manager for the CID we worked on getting new people to help with this show even though it is run by a third party we still brought 18 people to show some where very brand new to learning about how the CID runs a show booth at the Indiana State Fair Grounds. and the Franklin Train Show. Speaking of trains shows since January of this year My wife and I have covered five trains shows for the CID with some of them back-to-back shows.

Franklin Train Show Report:

All Vendors have the forms needed to sign up for the show and we have already started receiving table orders. Currently we have 223 tables sold to vendors and we have thirty tables pending for vendors. I have allocated nineteen tables for the CID and the moose lodge. I have reached out to the local American Legion/VFW Post along with the Ladies Auxiliary to ask for volunteers to help with this show in return they have asked for five free table to promote their organizations and I agreed. We will be getting about sixteen people to help with the show. We have sent out over 5600 flyers to various shows and have now been list in the following trade publications:

Model Railroader July/August issue
Classic Trains July/August issue
Trains July/August issue
Cowcatcher
NMRA
SRHA
Rail Model Craftsman
Model Railroad News
Model Railroad Hobbyist
Rusty Spike
Waybill
Illinois Terminal Division (New)
DuPage Division (New)
Michiana Division (New)
Wise Division (New)
Will be on WFMS in August
Festival Country Indiana will promote our show on the radio in Franklin closer to the show.

Planned Activities:

I plan to continue to outreach with vendors to get flyers into new markets to bring in attendees to the train show. Work with local vendors to grow this show and add more vendors. We are having new layouts added to this show. So please, if you want tables, make your reservation now. I plan to continue to serve in the position as Director At Large in the MWR for the next 1 year and what other tasks that get assigned to me by the Region President.

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To: Board of Directors
From: Burnell Breaker – WISE Interim Superintendent
Date: April 24, 2023
Subject: WISE Division Report

Activities since Last Board Meeting

We are still inactive and continuing to work to rebuild the WISE Division. We are slowly getting membership to respond and help with various duties, but still have a ways to go. We held 4 membership meetings and a membership picnic. We attended Trainfest as an exhibitor and shared a booth with SCWD. We held our first Train School and looking forward to our upcoming Train School and hoping to make it better from what we learned from the first one.

Planned Activities

Membership Meetings – October, November 2023, February, March 2024

November 2023 – New Berlin Train Show, will have a booth at show

January 2024 – Train School with various stations to help modelers

To: MWR Secretary

From: Burnell Breaker

Date: April 24, 2023

Subject: Current Roster of Division Officers Report for May 2023

Division: Wisconsin Southeastern (WISE)

President/Superintendent

Name: Burnell Breaker

NMRA Membership Number: 3762

Vice President/Asst Superintendent.

Name: Robert Niedermann

NMRA Membership Number: 134315

Secretary/Clerk

Name: David Rohr

NMRA Membership Number: 3422

Treasurer/Paymaster

Name: Dennis Janssen

NMRA Membership Number: 148855

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To: Board of Directors

From: Arthur Dawson Jr., Superintendent, SCWD

Date: 05/03/2023

Subject: Activity report for the South Central Wisconsin Division.

Activities since Last Board Meeting:

- Our Annual Rail School was held in January, and well attended.
- The division's Youth Group was restarted, has several families attending, and is well supported.
- The Mad City Model Rail Show and Sale in February was a success and will happen again next year.

sometime in the future if possible. Plan to hold the Mad City Rail Show and this coming February. Plan to hold a Spring Banquet this coming May.

Planned Activities:

- The Spring Banquet is happening this week.
- The Summer Picnic is scheduled for mid-July at Little Amerricka in Marshal Wisconsin.
- Division BOD meeting will be held in May and June, to restart again in August prior to first Division meet in September.

SCWD BOD AGENDA

We will meet via Zoom at 6:30 April 10th.
Agenda for April 10, 2023, Meeting of SCWD 2022-2023 BOD

1. Call to order. Determine whether a quorum is present.
2. Minutes of last meeting.
3. Paymaster's Report.
4. Committee Reports
 - a. Achievement Program
 - b. Advertising
 - c. Bad Order
 - d. Clinics
 - e. Contests – model and photography
 - f. Modeling Project
 - g. Door Prizes
 - h. Layout Tours
 - i. Membership
 - j. Picnic
 - k. Publicity
 - l. Rail School
 - m. Rail Show
 - n. Website
5. Old Business
 - a. Youth Group
 - b. Banquet (Hall reserved for Friday May 5th)
 - c. Name tags
 - d. Such other business as may be presented.
6. New Business
 - a. Elections
 - b. Awards
 - c. Mazo museum help wanted
 - d. Such Other business as may be presented.

Adjourn Meeting of SCWD 2022-2023

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To: Board of Directors
From: Philip Herman, Superintendent WLD
Date: 4/26/2023
Subject: Winnebagoland Division

Activities since Last Board Meeting

BOD Meeting/OPS Session (In-person/Virtual) 11/19/2022

WLD Workshop Wednesday's Virtual Events

- January 26th, 2023 – Dave Waraxa explains JMRI Operations
- March 15th, 2023 – What's on your Workbench
- April 19th, 2023 – Tom Edwards' STS Software

Content includes Clinics, Modelers show and tell and Layout tours.

BOD Meeting (In-person/Virtual) 2/25/2023

Planned Activities

WLD Spring Meet May 12-13, 2023 De Pere, WI

Hosted in conjunction with the Green Bay Ara Model Railroad Club GBAMRC

- Clinics, Photo and Model contests
- Layout tours
- Friday and Saturday OPS Sessions on the GBAMRC
- Annual membership meeting

Fall Events TBD

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To: Board of Directors

From: Jim Tatum - IVD Superintendent

Date: 04/30/23

Subject: IVD Report

Activities since Last Board Meeting

IVD Potluck Dinner
Bi-Monthly Division Meets

Planned Activities

Hosting the MWR Spring 2023 Board Meeting
Summer Cookout

To: MWR Secretary
From: Jimmie Tatum
Date: 04/30/2023
Subject: Current Roster of Division Officers Report for May 2023

Division: Illinois Valley Division (IVD)

President/Superintendent
Name: Jimmie Tatum
NMRA Membership Number: 149137 00

Vice President/Asst Superintendent.
Name: Minton Dings
NMRA Membership Number: 126114 0C

Secretary/Clerk
Name: Randy Sommer
NMRA Membership Number: 168830 00

Treasurer/Paymaster
Name: Jeff Deasy
NMRA Membership Number: 169890 00

To: Board of Directors

From: Daniel Banks

Date:4-27-23

Subject: CID Superintendents report

Activities since Last Board Meeting

The CID had a booth at the Indy Great American Train Show in February.

The CID has held monthly Track Talk zoom meetings as well as an in person event. On March 25 we met for lunch and visited Matt Hewitt's layout in Anderson, IN

We had a Modeler's Meet on March 11th

The monthly contests continue to be successful. We have had 28 individuals enter at least one contest this year and we have had over 90 models entered.

CID board election using Election Buddy is currently underway ending May 7.

The division is experiencing a strong desire to host model railroad 101 type courses at libraries throughout the division. We are just beginning to put that together.

Future Activities

Aug 5-6 Franklin Indiana Train Show

Submitted 4/27

Daniel Banks

CID Superintendent

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2023

To: Board of Directors

From: Illinois Terminal Division

Date: April 27, 2023

Subject: Report to Midwest Region Board of ITD Activities Since September 2022

Activities since Last Board Meeting

ITD continues to meet monthly, still mostly by Zoom, but we are starting to see a few live bodies show up for meetings. During this period, we decided to begin meeting on the second Wednesday evening of the month starting in January 2023 in order to make the second Saturday afternoons available as workdays. The change was made in part to allow several members with other commitments on Saturdays to participate. This change was immediately useful as the first three workdays were devoted to prepping the N scale layout we gave away at the Lincoln Square Train Show (LSTS).

Allen Byrne has informed ITD that he plans to serve one more year (if reelected in May 2023) as Chief Clerk and Paymaster, then will step down while continuing to assist whoever is newly elected to the position to learn the ropes.

New member Kyle Beck has volunteered enthusiastically in several capacities since joining ITD after the 2022 LSTS. He showed up bright and early to help with the March 2023 show, bringing along his fiancé and her brother to help. Kyle has now volunteered to serve as membership coordinator, with a likely first project being a survey of the membership to find out how ITD can better serve them.

This period of the year has become rather busy leading up to the annual Lincoln Square Train Show, which ITD now organizes and operates. Save the date cards went out around October 1, followed by the application form for vendors, display layouts, and historical societies and museums right after New Year's. We continue to search for one or more full line "hobby shop" size vendors to replace those lost during the pandemic layoff, but interest from smaller vendors remains strong with lots of room to grow the show. The 39th LSTS put things on a sound financial footing with close attention to expenses, particularly for advertising. Superintendent Lehman apologizes for sending slightly erroneous dates for it to the NMRA Magazine, but we hoped that no one would think we'd really hold the show on a Sunday followed by a Monday!

A new feature of the show was the 1st Annual Urbana Freemo Open (UFO). The UFO came about as an answer to an issue with the LSTS now sharing the facility with the indoor Urbana Farmer's Market until noon on Saturday. Then a large area in the center of the mall empties out. Superintendent Lehman has become interested in Freemo after visiting the twice-a-year Cornfield Freemo meet in McLean, IL. The only local participant in that meet so far is the Illini Railroad Club, a registered student organization at the University of Illinois that may be the oldest railroad club in the US, now over a century old. The IRC has been a long-time participant in the LSTS, but only brought their Freemo modules for the first time to last year's LSTS. A few months before this year's LSTS, it occurred to Super Lehman that the IRC's modules could serve as the basis to fill the big empty space and the IRC was happy to participate in helping help implement an element of the LSTS that is destined to grow. As it turned out, the IRC

was the only participant in the 1st UFO, but with more lead time and participation in the Cornfield Meet to spread the word we hope that the 2nd Annual UFO will grow substantially.

Make-and-take again proved a very popular activity at this year's show with ~150 participants of all ages. Larry Tschopp organized the activity, but in the absence of his partner in this effort, the late Buzz Swett. Others stepped forward to take up the slack, organized through the efforts of the Show's volunteer coordinator, Mark Schleeter. We remembered Buzz's absence by naming the storefront used for the make-and-take as "Swett Hall."

To grow a direct to attendee link in the form of a low traffic email list, we held a free raffle to encourage signups. Building on an idea proposed by Chief Clerk/Paymaster Byrne, we gave away a complete N scale switching layout and some kits as second and third prizes. The lucky winner of the N scale layout was Zach James, an N scale modeler who happened to be between layouts at the time. But it was not only Zach who was lucky. ITD was also lucky, because as it turns out Zach just signed up as an NMRA member via the online form as I prepare this report. Between Zach, Kyle and Assistant Superintendent Alan Chesnut, we have a group of modelers close to each other geographically that is now outside the long-standing Champaign-Urbana to Monticello axis. This group is interesting in another way as it includes a S scale, an HO, and a N scale modeler. All three are also well below the average age for NMRA members. But our retention rate is also much better than average based on President Gordy's recently expressed concerns about retention.

Planned Activities

The annual May business meeting will be held at the Swett home one last time hosted by Buzz's widow, Linda. She wants to see what help we can be in disposing of Buzz's models and likely for help with dismantling his layout. There will be a potluck as was done previously before the meeting. Additionally, there will be a giveaway of surplus small sheds and loading docks from the extensive Miller collection to those attending, with the remainder to be given to those not in attendance, in order to inspire everyone with a reminder of Bob Miller's scratch-building skills to have on their home layout's.

We plan on continuing with the Wednesday evening monthly meeting, allowing for Saturday monthly workdays. The workdays will include helping members with various layout construction needs, operating sessions, and field trips and railfanning.

The 40th LSTS is scheduled for March 23-24, 2024, along with the 2nd UFO. We're always looking for additional vendors and display layouts, so send them our way. Super Lehman and other members are contemplating constructing several Freemo modules to take advantage of the growing modular standard that invites everyone to participate.

We will seek out a suitable replacement for Allen Byrne as Chief Clerk/Paymaster in anticipation for filling this position NLT May 2024.

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2023

To: Board of Directors

From: Marty Hendrickx

Date: 5/2/2023

Subject: Annual report

Activities since Last Board Meeting

- RRVD has had a monthly meet every month from September through May
- Annual holiday dinner in January
- Annual Rock River Valley Train Show in March
- June Junket Oregon Train Depot Museum
- Annual cookout in August
- NMRA booth at Monroe Train Show
- Had a display layout at Capron Lion's Club Train Show in December

Planned Activities

- Monthly meet every month from September through May
- Annual Holiday dinner in January
- Annual Rock River Valley Train Show in March
- June Junket in June
- Annual cookout in August
- NMRA booth at Monroe Train Show

To: MWR Secretary
From: Marty Hendrickx
Date: 5/2/2023
Subject: Current Roster of Division Officers Report for May 2023

Division: Rock River Valley Division

President/Superintendent
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NMRA Membership Number: 16242800

Vice President/Asst Superintendent.
Name: John Mann
NMRA Membership Number: 086660 00

Secretary/Clerk
Name: Steve Faivre
NMRA Membership Number: 133535 00

Treasurer/Paymaster
Name: Myron Peterson
NMRA Membership Number: 171538 00

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2023

To: Board of Directors
From: Patrick Golden, Superintendent, DuPage Division 2811
Date: April 25, 2023
Subject: Division Activities

Activities since Last Midwest Region Board Meeting

- The DuPage Division held the first Board of Directors' meeting for the upcoming 2022-2023 meeting season on August 21, 2022 for the purpose of planning the upcoming meeting season. Board of Directors' meetings were also held on November 6, 2022 and January 8, 2023 to monitor the ongoing activities of the Division. A final Board of Directors' meeting will be held on May 7, 2023 to close out the 2022-2023 meeting season.
- DuPage Division meetings were held on the following dates as established at the DuPage Division August 21, 2022 Board of Directors' Meeting.

October 2, 2022

Presentation: "Alternatives to Duckunders" by Perry Sugerman
Contest: Maintenance of Way Equipment

November 6, 2022

Presentation: "Ramblings of an Old Railroader" by Fred Henize
Contest: Head End Passenger Equipment

December 4, 2022

Annual Christmas Luncheon (No Presentation)
Contest: Annual Photo Contest

January 8, 2023

Presentation: "Adding a Prototypically Representative Industry/Structure plus Wood Scratchbuilding Tips" by Jim Huebler
Contest: Open Loads

February 5, 2023

Presentation: "Build a Small Scale Model of Your Model Railroad" by Dave Lull
Contest: Freight and Passenger Stations

March 5, 2023

Presentation: "Train Communications in the 1940s" by Bob Hanmer
Contest: Annual All NMRA Categories

April 2, 2023

Layout Tours (No meeting, No presentation)
No Contest

May 7, 2023

Presentation: "N-O, Yes, Like N Scale to O Scale, Why Not" by Bill Pistello
Contest: Switching Locomotives

June 3, 2023

Division outing to the Illinois Live Steamers 1-1/2" scale live steam club located in Lemont, IL complete with a catered lunch.

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From: Patrick Golden, Superintendent, DuPage Division 2811
Date: April 25, 2023
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- At the DuPage Division November 6, 2022 BOD Meeting, it was decided to discontinue the ongoing discussion regarding “bonding” those elected Division officers having signatory authority on the Division’s bank account. This included the Superintendent and Paymaster. A decision was made to suspend the bonding discussion and not bond anyone.
- Superintendent Patrick Golden continues to send “welcome letters” to new members when notified of their joining by Membership Chair Ron Scharping. These letters serve to introduce a new member to the Division and personally invite them out to a Division meeting. The Division has seen success in this being that new members have come out to meetings and have approached and thanked Patrick for sending the letter.
- Superintendent Patrick Golden completed the task of reaching out to Life Members of the DuPage Division to determine if they are still with us and submitted a final report to the Midwest Region. Of 45 listed Life Members only one was confirmed to have passed and a handful (approximately 6) failed to respond at all to numerous emails and letters. No letters were returned as undeliverable and no emails bounced back.
- The Division conducted an election at the March 5, 2023 Division Meeting for the positions of Superintendent (Patrick Golden) and Chief Clerk (Tim Schubert) as both individuals will have reached their term limits of four years, two consecutive terms, as of May 31, 2023. Alex Schneider was elected Superintendent and Jim Marciniak was elected Chief Clerk. Both will assume their new offices on June 1, 2023 and will hold those offices for two years.

Being the newly elected Superintendent, Alex Schneider, was already holding the elected position of Paymaster, Superintendent Patrick Golden appointed Ron Scharping as Paymaster to fill out the Paymaster’s term until the next election for Paymaster in March 2024.

- All American Railroad Show Coordinator Patrick Golden finalized a date with Lyons Township High School for the 2023 All-American Railroad Show. The one-day show was held on Saturday, March 25, 2023 and featured 27 exhibitors total including operating modular layouts, historical societies, museums and clubs. The show was extremely successful and, profit wise, ended up being the best show in the 40-year history of the show.

Except for a concession area operated by the DuPage Division this show is a “no selling” type of show, but rather geared toward families with children observing the operating model trains. Age four and under are admitted free and the attendance of those age five and over, based on gate receipts and distributed passes, was estimated at 1,510 people.

- In lieu of an April Division meeting, self-guided layout tours were conducted as three members opened their home layouts for tours. Maps of the member’s homes were distributed at the Division’s regular meeting site. The participating members included Dave Angus, Ron Scharping and Dan Zedan. Approximately 35 members took part in the tours and visited the layouts.

Name	Street Address	City	State	ZIP Code	Position	NMRA Membership Number

Name

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From: Patrick Golden, Superintendent, DuPage Division 2811
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Planned Activities

- Newly elected officers, elected in the March 2023 elections, will assume their new positions as of June 1, 2023. These include Alex Schneider replacing Patrick Golden in the position of Superintendent and Jim Marciniak replacing Tim Schubert in the position of Chief Clerk. The outgoing officers will arrange to meet with the incoming to turn over any documentation needed in the execution of their duties.
- The incoming Paymaster, Ron Scharping, outgoing Paymaster as well as incoming Superintendent Alex Schneider and outgoing Superintendent Patrick Golden will arrange to meet at the bank that holds the Division's account and make arrangements with the bank for changes to the authorized signatures on the account.
- The new Superintendent will schedule a DuPage Division Board of Directors' meeting for the upcoming 2023-2024 meeting season in August 2023 for the purpose of planning the upcoming meeting season.
- The Division will hold an outing to the Illinois Live Steamers 1-1/2" scale live steam club located in Lemont, IL complete with a catered lunch on June 3, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Golden
Superintendent – DuPage Division 2811

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, October 2022

To: Board of Directors
 From: Greg Bueltmann, Superintendent, Michiana Division
 Date: April 28, 2022
 Subject: Division Director Report for Michiana Division

Activities since Last Board Meeting

Michiana Division BoD Meetings (12/10/2022, 3/6/2023)

Michiana Division Monthly Membership Meetings and Clinics

Date	Topic
October 15, 2022	Outing to New York Central Museum, Elkhart, IN
November 19, 2022	Clinic: AP Dispatcher by Ron Christensen on Zoom and at New Carlisle, IN
December 17, 2022	Zoom Clinic: Building a Paper Mill by Greg Bueltmann
January 14, 2023	Zoom Clinic: Brick and Tile Industry by Ron Christensen
February 11, 2023	Zoom Clinic: Yards and Yard Limits by Chuck Hart
March 18, 2023	Elkhart Model Railroad Club Train Show in Nappanee, IN
April 8, 2023	Zoom Clinic: Keith Kohlmann on Realistic Freight Car Loads

Weekly Thursday Evening Sessions

Date	Topic	Presenter
10/4/22	#100 Rich Hanke	Rich Hanke
10/11/22	Transformers - MStL Auto Boxcars	Clark Propst
10/25/22	Stayin' Alive - Installing keep alives in DCC locomotives	Greg Bueltmann
11/1/22	Helpful Hints, Halloween Mischief, and a Small Locomotive	Rich Hanke, Doug Harding, Ron Christensen
11/10/22	AP Electrical, Arizona Layout Progress	Greg Bueltmann, Chuck Schwartz
11/17/22	Brian Preston's Tacoma Layout - Carloads of Farm Implements	Ron Christensen, Doug Harding

12/1/22	Maynard Mitchell's Layout - LED Room Lighting	Maynard Mitchell, Greg Buelmann, Ron Christensen
12/8/22	Cabooses and Sturgis MI	Discussion
12/15/22	Brian Preston's Tacoma Layout - Mont Switzer Modeling	Ron Christensen
12/29/22	Short Presentation	Ron Christensen
1/5/23	40' Box Car Nomenclature	Clark Propst
1/12/23	What are you working on?	Ken Hough, Rod Thomson, Ron Christensen
1/14/23	Brick and Tile Industry - Div Meeting	Ron Christensen
1/19/23	Rail Cleaning - Signs of Life - Hampton IA	The Group, Chuck Schwartz, Doug Harding
1/26/23	Rebuilding and Detailing HO Turnouts	John Golden
2/2/23	Mont Switzer Vehicle Modeling	Ron Christensen and Mont Switzer
2/9/23	Mini Scenes on the Minneapolis and Northland	Lester Breuer
2/16/23	Remembering Don Cope's Layout	Ron Christensen
2/23/23	A Boxcar Upgrade	Lester Breuer
3/2/23	Completing My Railroad in 1000 days through Covid and Retirement	Mark Carlson
3/9/23	Tom Stathis Layout Pictures	Ron Christensen
3/16/23	Upgrading a MILW Rib Side Box Car	Lester Breuer
3/23/23	Vintage structure models and rolling stock	Ron Christensen
3/30/23	Using ICC Valuation Reports in Modeling	Doug Harding
4/6/23	Tools for Building Plastic and Resin Freight Cars	Lester Breuer
4/13/23	M&StL AFEs	Gene Green
4/20/23	Two Modelgenic Illinois Railroads	Dave Nelson
4/27/23	Small Rural Wood & Metal Silo Elevators	Doug Harding

Planned Activities

Quarterly BoD Meetings, Monthly Clinics, and weekly Thursday sessions will continue.

To: MWR Clerk
From: Greg Bueltmann, Superintendent, Michiana Division
Date: April 28, 2023
Subject: Current Roster of Division Officers Report for May 2023

Division: Michiana Division

President/Superintendent
Name: Greg Bueltmann
NMRA Membership Number: 164834 00

Secretary/Clerk
Name: John Banicki
NMRA Membership Number: 159566 00

Treasurer/Paymaster
Name: Jim Temple
NMRA Membership Number: 131269 00

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2023

To: Board of Directors
From: Bob McGeever
Date: 4/28/2023
Subject: Regional Advisory Committee.

The Regional Advisory Committee is link between the regional presidents and the NMRA Board of Directors. It is currently chaired by Bob Weinheimer. He sits on the NMRA BOD as the Regional Advisory Committee Director. The RAC holds two or more Zoom sessions per year. The RAC Director collects reports twice a year from each region president and submits the packet of reports to the NMRA BOD meetings.

Activities since Last Board Meeting

Attended the November 5th RAC Zoom meeting.

- Christina Zambri talked with the RAC members regarding marketing tools for regions and divisions. What she had available and what she was working on.
- Donna Orr of the Lone Star Region discussed her region's plans for the 2023 National Convention.
- Gordy Robinson presented an update on the NMRA Interactive project.

Submitted current MWR Officers listing, Division names, and divisional boundary information to Jenny Hendricks at NMRA headquarters in early January.

- Jenny is the Chief Administrative Officer for the NMRA. She was updating the headquarters database as a first step in allowing direct divisional access to membership information.
- The documentation the MWR Clerk and Webmaster maintain made it easy for me to send this info to Jenny. Not all the regional presidents were able to supply this info. It is nice when we look like we have our act together.

Submitted the January 2023 Regional President report to the RAC director.

Attended the March 25th RAC Zoom meeting.

Some general information was presented:

- RailPass renewals are a shade under 10%. First full year renewals are also less than 10%.
- LifeTime members are down to less than 2000.
- An increase in the Regional Rebate is under consideration.

At the date of the meeting, the NMRA Interchange had about 630 active members

- It is acknowledged that the sign up is complicated, but it is required for security.
- The use of online “handles” instead of real names is an issue when looking for folks you know.
- At least one division is doing hybrid meetings using the Interchange.

The future of the National Convention was discussed:

- There is a need to reduce the costs of attending the convention by moving the conventions out of the downtown hotels. The tri-region Indy Junction was cited as the new location plan for future conventions.
- Future conventions may be shorter to help keep the costs down.
- The National Train Show also needs some changes to maintain viability.

Based on feedback from the Amherst Train show, the NMRA will be working on a common branding identity for all the regions and divisions to make use of. Most of the divisional and regional logos were part of the NMRA booth. Many comments on the wide variety of logos and lack of common identity elements were received. If we want to look like a national organization, we have some work to do regarding our logos.

Planned Activities

Submit midyear Regional Presidents report.

Attend late spring RAC Zoom meeting.

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2023

To: Board of Directors
From: Connie J Coy, MWR Secretary
Date: May 1, 2023
Subject: Secretary's Report

Activities since Last Board Meeting

As of Today, I will have completed 2 years as MWR Secretary. I have been kept up-to-date of the membership and election results of the many Divisions. I continue to compile the necessary Packet of Reports for our meetings, creating agenda and minutes as needed. Minutes of previous meeting are attached to this Packet of Reports. Updated list of Officers, BOD and committee Chairs. (see attached for any corrections/updates needed prior to distribution and publishing on webpage.

Planned Activities

Agenda Item: Request MWR reimbursement in an amount of up to \$80 for renewal of Microsoft Word subscription (\$69.99 plus tax). Will submit receipt to Treasurer for reimbursement.

Collect Conflict of Interest paperwork from BOD officers (DAL, Division Superintendents, Committee members) for the MWR record.

Again, I want to thank everyone for their timely submission of reports for our meetings. I appreciate serving with you in the NMRA and promoting the hobby.

Sincerely,

Connie J. Coy

MWR Secretary

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Midwest Region Officers, Directors and Committee Chairmen as of May 20, 2023
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April 29, 2023

Treasurer's Report

Attached for your information are income statement and balance sheet information for full year 2022 and March 2023 year-to-date periods. A comparison to prior year performance is included.

Total 2022 revenues were \$12,342 with an income of \$4,298 reflecting convention revenues (\$6,933). Seed money was expensed in prior years (\$3,500). Excluding the convention impact, bottom line would show a \$2,635 loss. Waybill printing costs increased 61.4%. December 31, 2022 year-end cash balance was \$43,749, up \$4,346 or 11.0% from prior year.

March 2023 year-to-date revenues of \$2,125 were 15.1% higher than prior year, a result of higher subscription revenues. Net loss of \$85 was \$161 favorable versus last year as higher Waybill print expenses partially offset the increased revenue. March 31, 2023 cash balance of \$44,692 was \$5,564, or 14.2% higher than last year.

Divisional revenue share pass through checks will be distributed at the May Board Meeting.

Keith A. Thomsen
Treasurer

Midwest Region NMRA
Balance Sheet as of December 31

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Checking/Savings				
Checking				
BMO Harris C	43,748.89	39,402.86	4,346.03	11.03%
Total Checking	<u>43,748.89</u>	<u>39,402.86</u>	<u>4,346.03</u>	<u>11.03%</u>
Total Checking/Savings	<u>43,748.89</u>	<u>39,402.86</u>	<u>4,346.03</u>	<u>11.03%</u>
Accounts Receivable				
Accounts receivable				
NMRA Receiv	741.81	290.41	451.40	155.44%
Total Accounts receivable	<u>741.81</u>	<u>290.41</u>	<u>451.40</u>	<u>155.44%</u>
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>741.81</u>	<u>290.41</u>	<u>451.40</u>	<u>155.44%</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>44,490.70</u>	<u>39,693.27</u>	<u>4,797.43</u>	<u>12.09%</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>44,490.70</u></u>	<u><u>39,693.27</u></u>	<u><u>4,797.43</u></u>	<u><u>12.09%</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY				
Equity				
Opening Bal Equity	17,393.30	17,393.30	0.00	0.0%
Permanently Restricted Funds				
Moskal Award Funds	165.20	165.20	0.00	0.0%
Youth Program Funds	6,560.74	6,560.74	0.00	0.0%
Total Permanently Restricted F	<u>6,725.94</u>	<u>6,725.94</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Unrestrict (retained earnings)	15,574.03	19,266.63	-3,692.60	-19.17%
Net Income	4,797.43	-3,692.60	8,490.03	229.92%
Total Equity	<u>44,490.70</u>	<u>39,693.27</u>	<u>4,797.43</u>	<u>12.09%</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>44,490.70</u></u>	<u><u>39,693.27</u></u>	<u><u>4,797.43</u></u>	<u><u>12.09%</u></u>

Midwest Region NMRA
Final 2022 Income Statement

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
Convention Income	6,933.00	0.00	6,933.00	100.0%
NMRA				
Revenue Sharing	2,248.00	2,274.00	-26.00	-1.14%
Subscriptions	3,161.44	3,265.47	-104.03	-3.19%
Total NMRA	<u>5,409.44</u>	<u>5,539.47</u>	<u>-130.03</u>	<u>-2.35%</u>
Total Income	<u>12,342.44</u>	<u>5,539.47</u>	<u>6,802.97</u>	<u>122.81%</u>
Expense				
Convention Expenses				
Seed Grant	0.00	2,000.00	-2,000.00	-100.0%
Convention Expenses - Other	0.00	685.00	-685.00	-100.0%
Total Convention Expenses	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,685.00</u>	<u>-2,685.00</u>	<u>-100.0%</u>
NMRA Rebate				
Rebate to Divisions	2,248.00	2,274.00	-26.00	-1.14%
Total NMRA Rebate	<u>2,248.00</u>	<u>2,274.00</u>	<u>-26.00</u>	<u>-1.14%</u>
Overhead Expenses				
Achievement Program	124.91	157.76	-32.85	-20.82%
Board of Directors	412.53	192.07	220.46	114.78%
President	0.00	45.90	-45.90	-100.0%
Secretary				
Organizational Expense	10.00	0.00	10.00	100.0%
Secretary - Other	74.89	192.59	-117.70	-61.11%
Total Secretary	<u>84.89</u>	<u>192.59</u>	<u>-107.70</u>	<u>-55.92%</u>
Treasurer	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Web	689.97	592.73	97.24	16.41%
Total Overhead Expenses	<u>1,312.30</u>	<u>1,181.05</u>	<u>131.25</u>	<u>11.11%</u>
Waybill				
Postage	738.47	771.22	-32.75	-4.25%
Printing	3,746.14	2,320.80	1,425.34	61.42%
Total Waybill	<u>4,484.61</u>	<u>3,092.02</u>	<u>1,392.59</u>	<u>45.04%</u>
Total Expense	<u>8,044.91</u>	<u>9,232.07</u>	<u>-1,187.16</u>	<u>-12.86%</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>4,297.53</u>	<u>-3,692.60</u>	<u>7,990.13</u>	<u>216.38%</u>
Net Income	<u><u>4,297.53</u></u>	<u><u>-3,692.60</u></u>	<u><u>7,990.13</u></u>	<u><u>216.38%</u></u>

Midwest Region NMRA

Balance Sheet as of

	<u>Mar 31, 23</u>	<u>Mar 31, 22</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Checking				
BMO Harris Checking	44,691.89	39,127.97	5,563.92	14.22%
Total Checking	<u>44,691.89</u>	<u>39,127.97</u>	<u>5,563.92</u>	<u>14.22%</u>
	44,691.89	39,127.97	5,563.92	14.22%
Accounts receivable				
NMRA Receivables	296.77	319.50	-22.73	-7.11%
Total Accounts receivable	<u>296.77</u>	<u>319.50</u>	<u>-22.73</u>	<u>-7.11%</u>
	296.77	319.50	-22.73	-7.11%
Undeposited Funds				
	0.00	1,136.00	-1,136.00	-100.0%
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,136.00</u>	<u>-1,136.00</u>	<u>-100.0%</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>44,988.66</u>	<u>40,583.47</u>	<u>4,405.19</u>	<u>10.86%</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>44,988.66</u>	<u>40,583.47</u>	<u>4,405.19</u>	<u>10.86%</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY				
Liabilities				
Accounts Payable				
Accounts payable	1,083.00	1,136.00	-53.00	-4.67%
Total Accounts Payable	<u>1,083.00</u>	<u>1,136.00</u>	<u>-53.00</u>	<u>-4.67%</u>
	1,083.00	1,136.00	-53.00	-4.67%
Total Liabilities	<u>1,083.00</u>	<u>1,136.00</u>	<u>-53.00</u>	<u>-4.67%</u>
Equity				
	17,393.30	17,393.30	0.00	0.0%
Moskal Award Funds	165.20	165.20	0.00	0.0%
Youth Program Funds	6,560.74	6,560.74	0.00	0.0%
	6,725.94	6,725.94	0.00	0.0%
	19,871.56	15,574.03	4,297.53	27.59%
	-85.14	-245.80	160.66	65.36%
Total Equity	<u>43,905.66</u>	<u>39,447.47</u>	<u>4,458.19</u>	<u>11.3%</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>44,988.66</u>	<u>40,583.47</u>	<u>4,405.19</u>	<u>10.86%</u>

Midwest Region NMRA
First Quarter Income Statement

	<u>Jan - Mar 23</u>	<u>Jan - Mar 22</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
NMRA				
Revenue Sharing	1,083.00	1,136.00	-53.00	-4.67%
Subscriptions	1,042.37	710.58	331.79	46.69%
Total NMRA	<u>2,125.37</u>	<u>1,846.58</u>	<u>278.79</u>	<u>15.1%</u>
Total Income	2,125.37	1,846.58	278.79	15.1%
Expense				
NMRA Rebate				
Rebate to Divisions	1,083.00	1,136.00	-53.00	-4.67%
Total NMRA Rebate	<u>1,083.00</u>	<u>1,136.00</u>	<u>-53.00</u>	<u>-4.67%</u>
Waybill				
Postage	198.22	173.12	25.10	14.5%
Printing	929.29	783.26	146.03	18.64%
Total Waybill	<u>1,127.51</u>	<u>956.38</u>	<u>171.13</u>	<u>17.89%</u>
Total Expense	<u>2,210.51</u>	<u>2,092.38</u>	<u>118.13</u>	<u>5.65%</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>-85.14</u>	<u>-245.80</u>	<u>160.66</u>	<u>65.36%</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-85.14</u></u>	<u><u>-245.80</u></u>	<u><u>160.66</u></u>	<u><u>65.36%</u></u>

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2023

To: Board of Directors

From: Bob McGeever

Date: 4/29/23

Subject: Presidents Report for Spring 2023 MWR BOD Meeting

Instead of the usual “what have I been doing and what do I plan to do” report, I want to raise the topic of transition planning for the Midwest Region. We are starting a two-year period with significant vacancies to be filled right now and significant future vacancies on the horizon.

I want to draw your attention to this so that we can start planning ahead.

The Executive Committee:

The current President and Vice President are term limited. They are in their final terms. We will be seating a new President and Vice President at the Spring 2025 BOD meeting.

The current Secretary and Treasurer want to hang it up by the Spring 2025 BOD meeting. These positions are appointed by the President and approved by the BOD. I would like to have the replacements identified about a year in advance so some real training could take place between the incoming and outgoing staff. It is really important that both of the new appointees can hit the ground running.

Directors at Large:

These positions could be fairly stable for the next few years.

All three of the DALs just elected will be eligible to run again in 2025.

Three of the four DALs whose terms expire in 2024 are eligible to run again in 2024.

Committee Chairs:

Financial Review (aka Audit in bylaws) is vacant.

We have not rushed to fill this position. I think this should be coordinated with the selection and training of a new Treasurer. The BOD might want to consider if this position is still needed or if it should be modified.

Clinic Clearing House is vacant.

We could fill this position as is or combine it with the Education Coordinator.

Education Coordinator is vacant.

We could fill this position as is or combine it with the Clinic Clearing House. I do not find this committee listed in the bylaws.

Membership will be vacant by June 2025.

We have time to get the next chair trained by the outgoing chair.

Convention Chair is vacant.

Photographer is vacant.

Photo Contest is vacant.

Model Contest is vacant.

Based on our bylaws, the Convention Chair, Photographer, Photo Contest and Model Contest positions are all intertwined. We need to get our convention process rebuilt. I suspect it will be different from the way we used to do things. For example, most of our divisions do not have the financial ability to pay all the up-front costs associated with a convention so the Region will have to be more involved in the finances. I did not find the Photographer listed in the bylaws.

The contest positions imply a supply of judges. Contest judges have been hard to come by since Covid. We will need to rebuild our pool of judges if we want contests as part of our conventions.

Youth is vacant.

We have not rushed to fill this position. Covid and the earlier version of the "At Risk Individuals" policy put this position on hold. We could fill this position as is. We should explore expanding this position to include creation and active support of Youth Groups in all the divisions. An active Youth Group is a great way to create new model railroaders and eventual NMRA members.

Illinois State Agent may be vacant.

Since we are incorporated in Illinois, there is an annual report we must file in Illinois. I understand that it has to be a citizen of Illinois to file the report.