

## **Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA Minutes of the Meeting on May 31, 2020**

Meeting held by Zoom video conference.

Meeting called to order at 10:30 AM CDT by President Steve Studley

### **Roll Call:**

#### Officers Present:

President Steve Studley  
Vice President Reid Kahrs  
Treasurer Keith Thomsen  
Secretary Bob McGeever  
Past President Paul Mangan

#### Directors at Large Present:

Bob Landwehr 2020  
Eric Peterson 2020  
Jim Allen 2020 by proxy Mike Hirvela  
John Coy 2021  
Jim Landwehr 2021  
Jerry Peterson 2021  
Mike Roderick 2022  
Gary Children 2022

#### Division Directors Present:

WISE Mike Slater  
SCWD Phil Hottmann  
WLD Andy Dorsch  
IVD Jim Tatum  
CID Dan Hinel  
ITD Mike Lehman  
FVD Michael Hirvela  
RRVD Ken Mosny  
DPD Patrick Golden  
MID Ron Christensen

Guests: Zoom host Jim Osborn and Bert Lattan

### **Prior Meeting Minutes:**

The minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held November 10, 2019 were reviewed.  
Motion by Mangan, second by B Landwehr to approve as presented.  
Motion carried unanimously.

### **Reports**

#### **Committees**

The Committee reports were reviewed and discussed.

We need chairpersons for the Financial Review and Nominating Committees.

Steve Lanphear of the SCWD reported on how he is using a list server to reach out to members and involve them in division activities. A list server can reach members who are social media adverse.

Jim Osborn reported the 2020 election results. Jim is looking into an online process for regional elections and will make a proposal to the BOD.

Jim Osborn will be reimbursed \$25 for Zoom expenses.

### **Directors at Large**

The DAL reports were reviewed and discussed.

### **Division Directors**

The Division Director reports were reviewed and discussed.

### **BOD Officers**

The BOD Officers reports were reviewed and discussed.

Motion by Slater, second by Roderick, to approve the Treasurers report as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

## **Old Business**

### **Regional Conventions**

The status of the regional conventions was reviewed.

2020 Convention:

Canceled due to Covid-19 concerns.

The account had a \$1308 balance after all charges were settled. Per policy, the balance will be split between the region and the division.

2021 Convention:

Hosted by Rock River Valley.

Will be held May 20 – 23.

Preliminary budget and agenda were reviewed.

2022 Tri-Regional Convention

Indy Junction 2022

Convention will run 4 days, May 18 – 22 at Marriot East, Indianapolis, IN

Preliminary budget and agenda due soon.

## **New Business**

### **2020 Election Results**

Mike Roderick, Eric Peterson, Jim Allen, and Gary Children were elected as Directors at Large. Their term is 2020 thru 2022

Motion by B Landwehr, second by Coy to approve results as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Coy, second by Slater to destroy the 2020 ballots.

Motion carried unanimously.

### **Internet Expense**

Osborn requested \$201 for the annual renewal of the Constant Contact service.  
Motion by Hirvela, second by J Landwehr to approve.  
Motion carried unanimously.

### **NMRA Policy on At Risk Persons**

The NMRA policy on at risk persons was discussed.  
There are concerns as to how it effects public events like train shows. Some clarification will be needed.

### **Appointments**

Installation of New Directors

Per the election results, the following were appointed to the 2020 thru 2022 DAL term

Jim Allen, Fox Valley Division (Incumbent)

Eric Peterson, Central Indiana Division (Incumbent)

Mike Roderick, Central Indiana Division

Gary Children, Wisconsin Southeastern Division

### **Next BOD Meeting**

Sunday, October 4th at 10:00 AM

Rockford VFW #9759,

2018 Windsor Rd.

Loves Park, IL.

There will be a full breakfast at 9:30.

Motion by Hirvela, second by J Landwehr to adjourn the meeting.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by MWR Secretary Bob McGeever

## Minutes of the Meeting on November 10, 2019 Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA

Meeting held at Trainfest Clinic Room 4, West Allis Wisconsin

Meeting called to order at 10:30 AM by President Steve Studley

Secretary McGeever called the roll.

Present: President Steve Studley, Vice President Reid Kahrs, Treasurer Keith Thomsen, Secretary Bob McGeever, Past President Paul Mangan

Directors at Large Bob Landwehr, Eric Peterson, Jim Allen, Fred Henize proxy Pat Golden, John Coy, Jim Landwehr, Jerry Peterson proxy John Coy.

Division Directors CID Dan Hinel, DPD Patrick Golden, FVD Michael Hirvela, ITD Mike Lehman proxy Larry Tschopp, IVD Jim Tatum, MID Bob Blake, RRVD Ken Mosny, SCWD Phil Hottmann, WLD Andy Dorsch, WISE Mike Slater

Guests: Jim Osborn Election and Internet Committees Chair, Walt Herrick Photographer, David Leider Publications Chair, Clark Kooning and Gary Children

The minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Members held May 5 2019 were reviewed.

Motion by Magnan, second by Slater to approve as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

The minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held May 5 2019 were reviewed.

Motion by Magnan, second by Slater to approve as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

### **The Committee reports were reviewed and discussed.**

Achievements

15 more awards since last meeting.

Financial Review

We need someone to fill this function.

Clinic Clearing House

Exploring remote presentations.

Survey results show a strong preference for live clinics.

Membership

National would like to stop collecting regional newsletter fees.

Blake to investigate a method to confirm status of lifetime members carried on region membership rolls.

Publications

Strongly prefer images to be submitted in jpg file format and not embedded in documents.

Youth Fund

WISE has withdrawn request for funds made at the May BOD meeting.

### **The Director at Large reports were reviewed.**

### **The Division Director reports were reviewed.**

### **The BOD Officer reports were reviewed and discussed.**

Based on discussion of the Treasurer and Secretary reports, it was agreed that it will be the policy of the BOD to channel communications to the divisions through the Division Directors.

### **Old Business**

501C3

No activity since last meeting.  
NMRA application on hold pending changes in tax code/IRS rules.

#### Reduction of Bank Account Cash

We made money on 2018 and 2019 conventions so cash on hand is up.

#### 2019 Regional Convention

Region received \$2229 from convention.

#### 2020 Regional Convention

Peoria Rocket May 14 – 17 Holiday Inn and Suites, East Peoria, IL  
All schedules are tentative at this time.  
Planning to have online registration through Square or similar vendor.  
Advertising is started.  
Website updates in process.

#### 2021 Regional Convention

Rock River Valley identified as host.  
Formal bid to host not yet submitted.

#### 2022 Tri-Regional Convention

Indy Junction 2022  
Convention will run 4 days, May 18 – 22 at Marriot East, Indianapolis, IN  
Motion by Mangan, second by Slater to grant \$2000 seed money to Indy Junction.  
Motion carried unanimously.

#### Report on Michiana Training Day

A thorough report was in the packet.  
A final addendum was added.  
A good concept but turnout was low  
The one-day event was seen as almost as much work as the prior two-day events run by Michiana.

#### **New Business**

##### Website Expense

Osborn presented the three-year renewal costs for the region domain name.  
Motion by Hirvela, second by Allen to spend up to \$100 to renew the MWR domain name.  
Motion carried unanimously.

##### Director at Large Nominations

The nominations for the spring 2020 DAL election are:

Michael Roderick  
Jim Allen  
Eric Peterson  
Walt Herrick  
Gary Children

##### Next BOD Meeting

Sunday, May 17 2020, 10:30 AM  
Peoria Rocket Regional Convention  
Holiday Inn and Suites 101 Holiday Street, East Peoria, Illinois 61611  
Room to be determined.  
Breakfast at 9:30 AM

Motion by Mangan, second by Slater, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 12:15 PM.

**Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2020  
Committee Report**

To: Board of Directors  
From: Eric Peterson, Director at Large  
Date: May 13, 2020  
Subject: **Clinic Clearing House**

**Activities since Last Board Meeting**

Provided requested suggestions to the Peoria Convention group related to clinics and clinic scheduling.

We previously confirmed a strong preference for in person clinics with Q and A available.

Prepared a listing of CID past clinics and added clinics I have presented. Initial draft attached.

**Planned Activities**

Continue to assist when requested with identification of clinic topics and presenters.

Update the clinic listing and add information from other Divisions.

**Organizational Assistance for Events**

A group leader looking for an upcoming meeting clinic topic needs a way to review topic ideas, review the material to see if it fits and contact the presenter or an alternate topic expert. This search can include EduTrain, Digital Publications, as well as our Region and Division Clinic Listings

**Discussion Topics**

1. Does remote presentation of clinics with Q and A substantially meet the in person preferences?
2. How can we collect and maintain clinic topic and presenter listings from additional Divisions?

**Volume of Material Now Available**

The amount of model and prototype information available has exploded from NMRA EduTrain, Region and Division Listings, magazine publishers, and individuals using tools such as YouTube. Some of the information can be searched for on line using tools such as Google.

**Draft Clinic Listing Format Attached**

Date	Clinic	Presenter	Type	Event	Description
9/16/2017	NMRA Achievement Program	Studley, Steve		CID Modelers Meet	Achievement Program
11/19/2016	Preparing For Publications: How to Share	Seymour, Richard		CID Train Show	Author Preparing for publication
3/14/2015	Open Loads	Frankrone, Bob		CID Modlers Meet	Cars, Open Loads
5/2/2020	3D Printing	Burnside, Phil		CID Track Talk	Computer 3D printing
10/19/2013	An Introduction to Arduino Systems in Model Railroad Applications	Schoonmaker, Bill		CID Modlers Meet	Computer Arduino applications for model railroads
1/28/2018	Using Arduino in Model Railroading	Schoonmaker, Bill		CID Train Show	Computer Arduino for Model Railroading
	Future Auto CAD Introduction and Training	Burnside, Phil			Computer AutoCAD training
3/12/2016	JMRI Overview	Fitzsimons, Tom		CID Modlers Meet	Computer JMRI overview
11/19/2016	JRMI WiThrottle Setup And Use Plus Other Key Into.	Studley, Steve		CID Train Show	Computer JMRI WiThrottle Setup
4/2/2016	Couplers	Atkinson, Newman		CID Train Show	Couplers
11/18/2017	Selling On E-Bay	Cain, Tom		CID Train Show	E-Bay selling
10/10/2015	Painting Guidelines	Talbott, Robert		CID Modlers Meet	Finishing painting
3/15/2014	Finishing: Custom painting, applying decals and weathering.			CID Modlers Meet	Finishing, Painting, decals and weathering
1/27/2019	rail/Battery Power	Hanson, Paul		CID Train Show	Layout Battery Power, dead rail DC, DCC
4/13/2019	Layout Design Clinic	Coy, John		CID Train Show	Layout design
1/27/2019	Layout Design	Cain, Tom		CID Train Show	Layout design
1/29/2017	Drawing/Designing Your Layout with Easy to Use Software.	Schoonmaker, Bill		CID Train Show	Layout design software
11/18/2017	Building Contest Display	Studley, Steve		CID Train Show	Layout Display building for contest
1/31/2016	Filling Open Spaces On Your Layout	Seymour, Richard		CID Train Show	Layout filling open spaces
11/17/2018	Covering a Lot of Ground	Jones, Trevor		CID Train Show	Layout ground cover
11/21/2015	Covering a Lot of Ground	Jones, Trevor		CID Train Show	Layout ground cover
4/1/2017	Making Realistic round Hay Bales	Atkinson, Newman		CID Train Show	Layout hay bales
11/21/2015	Labeling Your Layout	Schoonmaker, Bill		CID Train Show	Layout Labeling
1/31/2016	Installing LED Strip Lighting	Schoonmaker, Bill		CID Train Show	Layout LED strip lighting
3/11/2017	Electronic Lighting Projects for Your Layout	Cain, Tom		CID Modelers Meet	Layout lighting for your layout
11/18/2017	LED Lights For Your Layout	Schoonmaker, Bill		CID Train Show	Layout lighting LED
1/28/2018	Building Free-mo Modules	Clark, Keith		CID Train Show	Layout Modular for Free-mo
11/16/2019	Designing Layouts For Moving	Peterson, Eric		CID Train Show	Layout moving sectional layout
7/3/2016	How to Make Labels/Panels	Schoonmaker, Bill		2016 NMRA Conv.	Layout Panel labels
7/9/2016	How to Make Labels/Panels	Schoonmaker, Bill		2016 NMRA Conv.	Layout Panel labels



Date	Clinic	Presenter	Type	Event	Description
1/29/2017	Paper Models and Photo Wallpaper	Studley, Steve		CID Train Show	Layout Paper models and wallpaper
4/5/2014	Modeling Roads	Clark, Keith		CID Train Show	Layout road modeling
5/4/2019	Modeling Roadways	Clark, Keith		CID Modelers Meet	Layout Roadway modeling
5/19/2018	Rock Mold Making	Silverburg, Jon		CID Modelers Meet	Layout Rock Mold Making
5/19/2018	Rocks & (Model) Railroads	Seymour, Richard		CID Modelers Meet	Layout Rocks
11/17/2018	Layout Wiring One Wire at aTime.	Peterson, Eric		CID Train Show	Layout Wiring
Future ??	All About LEDs Characteristics & Wiring	Schoonmaker, Bill		CID Train Show	Lighting LED wiring and characteristics
Future ??	NMRA Achievement Program	Studley / Cain		CID Modelers Meet	NMRA AP Achievement Program
5/6/2017	A Different Look at Car Cards for Operations	Hinel, Dan		CID Modelers Meet	Operation Car Cards for operation
5/6/2017	Several Different Ways to Look at Operations	Tuttle, Chuck		CID Modelers Meet	Operation Different Ways
10/13/2018	JMRI Operations	Mattick, Joe		CID Modelers Meet	Operation JMRI Operations
Future ??	Picture Show / Terra Haute Area	Atkinson, Newman		CID Train Show	Photos Terra Haute
9/24/2016	Scenery by the Yard	Jones, Trevor		CID Modlers Meet	Scenery by the Yard
3/16/2019	Scratchbuilding Tips and Techniques	Rolfe, Doug		CID Modelers Meet	Scratch Building
Future ??	Installation of Automatic Gate Crossings	Schoonmaker, Bill		CID Modelers Meet	Signals Crossing lights and gates
3/17/2018	Signaling the Eastern Illinois SF	Cain, Tom		CID Modelers Meet	Signals SF Eastern IL
Future ??	Scratch /Kit-bashing Structures	Witkiewics, Marty			Structures building scratch and kit bashing
10/12/2019	Structure Lighting and Interior Details	Fitzsimons, Tom		CID Modelers Meet	Structures interiors and lighting
1/26/2020	Flat Paper Models Made Realistic	Malinowsky, Charles		CID Train Show	Structures, flat paper
10/11/2014	Scratch /Kit-bashing Structures	Witkiewics, Marty		CID Modlers Meet	Structures, Kit bashing
Future ??	Easy and Quick Fabrication Of Printed Circuit Boards	Schoonmaker, Bill		CID Train Show	Wiring, circuit board fabrication
3/21/2018	Generating YouTube Videos	Atkinson, Newman		CID Train Show	YouTube Videos

Date	Clinic	Presenter	Type	Event	Description
8/24/13	Signal Details	Eric Peterson	M	SSR Northern Div	Signal Prototype information explaining field signal equipment and some of the design criteria. Signal System Details: Power switch machine layout, Signal, Signal Foundation, Relay Cases, Signal House, Battery Wells, Signal Bridges, Signal Cantilevers.
	Folkston, GA Track and Signal Proj	Eric Peterson	C	SSR Northern Div	Prototype capacity improvement CSX between Waycross and Jacksonville.
	Railroad Maintenance of Way Equipment	Eric Peterson	M	SSR Northern Div	Prototype Maintenance of Way Work Equipment Models: Models from my collection and their purpose: Jordan Spreader, Air Dump Car, Excavator on Flat Car, Ballast Cars, Locomotive Crane, Crane Idler Flat Car, Wreck Crane, Burro Crane and Flat Car. Alternative is to have display at my layout.
Track Talk	Railroad Prototype Standards and Reference Books	Eric Peterson	M	Prototype Rails	Prototype engineering standards for grading, track, bridges, structures, and signals
	ICC C&O Passenger Car models, Scribed Sides, Long drawbar couplers	Eric Peterson	M	O Scale Florida	Passenger Cars assembly of ICC O Scale Passenger car kit modifications including stainless fluting, diaphragms and long draw bars.
	O Scale hand built track	Eric Peterson	C	O Scale Florida	Layout Track Construction O Scale: Layout curves, spirals, turnouts; templates; Sequence, Upson board, ties and shims, plane ties, stain ties and roadbed, ballast and glue mix, install rail, turnouts, switch stands.
	Signal Foundations	Eric Peterson	M	NMRA Magazine	Layout Signal foundations used with O Scale signals to make them easy to build at the work bench and install on the layout plugging them to RJ-45 jacks.
10/16/14	Model Railroad Signal Wiring	Eric Peterson	C	SSR Convention	Layout wiring for signals w/o Spending All Your Time Under the Layout
2/25/17	Track Planning with Templates	Eric Peterson	*C	SSR Northern Div	Layout track layout using plastic templates for turnouts, track, curves, and spirals.

Date	Clinic	Presenter	Type	Event	Description
7/9/05	Demonstrate Track Warrant Operation authorities	Eric Peterson	M	SSR Northern Div	Operations Demonstrate using Track Warrants Control and Direct Traffic Control blocks on single track for operation authority.
	The Modern signals	Eric Peterson	M	Future	Signals modern signals
11/16/19	My Section layout and it's travels	Eric Peterson	C	MWR CID Train Show	Layout moving sectional layout and lessons learned
11/17/18	Layout Wiring	Eric Peterson	C	MWR CID Train Show	Layout Wiring connectors and edge terminal boards
			C	Clinic 45 minutes	
			M	Mini Clinic 10-20 min	
	Listing can be sorted by Date, Clinic, Presenter, Type, Event or Description.				
5/15/2020	Sorted by Description				

**Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2020  
Committee Report**

To: Board of Directors  
From: Eric Peterson  
Date: May 13, 2020  
Subject: Education Coordinator

Activities since Last Board Meeting

I have continued to be available to help with regional and division activities related to education topics for members within the region.

As noted under the Clinic Clearing House offered assistance to the Peoria Convention group and provided suggestions for scheduling the clinics. I have also offered to present clinics.

CID has started Track Talk meeting monthly for lunch and a model railroad related topic or visit. With the meeting restrictions we changed to on line Zoom meetings each Saturday at 10 am. Continuing this will depend on available programs and presenters.

Planned Activities

Continue to be available to help with providing educational resources for members within the Midwest Region.

Electronic sharing of educational information is expanding rapidly. However, I still feel there are topic and tricks of the hobby developed by individuals that are not widely shared.

Requests for assistance have been limited. I suggest the following are types I can assist with when requested or I become aware of a need for more information:

1. Request for clinic topics or presentations to be used during regional and division conventions,
2. Request for topic information to be used during division meetings.
3. Assist others considering on line live video meetings.
4. Individuals requesting information on a specific model railroading topic for a future project or to help with a specific current problem.

My contact information is maintained on the Region and Division Web sites.

**Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2020  
Committee Report**

To: Midwest Region NMRA Executive Committee

From: Jim Osborn & Bert Lattan

Date: February 12, 2020

Subject: Election Committee Report

The ballots of the recent election were counted on February 12, 2020 by Election Committee members Jim Osborn and Bert Lattan.

The results of the voting are:

For Director-at-Large:	Jim Allen	93 votes	
	Eric Peterson	84 votes	
	Mike Roderick	75 votes	
	Gary Children	74 votes	
	Walt Herrick	68 votes	
	David P. Angus	1 vote	(DuPage Div. - Write-In)

The winners of the election are:

For Director-at-Large: Jim Allen, Fox Valley Division (Incumbent)  
Eric Peterson, Central Indiana Division (Incumbent)  
Mike Roderick, Central Indiana Division  
Gary Children, Wisconsin Southeastern Division

Balloting Summary:

Total Ballots Submitted	104
Valid Ballots	103
Invalid Ballots	1 (No name)
Possible Votes to Cast	412 (103 ballots x 4 candidates)
Votes Not Cast	17

Respectively submitted,

Jim Osborn  
Bert Lattan

**Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2020  
Committee Report**

To: Board of Directors  
From: Jim Osborn, Internet Committee Chm.  
Date: May 11, 2020  
Subject: Internet Committee Report

Activities since Last Board Meeting

Web usage

- 1) Usage report for the last 6 months is on the next page
- 2) The site had typical session activity for this period of the year.
- 3) The contest photo page had 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) Assisted the DuPage division with the population of their mobile friendly web site.
- 7) Developed draft procedural guidelines for MWR Video Conferencing.

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 ½ the Constant Contact email account is estimated at \$201 due 6/4/20.
- 5) Future expense of \$540 for 3 years of web hosting due 7/31/21. Hopefully, it can be negotiated down to about \$378 or so at the time of renewal.
- 6) Future expense required to renew the MWR domain rental & privacy at estimated \$32.87/year current pricing for a 3-year renewal will be estimated at \$98.61. Current domain registration is paid through 12/26/22.

<b>Metric</b>	<b>April-Sept 2016**</b>	<b>Oct-March 2017</b>	<b>April-Sept 2017</b>	<b>Oct-March 2018</b>	<b>April-Sept 2018</b>	<b>Oct-March 2019</b>	<b>April-Sept 2019</b>	<b>Oct-March 2020</b>
Sessions	1743	3367	2219	3024	2427	3462	2364	3100
Users	1302	2468	1457	2085	1772	2454	1592	2138
Page Views	2972	6524	4435	5938	5176	6424	5924	5596
<b>Content Viewed</b>								
Home Page	1290	1817	1616	1715	1773	2014	1362	1685
Waybill	903	970	903	953	911	1151	921	1126
Division Map	439	268	169	269	222	240	171	281
Conventions	167	336	241	290	276	472	294	279
DuPage Div.	378	2075	369	1153	310	1118	269	1048
Contest Photos	73	44	157	73	196	97	1072	115
Minutes	85	34	40	64	49	48	22	19
About us		17	26	21	24	24	13	18
Clinic Resources		27	20	34	22	34	17	21
Elections		18	24	17	22	63	12	9
Contact us		14	12	30	41	35	29	18
Model Photos		119	107	126	82	97	63	41
Notices		130	103	144	150	202	94	93
Prototype Photos		55	26	45	26	38	18	19
Policies		20	52	72	29	23	13	20
Reg Officers			131	338	350	339	290	323
<b>Referrals From:</b>								
Direct Entry		996	1304	1290	1252	1484	2364	1420
NMRA.org	458	730	227	3	9		13	4
Google	30	907	307	475	176	546	259	518
Facebook						97	27	23
Trains.com	-	74	2	36	3	25	1	6
Fox Valley Div.	7	15	29	14	5	12	49	15
Bing/Yahoo	-	178	155	124	45	58		44
<b>User Devices:</b>								
Desktop		68%	76%	70%	77%	68%	68%	67%
Mobile		23%	15%	22%	15%	23%	23%	27%
Tablet		9%	9%	8%	8%	9%	9%	6%

**Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May, 2020**

To: Board of Directors  
From: Paul\_Mangan  
Date: April 30, 2020  
Subject: Long Range Planning

Activities since Last Board Meeting

After attending the shows I usually attend I have seen that having a table or a booth dedicated to the NMRA and the local division is far and away the best opportunity to talk with people about the hobby and the benefits of being a member. With the tools we have today we have the ability to sign interested people to membership on the spot.

We all have noticed that because of age we lose members every year. Recruiting is important and we can talk with people and get them interested. It is still one of the best hobbies there is so don't be afraid to talk with prospective members.

Planned Activities

At the train shows I attend I will talk with the members who work the membership tables and spend some time there with them.



**Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May, 2020**

To: Board of Directors  
 From: Ron Scharping  
 Date: April 7, 2020  
 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*.

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
	(7/31/15)	(7/31/15)	(8/31/16)	(8/31/16)	(9/30/17)	(9/30/17)	(2/28/18)	(2/28/18)
1	215	86	206	82	185	66	183	63
2	159	48	161	44	153	46	156	48
3	141	52	134	54	123	47	122	43
5	102	36	97	39	96	41	97	38
6	211	86	357	106	246	94	248	91
7	20	7	32	10	21	8	21	971
9	209	67	227	79	214	64	202	57
10	90	27	88	29	94	29	96	30
11	226	95	232	96	216	89	210	87
15	80	36	89	35	81	33	78	36
Out of Reg.	108	104	111	111	84	84	81	81
Grand Total	1561	644	1734	685	1513	601	1494	581

**Region Membership Data (Con't)**

Division	NMRA	Region	NMRA	Region	NMRA	Region	NMRA	Region
	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total
	(8/31/18)	(8/31/18)	(3/31/19)	(3/31/19)	(9/28/19)	(9/28/19)	(4/30/20)	(4/30/20)
1	176	71	167	63	167	58	162	51
2	152	53	147	47	146	45	145	40
3	121	48	121	38	118	32	115	40
5	101	43	98	35	91	28	95	29
6	235	103	234	88	229	84	226	87
7	21	7	22	9	22	10	20	11
9	196	72	197	60	191	55	188	57
10	98	34	103	27	94	23	83	18
11	210	95	201	71	205	74	188	70
15	80	36	77	31	75	28	74	34
Out of Reg.	94	94	125	125	164	164	219	219
Grand Total	1484	656	1492	594	1502	601	1515	656



**Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2020  
Director at Large Report**

To: Board of Directors  
From: Eric Peterson  
Date: May 13, 2020  
Subject: Director at Large Report

Activities since Last Board Meeting

I have continued to be available to help with clinic and education activities as reported elsewhere.

I have been active working with others on the CID to have Track Talk monthly lunch and model railroad activities. With the beginning of travel and gathering restrictions we have started weekly Track Talk meetings using the Zoom video meeting software. This has been successful with over 10% of the CID membership attending with a computer video connection or a phone voice connection. I have also shared this experience with other Divisions and conducted training and testing Zoom meetings.

We have also tested using CID officer Ambassadors contacting CID members. The results have been mixed with limited volunteers to serve as Ambassadors and less than 50% successful contact by phone.

I was also involved with the group of O Scale modelers working to have the O Scale National convention in St Louis with the NMRA National Convention. This was a great joint effort that unfortunately had to be cancelled due to the gathering restrictions. Now planning 2021 in Denver.

I have benefitted substantially through my NMRA, MWR and CID membership just since moving to IN in 2017. I have had assistance with electronics and circuit boards for O Scale signal models. I have had assistance providing 3D printed details superior to what I could do in a reasonable timeframe. I am helping other with crossing signal projects and other topics as well as division activities.

Planned Activities

I will continue to work to improve the sharing of clinics and other educational information on the MWR. The impact of the gathering and travel restrictions is accelerating the implementing of electronic and on line sharing of information as the capabilities change rapidly.

I will continue to work with others to assist with not only clinic and presentations but also model railroad problem solving for individuals.

I will continue to help with CID Track Talk gatherings on Zoom and hopefully in person later this year.

I will complete the testing of the CID Ambassador Contact program.

I will assist with operation of train shows and Modelers Meets when they restart.

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2020

Director at Large Report

To: Board of Directors

From: **John Robert Coy**

Date: **May 5, 2020**

Subject: **My 3<sup>rd</sup> DAL report May 2020**

Activities since Last Board Meeting:

**Created / Planned / Promoted / Managed: Inaugural Avon, Indiana, Train Show. There were 520 people in attendance. Many of these people were “non-traditional model railroaders.” Astounded by turnout!**

**Promoted NMRA via Internet on many sites.**

**Attended all the Central Indiana Division Events that were physically conducted.**

**Have 3 AP certificates: Author, Electrical, Dispatcher. Currently working on: Volunteer, Official and Scenery.**

**Speaking to others about my desire to seek re-election for D.A.L. MWR**

**Will have my first Scale Rails article published in June 2020.**

**Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2020  
Director at Large Report**

To: Board of Directors  
From: Jerry Peterson  
Date: May 13, 2020  
Subject: Regional Director Report

Activities since Last Board Meeting

Attended Michiana Division activities and monthly meetings

Attended various OPS sessions getting feedback on how the NMRA can support the individual member's needs

Performed duties as the Michiana Division AP Manager

Explored methods (See attachment 1) to deliver clinics and educational material remotely for division gatherings which lead the Michiana Division to use Zoom for the monthly Division meetings

Planned Activities

Plan on attending the 2020 Spring Midwest Region BOD online meeting

Plan on attending a North Central Region Division 9 meeting if and when the Stay at Home orders are lifted

Continue to perform duties as the Michiana Division AP Manager

# Attachment 1

Tool	Description	Common Uses
<b>Skype</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Messaging system.</li><li>• Tool for collaborating</li><li>• Limited numbers of users unless using Skype for Business.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Web conferences.</li><li>• Sharing computer screens, instant messaging, presence (showing availability), screen sharing, and internal audio calls.</li></ul>
<b>Jabber</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Desktop application that mimics your desk phone, allowing you to make and receive calls from your computer.</li><li>• Use phone numbers (or just names) to contact and collaborate with others</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Off-site calls</li><li>• Conference calls.</li><li>• Sharing computer screens and collaborating on projects.</li><li>• Face-to-face video conferencing.</li><li>• Instant messaging, desktop sharing, audio and video conferencing.</li></ul>
<b>WebEx Meetings</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Web-based application used for hosting web conferences.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Meetings with multiple remote participants.</li><li>• Remote meetings requiring live video, PC sharing.</li><li>• Screen sharing and whiteboarding capabilities.</li></ul>
<b>OneNote</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Digital note-taking app that is part of the Microsoft Office Suite.</li><li>• Captures information and displays it in one central place.</li><li>• Comes installed with Microsoft Office Tools and with a tutorial.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A tool for visualizing the work and workflow of a team or organization (Huddle board).</li></ul>

**Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2020  
Director at Large Report**

To: Board of Directors

From: Michael Roderick

Date: 04/29/2020

Subject: Director At Large Report CID

Activities since Last Board Meeting:

Been working with the Indy Junction 2022 Group on getting things rolling for the Convention. Have been promoting MWR/CID, and Indy Junction 2022 at various train shows and we have gotten a lot of positive feedback as people are extremely interested in this Convention. CID had to cancel the Franklin Train Show for April 4, 2020.

We have had to rethink how to get out to our members and with Eric Peterson, Dan Banks, Dan Hinel, and Eric Smith we have. The division has launched a few new programs to retain members and reach out to new members with our Ambassador Program. As for getting out to current member we have been using a new program called Track Talk. We go to various areas of the division and do a show and tell type event, which is separate from our Modelers Meets. Which normally includes a luncheon, Q & A, and a layout tour. Now comes COVID-19 and we are still doing the Ambassador Program and Track Talk. Track Talk we are doing this via Zoom and on a weekly basis. We are averaging 25-30 people in attendance on Zoom.

Indy Junction 2022 continues to move forward with budgets. More information to come this summer on that.

Planned Activities:

Continue the Divisions Ambassadors Program and Track Talk activities.

**Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2020  
Division Director Report**

To: Board of Directors  
From: Mike Slater, WISE Div. Superintendent  
Date: 2020-04-29  
Subject: Wise Division Repot

Activities since Last Board Meeting

November – Trainfest, Attendance was down by about 2k, Division lost money on the event, BOD looked into the reason of the loss, If all budgeted areas where kept to budget we would of made a profit, found excessive spending in the spending in the area of advertising, WISE BOD division hired new Marketing Firm and the BOD is making all spending decisions on Marketing of show instead of Trainfest Director

December - Membership Meeting

January - Membership Meeting

Feb - Bus Trip to Madison Train Show

March meet – Canceled to Covid 19

WISE Ops, Canceled to Covid 19

April meet- Canceled to Covid 19

Annual Membership meet Postponed to October 2020

Planned Activities

September – RPM Meet

October – meet / Annual Membership meet

November - Trainfest

January – Meet

Feb - Bus trip to Madison Show

March – Meet

April – meet, annual membership Meet

May – Tri Division Meet



**Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2020  
Division Director Report**

To: Board of Directors

From: Jim Tatum

Date: May 20, 2020

Subject: IVD Superintendents report

Activities since Last Board Meeting

\*\*Not much happening since the COVID-19 pandemic

February - Held 2<sup>nd</sup> Annually Potluck Dinner

May – Held IVD Virtual Meet via WebEx

Planned Activities

TBD

**Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2020**

To: Board of Directors  
From: Dan Hinel, CID Superintendent  
Date: May 11, 2020  
Subject: Central Indiana Division Report

Activities since Last Board Meeting

CID Board Meetings

- 10/06/2019 Wayne Township Library, Indianapolis
- 12/08/2019 Wayne Township Library, Indianapolis
- 2/16/2020 Nora Branch Library, Indianapolis
- 4/26/2020 Annual Membership & Business Meeting (Zoom)

Train Shows-Information Materials Table/Booth

- Naptown & White River Trains Show (South Indianapolis) 9/14/19, 12/7/19, 3/7/20
- Noblesville Train Show (North Indianapolis) 1/26/2020
- Carmel Train Show 11/02/2019 Carmel Library
- Danville Train Show (30 minutes west of Indianapolis) 11/16/19
- Great Train Show (Indianapolis) 2/8-9/2020
- Indy Spring Train Show (30 minutes south of Indianapolis) Cancelled
- CID Avon Town Hall Show 2/01/2020

CID Modelers Meets

- Irvington Church, Indianapolis 10/12/19
- Advent Evangelical Lutheran Church, Zionsville (North West Indianapolis) 3/14/2020 Cancelled
- Mr. Muffins Atlanta, IN Cancelled

CID Board Elections April 2020

- Rusty Spike Newsletter publications (four)
- Spring Layout Tour 4/25/2020 Cancelled
- Favorite Contest at Danville Train Show (100 X 100 scale feet display)
- General Membership Name Badges
- Track Talk Virtual meetings Weekly

Planned Activities

- CID plans to have similar schedule for CID Board meeting, Modelers Meets, and Train Show Participation, Layout tours per Covid 19 quarantine guideline.
- Monthly Track Talk Virtual Meetings via Zoom or in person
- CID Board Meetings
  - Wayne Township Library, Indianapolis 10/4/2020, 12/6/2020
  - 8/--/2020 Executive Team Picnic and Meeting (Location TBD)
- Train Shows-Information Materials Table/Booth locations and dates TBD
  - Columbus area ,Naptown & White River Trains Show, Carmel and Avon Train Show
  - Danville Train Show (30 minutes west of Indianapolis) 11/21/2020
- Layout Tour (Area TBD)
- CID plans on continued activities of communication to general membership

## Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2020 Division Director Report

To: Board of Directors  
From: Mike Lehman  
Date: May 13, 2020  
Subject: Illinois Terminal Division Report

### Activities since Last Board Meeting

ITD worked with IVD on the ill-fated and now cancelled Peoria Rocket 2020 MWR Convention. At the annual ITD May 9, 2020 business meeting, we passed a resolution offering similar support if IVD were to again host the MWR convention, perhaps in 2023.

ITD worked to host our first year of full sponsorship of the Lincoln Square Village Train Show, but like the MWR convention, we were forced to cancel it due to the COVID-19 pandemic. All table fees, etc were refunded to those who paid. We are indebted to Asst. Superintendent Larry Tschopp for carrying this debt (mostly for printing and mailing services) until we get back in the black. Larry also invested in materials and tools needed for a kid's make-and-take at the show, but we'll be able to use those at next year's show. At this point, due to a number of uncertainties, we do not have a set date for the 2021 train show, but will advise when we do.

ITD continued to meet monthly on a round-robin basis, cancelling only the April meeting due to the virus. We've since started using Zoom to meet, which is how we held the May business meeting.

While Zoom has some potential issues, it generally works well for what we do. Even after the limits due to COVID-19 have lifted, we intend to use it to broadcast division meetings and events in order to better serve those unable to attend meetings in person. Also, we have made the divisional library available via Zoom and are also able to provide consulting on model and layout issues via Zoom, too.

Membership is steady. We managed to get a renewal from a new member who initially joined via Railpass, a satisfying result for reaching out and working with new people.

ITD filed paperwork and received its state charter as a 501c7 social club. Given that the train show was cancelled, this put off the need to consider 601c3 status until next year, because the large increase in funds the train show would have passed through did not occur, allowing us to stay in the less complicated 501c7 status. Having obtained an EIN, the division officially opened its own bank account. Chief Clerk/Paymaster Allen Byrne has begun working up monthly financial reports, although this is still a work in progress as he learns the ropes of creating them to satisfy IRS requirements to make filing those reports easy.

Based on the inspiring work of Bob Miller, we established the Bob Award for the division's modeler of the year, to be awarded to the member whose work stood out in the last year. The recipient for the initial Bob was Buzz Swett, for his Best of Show structure entered at the 2019 MWR convention. Each year's winner will choose the recipient of the next Bob, in consultation with other members if desired. The award is intended to encourage excellence in modeling and participation in contests and the AP program.

In preparing for the cancelled train show, the Miller estate's most complete Hon3 switching module was refurbished and then connected to a new Hon3 4x8 display layout. We have a small show at a library in the county in December (we hope), which will now likely be its first outing.

In sorting through the Miller collection, a number of items proved to be useful and historical. Bob Miller was a modest man, but his skills as a model railroader were exceptional. Working through the collection, we found a lot to inspire other model railroaders and the general public. In particular, in addition to rail-related items, Bob built model gliders based on his own designs (he was trained as an aeronautical engineer), was an avid bike rider, and above all, a well-regarded faculty member at the University of Illinois. Items and artifacts illustrating his rich and eclectic interests have been collected into a display that will be at future Lincoln Square Train Shows. It is enclosed in a case I built that is small (about 40" long x 18" high x 10" deep) enough that we can use it as a traveling exhibit or loan it for extended public viewing under the right circumstances.

At the May 9, 2020 business meeting, the current list of officers and board members was re-elected for another year.

### Planned Activities

At its May meeting, ITD adopted a 2020-2021 schedule that includes continued monthly meetings, the train show in late-March/early-April (date TBD), and a May annual business meeting. Everything but the train show can take place via Zoom, if we must, but we're hopeful for better times ahead and seeing each other in person.

Conditions permitting, we will have a small show of modules in conjunction with the Midwest Central Railroad Club at the Tolono Library in December.

Since Zoom provides a way to record meetings, including sharing documents and images, we intend to explore recording clinics during meetings via Zoom and posting these clinics on our website.

While we initiated a divisional blog (<http://cms.illinoisterminaldivision.org/>) last year, it has seen relatively little use. We are encouraging members to learn to post there (it's easy) while they have time on their hands in many cases.

Due to generous donations in the last year, the ITD storehouse is overflowing with goods. To decide what to do with it all, a Disposition Commission was established at the May 2020 business meeting. It will decide what to keep for historic preservation, what is surplus to dispose of to members, and what to offer the general population. We have a number of Timesaver-style modules on hand from the Miller estate, so if your division or other NMRA-related organization could use one, let us know. Depending on what the Disposition Commission decides, we may be able to make one available.

The Miller estate included the framework for a portable modular layout about 10' square. We've confirmed we'll retain that and plan to one day build it out so that we have a layout conducive to operations, yet small enough to be portable and easy to set up. Such work will require some easing of pandemic restrictions.

**For Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 17, 2020**

To: Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA

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

Date: May 1, 2020

Subject: FVD Report for Spring 2020 MWR BoD Meeting, May 2020

Activities since Last Board Meeting:

- Since the last MWR Board meeting, the Fox Valley Division continued our 2019-2020 season with monthly member meetings at the Gary Morava Recreation Center, Prospect Heights, IL, through February. The COVID-19 health restrictions were implemented in the State of Illinois in early March. As a result, the FVD Board cancelled all remaining meetings for the season along with our planned summer outing.
- The Division continued the bi-monthly promotion of the NMRA and our division at the Great Midwest Train Show (aka the DuPage swap) hosting the info table in December and February. Dates since then have been cancelled again due to the COVID-19 health restrictions as the fairgrounds were closed to all activities until further notice.
- We had our display board and NMRA membership info along with our Thomas the Tank Engine themed layout at the Great Train Show at the fairgrounds in Grayslake, IL, on December 28 and 29, 2019. Attendance was about 5,500. Many multi-generational family members noted attended.

Planned Activities

- We plan to re-start our monthly meeting/event activities in September 2020, pending no further extensions of the COVID-19 restrictions. The proposed dates for our 2020-2021 'season' were approved by the Prospect Heights, Park District administration, albeit with an increase of \$5 per hour.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael L. Hirvela  
Superintendent,  
Fox Valley Division

## Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2020 Division Director Report

To: Board of Directors  
 From: Ken Mosny, RRVD Superintendent  
 Date: 5/1/2020  
 Subject: RRVD report

### Activities since Last Board Meeting

**November 10 & 11, 2019, Trains at the Discovery Center** The RRVD partnered with the Discovery Center, 711 North Main Street in Rockford, on Sunday November 10 and Monday November 11 for an interactive program for the kids including building toy trains. We were there with the Rockford Route and James DeVoe's 'Thomas' layout.

**November 10 & 17, 2019, 9am - 5 pm, Home Layout Tours** Once again, local model railroaders opened their homes for visits to their personal model railroads.

**November 16, 2019, Rockford Police District One Station community room, 1045 W State St, Rockford, IL** We hosted a neighborhood Kid's train show cosponsored with the Rockford Police Department. It featured an interactive program with building toy trains, railroad safety, Legos, weathering cars and more.

**November 22 & 23, 2019, Winnebago Public Library, 210 N. Elida Street, Winnebago, IL** Some of our RRVD members hosted a train show with operating layouts.

**December 1, 2019 Midway Village Museum** Annual RRVD garage sale.

**December 14, 2019, Katie's Cup 502 7th Street, Rockford, IL** The RRVD partnered to present a neighborhood Kid's train show with operating trains cosponsored with Katie's Cup coffee shop.

**December 14, 2019, Capron Lions Park, 249 E North St, Capron, IL** The Rockford Route was at the Capron Lions Train Show, a community train show with operating trains and holiday displays.

**December 26, 2019 through January 12, 2020 Nicholas Conservatory** In cooperation with the operating Christmas trains running throughout the conservatory, the RRVD displayed in the lobby operating model trains and static displays.

**January 5, 2020, Lino's Pizza and Italian Restaurant** The Rock River Valley Division hosted a Holiday Dinner again this year free to all members.

**January 5, February 2, March 1, 2020 regular monthly Meets** Program included clinics, contests, layout tours, socialization and sometimes food.

**February 16, 2020, YOUTH MODEL RAILROAD FEST, Discovery Center Museum Center, 711 N. Main St., Rockford, IL** This was a kick off meeting to form a model railroading group for kids ages eight to teens. This was a parent child activity to introduce kids to the life long hobby of model railroading. Model Railroading isn't just playing with trains but builds a broad range of skills from art, peer socialization, operations and engineering to electronics and computers.

### Planned Activities

All remaining mid-March through July in person events are canceled due to the pandemic. The RRVD is exploring internet based events. Calendar for Fall is not known.

## Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2020 Division Director Report

To: Board of Directors

From: Patrick Golden, Superintendent, DuPage Division

Date: 5-10-20

Subject: Division Activities

### Activities since Last Board Meeting

- The DuPage Division held a regular Division meeting on December 1, 2019 which was also the day of our catered Annual Holiday Luncheon. With spouses invited attendance was approximately 50.

The contest was the annual photograph spectacular featuring model and prototype photos. This year's contest also featured a special section on photos of the Union Pacific Big Boy steam locomotive #4014 that toured the Midwest and made a three-day stop in West Chicago on the old Chicago and North Western rails in late July 2019.

- A regular Division meeting was held on January 5, 2020. The presentation was on switch machines and was presented by Rob Schiavone. The contest was locomotives built for or assigned to switching duties and included road switchers.
- A regular Division meeting was held on February 2, 2020. The presentation was on detailing a boxcar and was presented by George Toman. The contest was open loads for all types of cars.
- A regular Division meeting was held on March 1, 2020. The presentation was on layout command control and was presented by Paul Wussow. The contest was the "all categories extravaganza" and featured locomotives, cars, buildings and scenic vistas.

The March meeting also featured an election for the positions of Assistant Superintendent and Paymaster. Both incumbents chose to seek office again and were reelected by a unanimous vote by those present.

- Assistant Superintendent – Ray Gerlich
- Paymaster – Kim Schlytter
- A DuPage Division Board of Directors meeting was held on January 5, 2020 and again on March 1, 2020.

### Planned Activities

The DuPage Division's 39<sup>th</sup> annual All American Railroad Show, a one-day exhibit of modular operating layouts open to the public was scheduled for Saturday, March 21, 2020 but was cancelled at the last minute due to the coronavirus outbreak. This show is co-sponsored by the DuPage Division and Lyons Township High School and is held at the Lyons Township High School Fieldhouse in LaGrange, IL.

The show serves as the DuPage Division's sole fundraiser and typically attracts 30 exhibitors and 1,800 visitors.

Regular Division meetings were planned for April 5, 2020 and May 3, 2020 but those too were cancelled due to the outbreak and closure of most gatherings. The April meeting was to feature layout tours to three member layouts.

A tentative Board of Directors meeting scheduled for May 3, 2020 has also been cancelled.

A June 2020 group social outing to "somewhere" has also been cancelled.



**Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2020**

To: Board of Directors

From: Paul Mangan

Date: April 30, 2020

Subject: Regional Advisory Council Report

Activities since Last Board Meeting

No Activity\_ since last meeting

Planned Activities

**Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2020  
New Business Report**

To: Board of Directors  
From: Paul Mangan  
Date: 04/30/2020  
Subject: Past Presidents Report

Activities since Last Board Meeting

11/9/2019 / 11/10/2019 Attended Train Fest 2019 in Milwaukee with Madison HoTrak

12/15/2019 Set up and ran G - scale trains at Olbrich Gardens for their Holiday  
The Wisconsin Garden Railway Society puts this train show on each Holiday  
season. We also welcomed the SCWD Youth Group.

01/05/2020 Participated in the yearly SCWD Rail School event.

02/ 14 – 16/ 2020 Participated in the SCWD’s Mad City Model Railroad Show and Sale.  
After 13 years of volunteer coordinating another member took the position  
and I have been moved to office staff.

Planned Activities

Planning on working with train show committee in Madison as in the past.  
If the Virus goes away I plan on attending the MWR Board meetings and fall  
Programs when they happen.

**Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2020  
BOD Officer Report**

To: Board of Directors  
From: Bob McGeever  
Date: May 24, 2020  
Subject: Clerks Report

Activities since Last Board Meeting

September 2019 – Started six-part clinic for SCWD Youth Group on basic hard-shell scenery techniques covering the use of plaster gauze, ground goop, cork roadbed, ballasting track, water effects, ground foams and static grass. All to be done on a 4-foot square diorama. Parts 4 to 6 cancelled due to the virus.

November 2019 - Attended Trainfest in Milwaukee to staff advance ticket sales booth for SCWD train show.

December 2019 - Annual SCWD Youth Group trip Olbrich Gardens for G scale train show.

January 2020 – Live clinic at SCWD Rail School on how to make deciduous trees using a variety of trunk materials, Super Trees for branches, Noch and Scenic Express leaf materials.

February 2020 – Show runner for 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Mad City Model Railroad Show and Sale. First time the show had on-line ticket sales and could except credit cards. Attendance up about 25% compared to 2019 show. During February 2019 Madison had a flu epidemic in process. Folks were encouraged to stay home and avoid crowds. I am concerned that the attendance at the 2019 show was a dress rehearsal for the upcoming 2021 show.

March 2020 – One week after the Division meeting, all SCWD activities canceled until September 2020.

Planned Activities

June 2020 – Start work on 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Mad City Model Railroad Show and Sale. Will be contacting vendors and exhibitors.

Fall 2020 – Present clinic to the SCWD on how to use JMRI Panel Pro to create a “pull system” operations plan for a layout.

**May 25, 2020**

**Treasurer's Report**

Attached for your information are income statement and balance sheet information for full year calendar 2019 and April 2020 year-to-date periods. A comparison to prior year performance is included.

Total 2019 revenues were \$7,598 with net loss of \$(3,472) as a result of seed money extended for three events: (1) Michiana Division "Training" Event - \$1,000; (2) MWR Convention Peoria Rocket - \$2,000; and (3) Indy Junction 2022 - \$1,500. December 31, 2019 year-end cash balance was \$44,296, a decrease of 5.0% from prior year.

Year-to-date April 2020 revenues totaled \$2,951, up 16.7% vs. prior year with net income of \$834, which was 50.1% favorable versus last year. April 30, 2020 cash balance was \$44,720, down 5.2% versus last year.

Respectfully,

Keith A. Thomsen  
Treasurer

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Accrual Basis

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

	Jan - Dec 19	Jan - Dec 18	\$ Change	% Change
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>				
<b>Income</b>				
<b>Convention Income</b>	2,229.00	2,342.19	-113.19	-4.8%
<b>NMRA</b>				
Revenue Sharing	2,488.00	2,573.00	-85.00	-3.3%
Subscriptions	2,861.08	3,320.76	-439.68	-13.2%
<b>Total NMRA</b>	5,369.08	5,893.76	-524.68	-8.9%
<b>Waybill Revenue</b>				
Advertising	0.00	35.00	-35.00	-100.0%
<b>Total Waybill Revenue</b>	0.00	35.00	-35.00	-100.0%
<b>Total Income</b>	7,598.08	8,270.95	-672.87	-8.1%
<b>Expense</b>				
<b>Convention Expenses</b>				
Awards	229.00	373.90	-144.90	-38.8%
Judges	0.00	165.00	-165.00	-100.0%
Seed Grant	4,500.00	0.00	4,500.00	100.0%
<b>Total Convention Expenses</b>	4,729.00	538.90	4,190.10	777.5%
<b>NMRA Rebate</b>				
Rebate to Divisions	2,488.00	2,573.00	-85.00	-3.3%
<b>Total NMRA Rebate</b>	2,488.00	2,573.00	-85.00	-3.3%
<b>Overhead Expenses</b>				
Achievement Program	101.08	151.70	-50.62	-33.4%
Board of Directors	105.00	426.00	-321.00	-75.4%
Treasurer	284.81	0.00	284.81	100.0%
Web	299.43	620.58	-321.15	-51.8%
<b>Total Overhead Expenses</b>	790.32	1,198.28	-407.96	-34.1%
<b>Waybill</b>				
Editor	0.00	49.49	-49.49	-100.0%
Postage	725.34	356.01	369.33	103.7%
Printing	2,337.01	1,081.11	1,255.90	116.2%
Software	0.00	311.70	-311.70	-100.0%
<b>Total Waybill</b>	3,062.35	1,798.31	1,264.04	70.3%
<b>Total Expense</b>	11,069.67	6,108.49	4,961.18	81.2%
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	-3,471.59	2,162.46	-5,634.05	-260.5%
<b>Net Income</b>	-3,471.59	2,162.46	-5,634.05	-260.5%

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05/25/20  
Accrual Basis

**Midwest Region NMRA**  
**Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison**  
As of December 31, 2019

	Dec 31, 19	Dec 31, 18	\$ Change	% Change
<b>ASSETS</b>				
<b>Current Assets</b>				
Checking/Savings				
Checking				
BMO Harris Checking	44,296.40	46,610.70	-2,314.30	-5.0%
Total Checking	44,296.40	46,610.70	-2,314.30	-5.0%
Total Checking/Savings	44,296.40	46,610.70	-2,314.30	-5.0%
Accounts Receivable				
Accounts receivable				
NMRA Receivables	135.08	248.11	-113.03	-45.6%
Total Accounts receivable	135.08	248.11	-113.03	-45.6%
Total Accounts Receivable	135.08	248.11	-113.03	-45.6%
Total Current Assets	44,431.48	46,858.81	-2,427.33	-5.2%
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>44,431.48</b>	<b>46,858.81</b>	<b>-2,427.33</b>	<b>-5.2%</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>				
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Current Liabilities				
Accounts Payable	1,044.26	0.00	1,044.26	100.0%
Total Current Liabilities	1,044.26	0.00	1,044.26	100.0%
Total Liabilities	1,044.26	0.00	1,044.26	100.0%
<b>Equity</b>				
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	7,295.62	7,295.62	0.00	0.0%
Unrestrict (retained earnings)	22,739.57	20,577.11	2,162.46	10.5%
Net Income	-3,471.59	2,162.46	-5,634.05	-260.5%
Total Equity	43,387.22	46,858.81	-3,471.59	-7.4%
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>44,431.48</b>	<b>46,858.81</b>	<b>-2,427.33</b>	<b>-5.2%</b>

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**Midwest Region NMRA  
Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison  
January through April 2020**

	Jan - Apr 20	Jan - Apr 19	\$ Change	% Change
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>				
<b>Income</b>				
<b>NMRA</b>				
Revenue Sharing	1,219.00	1,259.00	-40.00	-3.2%
Subscriptions	1,732.02	1,269.91	462.11	36.4%
<b>Total NMRA</b>	<u>2,951.02</u>	<u>2,528.91</u>	<u>422.11</u>	<u>16.7%</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	2,951.02	2,528.91	422.11	16.7%
<b>Expense</b>				
<b>NMRA Rebate</b>				
Rebate to Divisions	1,219.00	1,259.00	-40.00	-3.2%
<b>Total NMRA Rebate</b>	1,219.00	1,259.00	-40.00	-3.2%
<b>Waybill</b>				
Postage	217.44	162.80	54.64	33.6%
Printing	680.71	551.69	129.02	23.4%
<b>Total Waybill</b>	<u>898.15</u>	<u>714.49</u>	<u>183.66</u>	<u>25.7%</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	2,117.15	1,973.49	143.66	7.3%
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<u>833.87</u>	<u>555.42</u>	<u>278.45</u>	<u>50.1%</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u><u>833.87</u></u>	<u><u>555.42</u></u>	<u><u>278.45</u></u>	<u><u>50.1%</u></u>

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**Midwest Region NMRA**  
**Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison**  
As of April 30, 2020

	Apr 30, 20	Apr 30, 19	\$ Change	% Change
<b>ASSETS</b>				
<b>Current Assets</b>				
<b>Checking/Savings</b>				
<b>Checking</b>				
BMO Harris Checking	44,719.63	47,150.99	-2,431.36	-5.2%
<b>Total Checking</b>	44,719.63	47,150.99	-2,431.36	-5.2%
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	44,719.63	47,150.99	-2,431.36	-5.2%
<b>Accounts Receivable</b>				
<b>Accounts receivable</b>				
NMRA Receivables	720.46	263.24	457.22	173.7%
<b>Total Accounts receivable</b>	720.46	263.24	457.22	173.7%
<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>	720.46	263.24	457.22	173.7%
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	45,440.09	47,414.23	-1,974.14	-4.2%
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>45,440.09</b>	<b>47,414.23</b>	<b>-1,974.14</b>	<b>-4.2%</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>				
<b>Liabilities</b>				
<b>Current Liabilities</b>				
<b>Accounts Payable</b>				
Accounts payable	1,219.00	0.00	1,219.00	100.0%
<b>Total Accounts Payable</b>	1,219.00	0.00	1,219.00	100.0%
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	1,219.00	0.00	1,219.00	100.0%
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	1,219.00	0.00	1,219.00	100.0%
<b>Equity</b>				
<b>Opening Bal Equity</b>	16,823.62	16,823.62	0.00	0.0%
<b>Permanently Restricted Funds</b>				
Moskal Award Funds	165.20	165.20	0.00	0.0%
Youth Program Funds	7,130.42	7,130.42	0.00	0.0%
<b>Total Permanently Restricted Funds</b>	7,295.62	7,295.62	0.00	0.0%
<b>Unrestrict (retained earnings)</b>	19,267.98	22,739.57	-3,471.59	-15.3%
<b>Net Income</b>	833.87	555.42	278.45	50.1%
<b>Total Equity</b>	44,221.09	47,414.23	-3,193.14	-6.7%
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>45,440.09</b>	<b>47,414.23</b>	<b>-1,974.14</b>	<b>-4.2%</b>



**Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2020  
New Business Report**

To: Board of Directors

From: Reid Kahrs

Date: May 15,2020

Subject: Vice President

Activities since Last Board Meeting

As Vice President there have not been activities since last BOD meeting, other than working with President Studley

Planned Activities

## Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2020 BOD Officer Report

To: Board of Directors  
 From: Steve Studley  
 Date: May 13, 2020  
 Subject: President's Report

### Activities since Last Board Meeting

Nov. 16, 2019      Attended CID Danville Train Show, Danville, IN  
 Jan. 26, 2020      Attended CID Noblesville Meet and Train Show, Noblesville, IN  
 Feb. 8, 2020      Attended Great Train Show, CID/NMRA Booth, Indianapolis, IN

### ***The following events were cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic***

*Mar. 28-29, 2020      Attend ITD Lincoln Square Train Show*  
*Apr. 4, 2020          Attend CID Indy Spring Train Show and Members' Meeting*  
*Apr. 18, 2020        Attend CID Layout Tour*  
*May 2, 2020          Attend CID Modelers Meet*  
*May 15-17, 2020     Attend MWR Peoria Rocket 2020, Peoria, IL*  
*May 17, 2020        Attend MWR BoD Meeting, Peoria, IL*

To replace some of the above meetings I attended several Zoom-based video conference meetings for the CID and Michiana Divisions. Although not the same as being there in-person, it's better than no model railroading interaction.

### Planned Activities

July 12-18, 2020      **CANCELLED** - Attend NMRA National Convention and National Train Show  
 Aug. 1, 2020          Attend Train Day at Terre Haute, IN, Children's Museum  
 Sept. 12, 2020        Attend Columbus Area Train Show and Swap Meet, Columbus, IN  
 Oct. 4, 2020          Attend MWR BoD Meeting, VFW Hall, Loves Park (Rockford), IL  
 Oct. 10-15, 2020      Attend *Indy Junction 2022* meeting at NCR regional convention, Toledo, OH

**Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2020  
New Business Report**

To: Board of Directors  
From: Reid Kahrs  
Date: May 15, 2020  
Subject: Convention Committee

Activities since Last Board Meeting

For a report on Peoria Rocket 2020 convention see convention Chairman Michael Shockley's report.

For a report on the 2021 convention, host division RRVD, see report by Chairman Marty Hendrickx

A number of e-mails have been exchanged in regards to the Indy Junction 2022 convention, as planning continues. The convention Chairman is Dave Capron of NCR (North Central Region). The next in person committee meeting will be held in Toledo, Ohio on October 15-18, 2020 at the Black Swamp Junction convention.

Planned Activities

The MWR is possibly looking for a host Division for the 2023 convention, I have not heard if the committee for the Peoria Rocket will host the MWR convention in 2023.

Peoria Rocket 2020--Final Report

Michael Shockley—Cochair—IVD—secured the hotel and coordinated clinics/clinicians.

Larry Tschopp —Cochair—ITD—coordinated all the advertising and non-rail activities--amazing

Ken Burr—Treasurer—IVD—detail oriented, extraordinary record keeper—great asset

Jim Tatum—IVD Superintendent/Webmaster—problem solver, Webex provider

John Moore—Registrar/Webmaster—IVD—lots of background research on the Peoria Rocket name

Dave Hawkey—IVD—coordinated all of the layout tours and operating sessions

Pamm and Dan Monaghan—IVD—Keynote Speaker Wranglers, Room Hosts and Clinicians

Jeff Trimble—IVD—Writing the Program Guide—would have been a masterpiece.

Mike Lehman—ITD—hammered out the Registration Form with Dave Hawkey

Jeremy Bubb—IVD—Soliciting door prizes

Andy Seaton—designed logo—nonmember but we continue pound him into submitting (membership)

Other volunteers, no less needed or valuable:

Alan Saatkamp, MMR	Minton Dings, MMR	Ron Miller
Randy Sommer	Paul Heinz	Mike Yurjec
Mike Illuzzi	Fran Shockley	Dave Swett
Pete Cates	Buzz Swett	Allen Byrne

Layouts:

Op Sessions info: 6 layouts(in Urbana, Monticello, McLean, Dunlap, Metamora, Normal)

Scale: HOn3x2, HOx4

11 sessions, 1+2+4+2+1+1

Tour info:

8 layouts (in Aledo(club), Alexis(club), Hopewell, Chillicothe, McLean, East Peoria, Chatham, Mineral)

Scale: Nx2, HOx5, HOn3x1

12 Tours: 1+1+3+1+1+2+1+2

Tours were pending but NOT confirmed on 2 layouts (1 club, 1 home)

Twenty-two clinicians were scheduled for two rooms for Friday and Saturday from 830 AM to 4 PM. We decided on 50 minute clinics with 15 minutes between. Some clinicians were back to back in order to completely cover their topic. We were scheduled to end a little later Friday than Saturday. Clinicians ranged from 15 to 90 in age and 0-350 miles travelled. There were five clinicians on call in case of a last minute cancellation. A Region-wide appeal led to a deluge of offers of people to do clinics and we filled the time slots without much difficulty.

Hotel was a Holiday Inn and Suites, independently owned. The ballroom was divisible into quarters that were lockable by hotel security. Two were for the clinics, one for contest, and one for the Linus Project. The plan was to have the rooms set up for the banquet already as there wouldn't be enough time to set up tables from the end of the clinics to the start of the banquet. The chairs were in a crescent arrangement for the clinics—all placed on one side of the round tables. There was a fifth room for registration and then for the MWR BOD meeting Sunday morning.

Advertising was sent to all Region and Division websites. Bordering Regions and Divisions were notified as well as RailServe. Trainboard was suggested but didn't advertise conventions, only for-sale items. The major hobby magazines were used where free for about twelve months prior and the two months prior to the convention where the ads would cost (MR and RMC).

Two non-rail activities were planned—a cooking class and an oil painting class.

Shirts, hats and patches were designed and were to be ordered by individuals with no minimum quantity from Fully Promoted, a Peoria embroidery shop. A website was in process for ordering and shipping. A polo shirt was 30 dollars, with no profit-sharing with the Region or Division.

2020 Convention Budget and Actual Income & Expenses							
August 25, 2014 updated 5/9/2020							
Category (Note 1)	Subcategory (Note 2)	Budget			Actual		Notes
		Unit Amt	Quantity	Total	Quantity	Total	
<b>Expenses</b>							
Speaker(s)	Rooms			0.00		0.00	
	Transportation			0.00		0.00	
	Miscellaneous (Note 3)			0.00		0.00	website hosting \$35
	Subtotal			0.00		0.00	
Advertising	NMRA Magazine			0.00		0.00	
	Direct Mail			100.00		0.00	MRH
	Flyers			100.00		0.00	MR
	Miscellaneous (Note 3)			0.00		0.00	podcasts
	Subtotal			200.00		337.00	Hotel No money spent
Banquet/Brunch	Facilities			0.00		0.00	Larry Tschopp
	Food			5,000.00		0.00	The Cookery - Hands on Cooking F \$100
	Bar			0.00		0.00	As per contract we lose deposit if cancel not if reschedule
	Miscellaneous (Note 3)			0.00		0.00	No "open" bar
	Subtotal			5,000.00		0.00	The Hive Mobil Art Studio - painting \$0
Door Prizes				0.00		0.00	Deposit due April 15 - \$250 or later date if reschedule
Tour Costs	Prototype Tour #1			0.00		0.00	Total Advertising Expenses - Peoria Rocket 2020 Convention
	Prototype Tour #2			0.00		0.00	Model Railroader Magazine - two issues \$70.00
	Layout Tour Maps			100.00		0.00	Railserv.com listing - continuous \$49.00
	Layout Tour Signs			100.00		0.00	If not in Convention Program Fed Ex - print 270 Hobby Shop Flyers \$183.41
	Miscellaneous (Note 3)			0.00		0.00	Postage - N \$35.58
	Subtotal			200.00		0.00	Total \$337.99
Clinic Costs	Extra Fare Clinic #1			0.00		0.00	Mike Shockley
	Extra Fare Clinic #2			0.00		0.00	Samples of shirts, hat, patches \$133.00
	Miscellaneous (Note 3)			0.00		0.00	flyers for convention advertising at train shows \$72.00
	Subtotal			0.00		0.00	Total \$205.00
Facilities	Clinic Rooms			0.00		0.00	Treasurer Kenneth Burr
	Contest Room			0.00		0.00	see attached pdf
	Annual Mtg Room			0.00		0.00	Robert Lally returned his refund check (40 dollars) as a donation to the convention
	Board Mtg Room			0.00		0.00	
	Miscellaneous (Note 3)			0.00		0.00	
	Subtotal			0.00		0.00	
Non-Rail	Clinic Room			0.00		0.00	
	Materials			0.00		0.00	
	Non-Rail Program			0.00		100.00	If not in Convention Program
	Transportation			0.00		0.00	
	Tour Tickets			0.00		0.00	
	Miscellaneous (Note 3)			0.00		0.00	
	Subtotal			0.00		100.00	
Registration	Convention Program			100.00		0.00	
	Name Tags			50.00		0.00	
	Signs in Hotel			100.00		0.00	
	Miscellaneous (Note 3)			0.00		0.00	
	Subtotal			250.00		0.00	
Rail Pass Fee		19.95		0.00		0.00	
Miscellaneous (Note 3)				0.00		0.00	
	Total Expenses			5,650.00		437.00	
<b>Income</b>							
Registrations	Pre-Convention Early Fare						
	Rail: Member	50.00	120	6,000.00		0.00	
	Rail: Non-Member	65.00		0.00		0.00	
	Non-Rail	25.00		0.00		0.00	
	Pre-Convention Full Fare						
	Rail: Member	65.00		0.00		0.00	
	Rail: Non-Member	80.00		0.00		0.00	



## CONVENTION TREASURER'S REPORT 5-7-2020

<b>Date</b>	<b>Income</b>					<b>Expenses</b>		
	<b>Item</b>	<b>Order</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>CLEARED?</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Balance</b>
11/22/19			\$0.00				\$0.00	\$0.00
11/22/19	Ken Burr cash donation \$5 for required savings account							
11/22/19	Ken Burr registration, check # 4821	<b>1</b>	\$60.00					\$60.00
12/04/19	Shockley, registration Check # 4366, #4376	<b>2</b>	\$100.00					\$160.00
12/04/19	Larry & Carolin Tschopp, check #4086	<b>3</b>	\$170.00					\$330.00
12/13/19	Margaret Shearer, Registration, check#4641 (1 /	<b>4</b>	\$60.00					\$390.00
12/13/19	erry Shearer, registration, check #4641 (1 / 2)	<b>5</b>	\$60.00					\$450.00
12/13/19	NMRA "Convention Seed Money", check # 1950		\$2,000.00					\$2,450.00
12/16/19	Brian & Diane Krupicka, check # 1685	<b>6</b>	\$110.00					\$2,560.00



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				YES	12/19/19	reimbursement ads, flyers, check #1001	-\$337.99	\$2,222.01
				YES	12/19/19	Larry Tschopp, reimbursement deposit cooking class check #1002	-\$100.00	\$2,122.01
01/06/20						Michael Shockley, reimbursement copying expenses, check #1003	-\$72.11	\$2,049.90
01/09/20	David Nelson, check #6730	<b>7</b>	\$60.00					\$2,109.90
01/17/20	Atkinson + Sherri Backemeyer, check 3564	<b>8</b>	\$280.00					\$2,389.90
01/27/20	Ron Scharping, check #7813	<b>9</b>	\$60.00					\$2,449.90
01/27/20	Calvin Roesner, check #1528	<b>10</b>	\$60.00					\$2,509.90
01/27/20	Robert Knobbe, check # 20253	<b>11</b>	\$60.00					\$2,569.90
01/27/20	Kevin Feeney, check #5396	<b>12</b>	\$60.00					\$2,629.90
01/27/20	Charles Malinowski, check #1109	<b>13</b>	\$60.00					\$2,689.90
01/29/20	Buzz Swett, check # 1046	<b>14</b>	\$170.00					\$2,859.90
01/30/20	Michael Hirvela, check # 3321	<b>15</b>	\$60.00					\$2,919.90
02/05/20	Alan Saatkamp, check # 479	<b>16</b>	\$60.00					\$2,979.90
02/07/20	Larry Cich, check #9335	<b>17</b>	\$100.00					\$3,079.90

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02/07/20	Owen Byrne, check #9632	<b>18</b>	\$60.00					\$3,139.90
02/08/20	Allen Byrne, check #9632	<b>19</b>	\$60.00					\$3,199.90
02/10/20	Jim Tatum, check #2520	<b>20</b>	\$60.00					\$3,259.90
02/10/20	Lou Venema, check #3271	<b>21</b>	\$100.00					\$3,359.90
				YES	02/12/20	Jim Tatum, reimbursement, web hosting. Check # 1004	<b>-\$15.00</b>	\$3,344.90
02/14/20	Jim Allen, check # 9041	<b>22</b>	\$60.00					\$3,404.90
02/14/20	Carole Zimmer, check #1085	<b>23</b>	\$100.00					\$3,504.90
02/15/20	John Moore, check # 1737	<b>24</b>	\$60.00					\$3,564.90
02/15/20	Eric Peterson, check # 1323	<b>25</b>	\$60.00					\$3,624.90
02/20/20	Bill White, check # 3758	<b>26</b>	\$40.00					\$3,664.90
02/21/20	Dan,Pamm Monaghan, check # 2031	<b>27</b>	\$100.00					\$3,764.90
02/21/20	Michael Illuzzi, check #13385	<b>28</b>	\$60.00					\$3,824.90
02/28/20	Paul Mangan, check # 2162	<b>29</b>	\$100.00					\$3,924.90
02/29/20	John Haverberg, check # 4318	<b>30</b>	\$100.00					\$4,024.90
03/02/20	Gary Children, check #6151	<b>31</b>	\$60.00					\$4,084.90

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03/02/20	Robert Lally, check # 5274	<b>32</b>	\$40.00					\$4,124.90
03/02/20	Gary Baker, check # 4424	<b>33</b>	\$60.00					\$4,184.90
03/04/20	Dave Hawkey, check # 6313	<b>34</b>	\$100.00					\$4,284.90
03/04/20	Charles Malinowski, duplicate, check #1114, for future registrant		\$60.00					\$4,344.90
03/06/20	Greg Moe, check # 6526	<b>35</b>	\$60.00					\$4,404.90
03/11/20	Martin Hendrickx, check #2182	<b>36</b>	\$60.00					\$4,464.90
03/13/20	Ken Mosny, check #11902	<b>37</b>	\$60.00					\$4,524.90
03/21/20	balance verified by bank statement							\$4,524.90
		<b>2</b>		YES	03/22/20	refund Michael Shockley, check # 1005	-\$100.00	\$4,424.90
		<b>3</b>		YES	03/22/20	refund Larry Tschop, check # 1006	-\$170.00	\$4,254.90
		<b>4,5</b>		YES	03/22/20	refund Terry Shearer, check # 1007	-\$120.00	\$4,134.90
		<b>6</b>		YES	03/22/20	refund, Brian Krupicka, check # 1008	-\$110.00	\$4,024.90
		<b>7</b>		YES	03/23/20	refund, David Nelson, check #1009	-\$60.00	\$3,964.90

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		<b>8</b>		YES	03/23/20	refund, Newman Atkinson, check # 1010	-\$280.00	\$3,684.90
		<b>9</b>		YES	03/23/20	refund, Ronald Scharping, check # 1011	-\$60.00	\$3,624.90
		<b>10</b>		YES	03/23/20	refund, Calvin Roesner, check # 1012	-\$60.00	\$3,564.90
		<b>11</b>		YES	03/23/20	refund, Robert Knobbe, check # 1013	-\$60.00	\$3,504.90
		<b>12</b>		YES	03/23/20	refund, Kevin Feeney, check # 1014	-\$60.00	\$3,444.90
		<b>13</b>		YES	03/23/20	refund, Charles Malinowski, check # 1015	-\$60.00	\$3,384.90
		<b>14</b>		YES	03/23/20	refund, Linda Swett, check # 1016	-\$170.00	\$3,214.90
		<b>15</b>		YES	03/23/20	refund, Michael Hirvela, check #1017	-\$60.00	\$3,154.90
		<b>16</b>		YES	03/23/20	refund, Alan Saatkamp, check # 1018	-\$60.00	\$3,094.90
		<b>17</b>		YES	03/23/20	refund, Larry Cich, check # 1019	-\$100.00	\$2,994.90
		<b>18,19</b>		YES	03/23/20	refund, Owen Byrne, check # 1020	-\$120.00	\$2,874.90
		<b>20</b>		YES	03/23/20	refund, Jim Tatum, check # 1021	-\$60.00	\$2,814.90
		<b>21</b>		YES	03/23/20	refund, Lou Venema, check # 1022	-\$100.00	\$2,714.90

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		<b>22</b>		YES	03/23/20	refund, Jim Allen, check #1023	-\$60.00	\$2,654.90
		<b>23</b>		YES	03/23/20	refund, Carole Zimmer, check # 1024	-\$100.00	\$2,554.90
		<b>24</b>		YES	03/23/20	refund, John Moore, check #1025	-\$60.00	\$2,494.90
		<b>25</b>		YES	03/23/20	refund, Eric Peterson, check # 1026	-\$60.00	\$2,434.90
		<b>26</b>		YES	03/23/20	refund, Bill White, check #1027	-\$40.00	\$2,394.90
		<b>27</b>		YES	03/23/20	refund, Dan,Pamm Monaghan, check #1028	-\$100.00	\$2,294.90
		<b>28</b>		YES	03/23/20	refund, Michael Illuzzi, check # 1029	-\$60.00	\$2,234.90
		<b>29</b>		YES	03/23/20	refund, Paul Mangan, check # 1030	-\$100.00	\$2,134.90
		<b>30</b>		YES	03/23/20	refund, Paul Haverberg, check # 1031	-\$100.00	\$2,034.90
		<b>31</b>		YES	03/23/20	refund, Gary Children, check # 1032	-\$60.00	\$1,974.90
		<b>32</b>		RETURNED BY LALLY 4/13/2020	03/23/20	refund, Robert Lally, check # 1033	-\$40.00	\$1,934.90
		<b>33</b>			03/23/20	refund, Gary Baker, check # 1034	-\$60.00	\$1,874.90
		<b>34</b>		YES	03/23/20	refund, Dave Hawkey, check #1035	-\$100.00	\$1,774.90

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		<b>duplicate registrati on</b>		YES	03/23/20	refund, Charles Malinowski, check # 1036	<b>-\$60.00</b>	\$1,714.90
		<b>35</b>		YES	03/23/20	refund, Gregor Moe, check # 1037	<b>-\$60.00</b>	\$1,654.90
		<b>36</b>		YES	03/23/20	refund, Martin Hendrickx, check # 1038	<b>-\$60.00</b>	\$1,594.90
		<b>37</b>		YES	03/23/20	refund, Ken Mosny, check # 1039	<b>-\$60.00</b>	\$1,534.90
				YES	03/23/20	reimbursement Mike Shockley, shirts, check #1040	<b>-\$132.98</b>	\$1,401.92
		<b>1</b>		YES	04/01/20	Kenneth Burr, refund, check # 1041	<b>-\$60.00</b>	\$1,341.92
				YES	04/01/20	Kenneth Burr, postage, check #1042	<b>-\$19.25</b>	\$1,322.67
				YES	04/01/20	HARLAND CLAR, additonal blank checks	<b>-\$14.65</b>	\$1,308.02
04/13/20	return of check #1033 by Robert Lally	<b>32</b>	\$40.00					\$1,348.02

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05/07/20	all checks cleared and reconciled with CEFCU							\$1,348.02
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**Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2020  
Committee Report**

To: Board of Directors  
From: Jim Osborn & Bert Lattan  
Date: February 12, 2020  
Subject: Election Committee Report

The ballots of the recent election were counted on February 12, 2020 by Election Committee members Jim Osborn and Bert Lattan.

The results of the voting are:

For Director-at-Large:	Jim Allen	93 votes	
	Eric Peterson	84 votes	
	Mike Roderick	75 votes	
	Gary Children	74 votes	
	Walt Herrick	68 votes	
	David P. Angus	1 vote	(DuPage Div. - Write-In)

The winners of the election are:

For Director-at-Large: Jim Allen, Fox Valley Division (Incumbent)  
Eric Peterson, Central Indiana Division (Incumbent)  
Mike Roderick, Central Indiana Division  
Gary Children, Wisconsin Southeastern Division

Balloting Summary:

Total Ballots Submitted	104	
Valid Ballots	103	
Invalid Ballots	1	(No name)
Possible Votes to Cast	412	(103 ballots x 4 candidates)
Votes Not Cast	17	

Respectively submitted,

Jim Osborn  
Bert Lattan



## Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2020 New Business Report

To: Board of Directors  
 From: Steve Studley  
 Date: May 14, 2020  
 Subject: NMRA At-Risk Persons Policy

### Activities since Last Board Meeting

During the winter meeting of the NMRA Board of Directors (BOD), a new policy was passed that has far-reaching consequences for many, if not all, of the Divisions in the MWR. The meaning of this new policy is that “no NMRA region or division is permitted to sponsor or undertake its own program aimed at at-risk persons.”

We will continue to have NMRA members who are at-risk persons. However, *a parent or legal guardian must be physically present and in visual contact with their at-risk person at all times at all NMRA activities.*

A copy of the policy is included below:

### **NMRA AT-RISK PERSONS POLICY**

The NMRA has developed a policy with regard to persons who are at-risk.

#### 1. Definitions

- a. NMRA shall mean the National Model Railroad Association and its internal organizations, the regions and divisions.
- b. At- risk persons are those persons under the age of the majority or those persons who have legal guardians.
- c. Programs are any formal or informal activity by an NMRA entity aimed at at-risk persons.
- d. Student Membership is a membership category in the NMRA is not a Program.
- e. A Legal Guardian Designation Affidavit is a document in which the parent or legal guardian:
  - i. States the name of the at-risk person;
  - ii. States the name of the legal guardian or parent;
  - iii. States the parent or legal guardian is designating a person as their legal designee able to make all decisions for the at-risk person;
  - iv. Acknowledges that the legal designee must be physically present with the at-risk person at all times.
  - v. The parent or legal guarding signs the document; and,
  - vi. Has the signature of the person or legal guardian notarized.

- f. Other organizations shall mean organizations other than the NMRA, its regions or divisions, such as, but not limited to, the Boy Scouts or 4H clubs.
2. The NMRA shall have no programs directed towards at-risk persons.
  3. Student members shall have a parent or legal guardian physically present with them at all NMRA activities at all times.
  4. Persons with legal guardians shall have a legal guardian physically present with them at all NMRA activities at all times.
  5. A parent or legal guardian may designate a person to be physically present at all times and responsible for the at-risk person by means of a Legal Guardian Designation Affidavit.
  6. The parent or legal guardian or designee authorized by means of the Legal Guardian Designation Affidavit who accompanies the at-risk person need not be a member of the NMRA but the person is entitled to and must be physically present with the at-risk person at all times regardless of the fact the person is not an NMRA member.
  7. The policy does not prohibit individual NMRA members from participating in programs or activities of other organizations directed at or with exposure to at-risk persons on their own initiative.  
April 29, 2020
  8. The policy encourages NMRA regions and divisions to provide material support (e.g. kits, tools, money) to the extent a region or division is able, to other organizations so those other organizations may operate their programs directed to at-risk persons. However, such material support shall not be deemed to be a NMRA program but donations to other organizations only.
  9. The policy permits the NMRA to publish requests for volunteers for railroad or model railroad related topics or activities by other organizations directed at or with exposure to at-risk persons. However, those volunteers must be directed to a contact person with the other organization.
  10. The NMRA shall not organize or direct or otherwise control persons who volunteer for other organizations.
  11. 100% NMRA Clubs are not a part of the NMRA or its regions and divisions. It is an insurance program to support model railroad clubs whose entire membership are NMRA members against personal injury lawsuits, only.

Adopted by NMRA BOD, March 7, 2020

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