

Item#	Attached	Description
1	yes	Agenda
2	yes	Minutes MOM 4/14/18 as amended
3	yes	Minutes Spring MWR BOD Meeting 10/7/18
3a	yes	Minutes MWR BOD 4/14/18 as amended
		Committee Reports
4		Achievement Program
5		Financial Review
6		Clinic Clearing House
7	yes	Convention
8	yes	Education Coordinator
9	yes	Election
10	yes	Internet
11	yes	Long Range Planning
12	yes	Membership
13		Nominating
14		Photographer
15		Promotions and Special Projects
16		Publications
17	yes	Youth
		Director at Large Reports
18		Bob Landwehr 2020
19	yes	Eric Peterson 2020
20		Jim Allen 2020
21		Fred Hinize 2020
22		Daniel Brewer 2019
23		Gary Children 2019
24	yes	Minton Dings 2019
		Division Director Reports
25	yes	Mike Slater Wisconsin Southeastern 2801
26		Phil Hottman South Central Wisconsin 2802
27	yes	John Leow Winnebago Land 2803
28	yes	Jim Tatum Illinois Valley 2805
29	yes	Dan Hinel Central Indiana 2806
30	yes	Mike Lehman Illinois Terminal 2807
31	yes	Michael Hirvela Fox Valley 2809
32	yes	Ken Mosny Rock River Valley 2810
33	yes	Tim Schubert DuPage 2811
34	yes	Bob Blake Michiana 2815
		Officers Reports
35	yes	Regional Advisory Council Rep Report
36	yes	Secretary Report
37	yes	Treasurer Report
38	yes	Vice President Report
39	yes	Past President Report
40	yes	President Report
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48	yes	WISE Youth Group Funding Request
49	yes	Convention Contest Plaque Expenses

Item 1

Agenda May 5 2019 Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA,

<u>Item</u>	<u>Responsibility</u>
Call to order	Steve Studley
Roll Call	Bob McGeever
Minutes of Last Meetings	Steve Studley
<u>Reports/Comments</u>	
Committees:	
Achievement Program	Jim Landwehr
Financial Review	open
Clinic Clearing House	Paul Wussow
Convention	Reid Kahrs
Education Coordinator	Eric Peterson
Election	Jim Osborn
Internet	Jim Osborn
Long Range Planning	Paul Mangan
Membership	Ron Scharping
Nominating	Dan Brewer
Photographer	Walt Herrick
Promotions and Special Projects	Reid Kahrs
Publications	David Leider
Youth Fund	Minton Dings
Other	Steve Studley
Directors-at-Large	Steve Studley
Division Directors	Steve Studley
Regional Advisory Council Representative	Paul Mangan
Secretary	Bob McGeever
Treasurer	Keith Thomsen
Vice President	Reid Kahrs
Immediate Past President	Paul Mangan
President	Steve Studley
<u>Old Business</u>	
501(c)(3) Project	Reid Kahrs
Midwest Regional 2019 Convention	Reid Kahrs
Midwest Region 2020 & Later Conventions	Reid Kahrs
Reduction of Bank Account Cash	Keith Thomsen
Other	Steve Studley
<u>New Business</u>	
Destroy Election Ballots	Jim Osborn
Michiana Expo Funding Request	Dan Brewer
WISE Youth Group Funding Request	Mike Slater
Convention Contest Plaque Expenses	Walt Herrick
Other	Steve Studley

Appointments

Installation of New Officers and Directors

Steve Studley

President Steve Studley

Vice President Reid Kahrs

Director at Large Jerry Peterson

Director at Large Jim Landwehr

Director at Large John Coy

Announcements

Fall 2019 MWR BoD

Nov. 10 at Trainfest, Clinic Room 4, West Allis, WI

The meeting will begin at 10:30A.

Steve Studley

Adjourn

Steve Studley

Item 2

Midwest Region National Model Railroad Association Annual Meeting of Members April 14, 2018

The 2018 Annual Meeting of Members was called to order at 8:04pm by Stephen Studley, Midwest Region President.

The meeting minutes for the 2017 Annual Meeting of Members were approved. Moved by Bill Lawrence and seconded by Paul Mangan.

Reports:

Treasurer Keith Thomsen reported the Region is in good shape financially. Gross receipts in 2017 were \$7,300, an increase of \$1,300 over last year. Year-end cash balance was \$44,700, a \$3,300 reduction from prior year. The Board is working to distribute funds to the Divisions where it can be used.

A motion was called to approve the Treasurer's report, Paul Mangan made the motion and Chris Roeben seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business

None

New Business

The elections for

Director at Large

Eric Peterson, Central Illinois Division

Fred Henize, DuPage Division

Bob Landwehr, Fox Valley Division

Jim Allen, Fox Valley Division

Next Year's Regional convention will be a Dual Region Convention with the Thousand Lakes Region and will be held in La Crosse Wisconsin on May 17, 2019 – May 19, 2019.

Vice President Reid Kahrs presented the current plan he had discussed with Jerry Miller from the Dubuque Division, TLR. Regions will have their own contests. There will be Friday morning clinics and a bus will be available with lunch for viewing of layouts and other railroad sights of interest. Friday evening there will be clinics and the Thousand Lakes Regional meeting. On Saturday, there will be more clinics and a non-rail trolley car tour of La Crosse. The banquet will be held that evening with Happy Hour at 5:00, dinner at 6:00. After the banquet there will be a Chinese auction. A Chinese auction is a combination of a raffle and auction where a bidder buys tickets and then places a ticket in a bowl for their pick to bid on. At the end of the auction, a ticket will be pulled from the bowl for the winner of that prize.

Steve Studley invited members and hoped everyone would be able to attend.

A motion was requested to adjourn the meeting. Fred Henize so moved and Grant Jensen seconded it. Meeting adjourned at 8:12pm.

Item 3

Midwest Region of the National Model Railroad Association

Board of Directors Meeting October 7 2018

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by Midwest Region President Studley at 11:08 AM.

Secretary McGeever called the roll.

Board members present:

President Studley, Vice President Kahrs, Treasurer Thomsen, Secretary McGeever.

Directors at Large: Children, Peterson, Allen.

Division Superintendents: DPD Schubert, FVD Hirvela, IVD Tatum, RRVD Mosny, CID Hinel.

Division Representative: ITD Tschopp

Past President Mangan proxy Gary Children.

Director at Large Dings proxy Mike Shockley.

Director at Large Bob Landwehr proxy Jim Landwehr.

WISE Division Director Joe Russ proxy Gary Children.

The minutes of the April 14 2018 Annual Meeting of the Membership of the MWR were reviewed.

Motion by Peterson, second by Mosny to approve with friendly amendment by Thomsen.

Motion carried unanimously.

Revised minutes are attached.

The minutes of the April 15 2018 MWR BOD meeting were reviewed.

Motion by Tschopp, second by Schubert to approve with friendly amendments by Thomsen.

Motion carried unanimously.

Revised minutes are attached.

Reports:

The Committee, Director at Large, Division Directors, and Officer Reports (except the Treasurer's) in the packet were reviewed.

Motion by Mosny, second by Hirvela to approve as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed.

Motion by Children, second by Landwehr to approve as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

501C3 Project – Kahrs reported that if the MWR wants 501C3 status we will need to apply as an organization to the IRS. The National 501C3 project will yield 501C3 status for the regions. Kahrs will look into the benefits to the MWR of 501C7 vs 501C3 and report at the next BOD meeting.

MWR 2019 Convention – Kahrs presented a tentative schedule for the joint MWR-TLR convention to be held May 17 – 19 at the Days Inn at La Crosse. Details will be published in the winter Waybill.
Reduction of Bank Account Cash – Thomsen reported distributions, no reduction has occurred. The SCWD made money on the 2018 convention. There will be no convention expense for 2019. So no reduction is anticipated in the near future.

Photo and Model Contest Entry Eligibility – The entry rules have been updated per the motions at the last MWR BOD meeting.

Kit Built Popular Vote Contest – Allen presented a sample of the ballot. Work continues on this topic. The goal is to have all Policies and Procedures updated in time for the MWR 2020 Regional Convention.

New Business:

Nominations for President, Vice President, and three Directors at Large:
Steve Studley for President, Reid Kahrs for Vice President, Gary Children for Director at Large, Jerry Peterson for Director at Large. Nomination from the floor for Jim Landwehr as the third Director at Large. The ballot will be in the winter Waybill.

MWR 2020 Convention – Shockley proposed a joint effort of IVD and ITD for a 2020 convention to be held in Peoria Illinois during the third week of May.

Motion by Kahrs, second by Children to approve.

Motion carried unanimously.

Photo Contest – Motion by Peterson second by Landwehr to update the Policies and Procedures to remove slides from the Photo contest. They explained there is no activity in this category these days.

Motion carried unanimously.

Appointments:

Appointments of Bob McGeever as Secretary, Eric Peterson as Education Chair and Dan Brewer as Nominations Chair were approved by acclamation.

Announcements:

Spring MWR BOD meeting:
Sunday, May 5, 2019 at 10:30 am (breakfast at 10 am)
VFW 9759, 2018 Windsor Road, Loves Park, Illinois, 61111

Motion by Children, second by Landwehr to adjourn.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item 3a

Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, April 15, 2018

The spring meeting of the Midwest Region was called to order by Steve Studley, President at 10:31am on April 15th at the Radisson Hotel, Madison WI.

Steve Studley asked for additions or corrections to the minutes of the last meeting.

Keith Thomsen asked for an amendment regarding naming the funding given to Divisions in advance for Conventions to be changed from “Regional advance” to “grant” as seen on page two, paragraph 1.

There was discussion about what should be the correct terminology. Original motion by Bob McGeever, seconded by Gary Children, amended to include another location in the minutes – page two, paragraph 7.

It was placed before the board to replace the word “advance” to “seed”. Seed money would be a better name.

A further clarification was suggested for page 2, paragraph 9, changing the wording to: If seed money is used and there is a \$2000 or more profit, \$1000 or more (half of whatever the profit is) would come back to the Region.

Paul Mangan made a motion to approve the motion as amended and Gary Children seconded it. Steve Studley called for a vote and it was approved.

Reports and comments:

Jim Osborn, Election Committee Chair reported

Eric Peterson; Central Indiana Division,
Fred Henize ; DuPage Division,
Bob Landwehr; Fox Valley Division,
Jim Allen; Fox Valley Division

were elected as Directors at Large. Their induction will be at the end of the meeting.

Walt Herrick the photo contest chair requested that 2 changes be made to the by-laws. Walt Herrick wanted the Photo contest to be consistent with the Model contest rules.

1. That the contest chair not be allowed to enter the contest. This would lead to more transparency.
2. That a maximum of 10 entries per entrant be allowed with a maximum of three entries in any category in the photo model and prototype contests.

Bob McGeever made a motion to approve item 2, above, Fred Henize seconded. Steve Studley called for a vote. It was approved.

The question was raised about item 1, above. Suggested wording is: The photo contest chair is not eligible to enter the contest. It was discussed to have the photo contest wording the same as the model contest. That change of wording is to be researched and is tabled until next meeting. Note to Jim

Osborn, Walt Herrick, and Gary Children to work on the wording for eligibility in the photo and model contests.

Directors at Large reports

Regional Advisory Council

Paul Mangan reported no activity.

The secretary of the board, Paul Wussow, is in ill health and has tendered his resignation. The executive board has accepted his resignation. Kathy Mangan will be the acting secretary for this meeting.

Treasurer's report 2016 – 2017

Keith Thomsen reported there was a difference in the reporting for 2016 as opposed to 2017 for the subscription revenue. Due to timing, there were 13 months reported for 2017. For 2018 we will be back to a normal twelve months being reported.

The Board has implemented programs to reduce cash and those programs have been successful.

The level of reduction is about \$3000/year. This can continue till such a time as the account balance nears \$24000.

Accept motion from the floor to approve the Treasurer's Report.

Minton Dings moved and Larry Tschopp seconded it.

Motion approved.

501(c)(3)

501(c)(3) status change has been officially turned over to Reid Kahrs. He will find out more at the national convention in Kansas. MWR is waiting for the IRS and the NMRA to agree on how to proceed.

Youth Fund assessment

Minton Diggs indicated the fund could not continue indefinitely on the earnings from investment. Requests for funding would be paid out as approved by the Board and at such a time as the fund gets low, the Board can decide on what to do with the fund. There were no requests for the previous year.

To increase participation, he suggested that a form be used instead of an essay for approval for the donation. It would be on the website and in the Waybill. He will get back to the board with form design and more information at the Fall meeting.

Midwest Region convention for 2019

Reid Kahrs reported it will be a dual Region Convention with the Thousand Lakes Region and the tentative schedule is for May 16 – 19, 2019 at the Days Inn La Crosse (room rate of \$67/night) with the following events.

Thursday

Registration/Contest Room open

Clinics and layout tours

Friday

Morning clinics

Board buses 10 or 11 for the Pearl Street Brewery, the Dahl Auto Museum, and the Copeland Park Railroad display. Possible more places may be added.

Lunch is still in the planning stage.

Possible clinics in the evening, TLR board meeting, layout tours.

Saturday

Clinics

Non Rail Trolley tour of La Crosse, and tours of other sites.

Happy Hour 5:00 Banquet 6:00

Awards, Chinese Auction

Reduction of Bank Account Balance

Keith Thomsen reported we had reduced cash by a bit more than \$3000. The main contributions to the reduction are the \$2000 convention seed money and the pass-through of the revenue share from the NMRA. We currently have \$44000 cash. This procedure will continue and will be checked again at the next meeting.

Reid Kahrs indicated next year's dual convention will have no seed money from our Region. We will be participating as guests. We will split the profits.

We will not be having the Annual Meeting of Members meeting at the TLR/MWR convention. Steve Studley explained that La Crosse is outside of our Region and there had been research done about this issue by Bert Lattan, Gary Children and Reid Kahrs. It was determined that Article 7 of the by-laws indicated the annual meeting be held within the region. He requested if any division within the Rockford, Madison, or Milwaukee divisions could hold the meeting.

Rock River Valley Division volunteered to have it at their May meet next year at the VFW. The division meet will be a dual-meet with SCWD. It was decided to have the Board meeting and the Members Meeting before the Rock River Valley Division meeting. This will not require changing the bylaws. The Rock River Valley Division/South Central Wisconsin Division meet is the first Sunday of the month and next year would be May 5th, 2019.

Financial Review

Phil Berry will review and report at the fall meeting.

There has been a change of the Illinois Registered Agent for the region from Bert Lattan to Paul Wussow. Paul has indicated he would be able to continue as Registered Agent.

Future Website Expenditures

Jim Osborn shared that the current webhost has been sold to another company and the new company is not as customer friendly as the old one. He has reviewed a number of Internet Providers (IP) and has decided on Blue Host. The financial plan is for \$720 to be paid in advance for a three year contract and then \$1080 for the next 3 years. The cost would be split with the Fox Valley Division so the Region's share would be \$360.00 for the 3 years. Bob Blake, Michiana Division, asked if it is possible for another

division to join in? Jim Osborn would need to check on the specifics of the provider but may be willing to support another division to share in the cost.

DuPage Division suggested they were interested and Jim Osborn okayed the share if it doesn't get to onerous. The DuPage's information is usually meeting times and locations.

Bob Blake reported Michiana uses GoDaddy for registrations for the educational seminar. Currently, the Division has the capability to use online registration for their conference. Dan Brewer will contact Jim Osborn to see about possibilities.

Jim Osborn reported ConstantContact email service contract is up in December. The cost is \$400/yr and is shared with Fox Valley. Also, the Midwest Region domain rental fee is up in December. The cost for that is \$100/5 yrs. The cost to the Region for these changes is \$360 (plus tax) for the webhost, \$200 for CC, and \$100 for domain name for five years.

There was additional discussion between Jim Osborne and Jim Tatum about technical support. Steve Studley suggested they get together to discuss options.

There was a proposal placed on the floor in support of the plan as presented by Jim Osborn: for the Blue Host Web Hosting to be \$360/yr for three years, Constant Contact contract for \$200/year, and the MWR domain name for \$100/5 years. Bob McGeever so moved and Mike Hirvela seconded. Motion was carried.

Steve Studley called for a motion to destroy the 2018 voting ballots. Fred Henize made a motion for this and Reid Kahrs seconded, then after discussion that the Election Results had not been accepted yet, Bob McGeever made a Friendly Amendment to accept the report of the voting. Paul Mangan seconded it. It was voted on and passed. Steve Studley directed Jim Osborne to either shred or burn the ballots.

Nomination for upcoming elections

Fred Robinson is leaving the board after this meeting and needs to be replaced as nomination committee chair. Steve Studley asked for someone to think about volunteering. Next year's election will be for President, Vice President and 3 Directors at Large for a term of 2 years, 2019 – 2021.

Midwest and later conventions

Reid Kahrs indicated Mike Shockley suggested possible IVD interest in the 2020 Regional and Mike would chair it. IVD is checking with ITD to see if they would be interested in co-hosting. There was some discussion on where a place could be centrally located for the event, and Minton Dings, suggested Peoria.

For 2022, as the National convention will be in the United Kingdom, there has been some discussion about having a Tri-Regional convention consisting of the North Central, Midwest and Mid Central regions.

There will be a report at next meeting for the Dual meet and single meet.

Bob Blake suggested South Bend might be a good choice for the Tri-Region meet, he would be willing to be of assistance.

Reid Kahrs asked for a Division to consider the 2021 Convention. Bruce mentioned that RRVD would consider the 2023 convention.

Steve Studley has been requested by the NMRA to report to them the superintendents of the Divisions and their Memberships chairs for:

SCWD – Paul Mangan & Steve Preston co-chairs,

Michiana does not have a membership chair, but Neal Thomas has been suggested.

Buzz Swett is membership chair for ITD,

Minton Dings handles membership as Assistant Superintendent.

If there are any changes send to Steve Studley.

Jim Allen brought up for discussion about Kit Built models being in the same category as Scratch Built models. The problem is there are deductions associated with the Kit Built models. At this convention, there was a very nice model in the contest that had to have points taken off because it was kit built. Jim is suggesting, for our Region, the consideration of a popular vote contest for kit-built models.

Bob Blake suggested that this is an AP issue and should be presented to National.

Jim Allen indicated the popular vote was not an AP issue, it was to encourage more participation. It was not to get rid of AP and would be to separate itself from AP. Jim Allen said we are model railroaders, let's show off our models. Rich Mahaney, from North Central Region indicated they eliminated contests and if someone wanted to be evaluated for AP, they could be.

As there was some good discussion, Steve Studley asked Jim Allen to discuss with the others who had good ideas and get back to the board next fall.

Reid Kahrs asked Rich Mahaney to discuss where the NCR had a concept of a modeling challenge. The guidance (“Caboose being used in a Second Life”) was set, but there is no list of rules. After much discussion as something similar has been used in other divisions, a motion was made for an Open Challenge (no theme) of modeling a square foot in any gauge. It is not scale, it is a square foot of area. Bob McGeever made a motion and Bob Blake seconded. No theme, no contest. It was called for a vote and passed.

Steve Studley announced the Open Model Challenge and indicated to “Have Fun on a square foot”.

Bob Blake announced the dates for the Michiana Fall conference to be September 21st to 22nd and the conference would be downtown South Bend. More information to follow.

Steve Studley thanked the South Central Wisconsin Division for having this year's convention and making space for the Board meeting.

Steve Studley called for the installation of the new Directors at Large,

Eric Peterson, Central Indiana Division

Fred Henize, DuPage Division

Bob Landwehr, Fox Valley Division

Jim Allen, Fox Valley Division.

Welcome and thank you for standing for election.

The Fall Regional Board meeting will be Sunday, October 7th at 10:30 AM at the Rockford VFW 9759, 2018 Windsor Rd. Loves Park, IL. There will be a full breakfast at 10:00 and at 10:30 am the Board Meeting. The Rockford division will have a meet at 1:00 pm, location to be determined with layout tours and clinics.

Steve Studley called for a motion to adjourn, Paul Mangan so moved and Jim Allen seconded it. Meeting adjourned at 12:16pm.

Item 7

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, October 7, 2018

To: Board of Directors
From: Reid Kahrs
Date: 5-5-2019
Subject: Convention Committee

Activities since Last Board Meeting

I am working with Gerry Miller on the 2019 dual regional. Gerry Miller has been doing most of the work and I have offered to coordinate the clinics, there are twenty clinics scheduled.

Report from Mike Shockley

Graphic Artist Hired--model RR I work with--I will pay him if I have to shove it down his throat...he is reluctant to be paid...LOL

Event Planner hired--my niece...in charge of the "nice to haves"--also reluctant to receive money...

Working with ITD--will start phone conferences soon. They have been working remotely creating registration sheets, etc.

Hotel contract signed \$129 rate Holiday Inn and Suites East Peoria. May try to negotiate alternate rate with nearby hotel.

\$5000 minimum food and drink...if 100 people come-- \$30 banquet and Fri and Sat breakfast vouchers (@ \$10 each) is break even.

No response yet from Ken Patterson (of podcast fame--What's neat in Model RR) for keynote, advertising etc.

Taking suggestions for clinic and keynote nominations. A friend from New Zealand may come for convention--clinic on modeling US roads in foreign land.

Will try for Wheels of Time museum and Caterpillar Visitor Center rates.

Rock Island depot is repurposed in downtown Peoria...great restaurant.

Organizing 1-2 person committees for gathering information, etc.

Some information about the 2021 convention.

Marty Hendrickx is the chairman and they have already started making plans. The theme will be the 175th celebration of the 1846 Rockford Railroad Convention which brought the Galena and Chicago Union Railroad (a principle Northwestern System predecessor) to Rockford in 1852. They will begin looking at dates and venues soon. Hotels in Rockford get filled up some weekends because Rockford

is becoming a big sports center for out of towners. Sometimes venues won't commit over a year in advance, too.

For 2022 we will be part of a Tri-Regional, the NCR, MCR and MWR. The convention site has not been determined. President Studley, Paul Mangan and Reid Kahrs will work with the other two Region planning the convention.

Since we have convention slated through 2022, start thinking about hosting a convention in the years after 2023

Planned Activities

Attend MWR BOD meeting May 5, 2019, in Rockford, IL

Attend TLR/MWR convention May 16-19, 2019 in La Crosse

Item 8a

Education Coordinator Survey Comments

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 5, 2019

To: Board of Directors
From: Eric Peterson
Date: 4/18/2019
Subject: Education Survey Comments

Activities since Last Board Meeting

A survey was sent to Division Superintendents and any listed education positions. After receiving the replies I prepared a report for President Studley.

A summary of the results with my additional comments is attached.

Planned Activities

Explore possible ways to deliver clinics and educational material remotely for division gatherings. Test collecting clinic information for a listing.

Assist with possible additional informal division gatherings like the local TCA group in Indianapolis area does monthly.

Item 8b

NMRA Midwest Region survey of Divisions about Education ending 2/24/2019

Compiled by Eric Peterson, Education Chair Midwest Region, NMRA 3/1/2019

4 18 2019 Comments by Eric Peterson following the survey:

1. Types of gatherings including educational content:
 - a. Modelers Meet, 3-5 hours, on a Saturday or Sunday
 - b. Evening Gathering, 2 hours, on a weekday evening
 - c. Simple gathering at a restaurant for lunch with a simple program after lunch and possibly a layout visit afterward.

2. Program Content:

Keep it as simple and as easy as possible to set up. Live clinics are the preferred presentation method. Content could include:

- a. Opening set up and social time
- b. Opening remarks with agenda for the gathering and safety briefing
- c. Introductions of everyone
- d. Show and Tell and Tips and Tricks
- e. A clinic with question and answer discussion
- f. A hands on clinic during a longer gathering
- g. Breaks for social time
- h. Meal time before or a mid-day break

3. Scheduling, Days, Times, Frequency:

We have some good comments on scheduling. I think monthly division events are the best. Every other month works well and some are doing quarterly or less often. Regular scheduled events are popular with the right program. The format must be relatively simple and easy to set up and host. I am concerned schedule gaps disrupt a pattern of gatherings. Our relatively large Divisions could use locations in different parts of the Division for regular meetings bringing some activity close to more members.

4. My Thoughts and comment on judging: Participating with judging teams is a good way to learn about the criteria and how they are applied. Another source of information is reviewing completed judging sheets. Several years ago judging sheets were open to viewing after judging was completed. I was at a National Convention with and took some time to review many models, their scores and the judging numbers and comments. I found this very educational and encouraging. I later started entering some models in the Regional and National contests.
5. My thoughts on scheduling: Some concern about summer but a seasonal pause may disrupt a pattern. Weekday evenings 7-9 have been used successfully on smaller geographic divisions. Saturday works for longer gatherings 9 or 10 to 3 pm may be better for larger geographic divisions or gatherings with more content. Sunday afternoon also works but some religious activities conflicts occur. I do not have an answer for avoiding football as the fall schedules for College and NFL involve many different days and times. Organizing gatherings need to be kept simple to make it easier to set up. Some include food, some encourage carry-outs to the venue and some break for lunch. Some gathers for lunch before and then have the program after at a

restaurant using individual checks for each person have been successful. I suggest a first step on a division would be to check with the clubs, regular operating groups, round robin groups and regular train shows to try to find one or two good days & times that are relatively open. If there are unresolved conflicts alternating between two good choices may be a workable solution. Frequency was not a survey question. Quarterly and monthly works.

Full Survey Summary is below:

NMRA Midwest Region survey of Divisions about Education ending 2/24/2019
Compiled by Eric Peterson, Education Chair Midwest Region, NMRA 3/1/2019

We had enough returned questionnaires to provide a good variety of comments. This is a summary by topic questions.

1. What educational topics have the most interest or need from our NMRA members? We could start considering the Achievement Program award areas so rate them H=high, M=medium, or L=low interest in your opinion with any comments.

Using the AP program topics for priority raking educations needs did not work. The importance of developing volunteers and officials was stressed. The rankings I did receive varied widely. There were comments about the AP program and the need for additional information and discussion with people pursuing the different AP certifications. The focus recommended is on understanding the judging criteria and how it is applied. A comment was included recommending additional points for kit bashed models.

2. Where are good places to make available education information?

A wide variety of opinions. Some are concerned conventions have limited attendance. Division activities the best. Informal lunch with program or site visit rated from "no" to "winner." Layouts open houses were not recommended for providing educational presentations or displays.

3. When is the best time of year, day of the week or time of day to provide educational information?

Concerns about summer were expressed but somewhat untested. Saturdays were recommended. Some concern about evening gatherings for older members. However, weekday evenings work for working members. Times mentioned were weekdays 7-9 pm, Saturdays 10-noon and/or 1:30-3:30, Sunday 1:30-3:30. Football was mentioned as a conflict for weekends in the fall.

4. Who needs or wants to use additional education information?

Answers varied from yes for every category to only those interested in the AP program. Several identified the new modelers/members needing it the most and they are going to the internet like everyone else. NMRA information needs to be easy for newbies. Some know what they are looking for, they just need a way to find that information. Connecting to operating groups for those interested in operations. "Anyone who is involved or attracted to the hobby should/will be interested in obtaining additional information which can enhance their knowledge and improve their activities and skill set."

5. How do we deliver educational information and interaction with resource people?

Clinics with question and answer discussion are the most popular in the survey. Show and Tell/Tips and Tricks, small displays and/or short presentations were also popular. New technology was considered inefficient use of time by some and endorsed by others. Displays at layout open houses

were not popular as people are there to see the layout. Magazines already promote the hobby and provide beginner information.

6. Optional Additional Discussion and Input:

Past and Present Education: What division and regional clinics have been presented? Can we identify the reference information for these clinics, feedback and even presentation copies? What really worked? What was popular?

Your Input was:

Clinics on scenery and weathering are always very popular. Clinics usually depend more on the presenter than the content, but content must also match the audience; i.e. presenting advanced topics to beginners doesn't work well.

Clinics and Clinicians need to be vetted.

We solicit clinic topics on anything related to MR. Most present what they want. Someone will always be interested. Generally "How to" topics are best.

Popular topics have been car forwarding types of clinics and latest technology.

I think we have learned that the clinics and clinicians need to be vetted to ensure we keep a certain level of quality.

We have a spread sheet for CID presented the last 5 years.

If the MWR does not have a list of division and regional clinics it should create one. The list would include each clinic with the clinician, a short synopsis of what's in the clinic, and a rating of how good it was (if it's been given before), etc. In addition, the MWR should publish a schedule of all division clinics for 4-6 months in advance. That way members could attend clinics that appeal to them in different divisions.

7. What is missing? What needs to improve to make this work better? Easier? Take less Time?

Your Input was: We need to encourage the members to want to learn. Do we need more clinics at an event or more interactive presentations i.e. hands-on?

Demos and Make and Take work well. Canned Power Points are like sleeping pills.

More frequent less formal meetings.

This survey has focused on what I would call "Face to face" educational methods. In addition to these I would recommend MWR (or national for that matter) develop and make available to members, a list of educational videos they could watch at home, at a time that works best for them, and at a pace that works best for them. This list should include not only NMRA vids, but vids from any and all other sources (Kalmbach, MRH, Utube, etc) that members have found particularly good and helpful. There is good stuff out there. The trick is to make a list of the best, most helpful stuff. I would limit the list to just scale model railroading subjects.

8. Is the real purpose of education within the NMRA to provide an excuse or opportunity for people with interests in trains and model railroading to get together?

Your input: Not really. NMRA education materials provide avenue for members to improve their skills.

I guess you could say that. But, there are other purposes such as:

1. Developing new MRR skills that will help you enjoy the hobby more, build a better model, build a better layout, etc.
2. Taking the frustrations out of the hobby, e.g. "How do I get my locomotives not to stall on some of my turnouts," or "How do I glue this pre-printed scene to my backdrop without wrinkling it," or "How do I attend a op session and not feel like a dunce?"
3. Some people just like the challenge or joy of learning new things.
4. Some people like the recognition they get when they achieve something worthwhile. This could be winning a division contest, getting an AP certificate, or qualifying for their MMR.

In my area and on my op sessions invitation list, I have a number of people who are in the NMRA and a number who have no need for the NMRA because their modeling skills are high and they also already have a very high level of fellowship. If the NMRA depends on fellowship alone for its future, it will not have one. Fellowship is a valuable feature of the NMRA, but by itself, it is not a sufficient reason for many people. The Prototype Modelers have great fellowship separate from the NMRA.

Nope, for me, the educational aspects of the NMRA is evident in clinics and presentations such as found at conventions and/or division events. Although social interaction is extremely important I feel it is a secondary benefit.

Yes & yes. We all like an excuse to get together, but also the opportunity.

People who are interested in trains do not need any excuse to get together and discuss our experiences and attraction with them. Education is just one forum to pull people together. Again, I'll go back to "Clinics" and "Modelers Meets" as being some of the best knowledge sharing events available.

Item 9

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 5, 2019

To: Board of Directors
From: Jim Osborn & Bert Lattan
Date: February 21, 2019
Subject: Election Committee Report

The ballots of the recent election were counted on February 21, 2019 by Election Committee members Jim Osborn and Bert Lattan.

The results of the voting are:

For President:	Steve Studley	39 votes	
	Write-ins	0	
For Vice President:	Reid Kahrs	38 Votes	
	Write-ins	0	
For Director-at-Large:	Jim Landwehr	33	votes
	Jerry Peterson	30	
	John Coy	24	
	Gary Children	19	
	Write-Ins	0	

The winners of the election are:

For President:	Steve Studley, Central Indiana Division
For Vice President:	Reid Kahrs, Wisconsin Southeastern Division
For Director-at-Large:	Eric Peterson, Michiana Division Jim Landwehr, Fox Valley Division John Coy, Central Indiana Division

Balloting Summary:

Total Ballots Submitted	41	
Valid Ballots	40	
Invalid Ballots	1	(No division name or code)
Possible Votes to Cast	205	(41 ballots x 5 candidates)
Votes not Cast		17

Respectively submitted,
Bert Lattan
Jim Osborn

Item 10

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 5, 2019

To: Board of Directors
From: Jim Osborn, Internet Committee Chm.
Date: April 12, 2019
Subject: Internet Committee Report

Assistance Requested

- 1) I need photo content to populate the model and prototype picture web pages. Division Supers, please send them to: webmaster@mwr-nmra.org
- 2) I have not yet received any clinic content for the "Clinic Resources" web page.

Web usage

- 1) Usage report for the last 6 months is on the next page
- 2) This period had the highest session activity for the last 4 years
- 3) After the home page, the Waybill page continues to have the most region traffic.

Activities Since Last Board Meeting

- 1) Made timely 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 issue and updates.
- 5) Managed the Constant Contact Account sharing email arrangement.
- 6) Website usage statistics posted on the next page.
- 7) Assisted the DuPage division with the population of their mobile friendly web site.
- 8) Promoted the Joint Convention with a variety of email notices

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.

Website Usage Report:

Metric	April-Sept 2015	Oct-March 2016	April-Sept 2016**	Oct-March 2017	April-Sept 2017	Oct-March 2018	April-Sept 2018	Oct-March 2019
Sessions	2510	3090	1743	3367	2219	3024	2427	3462
Users	1823	2292	1302	2468	1457	2085	1772	2454
Page Views	4181	4996	2972	6524	4435	5938	5176	6424
Content Viewed								
Home Page	1722	1651	1290	1817	1616	1715	1773	2014
Waybill	1039	916	903	970	903	953	911	1151
Division Map	520	666	439	268	169	269	222	240
Conventions	372	204	167	336	241	290	276	472
DuPage Div.	241	1293	378	2075	369	1153	310	1118
Contest Photos	29	32	73	44	157	73	196	97
Minutes	61	47	85	34	40	64	49	48
About us				17	26	21	24	24
Clinic Resources				27	20	34	22	34
Elections				18	24	17	22	63
Contact us				14	12	30	41	35
Model Photos				119	107	126	82	97
Notices				130	103	144	150	202
Prototype Photos				55	26	45	26	38
Policies				20	52	72	29	23
Reg Officers					131	338	350	339
Referrals From:								
Direct Entry	816	946		996	1304	1290	1252	1484
NMRA.org	727	708	458	730	227	3	9	
Google	303	766	30	907	307	475	176	546
Railserve.com				131	15	7	3	8
Facebook								97
CID.Railfan.net	47	61	43	39	5			
Trains.com	2	3	-	74	2	36	3	25
Fox Valley Div.	65	78	7	15	29	14	5	12
Bing/Yahoo	74	171	-	178	155	124	45	58
Twin Lakes				31	23			
RRVD	4	17	12	24	11	8	6	
User Devices:								
Desktop				68%	76%	70%	77%	68%
Mobile				23%	15%	22%	15%	23%
Tablet				9%	9%	8%	8%	9%

**Note: April-Sept 2016 usage under reported due to transition to the Mobile Friendly Website

Item 11

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 5, 2019

To: Board of Directors
From: Paul_Mangan
Date: May 5, 2019
Subject: Long Range Planning

Activities since Last Board Meeting

After attending the four shows I do every year I am concerned about the lowering attendance numbers. I am hoping that this is not a sign of things to come but an opportunity indication that we need to do something different to refresh our show production.

Planned Activities

I plan on studying this situation and come up with some solid ideas on how to turn this around. It may be just the times of instant gratification with the electronic devices and all of the things that have taken the time away from making something out of your own hands.

I am open to any ideas that membership and this board may have on this subject.

Item 12

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 5, 2019

To: Board of Directors
From: Ron Scharping
Date: April 16, 2019
Subject: Membership Coordinator's Report

Activities Since Last Board Meeting

Continued to provide membership information to Division membership coordinators on a monthly basis. All Divisions are now receiving membership reports electronically. A Division roster, and associated sheets, which now contain all of the information on the printed reports, is emailed to Division designated recipients.

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*.

Worked with the Region Secretary in trying to provide corrected email addresses for those email addresses which are determined to be bad. This is done via a postcard to the member. 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.

Region Membership Data

Division	NMRA	Region	NMRA	Region	NMRA	Region	NMRA	Region
	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total
	(9/30/13)	(9/30/13)	(9/30/14)	(9/30/14)	(7/31/15)	(7/31/15)	(8/31/16)	(8/31/16)
1	252	94	228	89	215	86	206	82
2	154	45	158	40	159	48	161	44
3	146	44	138	52	141	52	134	54
5	101	35	99	37	102	36	97	39
6	237	89	225	92	211	86	357	106
7	25	12	19	8	20	7	32	10
9	224	71	219	67	209	67	227	79
10	91	30	86	26	90	27	88	29
11	237	97	232	101	226	95	232	96
15	83	31	73	31	80	36	89	35
Out of Reg.	97	97	114	114	108	104	111	111
Grand Total	1647	645	1591	657	1561	644	1734	685

Region Membership Data (Con't)

Division	NMRA	Region	NMRA	Region	NMRA	Region	NMRA	Region
	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total
	(9/30/17)	(9/30/17)	(2/28/18)	(2/28/18)	(8/31/18)	(8/31/18)	(3/31/19)	(3/31/19)
1	185	66	183	63	176	71	167	63
2	153	46	156	48	152	53	147	47
3	123	47	122	43	121	48	121	38
5	96	41	97	38	101	43	98	35
6	246	94	248	91	235	103	234	88
7	21	8	21	971	21	7	22	9
9	214	64	202	57	196	72	197	60
10	94	29	96	30	98	34	103	27
11	216	89	210	87	210	95	201	71
15	81	33	78	36	80	36	77	31
Out of Reg.	84	84	81	81	94	94	125	125
Grand Total	1513	601	1494	581	1484	656	1492	594



Item 17

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 5, 2019

To: Board of directors
From: Minton Dings, Youth Committee
Date: April 15, 2019
Subject: Youth Committee

Activities Since Last Board Meeting

My activities in the Youth program of the region has been minimal due to the illness and treatment of my spouse. There is one request for funding from the WISE Division which needs some discussion before approval.

Planned Activities

Submit articles in the Region's newsletter, the Waybill, promoting the Youth Fund.
Complete a Funding Request form.
Review any applications for funding of projects.
Submit application requests to the Board of Directors for approval at the meeting following the submission of application with my recommendation.

Item 19

Eric Peterson, Activity Report

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 5, 2019

To: Board of Directors
From: Eric Peterson
Date: 4/18/2019
Subject: Regional Director Report

Activities since Last Board Meeting

Conducted a survey of Division Leadership about education related information. A separate summary is available.

Attended and assisted with Central Indiana Division activities and train shows.

Attended monthly "Train Talk" lunches and layout visits with many TCA members and collectors in the Indianapolis area.

Planned Activities

Explore possible ways to deliver clinics and educational material remotely for division gatherings. Test collecting clinic information for a listing.

Assist with possible additional informal division gatherings like the local TCA group in Indianapolis area does monthly.

Item 24

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 5 2019

To: Board of directors

From: Minton Dings

Date: April 15, 2019

Subject: Director-at-Large

Activities Since Last Board Meeting

I continued to serve as the assistant superintendent of the Illinois Valley division until my term limit of eight years ended March 16, 2019, as the editor of the Illinois Valley Division Newsletter The Timetable to which there are no term limits(!), and a contact person on behalf of the division for modeling and resource requests. In the absence of a seated District 2 Trainmaster, I have covered that responsibility until that person can be recruited to fill the vacancy.

I continue to teach clinics on model railroading and write "how to" articles for the division newsletter and other newsletters. I organize and present an NMRA promotional table at Swap Meets and Train Fairs within the Illinois Valley Division.

I have also served to the limit of my term as a Director at Large for the Region.

Also see the Youth Fund Report

Item 25

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 5, 2019

To: Midwest Region Board of Directors
From: Mike Slater WISE Superintendent
Date: April 23rd, 2019
Subject: WISE Division Report

Activities since Last Board Meeting November 2017 through April 2018

- The Division held its Regular meetings in January, and March, and April with clinics, model contest, photo contest, door prizes, and layout tours afterwards.
- The 47th Annual Trainfest was held in November during the Nov BOD meeting.
- The Division held its Annual meeting of the Member ship in April 2019 in conjunction with our April Meet. Superintendent & Assistant-Superintendent along with two Board Positions where elected at this meet
- Bus trip to Mad City Rail Show
- Spring WISE ops weekend held April 13th & 14th

Planned Activities

- Made contact to discuss a Joint Division meeting with SCWD & RRVD, WISE BOD approved the idea, I need to make contact at the time of this typing
- Bus trip to DuPage train show in May.
- Made contact with WinnebagoLand Division about holding a Joint meet, • Regular Division meetings on summer hiatus after April. Resume in October.
- Changing our September meet into a Railroad Prototype Modelers meet (RPM) to be held on a Saturday with planned operation sessions afterwards.
- December 2019 Rail School in conjunction with or December meet, we are trying to bring back the December held meeting after a long period of not having one
- The 48th Annual Trainfest Show November 9th & 10th, many new things happening however we are in the need of volunteers to help out, for the past few years we have asked layouts to help out in the Make & Take area of the show, however I feel we need to first ask for outside volunteers and use the layouts as a last resort. Anyone who volunteers for the Make & Take area will receive a free two- day pass for Trainfest. I will personally be righting up a request to be published in our newsletters and neighboring division newsletters. Also, we will have Ken Paterson record a episode of his Video Podcast "Whats Neet this Week" Saturday Afternoon at Trainfest.

The Wise Division is looking at new ways of interacting with our membership and attracting new membership. Activities that have had no interest like the Bike Ride and Picnic, are being dropped and the RPM meet is being tried.

Item 27

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 5, 2019

To: Board of Directors
From: John Leow
Date: 05/05/2019
Subject: Director's Report - Winnebagoland Division (WLD)

Activities since Last Board Meeting

The Division Board held its quarterly BoD meeting in January at the SLHTS Archives in Appleton. Topics included review of board member duties; wrap-ups for the fall meet (Pickett); upcoming meets (Stevens Point in the spring 2019, Houghton/Hancock in the fall 2019); discussion of possibility of using remote access software for board meetings; planning for our Titledown Train Show booth; selection of the 2019 Jerry Nichols Award recipient; and selection of the slate of officers for the upcoming election.

The Division Board held its quarterly BoD meeting in April at the SLHTS Archives in Appleton. Topics included review of board member duties; upcoming meets (Stevens Point in the spring 2019, Houghton/Hancock in the fall 2019); planning for our Fall operating sessions (November); discussion of possibility of using remote access software for board meetings; planning for our Titledown Train Show booth; assignment of assistant contest chairs; officer election update; and other possible convention ideas.

Personally, it's been a pretty sparse railroading fall and winter for me as I've been busy with a major renovation at our cottage in lower Michigan. I attended the monthly meetings of our local roundrobin club; helped Chuck Pomazal with the cosmetic restoration of QT&L railroad equipment in Hancock, MI; and worked on planning for the Fall 2019 meet in the Keweenaw.

Planned Activities

Upcoming Division activities include a booth at the Titledown Train Show in April; Division meets in Stevens Point (spring) and the Houghton/Hancock, MI area (fall); and our annual operating session this fall in the Sheboygan area.

Personally, I will be planning the Fall 2019 meet in the Keweenaw. I also plan on continuing to attend our local railroad club meetings, and to assist Chuck Pomazal with the restoration of Quincy & Torch Lake #6 and other equipment up in Hancock.

This is my last report to the Region, as my term as Winnebagoland Division Superintendent is up in early May. Although I haven't been able to attend many meetings due to the distances involved, it has been a pleasure to serve on the board for these past three years.

Item 28

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 5, 2019

To: Board of Directors
From: Jim Tatum - Illinois Valley Division Superintendent
Date: April 15, 2019
Subject: Illinois Valley Division Activities

Activities since Last Board Meeting

Held 1st annual IVD potluck

Started hosting Super Clinics on opposite months of Meets. If you want to know more about these clinics, just ask.

Moved IVD meets from travelling meets to Centrally located Meets in Peoria, IL

Working on the 2020 MWR convention in East Peoria.

Planned Activities

Continue with Super Clinics on various topics

Planned IVD cookout in July

Working on the 2020 MWR convention in East Peoria.

Item 29

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 5, 2019

To: Board of Directors
From: Dan Hinel, CID Superintendent
Date: April 24, 2019
Subject: Central Indiana Division Report

Activities since Last Board Meeting

CID Board Meetings

10/06/2018 Wayne Township Library, Indianapolis
12/08/2018 Wayne Township Library, Indianapolis
2/10/2019 Wayne Township Library, Indianapolis
4/13/2019 Annual Membership & Business Meeting (Indy Spring Train Show)

Train Shows-Information Materials Table/Booth

Naptown & White River Trains Show (South Indianapolis) 9/14/18, 12/7/18, 3/2/19
Noblesville Train Show (North Indianapolis) 1/27/19
Carmel Train Show 11/10/2018 Carmel Library
Danville Train Show (30 minutes west of Indianapolis) 11/16/18
Great Train Show (Indianapolis) 2/2-3/19
Indy Spring Train Show (30 minutes south of Indianapolis) 4/13/19

CID Modelers Meets

Irvington Church, Indianapolis 10/12/18
Advent Evangelical Lutheran Church, Zionsville (North West Indianapolis) 3/16/19

CID Board Elections April 2019

Rusty Spike Newsletter publications (four)

Spring Layout Tour 4/7/2018 (Avon/Plainfield Area)

Favorite Contest at Danville Train Show (100 X 100 scale feet display)

General Membership Name Badges

Planned Activities

CID plans to have similar schedule for CID Board meeting, Modelers Meets, and Train Show Participation.

CID Board Meetings

Wayne Township Library, Indianapolis 4/28/2019, 10/6/2019, 12/8/2019
6/2/19 Madison Co Historical Museum, Anderson
8/--/19 Executive Team Picnic and Meeting (Location TBD)

Train Shows-Information Materials Table/Booth

Columbus area 9/9/2019
Naptown & White River Trains Show (South Indianapolis) 9/14/19, 12/7/19

Carmel Train Show 11/2/2019 Carmel Library
Danville Train Show (30 minutes west of Indianapolis) 11/16/19
CID Modelers Meet
5/4/19 (St Stephens Lutheran Church, Plainfield)
10/12/19 (Location ?)

Layout Tour (Area TBD)

General Membership Meetings (Tentative)

CID plans on continued activities of communication to general membership

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Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 5, 2019

To: Board of Directors
From: Mike Lehman
Date: April 24, 2019
Subject: Illinois Terminal Division Report

Activities since Last Board Meeting

The ITD continues to hold monthly divisional events in round-robin fashion at members' homes. This typically includes a brief meeting to take care of current business, sometimes a clinic (Arduinos and Model RRing in January, for instance), and operations on the host layout. One long-time member is relocating into Savoy and building a new home in which he's planning to build an HO layout. A new member has been building a 4x8 in my garage while awaiting a home purchase, which will close shortly. We hope to soon include them in the monthly meeting rotation.

Membership is generally stable, with a trickle of younger new members matching the loss of the eldest among us. In the future, our current investments in organizational capacity building should bring in more new members.

Following a series of informal discussions over the last couple of years, the long-time organization behind our local Lincoln Square Train Show, the Midwest Central Railroad Club formally offered to turn management of this event over to the ITD. Both organization worked together since then to bring about the 2019 show. Held in the late March/early April timeframe, the show is free to the public and is sustained by sales of tables to vendors, with an annual budget well under the \$5,000 level of gross receipts that triggers the need for reporting to the IRS. The show will continue much the same as before, as it is well-organized and popular among vendors. Both organizations worked together on the 2019 show and the ITD participation was both highly valued by the legacy group and provided opportunity to learn the ropes for ITD volunteers. Insurance will be through the NMRA starting in 2020, except for the Monticello Rwy Museum's kiddie ride-on railroad, which has its own insurance since the NMRA doesn't cover such things. They will supply a certificate of insurance which we will forward to NMRA HQ, an arrangement that has been reviewed and approved by the HQ staff member responsible for insurance.

ITD is working with IVD to organize the 2020 MWR convention to be held in the Peoria area. We've supplied forms and some other background work so far.

Several donations to the divisional library have been made and are available for loan. We also received a donation of some early 1950s vintage HO equipment. There will be an internal auction at the May ITD annual business meeting, followed by listing the unsold remainder on eBay with all proceeds going to the division treasury.

Planned Activities

Preparatory work for the 2020 Lincoln Square Train Show in Urbana will be ITD's big project. The dates will be March 28 and 29, 2020. For this year, we plan to add a children's activity and some sort of local prototype presentation that is of interest to bring in additional show attendees. However, we eventually

plan to include clinics more typical of NMRA events. If you're interested, drop us a line at the email address in the next paragraph.

📣 WE ARE LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MODULAR LAYOUTS! We offer a \$100 honorarium for layouts that travel to the show. While modest, we hope to encourage people to consider bringing their portable layouts in any scale to display at our show. Contact trainshow@illinoisterminaldivision.org if interested.

In support of the show, ITD will finalize a new structural approach. Since a 501c3 seems unnecessary, it will likely be a state-level organization, either as an unincorporated association or state charitable registration.

The 2020 MWR convention we are working with IVD on comes along right after our Lincoln Square show. It will be a busy month!

Our monthly meetings will continue at member's homes.

Item 31

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 5 2019

To: Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA

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

Date: April 7, 2019

Subject: FVD Report for Spring 2019 MWR BoD Meeting

Activities since Last Board Meeting

- You'll recall from previous reports how after two years of renovations to the Recreation Center, Building M, at Harper College in Palatine, IL, where the division has held an annual train show, it was noted the college entered into an agreement with the Palatine Park District for utilization of the upgraded features of the building, taking priority over outside rentals of the facility's gymnasium. This has effectively cancelled our train show at this venue. We were hopeful that after the renovations the college administration would be amenable to negotiations for use of the gym, but they have let us know that it is unlikely for future outside uses. We are exploring other options, but without success to date.
- The Division has continued the bi-monthly promotion of the NMRA and our division at the Great Midwest Train Show (aka the DuPage swap), alternating with the guys from the DuPage Division. The table space is provided to us gratis courtesy of Randy Bachmann, of the show management, Train Show, Inc.
- On October 18 through 20th, we co-sponsored the Railroad Prototype Modelers (RPM) meet at the Sheraton Hotel in Lisle, IL. We had our display board, along with division and NMRA brochures and other materials on display during the event and were noted as co-sponsors on all meet info.
- We also participated as a displayer at the Great Midwest Train Show at the Lake County Fairgrounds in Grayslake, IL, on December 29 and 30, 2018. Over 2,500 attendees over 2 days on the weekend between Christmas and New Year's.
- The FVD had a display case of model and real railroading items at the Mt. Prospect Public Library during the month of January 2019, just inside the main entrance (best location!). The library ladies stated our display is their favorite of all the displays installed during the year.
- The FVD also participated as a booth displayer at the World's Greatest Hobby Show held at the Renaissance Center in Schaumburg, IL, January 5 and 6, 2019. Per the show organizers, over 24,000 attendees, down a little from a few years ago. One of our modular groups also participated with their modular railroad, featuring a 3-part, 20-foot long module depicting Denver Union Station, which won "Best in Show – Module" at Train Fest 2018.

Planned Activities

- Continue the monthly meeting format and activities, with one more meeting this season (June 2 due to the MWR convention in May), then off the summer. The dates for our 2019-2020 season commencing next September were approved by the Prospect Heights, IL, Park District administration, albeit at an increase of \$5 per hour. A typically 5-hour time slot will be \$100. Discussion among our division BoD regarding the room expenses will continue.
- Division elections for Asst. Superintendent and Paymaster are scheduled to be held on April 28, 2019. The incumbents were running unopposed.

Respectfully submitted,

MH

Michael L. Hirvela
Superintendent,
Fox Valley Division

Item 32

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 5, 2019

To: Board of Directors
From: Ken Mosny
Date: 5/5/19
Subject: RRVD activities report 10/8/18 through 5/5/19

Activities since Last Board Meeting

Meets: We hosted on 11/4/18, 12/2/18 (annual swap meet), 1/6/19 (special membership meeting convened), 2/3/19, 3/10/19, 4/7/19 (annual membership meeting convened) and 5/5/19 our monthly meets. Customary meet activities are fellowship, clinics, contests and home layout tours. Special meet hosted 4/28/19 in Savanna, IL

Public events: At Midway Village Museum we hosted 10/20/18 Halloween Trick or Treat and 11/3/19 Train Show. Charter bus trip to Trainfest was 11/10/18. In November various RRVD members opened their home layouts to the public. District One Police Station neighborhood kid's train show hosted 11/17/18. Capron Lion's Club Train Show participated in 12/12/18. Katie's cup neighborhood kid's train show hosted 12/15/18. Nicholas Conservatory Holiday Show participated in 2018 Christmas season. RRVD Annual Holiday Dinner hosted 1/6/19. Participated in Discovery Center Thomas the Train events 1/19/19, 1/20/19, 2/17/19 and 4/6/19.

RRVD Show and Sale held 3/30/19 and 3/31/19 with 44,000 sq. ft. of vendors, displays and kids' activities.

Toy Wooden Trains: Fast becoming our kid's signature activity for public shows are the toy wood trains they assemble and decorate themselves with the parts being made by our membership. We are approaching 1000 train cars made.

Planned Activities

Through next October planned are monthly meets September and October, August Steak Fry,

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Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 5, 2019

To: Board of Directors

From: Tim Schubert, Superintendent DuPage Division

Date: 4/24/19

Subject: Division Activities

Activities since Last Board Meeting

- October 7, 2018 was our regular Division meeting with a presentation on Steel Mill Modeling by Kevin Tully. The monthly contest was Tank Cars
- November 4, 2018 was our regular Division meeting with a presentation on CB&Q History in Downers Grove by Leo Phillipp. The monthly contest was Favorite Steam or Diesel Locomotive. A Board of Directors meeting was held following the meeting.
- December 2, 2018 was our regular Division meeting where we held our annual Christmas Party. The monthly contest was Photography.
- January 6, 2019 was our regular Division meeting with a presentation by Dave Phillips on C&NW Passenger Cars. The monthly contest was a Favorite Train. A Board of Directors meeting was held following the meeting.
- February 3, 2019 was our regular Division meeting with a presentation by Rich Strebendt on Simple Itinerary Cards System for layout operations. The monthly contest was Fallen Flags
- March 3, 2019 was our regular Division meeting with a presentation by Bill Pistello on Switching Towns in Different Scales – An Excuse to Buy More Trains. The monthly contest was the Annual All Categories Extravaganza. A Board of Directors meeting was held following the meeting.
- March 23, 2019 was our 38th Annual All-American Railroad Show at Lyons Township High School in LaGrange IL. There were 30 exhibitors and over 1800 visitors. Another successful year for the show!
- April 7, 2019 was our annual Layout Tours. This year we featured the Venture Crew 57 modular layout, the B&O in Western PA, the Northern Illinois, the C&NW in NW Wisconsin and the Maumee Route.
- We have had continued representation at the Great Midwest Train Show in conjunction with the Fox Valley Division to promote the Divisions and the NMRA.
- We have launched and continue to promote Facebook pages for the following as well as our Division Website:
 - DuPage Division (public) – 383 people following us
 - DuPage Division members – 12 members
 - The All-American Railroad Show – 73 followers and 533 interested in the recent 38th annual show
 - We have been actively promoting Division, Region and local model railroad clubs on the page.

Planned Activities

- May 5, 2019 will be our regular Division meeting with a presentation by Alex Schneider on Rebuilt Pullman Cars. The monthly contest will be Refrigerator Cars
- June 7, 2019 – Division outing to the Blackhawk Railway Historical Society meeting. Trying this as a way to get our group out of our current meeting schedule and interact with other like-minded groups in the area.

- Wrap up Board meeting in late May/early June
- Transition to new officers as of June 1, 2019
 - New Superintendent – Patrick Golden
 - New Chief Clerk – Tim Schubert

Item 34

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 5, 2019

To: Board of Directors
From: Bob Blake
Date: 4/18/19
Subject: Michiana Division Report

Activities since Last Board Meeting

For several reasons, the Michiana Division will not host our fall Education and Training Conference in September. Although we believe this has been a first-class conference, a combination of increasing facility costs coupled with disappointing attendance have forced us to cancel the event after ten successful years. I believe that those who have attended will agree that it has been a very worthwhile event with outstanding presenters and excellent learning topics, but we have been disappointed that we have not been able to increase attendance so increasing the event fee does not seem like a practical path forward. As an alternative we are planning a one-day event with approximately ten stations manned by local members to cover a number of topics related to basic model railroad skills. This event is still in the early stages of planning.

Planned Activities

Michiana Division is also bidding to host a possible 2022 Tri-Region convention in South Bend that would include Midwest, North Central and Mid-Central regions. This event could host from 300 to 500 attendees from a geography that includes most of Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky, West Virginia and parts of western Pennsylvania. We have received quotes from the convention center and local hotels and identified a number of places of interest, both rail and non-rail, and a number of potential area layouts for both tour and operation. We are currently waiting for a response from the convention committee.

Item 35

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 5, 2019

To: Board of Directors

From: Paul Mangan

Date: April 5, 2019

Subject: Regional Advisory Counsel Report

Activities since Last Board Meeting

No Activity_ since last meeting

Planned Activities

Item 36

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 5, 2019

To: Board of Directors

From: Bob McGeever

Date: 4/29/2019

Subject: Secretary Report

Activities Since Last Meeting:

1. Distributed 2019 MWR Election Results
2. Annual update of Region Officers listing performed. A copy is attached for review and corrections. The update activity turned out to be at least a quarterly update. I am not fond of the current format because of the small typeface. I am open to suggestions for a new format. Will call this the quarterly update going forward.
3. Annual update of Division Officers listing performed. This is also turning out to be a quarterly activity. Not all the divisions have seated their new board members yet. I should have a complete list by middle of May. This will also be called a quarterly update going forward.
4. Prepared packet for MWR BOD May 5 2019 meeting.

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Notes:

(1) Also Regional Advisory Council (RAC) Representative

(2) Also Alternate RAC Representative

(3) Committee and Convention Subcommittee Members appointed by the Region. Does not include Division appointments to the Clinic, Convention, Internet, Membership and Publications Committees.

April 24, 2019

Treasurer's Report

Attached for you information are income statement and balance sheet information for calendar 2018 and March 2019 year-to-date periods. A comparison to prior year performance is included.

Total 2018 revenues were \$8,270.95 with net income of \$2,162.46. December 31, 2018 year-end cash balance was \$46,610.70, an increase of \$1,914.35 over prior year. Financial performance in 2018 benefited from Regional Convention related items.

Year-to-date March 2019 revenues totaled \$2,265.67 with net income of \$292.18. March 31, 2019 cash balance was \$46,619.00.

Respectfully,



Keith A. Thomsen
Treasurer

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Accrual Basis

Midwest Region NMRA Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison January through December 2018

	Jan - Dec 18	Jan - Dec 17	\$ Change	% Change
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
Convention Income	2,342.19	354.04	1,988.15	561.6%
NMRA				
Revenue Sharing	2,573.00	2,705.00	-132.00	-4.9%
Subscriptions	3,320.76	4,201.73	-880.97	-21.0%
Total NMRA	5,893.76	6,906.73	-1,012.97	-14.7%
Waybill Revenue				
Advertising	35.00	0.00	35.00	100.0%
Waybill Revenue - Other	0.00	12.00	-12.00	-100.0%
Total Waybill Revenue	35.00	12.00	23.00	191.7%
Total income	8,270.95	7,272.77	998.18	13.7%
Expense				
Convention Expenses				
Awards	373.90	120.75	253.15	209.7%
Judges	165.00	185.00	-20.00	-10.8%
Seed Grant	0.00	2,000.00	-2,000.00	-100.0%
Total Convention Expenses	538.90	2,305.75	-1,766.85	-76.6%
NMRA Rebate				
Rebate to Divisions	2,573.00	2,833.00	-260.00	-9.2%
Total NMRA Rebate	2,573.00	2,833.00	-260.00	-9.2%
Overhead Expenses				
Achievement Program	151.70	60.65	91.05	150.1%
Board of Directors	426.00	0.00	426.00	100.0%
Secretary				
Organizational Expense	0.00	10.00	-10.00	-100.0%
Total Secretary	0.00	10.00	-10.00	-100.0%
Treasurer				
Bank Fee	0.00	35.00	-35.00	-100.0%
Treasurer - Other	0.00	49.00	-49.00	-100.0%
Total Treasurer	0.00	84.00	-84.00	-100.0%
Web	620.58	499.44	121.14	24.3%
Total Overhead Expenses	1,198.28	654.09	544.19	83.2%
Waybill				
Editor	49.49	0.00	49.49	100.0%
Postage	356.01	818.46	-462.45	-56.5%
Printing	1,081.11	2,476.44	-1,395.33	-56.3%
Software	311.70	0.00	311.70	100.0%
Total Waybill	1,798.31	3,294.90	-1,496.59	-45.4%
Total Expense	6,108.49	9,087.74	-2,979.25	-32.8%
Net Ordinary Income	2,162.46	-1,814.97	3,977.43	219.2%
Net Income	2,162.46	-1,814.97	3,977.43	219.2%

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**Midwest Region NMRA
 Balance Sheet
 As of December 31, 2018**

	<u>Dec 31, 18</u>	<u>Dec 31, 17</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Checking/Savings				
Checking				
BMO Harris Checking	46,610.70	44,696.35	1,914.35	4.3%
Total Checking	<u>46,610.70</u>	<u>44,696.35</u>	<u>1,914.35</u>	<u>4.3%</u>
Total Checking/Savings	<u>46,610.70</u>	<u>44,696.35</u>	<u>1,914.35</u>	<u>4.3%</u>
Accounts Receivable				
Accounts receivable				
NMRA Receivables	248.11	0.00	248.11	100.0%
Total Accounts receivable	<u>248.11</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>248.11</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>248.11</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>248.11</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>46,858.81</u>	<u>44,696.35</u>	<u>2,162.46</u>	<u>4.8%</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>46,858.81</u>	<u>44,696.35</u>	<u>2,162.46</u>	<u>4.8%</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY				
Equity				
Opening Bal Equity	16,823.62	16,823.62	0.00	0.0%
Permanently Restricted Funds				
Moskal Award Funds	165.20	165.20	0.00	0.0%
Youth Program Funds	7,130.42	7,130.42	0.00	0.0%
Total Permanently Restricted Funds	<u>7,295.62</u>	<u>7,295.62</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Unrestrict (retained earnings)	20,577.11	22,392.08	-1,814.97	-8.1%
Net Income	2,162.46	-1,814.97	3,977.43	219.2%
Total Equity	<u>46,858.81</u>	<u>44,696.35</u>	<u>2,162.46</u>	<u>4.8%</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>46,858.81</u>	<u>44,696.35</u>	<u>2,162.46</u>	<u>4.8%</u>

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 Accrual Basis

Midwest Region NMRA Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison January through March 2019

	Jan - Mar 19	Jan - Mar 18	\$ Change	% Change
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
NMRA				
Revenue Sharing	1,259.00	1,302.00	-43.00	-3.3%
Subscriptions	1,006.67	934.94	71.73	7.7%
Total NMRA	<u>2,265.67</u>	<u>2,236.94</u>	<u>28.73</u>	<u>1.3%</u>
Total Income	<u>2,265.67</u>	<u>2,236.94</u>	<u>28.73</u>	<u>1.3%</u>
Expense				
NMRA Rebate				
Rebate to Divisions	1,259.00	1,302.00	-43.00	-3.3%
Total NMRA Rebate	<u>1,259.00</u>	<u>1,302.00</u>	<u>-43.00</u>	<u>-3.3%</u>
Waybill				
Postage	162.80	191.49	-28.69	-15.0%
Printing	551.69	551.69	0.00	0.0%
Total Waybill	<u>714.49</u>	<u>743.18</u>	<u>-28.69</u>	<u>-3.9%</u>
Total Expense	<u>1,973.49</u>	<u>2,045.18</u>	<u>-71.69</u>	<u>-3.5%</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>292.18</u>	<u>191.76</u>	<u>100.42</u>	<u>52.4%</u>
Net Income	<u><u>292.18</u></u>	<u><u>191.76</u></u>	<u><u>100.42</u></u>	<u><u>52.4%</u></u>

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**Midwest Region NMRA
 Balance Sheet
 As of March 31, 2019**

	<u>Mar 31, 19</u>	<u>Mar 31, 18</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Checking/Savings				
Checking				
BMO Harris Checking	46,619.00	44,582.32	2,036.68	4.6%
Total Checking	<u>46,619.00</u>	<u>44,582.32</u>	<u>2,036.68</u>	<u>4.6%</u>
Total Checking/Savings	<u>46,619.00</u>	<u>44,582.32</u>	<u>2,036.68</u>	<u>4.6%</u>
Accounts Receivable				
Accounts receivable				
NMRA Receivables	531.99	0.00	531.99	100.0%
Accounts receivable - Other	0.00	305.79	-305.79	-100.0%
Total Accounts receivable	<u>531.99</u>	<u>305.79</u>	<u>226.20</u>	<u>74.0%</u>
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>531.99</u>	<u>305.79</u>	<u>226.20</u>	<u>74.0%</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>47,150.99</u>	<u>44,888.11</u>	<u>2,262.88</u>	<u>5.0%</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>47,150.99</u>	<u>44,888.11</u>	<u>2,262.88</u>	<u>5.0%</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY				
Equity				
Opening Bal Equity	16,823.62	16,823.62	0.00	0.0%
Permanently Restricted Funds				
Moskal Award Funds	165.20	165.20	0.00	0.0%
Youth Program Funds	7,130.42	7,130.42	0.00	0.0%
Total Permanently Restricted Funds	<u>7,295.62</u>	<u>7,295.62</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Unrestrict (retained earnings)	22,739.57	20,577.11	2,162.46	10.5%
Net Income	292.18	191.76	100.42	52.4%
Total Equity	<u>47,150.99</u>	<u>44,888.11</u>	<u>2,262.88</u>	<u>5.0%</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>47,150.99</u>	<u>44,888.11</u>	<u>2,262.88</u>	<u>5.0%</u>

Item 38

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 5, 2019

To: Board of Directors

From: Reid Kahrs

Date: 5-5-2019

Subject: Vice-President's report

Activities since Last Board Meeting

October 7, 2019 attend MWR Board Meeting in Rockford, IL

Planned Activities

Attend MWR BOD meeting May 5, 2019, in Rockford, IL

Attend TLR/MWR convention May 16-19, 2019 in La Crosse, WI

Item 39

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 5, 2019

To: Board of Directors
From: Paul Mangan
Date: April 5th 2019
Subject: Past Presidents Report

Activities since Last Board Meeting

Nov. 10th & 11th Attended Trainfest in Milwaukee at State Fair Park. A well-done show with all things trains. I was displaying with the modular group "Madison Hotrak.

January 6th 2019 Attended SCWD's yearly Rail School. The doors to our meeting hall are Open to the public as we set up displays for people to see and ask questions about the hobby and the NMRA.

February 15 & 16 Attended the 53rd production of the Mad City Model Railroad Show and Sale. The attendance was slowed by a snow storm on Sunday but the Saturday attendance was fair.

March 16 & 17 Attended the LaCrosse & Three Rivers Model Railroad show. This was their second year in their new digs in Onalaska WI. The attendance was a little low but a good time was had by all.

March 30 & 31 Attended the Rock River Division model train show in their second year in Belvedere. Again following the trend of other shows the attendance was a bit lower. The show was a good show.

Planned Activities

May Planning on attending the combined Regional Convention
The SCWD Banquet

July Will attend the SCWD Summer picnic.

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Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 5, 2019

To: Board of Directors
From: Steve Studley
Date: April 22, 2019
Subject: President's Report

Activities since Last Board Meeting

Oct. 7, 2018	Attended MWR BoD Meeting, Rockford, IL
Oct. 7, 2018	Attended Rock River Division Meet, Rockford, IL
Oct. 13, 2018	Attended CID Modelers Meet, Irvington, IN
Nov. 3, 2018	Assisted Bob Talbot, CIRROPS, Bloomington, IN
Nov. 10, 2018	Attended CID Carmel Library Show, Carmel, IN
Nov. 17, 2018	Attended CID Danville Train Show, Danville, IN
Dec. 9, 2018	Attended BoD Meeting, Avon, IN
Jan. 27, 2019	Attended CID Noblesville Meet and Train Show, Noblesville, IN
Feb. 2-3, 2019	Attended Great Train Show, CID/NMRA Booth, Indianapolis, IN
Feb. 10, 2019	Attended CID BoD Meeting, Avon, IN
Mar. 16, 2019	Attended CID Modelers Meet, Zionsville, IN
Apr. 6, 2019	Attended CID Layout Tour, Avon/Danville, IN
Apr. 13, 2019	Attended CID Indy Spring Train Show and Members' Meeting
Apr. 28, 2019	Attended CID BoD Meeting, Avon, IN
May 5, 2019	Attending MWR BoD Meeting

Planned Activities

May 5, 2019	Attend Members' Meeting, Rockford, IL with RRVD/SCWD dual-meet
May 17-19, 2019	Attend MWR/TLR Convention, La Crosse, WI
Sept. 7, 2019	Attend Columbus Area Train Show and Swap Meet, Columbus, IN
Sept. 21, 2019	Attend Michiana Train Expo, South Bend, IN
Oct. 12, 2019	Attend CID Modelers Meet
Nov. 2, 2019	Attend CID Carmel Library Train Show, Carmel, IN
Nov. 10, 2019	Attend MWR BoD Meeting, Trainfest, West Allis, WI

Work continues on the 2022 Tri-Regional convention preparations. The planning committee members are currently working on making the choice of location and hope to have that completed in early spring 2019.

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Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 5, 2019

To: Board of Directors

From: Reid Kahrs

Date: 5-5-2019

Subject: 501(c)3

Since Last Board Meeting

Nothing has happened since the last Region BOD meeting

Planned Activities

Attend MWR BOD meeting May 5, 2019, in Rockford, IL

Attend TLR/MWR convention on May 16-19, 2019 in La Crosse

Item 47

Request for Regional Funding support for: NMRA MICHIANA DIVISION MODEL RAILROADING EXPO 2019

Background and Request

The Michiana Division has hosted one or two-day conferences focused on training and education since its inception. The greatest challenges each year have been funding a venue, and getting enough people from the division to participate in support of the event. The people problem is still before us, but we have seven of the needed presenters covered at this time and expect to have enough before September; the costs are the greatest challenge. The costs for most venues in our area approach double the cost in 2019 that they did four years ago. Notre Dame tripled their prices as have some of the hotels used previously.

As a result of our challenges, our BOD has decided to try a new and different (for us) model/concept, and as always, focused on the key NMRA principles of education, advocacy, standards, and social interaction. We plan to offer an event that's rich in information and affordable to those interested in the NMRA and/or the hobby. We plan to call it a NMRA Model Railroading Expo 2019.

We will replace our two-day proto-oriented conference with a one-day Expo focused on AP categories and/or general areas of interest in the hobby. The idea is to have attendees move from table to table learning key aspects of the hobby. We would support all scales and experience levels to promote the NMRA, the Division and the hobby in general in an atmosphere conducive to individuals and families.

Our request to the Regional BOD is to provide funds to cover the venue and some advertising costs. We estimate the costs to be between \$500 and \$1000. The venue cost is \$300 (50% discount applied) and we estimate the advertising and day of event signage and ancillary costs to be about \$250 each.

Scope/Event Plan

The one-day Expo will be held at the Mishawaka In. Elks Lodge. The venue is familiar to hobbyists around South Bend/Mishawaka area as one of the now defunct local clubs used it for their swap meets in the past. The address is 3535 W McKinley Ave. in South Bend, but it's centrally located very near the Mishawaka city line.

The Expo will be open to the general public from 9AM-3PM on September 21, 2019.

We plan to charge a nominal fee if we receive Region support. If not, we'll need to charge \$10 per person or \$20 for families based on the costs and number of attendees of previous events.

Advertising will be done as follows:

Online Groups announcements, Social Media Posts (FB Twitter groups.io), flyers and discount coupons at Division hobby shops and libraries, Public service announcements in the many local newspapers.

U-shaped table arrangements will be placed around a large room. Each table will support a topic and associated activities (if germane to the subject). e.g., Intro to Model Railroading,

Layout Planning and Construction, Wiring your Railroad, Structures, Rolling Stock Weathering, Technology in Model Railroading, Railroad Maintenance, and more.

Attendees will move from topic to topic throughout the day

We may have a local T-Trak group participate to show how operations work.

The Elks will provide a food and beverage service throughout the day. Their regular prices will be charged to attendees.

A satisfaction survey will be offered to attendees.

Details of the event and results will be reported to the Region BOD in the annual Division report. Also included will be a comparison of how this model works vs. our previous two-day model.



Wisconsin Southeastern Division, Inc. – National Model Railroad Association
402 Dodie Drive
Waukesha, WI 53189-7425

November 7, 2018

Midwest Region – NMRA
Minton Dings
15548 SR 78
Havana, IL 62644

Dear Mr Dings,

As you may be aware, the WISE Division supports a youth group with a very active membership. They meet regularly at the accommodations of the Waukesha County Gandy Dancers. There, they have a permanent layout, built by the young members of the group. It was necessary to enhance that layout for better operations in the late summer of 2017. The division incurred a few dollars in expenses in this process.

We are asking the region, in it's support of young model railroaders, to help us bear these expenses.

In addition to the Youth Group's rent of \$100 per month, I have attached two invoices for material. The first is an email outlining a purchase from Traintek, LLC for electronic material to enhance the DCC system already in place. That invoice is in the amount of \$99.58 The second invoice is from South Side Trains for cork roadbed and another electronic device. The total of that invoice is \$91.75.

Therefore, including the rent we pay, the total amount incurred by the WISE division is \$1391.33. Please consider this .

Thank you for your attention,

Dennis Janssen
Paymaster

Item 48b

Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, April 19, 2009

Midwest Region Youth Fund

Mission: To promote the interest and participation of youth in the model railroad hobby.

Enactment: Implementation shall be, but not limited to, the following activities.

1. Advisor instruction and guidance to:
 - a. Youth model railroad clubs.
 - b. Boy Scout merit badge.
 - c. Rail school activities.
 - d. Rail show "Make & Take" projects
(With the exception of a. & b. an adult must accompany each child.)
2. Financial support coverage of:
 - a. Kits required for projects @100%
 - b. Modeling materials required @ 100%
 - c. Miscellaneous supplies: glue etc. @ 100%
 - d. Tools required; knife, screwdriver, file etc. @ 50%
3. Method of payment:
 - a. Report of activity submitted with request for payment to Youth Fund Chairman for review and evaluation to include:
 - 1) Essay explanation of event date and location, project undertaken, public adult participation, youth participants, and sponsoring organization volunteers participating, and hours expended.
 - 2) Detailed accounting of expenses for materials, kits, tools, awards, etc.
 - 3) General review statements from public participants.
 - 4) Supporting photographs, if available.
 - 5) Request for payment must be submitted at least 30 days prior to next Board of Directors meeting.
 - b. Payment will be limited to \$500.00 maximum per division per year.

Item 49

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 5, 2019

To: Board of Directors
From: Walt Herrick
Date: 4/15/2019
Subject: Convention Contest Plaque Expenses.

Drozdak BoS Photo Plaque Expense Request:

Explanation. Gary Children, John Drozdak and Walt Herrick are in agreement that the Best of Show Photo Award be named after the late Ingrid Drozdak. We are requesting that the Region spend up to \$35.00 for this reward.

First Place Plaque Expense Request:

Explanation: Gary Children, Kennedy Gauger, Contest Chair from the TLR, and Walt Herrick have agreed, subject to each region's approval, that plaques be awarded to all First Place winners of all contests at the TLR/MWR Joint convention in May. Second and Third Place winners are to be given certificates. This was a compromise between the two Regions as TLR usually gives plaques for 1st, 2nd and 3rd winners of all their contests, whereas the MWR gives certificates for all 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners. The two Regions would split the cost of the plaques and certificates with each region paying between \$175 to \$230 for the plaques, certificates and mailing expenses.