

**Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA
Minutes of the Meeting on May 23, 2021**

Meeting held by Zoom video conference.

Meeting called to order at 1:00 PM 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:

John Coy 2021
Jim Landwehr 2021
Jerry Peterson 2021
Gary Children 2022
Eric Peterson 2022

Division Directors Present:

WISE Mike Slater
SCWD Phil Hottmann
WLD Phil Herman
IVD Jim Tatum
CID Dan Hinel
ITD Mike Lehman
FVD Michael Hirvela
RRVD Ken Mosny
DPD Patrick Golden
MID Greg Bueltmann

Guests: Jim Osborn (Zoom host), Minton Dings, Connie Coy, Ron Scharping, and Denis Zamirowski

Prior Meeting Minutes:

The minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held October 4, 2020 were reviewed.
Motion by E Peterson, second by J Coy to approve as presented.
Motion carried unanimously.

Reports

Committees

The Committee reports were reviewed.

Landwehr reported that the Achievement Program has been very active.

Mosny reported that the 2021 MWR convention was cancelled due to Covid complications.

E Peterson noted that the NCR was able to reschedule their convention. It will be in Toledo on Oct 21-24 2021.

Directors at Large

The DAL reports were reviewed.

Division Directors

The Division Director reports were reviewed.

BOD Officers

The BOD Officers reports were reviewed.

Motion by Mangan, second by Slater, to approve the Treasurer's report as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

Youth Fund Policy and Procedures document will be revised to align with new NMRA policy regards at risk individuals. The revision team will be Dings, Studley and McGeever.

Motion by Thomsen, second by Mangan, to continue cash reduction program.

Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Motion by Slater, second by J Peterson to accept the 2021 election results as reported by Osborn
Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Landwehr, second by Children to authorize Osborn to destroy the 2021 election ballots.
Motion carried unanimously

Motion by Hirvela, second by Landwehr to pay up to \$250 for a one year renewal of the Constant Contact service for the region.
Motion carried unanimously

Motion by Slater, second by Children to pay up to \$540 for a three year renewal of web hosting and email services from Blue Host.
Motion carried unanimously

The next MWR BOD meeting will be held at Trainfest in November of 2021.

Motion by McGeever, second by M Hirvela, to suspend the rules and postpone the Annual Meeting of the Members until fall of 2021 due to Covid complications. A Zoom meeting will be set up in September or October.
Motion carried unanimously

BOD discussed a request for matching funds from a Texas NMRA member regarding support for 16 year old autistic boy to build a layout. E Peterson to follow up with family regarding the need; S Studley to contact Texas NMRA member with advice to send any financial assistance he wanted to provide directly to youth's family.

The BOD is interested in a system to distribute Divisional newsletters to the BOD as they are published. Details to be worked out.

The status of the region business agent and annual reporting was reviewed. Paul Wussow will continue as the Business Agent with the State of Illinois. He will forward the annual report to McGeever for signature before it is filled with the state.

Review of the documents stored by Mangan will begin with the financial records.

Mosny reported that the RRVD was only refunded half the deposit with the caterer for the canceled 2021 convention.

Motion by Mangan, second by Children for the Region to reimburse the RRVD \$685, the balance of the deposit.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by McGeever, second by Slater, to spend up to \$175 for a copy of Nitro Pro software for incoming Secretary Connie Coy to use.

Motion carried unanimously.

J Coy abstained.

Appointments

New members of the BOD were seated per the 2021 election results by Studley.

McGeever chaired the balance of the meeting.

The list of committee chairs was reviewed and placed on file.

Motion by Slater, second by Mangan to approve the appointment of Connie Coy to be the MWR Secretary.

Motion carried unanimously

Announcements

Next BOD Meeting

Will be on Sunday November 14, 2021 at 1 PM CT at Trainfest in West Allis Wisconsin.

Next Meeting of the Members

A Zoom meeting will be set up on a weekend in September or October of 2021.

Motion by Slater, second by Children to adjourn the meeting.
Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by MWR Secretaries Bob McGeever and Connie Coy

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RRVD Ken Mosny
DPD Patrick Golden
MID Ron Christensen

Guests: Jim Osborn (Zoom host), David Leider, Marty Hendrickx, Phil Burnside, and Minton Dings

Prior Meeting Minutes:

The minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held May 31, 2020 were reviewed.
Motion by Slater, second by Coy to approve as presented.
Motion carried unanimously.

The minutes of the Meeting of the Members held May 31, 2020 were reviewed.
Motion by Landwehr, second by Coy to approve as presented.
Motion carried unanimously.

Reports

Committees

The Committee reports were reviewed and discussed.

We need a Chairperson for the Financial Review committee.
Youth Fund Policy and Procedures document will be revised to align with new NMRA policy regards at risk individuals. The revision team will be Dings, Studley and McGeever.

Directors at Large

The DAL reports were reviewed.

Division Directors

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BOD Officers

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Motion by Mangan, second by Children, to approve the Treasurer's report as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

Reduction of Cash Balance

Cash on hand reduced \$3,518 from prior year.

Motion by Thomsen, second by Roderick, to continue cash reduction program.

Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Youth Fund Reimbursement of ITD

Supporting documentation in Agenda Item 15 Youth Fund

Motion by Roderick, second by Slater, to reimburse the ITD \$568.68 from the Youth Fund for youth activity costs.

Motion carried unanimously.

2021 Spring Election Candidates

The Nominations Committee presented a slate of candidates for the Spring Elections.

Studley opened the floor to additional nominations for the Spring Elections. There were none.

Motion by Mangan, second by Roderick, to accept the slate of candidates as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

The slate of candidates for the 2021 Spring Election will be:

President	Bob McGeever
Vice President	Mike Hirvela
Director at Large	John Coy
Director at Large	Phillip Burnside
Director at Large	Jerry Peterson
Director at Large	James Landwehr

Regional Convention Update

Marty Hendrickx discussed the status of the May convention.

All plans are tentative because of Covid19 restrictions that may or may not be lifted in time for the convention.

Possibly a schedule will be posted on the web site by the end of the month.

Announcements

Next BOD Meeting

Tentatively planned for Sunday, May 23rd, 10 AM at the Regional Convention in Rockford.

Next Meeting of the Members

Tentatively planned for Friday, May 21st, during the banquet at the Regional Convention in Rockford.

Motion by Slater, second by Roderick to adjourn the meeting.
Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by MWR Secretary Bob McGeever

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2021

To: Board of Directors
From: Eric Peterson
Date: May 14, 2021
Subject: Clinic Clearing House

Activities since Last Board Meeting

We have distributed a format to each Division requesting clinic listing be returned to me and updated monthly. Currently we have listings for three divisions and information expected from the 4th in the near future.

I have provided the listing to the 2022 TriRegion convention group.

Planned Activities

Update the Regional clinic listing monthly with updates received from Divisions.

Continue to respond to requests for assistance identifying potential clinics for Regional and Division events.

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2021

To: Board of Directors
From: Reid Kahrs
Date: May 23, 2021
Subject: Convention Chairman

Activities since Last Board Meeting

On April 8, 2021 I attended an MWR Executive Committee zoom meeting to discuss the status of the MWR's 2021 convention to be hosted by the RRVD.

Because of continued scheduling uncertainties caused by the pandemic, the MWR Executive Committee voted to cancel the "Rockford Railway Convention" that was scheduled to be held September 16-19, 2021.

For a full report on the Rockford Railway Convention 2021 see the convention Chairman's report

Planned Activities

After over 15 years as Convention Chairman, I have asked not to continue to serve as Chairman.

I suggest that the MWR develop a standard registration form that could be used each year with only the convention dates, registration price, the registrars name and host division being changed. Currently each host division changes the layout of the registration form, but basically uses the same form with some subtle and cosmetic changes.

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2021

To: Board of Directors
From: Steve Studley
Date: May 13, 2021
Subject: *Indy Junction 2022* MWR 2022 Tri-Region Convention

Activities since Last Board Meeting

At the Kansas City National in 2018, Dave Capron, Bob Weinheimer, and myself, met to discuss the possibility of a multi-regional convention to be held in 2022. You'll remember this was the year the NMRA National was to have been held in England. The three of us agreed in principle with the understanding that it would be necessary to get the okay to go ahead with this from our respective Boards of Directors. MWR agreed with the proposal.

Each region was to have three directors on the committee for the convention. Dave Capron was Vice President of NCR, Bob Weinheimer was President of MCR, and myself was President of the MWR. There would also be two other directors from each Region. Serving from the MWR as directors were Mike Roderick, CID, and Reid Kahrs, WISE.

Over the past year, Dave Capron has resigned his position due to health problems and his position was filled by Scott Kremer, the former President of the NCR. Also, Reid and Chip Kahrs have resigned their positions on the committee and those positions have been filled by John and Connie Coy. Bob Weinheimer has also resigned his position after being elected to a National Board position. Dave Neff, NCR, has filled that position.

After the changes in personnel, we are once again actively planning the convention. We have had two recent virtual meetings and will meet in early June, in-person, at the site of the convention, the Marriott East in Indianapolis.

The convention will be four days in length and will offer typical activities found at other regional conventions – just more of them. There will be clinics, layout tours, operating sessions, prototype tours and a Non-Rail program.

As noted this will be hosted by three regions; North Central, Mid-Central, and Midwest. We are also pleased to announce that there will also be a full Railroad Prototype Modelers (RPM) meet at the convention.

Planning for this convention continues to move forward at a quick pace.

Planned Activities

June 5, 2021	On-site, in-person, meeting at the Marriott East, Indianapolis
May 18-21, 2022	<i>Indy Junction 2022</i>

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2021

To: Board of Directors
From: Eric Peterson
Date: May 14, 2021
Subject: Education Committee

Activities since Last Board Meeting

There is no separate activity concerning education beyond getting the Clinic Clearing House listing started.

CID "Track Talk" has continued to provide twice a month Zoom gatherings with many educational programs as well as informal exchange of help and tips. I have consulted with several other Divisions interested in doing Zoom gatherings. I have also presented clinics for other Divisions.

Planned Activities

I continue to be a resource to help individuals find answers to model railroad questions.

Additional O Scale module information exchange is expected within the O Scale Kings organization.

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2021

To: Board of Directors
From: Jim Osborn, Election Committee Chairman
Date: April 22, 2021
Subject: Election Committee Report

Activities since Last Board Meeting

- 1) Created the election ballot after the BoD approval of the candidate slate at the Fall 2020 BoD meeting per the Election Committee Policy and Procedure. The ballot was in both “paper” form for the *Waybill* and as an e-ballot as specified in the revised Election Policy & Procedure.
- 2) Forwarded the “paper” ballot and voting instruction for on-line voting to the *Waybill* editor for inclusion in the winter *Waybill* and launch the on-line e-ballot form.
- 3) Received and counted the ballots after the forthcoming election.
- 4) Prepared and distributed the Election Results report. The report is reprinted on page 2 of this report.

Planned Activities

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

To: Midwest Region NMRA Executive Committee

From: Jim Osborn & Bert Lattan

Date: February 4, 2021

Subject: Election Results

The ballots of the recent election were counted on February 4, 2020 by Election Committee members Jim Osborn and Bert Lattan.

The results of the voting are:

For President: Bob McGeever 192 votes
There were no write-in candidates

For Vice President: Michael Hirvela 192 votes
There were no write-in candidates

For Director-at-Large: Jim Landwehr 162 votes
John Coy 150 votes
Jerry Peterson 132 votes
Phillip Burnside 112 votes
There were no write-in candidates

The winners of the election are:

For President: Bob McGeever South Central Wisconsin Division
For Vice President: Michael Hirvela Fox Valley Division
For Director-at-Large: Jim Landwehr Fox Valley Division
John Coy Central Indiana Division
Jerry Peterson Michiana Division

Balloting Summary:

Total E-Ballots Received	167	
Total Paper Ballots Received	52	
Total Ballots Received	219	
Valid Ballots	195	
Invalid Ballots	4	Out of region or spoiled
Canceled Ballots	20	Members that voted twice
Votes not cast (under voted)	35	

Respectively submitted,

Jim Osborn
Bert Lattan

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2021

To: Board of Directors

From: Jim Osborn, Internet Committee Chm.

Date: April 22, 2021

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 lower typical session activity for this period of the year – no conventions?
- 3) The *Waybill* page had the most region traffic. Typical.

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) Hosted the Zoom October BoD meeting.
- 8) Managed the secure on-line voting form for the last election.
- 9) Assisted the Secretary with various web related documents
- 10) Assisted the SCWD web and email distribution team with the use of the Constant Contact email application.

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 June 2021.
- 5) Future expense of \$540 for 1/2 of 3 years of web hosting due 7/15/21.
- 6) Assist the Secretary and President with the expanded use of the Constant Contact application for the region.

Metric	April-Sept 2017	Oct-March 2018	April-Sept 2018	Oct-March 2019	April-Sept 2019	Oct-March 2020	April-Sept 2020	Oct-March 2021
Sessions	2219	3024	2427	3462	2364	3100	2043	2072
Users	1457	2085	1772	2454	1592	2138	1527	1487
Page Views	4435	5938	5176	6424	5924	5596	3719	4010
Content Viewed								
Home Page	1616	1715	1773	2014	1362	1685	1293	1143
Waybill	903	953	911	1151	921	1126	877	1162
Division Map	169	269	222	240	171	281	152	161
Conventions	241	290	276	472	294	279	93	213
DuPage Div.	369	1153	310	1118	269	1048	480	440
Contest Photos	157	73	196	97	1072	115	74	17
Minutes	40	64	49	48	22	19	85	31
About us	26	21	24	24	13	18	28	12
Clinic Resources	20	34	22	34	17	21	17	13
Elections	24	17	22	63	12	9	10	201
Contact us	12	30	41	35	29	18	14	13
Model Photos	107	126	82	97	63	41	36	44
Notices	103	144	150	202	94	93	72	69
Prototype Photos	26	45	26	38	18	19	10	12
Policies	52	72	29	23	13	20	15	27
Reg Officers	131	338	350	339	290	323	179	188
Address Change						New	28	49
Referrals From:								
Direct Entry	1304	1290	1252	1484	2364	1420	1023	1031
Organic Search							New	340
Referrals							New	134
Social				97	27	23	20	9
User Devices:								
Desktop	76%	70%	77%	68%	68%	67%	70%	68%
Mobile	15%	22%	15%	23%	23%	27%	25 %	27%
Tablet	9%	8%	8%	9%	9%	6%	5 %	5%

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2021

To: Board of Directors
 From: Ron Scharping
 Date: May 5, 2021
 Subject: Membership Coordinator’s Report

Activities since Last Board Meeting

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

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

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

Maintained a table of Division zip codes.

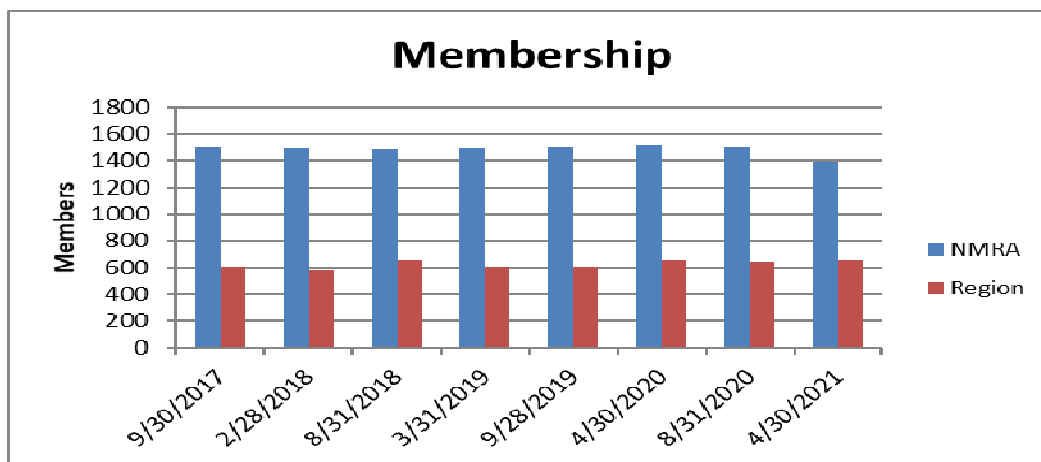
Continued working with the Region Constant Contact Coordinator to synchronize the Region Constant Contact list and the National database email addresses.

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

Planned Activities

Continue the above.

Region Membership Data



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

Division	NMRA	Region	NMRA	Region	NMRA	Region	NMRA	Region
	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total
	(9/28/19)	(9/28/19)	(4/30/20)	(4/30/20)	(8/31/20)	(8/31/20)	(4/30/21)	(4/30/21)
1	167	58	162	51	158	46	150	59
2	146	45	145	40	146	40	131	49
3	118	32	115	40	112	40	104	42
5	91	28	95	29	97	31	92	32
6	229	84	226	87	223	80	217	91
7	22	10	20	11	21	9	21	11
9	191	55	188	57	183	59	177	67
10	94	23	83	18	82	16	76	21
11	205	74	188	70	187	66	179	67
15	75	28	74	34	73	32	65	33
Out of Reg.	164	164	219	219	224	224	182	182
Grand Total	1502	601	1515	656	1506	643	1394	654

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To: Board of Directors
From: Steve Studley
Date: May 13, 2021
Subject: Nominating Committee

Activities since Last Board Meeting

In the fall of 2020, the Nominating committee gathered the names of the following to run for election in the 2021 MWR election. The candidates were:

For President – Bob McGeever
For Vice President – Mike Hirvela
For Directors-at-Large:
Phillip Burnside
John Coy
Jim Landwehr
Jerry Peterson

Planned Activities

In July, 2021, the committee will begin checking the list of current Board members to determine who is term-limited and who is able to run for re-election. The slate of candidates will be filled in early fall for the 2022 election. Four Directors-at-Large will be elected at that time.

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2021

To: Board of Directors

From: Reid Kahrs

Date: May 23, 2021

Subject: Promotions and Special Projects

Activities since Last Board Meeting

No activities

Planned Activities

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2021

To: Board of Directors
From: John Robert Coy
Date: April 20, 2021
Subject: DAL Report Oct 2020 to May 2021

Activities since Last Board Meeting:

Participated in a number of Zoom Meetings, including National, Regional and Division Levels.

Was a Presenter at a number of Zoom Meetings.

Attended all Division and Region Meetings Via Zoom

Assisted model railroaders with modeling questions.

Promoting NMRA on Internet

Working on and Assisting Others in their AP journey

Planned Activities

Director of Tri-Regional Convention for MWR. Appointed by Steve Studley, November 2020.
Attending in-person meeting June 5th 2021

Participating in 2 day model train show presented by the CID. May 15th and 16th, 2021.

Re-Elected as Director at Large 2nd term begins May 2021

Continuing Working on and Assisting Others in their AP journey

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2021

To: Board of Directors
From: Jerry Peterson
Date: May 6, 2021
Subject: Midwest Region Director At Large

Activities since Last Board Meeting

Attended Michiana Division activities and monthly meetings via Zoom

Attended Wise Division meetings via Zoom

Attended San Diego Division of the PSR meeting via Zoom

Attended Central Indiana Division meetings via Zoom

Attended North Central Region Division 9 meetings via Zoom

Attended various local OPS sessions obtaining feedback on how the NMRA can support the individual member.

Performed duties as the Michiana Division AP Manager

Planned Activities

Plan on attending other Division meetings via Zoom or in person

Continue to perform duties as the Michiana Division AP Manager

Continue to attend local OPS sessions.

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2021

To: Board of Directors

From: Mike Roderick, DAL

Date: 05/13/21

Subject: DAL Report

Activities since Last Board Meeting

Franklin Train Show for CID. May 15-16th, 2021. We are please to report that the CID is having a Spring Train Show in Franklin, IN. The format has changed a bunch since our last train show held in 2019. This now a 2-day train with 92 vendors that in include portable layouts, clubs & museums, manufacturers, and vendors. For a total of 250 paid vendors tables. We have been working really hard in getting this show promoted since our normal way of promotion has not be available. So, we have been reaching out to other, Divisions, and Regions to promote this show. We have vendors from as far away as MO & La Crosse, WI and Martinsville, VA. I have had people from Nashville & Memphis, TN saying they are coming to the show.

The Division is looking for great turnout from this show. The Division continues to promote Track Talk and the Ambassadors program within the Division. WE will so be hold in person modelers events this Fall.

Planned Activities

Franklin Train Show.

To: MWR Clerk
From: Eric Peterson
Date: May 14, 2021
Subject: Current Roster of Division Officers Report for May 2021

Division: CID
Regional Director 2022

I am reporting separately about Items 4 Clinic Clearing House and Item 6 Education.

I have continued to actively help facilitate alternate Monday "Track Talk" Zoom meetings for the CID with a wide variety of topics. We have 20 to 30 members and occasional guests but have not been able to attract many new faces.

I expect "Track Talk" will transition to also have monthly in person Saturday lunch meetings each month followed by a presentation, layout visit or other rail related activity. I also expect strong interest for continuing Zoom "Track Talk" once a month. Zoom has attracted additional members living farther from Central Indiana. We will be discussing when to make this transition. CID all day Modelers Meets are also expected to start and may alternate with monthly "Track Talk" lunch gatherings.

I am also involved with O Scale Kings, the organization for 2 rail 1/48 model railroaders, as a board member and NMRA Special Interest Group contact person. One of my goals is to improve the relationship between the NMRA and O Scale modelers.

I am also on the leadership group for the O Scale National Convention in the Denver area June 17-20. This will be an in person convention including a trading room for two days, layout tours, and clinics. A separate hosted bus tour is also available June 20-26 visiting and riding Colorado railroad attractions.

I continue to work in my basement on my O Scale 2 rail layout installing track and wiring for DCC and CMRI signaling. Completion of a bridge and viaduct will allow continuous running in the near future. I plan to have my layout open to visitors for future events.

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2021

To: Board of Directors
From: Mike Slater, WISE Div of the NMRA
Date: 2021-04-25
Subject: WISE Div of the NRA

Activities since Last Board Meeting

Online Zoom Calls for membership

Planned Activities

Trainfest in November 2021
In person membership meets in Oct 2021, Jan2022 May2022
RPM meet In March 2022

Superintendents' Comments

Our online zoom calls are not received by our membership, may be due to age or lack of knowledge of the new technology. Most of the loss of membership is due to death or members tearing down layouts due to age and no longer seeing the need for their membership to the NMRA, younger generations not seeing value in the NMRA and not joining. Dues of the NMRA is a factor. Personally, I am not sure how stable the WISE division will be down the road, as we are having a hard time to find volunteers. Our Division newsletter will be annulled due to no one stepping up to take over the roll of the editor, if some one steps up, we will resume it. Not sure if the WISE Division will need to join forces with another division to do some of the task as a joint venture.

**Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2021
Division Director Report**

To: Board of Directors
From: Philip Herman Superintendent WLD
Date: 5/13/2021
Subject: Winnebagoland Division (WLD)

Activities since Last Board Meeting

Board Meetings Held Virtually 12/12/2020, 1/27/2021 and 4/7/2021

WLD Workshop Wednesday – Virtual Event Held Feb. 24th and second event Scheduled for May 19th. The Feb 24th – event included two clinics John Leow; scratch building a CNW Dinky passenger car, Phil Herman scratch building Great Northern’s East Glacier Depot, Layout Tour of Paul Hillmer’s “Badger”. Event May 19th – James Knabb “Next Generation Model Railroaders”, Chris Heili’s Mullan Pass layout tour.

Plans are to start **WLD Workshop Wednesday** events back up in Fall, projecting an every other month cadence. Hopes are these events will bring in participants from outside the division. More importantly this gives modelers from the far corners of our division a way to easily participate. The long range plan are for these events to build community and spill over to increased meet attendance.

Circulated Lonestar Region Multi division Virtual Meet information for four shows held between 12/20 and 3/21.

WLD Booth was Staffed for Title Town Train Show in Green Bay held on April 17-18, 2021. Credit to Todd Bushmaker for holding the first large scale in-person event since 2019 in Northeastern Wisconsin. Attendance was moderate and not at what was seen pre-covid.

Planned Activities

In-person Board Meeting 6/19/2020 10:30 am at Strawberry Fest Train Show – Waupaca Wisconsin.

WLD Fall Meet 10/2/2021 Neenah, WI.

- Photo and Model contests
- Model displays
- Four Clinics
- Annual membership meeting
- Layout tours

WLD Fall Operating Session 11/6/2021 Waupaca, WI.

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2021

To: Board of Directors

From: Jimmie Tatum

Date: May 14, 2021

Subject: IVD Activites

Activities since Last Board Meeting

Continue to hold virtual IVD Meets and board meetings due to COVID restriction in Illinois.

Planned Activities

Nothing at this time due to COVID restrictions in Illinois.

Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2021

To: Board of Directors
From: Dan Hinel, CID Superintendent
Date: May 1, 2021
Subject: Central Indiana Division Report

Activities since Last Board Meeting

CID Zoom Board Meetings 10/4/2020, 12/6/2020, 2/7/2021, 4/11/2021

Train Shows-Information Materials Table/Booth
Danville Train Show Cancelled-Covid 19
Noblesville Train Show Cancelled-Covid 19

CID Modelers Meets
Cancelled-Covid 19

Rusty Spike Newsletter publications went electronic with first issue of 2021
Spring Layout Tour Cancelled
Favorite Contest done virtually (100 X 100 scale feet display)
Track Talk Virtual meetings bi weekly discussing wide variety of topics.
On average 25 members attending.

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.
Franklin Train Show May 15 & 16 2021
Annual Business Meeting May 16, 2021
Bi-Weekly Track Talk Virtual Meetings via Zoom or in person
CID Board Meetings virtual via Zoom 6/6/2021,103/2021
Train Shows-Information Materials Table/Booth locations and dates TBD
Avon Train Show (TBD)
Danville Train Show (30 minutes west of Indianapolis) 11/20/2021
Layout Tour (Area TBD)
CID plans on continued activities of communication to general membership

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2021

To: Board of Directors
From: Mike Lehman, Superintendent, Illinois Terminal Division
Date: May 15, 2021
Subject: Illinois Terminal Division Report

Activities since Last Board Meeting

The division continues to meet monthly via Zoom. As many as a dozen members have attended at once, pretty impressive when you consider our total membership is only about twice that number. Several members we've never seen before have attended and it's a boon for older members.

Two friendly challenges have been held, an 8x8" and a 4x4" challenge. We had about a half dozen entries both times and a lot of good modeling, all over Zoom

The recipient of last year's Bob Award for Modeling, Buzz Swett, awarded it to Mike Lehman, who now is the one who has to pick a winner and announce it at next year's May biz meeting.

While not an official NMRA effort, division super Lehman has started Central Illinois Train Talk on Zoom, every Wednesday, 6pm-8pm. Use Meeting 819 5434 5485, code 088555. Watch us run trains, build and fix things, talk about derailments (hopefully last one of those for awhile!), and promote the hobby and NMRA. Got a project, layout, or show date you'd like to show off? Call in via Zoom. Friends from as far away as New Zealand join us regularly. As we get closer to next year's Lincoln Square Train Show, Train Talk will serve as a way to help people overcome that pandemic paralysis at a rate they're comfortable with as it helps promote the show. For anyone wanting to set up Zoom for your division, I'd be happy to show you what we've done relatively simply to make Zoom work for us. The layout is also open during that time, we're all vaxxed up and participate in the weekly University of Illinois testing program, so feel free to arrange to stop by in person and operate. This also applies during divisional meetings as we'd like to encourage people to get back together over model railroading however they're comfortable doing it.

The ITD held its annual business meeting via Zoom on May 8, 2021. Chief Clerk/Paymaster Allen Byrne reported that relevant forms are being filed as required and presented the treasury report. The current slate of officers were reelected to the respective positions by mutual acclaim.

Planned Activities

Continue monthly meetings via Zoom

The 2022 Lincoln Square Train Show will be back from its brief pandemic hiatus and is scheduled for Saturday, March 26 (10am-5pm) and Sunday, March 27 (11am-4pm), 100 W. High St, downtown Urbana, Illinois 61802. This ITD-managed show is free to the public and has modest table charges. For more info or to be added to the mailing list, send a note to trainshow@illinoisterminaldivision.org
Please add that to your calendars.

For Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 23, 2020

To: Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA

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

Date: May 2021

Subject: FVD Report for Spring 2021 MWR BoD Meeting, May 2021

Activities since Last Board Meeting:

- As noted in the October 2020 report, due to the restrictions and limitations imposed by the State of Illinois regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, the Fox Valley Division cancelled all in-person activities for the 2020-2021 season. Further, the Park District building we had been using for in-person meetings first cancelled all activities at their location due to the imposition of State mandates. In the ensuing time, as progress against the pandemic has been made, some limitations have been eased, but limitations remain which continue to make the Park District location unusable for us, in that the meeting room we utilized has other user activities scheduled by other groups. Because attendee number limits and distance requirements between attendees remain in effect, we have continued to use virtual member meetings over the Internet.
- Using a virtual method of conducting meetings caused discussions regarding how to conduct a meeting, the agenda and how to do presentations, how would we conduct contest voting and election questions. We wanted members to fully participate as they would in a face-to-face meeting. The FVD Board of Directors wish to commend our Clinics and Programs Trainmaster, Gary Saxton, and MWR/FVD Webmaster and New MMR, Mr. Jim Osborn, for their work and effort in this regard to bring interesting and informative content to the monthly meetings.
- We can report attendance at the monthly virtual meetings has increased from a start of about 25 members to a high of 39 at a recent meeting. This is encouraging as in-person attendance previously hovered between 28 to 35. Attendees at our meetings has included former members in Tennessee and Florida, and guest presenters from Wisconsin and Indiana.
- Using the virtual meetings over the internet has let us schedule clinic presenters from other divisions without the need for them to travel and having to deal with traffic and weather. This experience has led to further discussions between division and MWR reps regarding improving the MWR clinic clearinghouse program.
- Feedback from the members has been positive as any activity is better than no activity.

- In April 2021, the division held a “Rail Yard” distribution of model railroad items, both real and model in various scales which had been donated to the division by some generous gentlemen. Held outdoors at the Superintendent’s residence, this was the first time since February last year members had interacted in-person in over a year. Almost like Christmas in April, division members selected their favorite items from the those donated. We have some items remaining and we will be working on further disposition.

Planned Activities

- Our Board of Directors has set the schedule for our 2021-2022 monthly meeting / event activities starting in the fall of 2021. Given the unknown status of future State of Illinois COVID limitations on people gathering, we will be continuing to use the ZOOM virtual meeting system for the entire 2021-2022 season, subject to change as the COVID situation and State Health Department requirements may be modified. We have not planned any division event(s) over the summer break.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael L. Hirvela
Superintendent,
Fox Valley Division

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2021

To: Board of Directors
From: Ken Mosny, Superintendent, RRVD
Date: 5/5/2021
Subject: Activities Report, Rock River Valley Division

Activities since Last Board Meeting

Covid curtailed almost all of our activities except monthly Zoom Meets. Zoom meets were held 11/1/20, 12/6/20, 1/3/21, 2/7/21, 3/7/21, 4/11/21 and 5/2/21 with a variety of clinics, videos and layout tours. Most all of the clinics and layout tours were live and went well. A big advantage of the zoom format is that presenters can be from anywhere with an internet connection, and they were. We saw layouts that were too far away to see in person.

We had a Christmas Zoom for kids with Santa, videos and door prizes.

Planned Activities

We plan to resume in person meets in the fall with a full monthly schedule. We are proposing blending with some clinics via internet. We are planning a small train show with vendors planned in cooperation with Cherryvale Mall 10/2/21 to 10/3/21. We are planning a trip to the Savanna Museum and Cultural Center Model RR in June. Most likely, Covid immunization will be required for attendance to events.

**Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2021
Division Director Report**

To: Board of Directors
From: Patrick Golden, Superintendent, DuPage Division
Date: 5-10-21
Subject: Division Activities

Activities since Last Board Meeting

- When the Covid-19 pandemic took full hold the DuPage Division was forced to cancel the last of the meetings in the 2019-2020 season, those being the April and May 2020 meetings. The Division usually takes the summer off although we try to hold a social get together – museum, railroad park, 1-1/2” scale live steam outing – many times complete with a cook-out just as a social gathering. That too was cancelled in June 2020.
- The DuPage Division Board of Director’s usually meets in late August to plan the upcoming September through May meeting season. We did not hold a Board of Director’s meeting in August 2020 and did not hold regular monthly meetings in September, October and November of 2020.
- Hearing that other Divisions were meeting by Zoom, the Board of Directors held a meeting, via Zoom, in November 2020 and decided to try holding monthly Division meetings via Zoom. On short notice we held a Division meeting, via Zoom, in December 2020 with the program being a highlight of what projects Division members had worked on during their stay-at-home pandemic time. The meeting went very well.
- Given the success of the December Zoom meeting and building on that success, the Division has held monthly Division meetings via Zoom January through May of 2021. Programs have included:

January 10, 2021
Pullman Cars Assigned to the New York Central 1910-1923
Presented by DuPage Division member Alex Schneider

February 7, 2021
Assembly of N Scale Etched Metal Buildings
Presented by DuPage Division member Rob Schaivone

March 7, 2021
Structures of an Extraordinary O Scale Traction Layout
Presented by DuPage Division member Dave Lull

April 11, 2021
Arduino Animations
Presented by Gateway Division member Dave Ackmann

To: Board of Directors
From: Patrick Golden, Superintendent, DuPage Division
Date: 5-10-21
Subject: Division Activities
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May 2, 2021
Construction of Billboards
Presented by Gateway Division member Dave Ackmann

- The Zoom meetings have averaged about 25-30 members which is about what the Division used to see during in-person meetings. The general consensus is the Zoom meeting approach is going extremely well. Missed is the live interaction, in-person contact, popular vote contests and coffee and snacks. The Division is hoping our regular meeting venue reopens in time for our September 2021 monthly Division meeting.
- The DuPage Division's annual All American Railroad Show, a one-day exhibit of modular operating layouts open to the public scheduled for a Saturday in March 2021 was cancelled, being that invitations, preparations, contracts and such are all started the previous October and October 2020 was still way too soon to predict how things would be in March 2021.
- An election of Division officers was held at the Division's monthly meeting in March and the positions of Superintendent and Chief Clerk were up for election. Patrick Golden was reelected to a second term as Superintendent and Tim Schubert was reelected to a second term as Chief Clerk.
- A DuPage Division Board of Director's meeting was held following our April monthly Division meeting just to see if everything still seemed to be on track. It was agreed all still seems to be on track. Our Paymaster reported the Division is still financially sound in spite of missing the income from both the March 2020 and March 2021 cancelled All American Railroad Shows.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Golden
Superintendent, DuPage Division

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2021

To: Board of Directors

From: Greg Bueltmann, Superintendent Michiana Division

Date: April 21, 2021

Subject: Division Director Report for Michiana Division

Activities since Last Board Meeting

Michiana Division BoD Meetings (10/10/2020, 11/14/2020, 12/12/2020, 1/9/2021, 2/13/2021, 3/13/2021, 4/10/2021, and 5/8/2021)

Michiana Division Monthly Membership Meetings and Clinics (via Zoom)

Date	Topic
October 17, 2020	A Ride on the BS Line: The Engineer's View of John Hanske's Layout
November 21, 2020	Achievement Program - Scenery - Learn about the program and requirements with examples
December 19, 2020	Evolution of Duck Lake by Chuck Hart
January 16, 2021	Ken Chick's (MMR) Danforth Hadley & Northern
February 20, 2021	Adhesives and Their Uses by Master Model Railroader Lester Breuer
March 20, 2021	Upgrading Generic Rolling Stock to Prototypical Standards by Clark Propst (Joint Meeting with NCR Division 9)
April 17, 2021	A tour of the Panhandle Division of the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis Railroad. by Bill Neale (Joint Meeting with NCR Division 9)
May 15, 2021	Backdrop Painting by Norm Logan (Joint Meeting with NCR Division 9)

Weekly Thursday Evening Sessions

Date	Topic	Presenter
10/15/20	Modeling C&NW at Baraboo, WI	Mark Carlson
10/29/20	Progress Report: Uncle Heavy's Ore Lines	Greg Bueltmann
11/19/20	The Glacier Line	John and Connie Coy
12/3/20	Every Picture Tells a Story	Clark Propst
12/10/20	Pulpwood Operations in Wisconsin	Rich Hanke
12/17/20	N Scale Essex, Montana Layout Tour	John and Connie Coy
1/7/21	Kitbashing an Athearn Car into a GN Steel Side Boxcar	Clark Propst
1/14/21	Fan Trips and Bridges	Rich Hanke
1/21/21	Canadian Pacific North Shore Subdivision Layout Tour	Mike Martin
1/28/21	Poultry Cars	Doug Harding
2/4/21	Scenery Tips	Jason Klocke
2/11/21	Addition to Randolph on Minneapolis & Northland Railroad Company	Lester Breuer
2/18/21	Addition to Randolph Part II	Lester Breuer
2/25/21	Construction of Enginehouse and Turntable at Rochester	Clark Propst
3/4/21	Story City: Beginnings	Clark Propst
3/11/21	Story City: The Learning Curve	Clark Propst
3/18/21	Staging overview and two examples	Chuck Hart & John Hanske
3/25/21	Operations on Jason's CGW Layout	Jason Klocke
4/1/21	Staging on the Blackhawk Lines	Bob Blake
4/8/21	Staging on Ron Christensen's CNW and MILW Layout	Ron Christensen
4/15/21	Staging - The Story City Branch and Bob G - RI	Clark Propst and Bob Gretillat
4/22/21	Walking Tour - Ron Christensen's Layout Room	Ron Christensen
4/29/21	Staging - Rich Trowbridge	Rich Trowbridge

Planned Activities

Monthly BoD Meetings, Clinics, and weekly Thursday sessions will continue. We are hopeful that the clinics may be opened up to in-person sometime before our Fall Meeting.

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2021

To: Board of Directors
From: Bob McGeever
Date: 5/13/2021
Subject: Regional Advisory Committee

After several years of inactivity, the Regional Advisory Committee is active again. Bob Weinheimer is the new RAC Director. He held worldwide Zoom sessions on March 13, March 20, April 10, and April 17. At least 10 total hours of content. I am still absorbing it all. Way too much info for a short report. I will report what I think are some highlights. In no particular order they are:

- 1) There is a sincere effort underway to improve working relationships in all levels of the organization. The new NMRA President (Gordy Robinson) used the phrase "team NMRA" several times.
- 2) We will be a more on-line organization even after Covid restrictions are relaxed.
- 3) We need to communicate more between the divisions so we can identify the best practices of all the divisions and share them with all the divisions.
- 4) Whatever issue you are trying to deal with in your region or division, you are not alone. Other regions and divisions are also facing the same issues. See number 3 above.
- 5) The average age of an NMRA member is 68.
- 6) We have about 15,000 members but only about 1000 of them actually use the NMRA web site each year.
- 7) The "At Risk Persons" policy does not preclude us from organizing events or activities that might attract kids. Our events must be pitched to the general population and the kids who attend must be accompanied by adults at all times. We cannot be a babysitter where the parents can drop off a kid. We can provide material support to others who might be organizing events that are focused on kids. We can donate time and materials and expertise to others who sponsor events for kids as long as some other organization is the sponsor and provides the liability insurance. The NMRA (or one of its subsections) cannot be a legal co-sponsor of such an event.
- 8) Most of the regions have issues with email, web sites and Facebook pages. Especially Facebook. See number 3 above.
- 9) As an organization, we have not paid attention to possible economies of scale. Almost every division has its own Zoom account. Maybe the National or the Regions should be making bulk purchases of services? One 400-person account instead of ten 150 person accounts in a region?
- 10) Recruitment and retention of new members should be the top priority for all levels of the NMRA.

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2021

To: Board of Directors
From: Paul Mangan
Date: 05 / 15/ 2021
Subject: Past President Report

Activities since Last Board Meeting

Due to corona19 there was no activity

Planned Activities

Planning on working with Gary Children in the contest area.

Working in the Photo contest arena pending Board approval

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2021

To: Board of Directors
From: Bob McGeever
Date: 5/13/2021
Subject: MWR Clerk Report for Spring BOD Meeting

Activities since Last Board Meeting

I have experienced intermittent problems distributing the MWR BOD meeting notices and packets as attachments to emails. My emails with attachments were randomly blocked as spam by some ISPs even if I used the MWR clerks email account. I would find out when a BOD member contacted me.

I wanted to fix this prior to turning the job over to the next Clerk.

I talked to Jim Osborn about the MWR Constant Contact account. It turns out Jim was also keeping the same emailing lists for MWR BOD communications I was keeping. And he had help with the list maintenance.

Constant Contact does not handle attachments, but it is trusted by the ISPs to not be spam. The Constant Contact service provides delivery reporting that can be used to be sure the BOD members are receiving the meeting information.

Starting with the May 2021 MWR BOD meeting, the meeting notices and packets will be distributed using the MWR web site and the Constant Contact service. BOD members will be notified by a Constant Contact email when to download the report forms, meeting notice and meeting packet from the web site.

One master mailing list of MWR BOD members will be maintained in the CC system. The Clerk will pass the documents to the Web Master who will post them on the web site and send out the email notice to the BOD members.

Planned Activities

Other than helping the new clerk with the meeting packet for the fall MWR BOD meeting, I think I am pretty much done with MWR Clerk activities.

Thanks to all of you for your help and support getting these meeting packets put together.

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May 8, 2021

Treasurer's Report

Attached for your information are income statement and balance sheet information for full year calendar 2020 and April 2021 year-to-date periods. A comparison to prior year performance is included.

Total 2020 revenues were \$6,462 with a breakeven bottom line. Convention inactivity resulted in \$654 of "income" from the stillborn Peoria Rocket (net return of seed money) and no convention expenses. Net convention impact vs prior year was a favorable \$3,154 bottom line impact which, combined with lower overhead expenses and slightly higher Waybill costs, resulted in a \$1 bottom line loss, \$3,470 favorable to 2019. December 31, 2020 year-end cash balance was \$43,222 a decrease of 2.4% from prior year.

Year-to-date April 2021 revenues totaled \$2,642, 10.5% less than prior year as a result of lower NMRA revenue share (5.6%) and lower subscription revenues (13.9%). Net income of \$781 was 6.3% unfavorable versus last year as lower expenses partially offset lower income. April 30, 2021 cash balance was \$43,923, down 1.8% versus last year.

Respectfully,

Keith A. Thomsen
Treasurer

Midwest Region NMRA
Balance Sheet as of December 31

	<u>Dec 31, 20</u>	<u>Dec 31, 19</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Checking/Savings				
Checking				
BMO Harris C	43,221.96	44,296.40	-1,074.44	-2.43%
Total Checking	<u>43,221.96</u>	<u>44,296.40</u>	<u>-1,074.44</u>	<u>-2.43%</u>
Total Checking/Savings	43,221.96	44,296.40	-1,074.44	-2.43%
Accounts Receivable				
Accounts receivable				
NMRA Receiv	163.91	135.08	28.83	21.34%
Total Accounts receivable	<u>163.91</u>	<u>135.08</u>	<u>28.83</u>	<u>21.34%</u>
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>163.91</u>	<u>135.08</u>	<u>28.83</u>	<u>21.34%</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>43,385.87</u>	<u>44,431.48</u>	<u>-1,045.61</u>	<u>-2.35%</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>43,385.87</u></u>	<u><u>44,431.48</u></u>	<u><u>-1,045.61</u></u>	<u><u>-2.35%</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY				
Liabilities				
Current Liabilities				
Accounts Payable				
Accounts pay	0.00	1,044.26	-1,044.26	-100.0%
Total Accounts Payable	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,044.26</u>	<u>-1,044.26</u>	<u>-100.0%</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,044.26</u>	<u>-1,044.26</u>	<u>-100.0%</u>
Total Liabilities	0.00	1,044.26	-1,044.26	-100.0%
Equity				
Opening Bal Equity	17,393.30	16,823.62	569.68	3.39%
Permanently Restricted Funds				
Moskal Award Funds	165.20	165.20	0.00	0.0%
Youth Program Funds	6,560.74	7,130.42	-569.68	-7.99%
Total Permanently Restricted F	<u>6,725.94</u>	<u>7,295.62</u>	<u>-569.68</u>	<u>-7.81%</u>
Unrestrict (retained earnings)	19,267.98	22,739.57	-3,471.59	-15.27%
Net Income	<u>-1.35</u>	<u>-3,471.59</u>	<u>3,470.24</u>	<u>99.96%</u>
Total Equity	<u>43,385.87</u>	<u>43,387.22</u>	<u>-1.35</u>	<u>-0.0%</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>43,385.87</u></u>	<u><u>44,431.48</u></u>	<u><u>-1,045.61</u></u>	<u><u>-2.35%</u></u>

Midwest Region NMRA
Income Statement for 2020 vs 2019

	<u>Jan - Dec 20</u>	<u>Jan - Dec 19</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
Convention Income	654.00	2,229.00	-1,575.00	-70.66%
NMRA				
Revenue Sharing	2,404.00	2,488.00	-84.00	-3.38%
Subscriptions	3,403.92	2,881.08	522.84	18.15%
Total NMRA	<u>5,807.92</u>	<u>5,369.08</u>	<u>438.84</u>	<u>8.17%</u>
Total Income	<u>6,461.92</u>	<u>7,598.08</u>	<u>-1,136.16</u>	<u>-14.95%</u>
Expense				
Convention Expenses				
Awards	0.00	229.00	-229.00	-100.0%
Seed Grant	0.00	4,500.00	-4,500.00	-100.0%
Total Convention Expenses	<u>0.00</u>	<u>4,729.00</u>	<u>-4,729.00</u>	<u>-100.0%</u>
NMRA Rebate				
Rebate to Divisions	2,404.00	2,488.00	-84.00	-3.38%
Total NMRA Rebate	<u>2,404.00</u>	<u>2,488.00</u>	<u>-84.00</u>	<u>-3.38%</u>
Overhead Expenses				
Achievement Program	0.00	101.08	-101.08	-100.0%
Board of Directors	0.00	105.00	-105.00	-100.0%
Treasurer	55.00	284.81	-229.81	-80.69%
Web	225.49	299.43	-73.94	-24.69%
Total Overhead Expenses	<u>280.49</u>	<u>790.32</u>	<u>-509.83</u>	<u>-64.51%</u>
Waybill				
Postage	806.84	725.34	81.50	11.24%
Printing	2,402.26	2,337.01	65.25	2.79%
Total Waybill	<u>3,209.10</u>	<u>3,062.35</u>	<u>146.75</u>	<u>4.79%</u>
Youth Program	569.68	0.00	569.68	100.0%
Total Expense	<u>6,463.27</u>	<u>11,069.67</u>	<u>-4,606.40</u>	<u>-41.61%</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>-1.35</u>	<u>-3,471.59</u>	<u>3,470.24</u>	<u>99.96%</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-1.35</u></u>	<u><u>-3,471.59</u></u>	<u><u>3,470.24</u></u>	<u><u>99.96%</u></u>

Midwest Region NMRA
Balance Sheet as of April 30

	<u>Apr 30, 21</u>	<u>Apr 30, 20</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Checking/Savings				
Checking				
BMO Harris Checking	43,923.34	44,719.63	-796.29	-1.78%
Total Checking	<u>43,923.34</u>	<u>44,719.63</u>	<u>-796.29</u>	<u>-1.78%</u>
Total Checking/Savings	43,923.34	44,719.63	-796.29	-1.78%
Accounts Receivable				
Accounts receivable				
NMRA Receivables	243.94	720.46	-476.52	-66.14%
Total Accounts receivable	<u>243.94</u>	<u>720.46</u>	<u>-476.52</u>	<u>-66.14%</u>
Total Accounts Receivable	243.94	720.46	-476.52	-66.14%
Total Current Assets	<u>44,167.28</u>	<u>45,440.09</u>	<u>-1,272.81</u>	<u>-2.8%</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>44,167.28</u>	<u>45,440.09</u>	<u>-1,272.81</u>	<u>-2.8%</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY				
Liabilities				
Current Liabilities				
Accounts Payable				
Accounts payable	0.00	1,219.00	-1,219.00	-100.0%
Total Accounts Payable	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,219.00</u>	<u>-1,219.00</u>	<u>-100.0%</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,219.00</u>	<u>-1,219.00</u>	<u>-100.0%</u>
Total Liabilities	0.00	1,219.00	-1,219.00	-100.0%
Equity				
Opening Bal Equity	17,393.30	16,823.62	569.68	3.39%
Permanently Restricted Funds				
Moskal Award Funds	165.20	165.20	0.00	0.0%
Youth Program Funds	6,560.74	7,130.42	-569.68	-7.99%
Total Permanently Restricted Funds	<u>6,725.94</u>	<u>7,295.62</u>	<u>-569.68</u>	<u>-7.81%</u>
Unrestrict (retained earnings)	19,266.63	19,267.98	-1.35	-0.01%
Net Income	781.41	833.87	-52.46	-6.29%
Total Equity	<u>44,167.28</u>	<u>44,221.09</u>	<u>-53.81</u>	<u>-0.12%</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>44,167.28</u>	<u>45,440.09</u>	<u>-1,272.81</u>	<u>-2.8%</u>

Midwest Region NMRA
April YTD Income Statement Comparison

	Jan - Apr 21	Jan - Apr 20	\$ Change	% Change
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
NMRA				
Revenue Sharing	1,151.00	1,219.00	-68.00	-5.58%
Subscriptions	1,490.93	1,732.02	-241.09	-13.92%
Total NMRA	2,641.93	2,951.02	-309.09	-10.47%
Total Income	2,641.93	2,951.02	-309.09	-10.47%
Expense				
NMRA Rebate				
Rebate to Divisions	1,151.00	1,219.00	-68.00	-5.58%
Total NMRA Rebate	1,151.00	1,219.00	-68.00	-5.58%
Waybill				
Postage	195.05	217.44	-22.39	-10.3%
Printing	514.47	680.71	-166.24	-24.42%
Total Waybill	709.52	898.15	-188.63	-21.0%
Total Expense	1,860.52	2,117.15	-256.63	-12.12%
Net Ordinary Income	781.41	833.87	-52.46	-6.29%
Net Income	781.41	833.87	-52.46	-6.29%

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2021

To: Board of Directors

From: Reid Kahrs

Date: 5-23-2021

Subject: Vice-President

Activities since Last Board Meeting

On April 8, 2021 I attended an MWR Executive Committee zoom meeting to discuss the status of the MWR's 2021 convention to be hosted by the RRVD.

Because of continued scheduling uncertainties caused by the pandemic, the MWR Executive Committee voted to cancel the "Rockford Railway Convention" that was to have been held September 16-19, 2021.

Planned Activities

With my second term as Vice-President being completed and I have no planned V-P activities.

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2021

To: Board of Directors
From: Steve Studley
Date: May 13, 2021
Subject: President's Report

Activities since Last Board Meeting

Continued to attend Zoom-based video conference meetings presented by the CID and Michiana Divisions as well as offerings by NMRA-x and SER-x. Although not the same as being there in-person, it's better than having no model railroading interaction.

The MWR meetings continue to be held virtually, rather than in-person.

Have worked with President-elect Bob McGeever so the change in leadership will be an easy one.

Planned Activities

May 15, 2021 CID Spring Meet and Members' Meeting, Franklin, IN

Unfortunately, the spring regional convention was first postponed and then canceled due to the uncertainties caused by the pandemic. The date shown below, had been postponed to September.

May 20-23, 2021 MWR Convention, Rockford Railway Convention, Rockford, IL and then the convention was canceled.

External Request

I was contacted by a modeler from Texas who read an article in Model Railroader about a young boy (16 yr. old from L'Anse, MI) with autism who wants to build a layout. The modeler asked if there was a way we (MWR) could provide monetary support for this youth to help with the layout costs. The modeler went on to suggest gift certificates from local hobby stores or large mail order stores. The question was put to the executive committee and one of the suggestions would be for the modeler to put together a help-me fund. I did not find a close NMRA member to this youth. There is also concern because of the At-Risk Policy.

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2021

To: Board of Directors

From: Bob McGeever

Date: 5/17/21

Subject: Division Officer Reporting

It recently came to my attention that the MWR was sending dues sharing checks to a divisional treasurer who was deceased.

This triggered the retired engineer in me to request all the Superintendents to fill out a new report of their BOD members as part of their reports for the twice a year MWR BOD meeting.

Good thing our new Vice President is also a division Superintendent. Mike reminded me that the Superintendents fill out an annual report on all the members of their BODs. They submit them to the region President who reviews them and sends them to the National.

I realized I was reinventing the wheel.

So the new form is dead.

But the issue I was trying to address has not gone away.

I will copy the Vice President, Clerk, Treasurer, and Web Master on the annual reports from the Division Superintendents. This will spread the information around the BOD officers and place it on file with our regional records.

If desired, we could copy all the members of the MWR BOD. One thing I learned as the clerk trying to keep track of "who's on first" at the division level is that there is a lot of variety in how the ten division BODs are organized. Might be nice to compare notes between the divisions.

I ask that each Superintendent promptly refile the report if and when the membership of their division BOD changes.

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2021

To: Board of Directors

From: Bob McGeever

Date: 5/13/2021

Subject: Distribution of Division Newsletters to MWR BOD.

It is a long story, so I won't go into all the details, but it has come to my attention that we do not have a formal process for sending copies of the Division newsletters to the members of the MWR BOD.

I think all the regions are distributing newsletters as PDF files. It should be possible to arrange an email-based distribution system. The intent would be to do it at the regional level so that the ten divisional editors would not have to keep track of who is on the BOD. We have a MWR BOD email list in the Constant Contact system. This list is updated when ever there is a change in the BOD membership.

Would the BOD members be interested in this?

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2021

To: Board of Directors

From: Ken Mosny

Date: 5/8/21

Subject: Caterer Deposit for Canceled 2021 MWR Convention

Steve

Please add to the agenda for the meeting reimbursing he RRVD for the convention banquet deposit in the amount of \$1370 should the Hoffman House refuse to return it. We have sent a formal letter requesting return of the deposit but have not heard back yet other than the request was received.

Our position is that the deposit was for a contract for the May banquet never fulfilled and no contract was ever signed for September proposal. That makes the original contract void and the deposit should be returned. See attached letter to the Hoffman House banquet vendor.

Ken Mosny
Superintendent, RRVD

Julie A. Bieber
Hoffman House
7550 E. State St.
Rockford Il 61108

Re: Model Railroaders 2021 Convention Banquet

Dear Ms. Bieber,

Thank you for your efforts in helping the Midwest Region of the National Model Railroad Association and the Rock River Valley Division plan our May 2021 convention banquet. Unfortunately, because of Covid restrictions, we have decided it is not possible to hold our convention at this time. We did inquire about holding our convention in the September time frame, but because of ongoing Covid restrictions, the Rockford Holiday Inn was still restricting the number of convention attendees allowed for various activities planned at the hotel. Because of this, we are not rescheduling the convention.

The only signed agreement with the Hoffman House is for the May 21st date, and the banquet will not be held because of Covid restrictions. The RRVD did not sign an agreement for the proposed September date. Since no banquet is to be held on the May 21st date of the contract, the original contract will not be fulfilled by you. Your proposal to give the RRVD a credit for some future date is not acceptable. Currently, there is no planned future convention date where the RRVD could use this credit.

We therefore request that our deposit in the amount of \$1370 be returned. The check should be made out to the Rock River Valley Division and can be sent to my attention at the address listed below.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely Yours,

Martin Hendrickx
Assistant Superintendent/2021 Convention Chairman
6813 Michelle Dr.

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2021

To: Board of Directors
From: Bob McGeever
Date: 5/17/21
Subject: Request for Funds from Model Railroader Article

The following is an email chain regards a request for funds based on an item in Model Railroader:

In looking over the information I see in this e-mail stream, I would agree with Bob's assessment. Our program is structured to promote model railroading through groups with a specific application process. This looks like a worthy need, but does not fall within the mission of our funding program.

Minton Dings
Youth Fund Chair

On Tue, Apr 20, 2021, 10:34 <mcgeever@charter.net> wrote:
All,

I think we need to be careful with this proposal. While the intentions are good, I don't see it as the proper use of NMRA MWR youth group funds.

My understanding of the youth group funds is that they were raised to benefit groups, not individuals. We have some procedures and standards in place to contribute to youth groups. We do not have the same in place to contribute to an individual. If we start down this path, where does it end? Is it even allowed or advisable under the terms and conditions of our fund raising?

We should not be in a rush to spend down our youth group funds. The youth group policy was reviewed at the Regional Advisory Committee session last Saturday. Under the policy we can not host a youth group but we can provide material support to a youth group hosted (and insured!) by some other organization. NMRA members can volunteer as private citizens with expertise in the hobby for youth groups hosted by some other organization without violating the policy. So if there were some other 501c3 or c4 organization that wanted to host a youth group in our region we could support them with grants, materials, publicity, and volunteers.

Now if Paul wanted to setup a go-fund-me type of thing for Lucas and we chose to publicize the fund to our membership that should be okay pending some vetting of the story.

Bob McGeever

-----Original Message-----

From: mwrprez@mwr-nmra.org <mwrprez@mwr-nmra.org>
Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 1:59 PM
To: herman.philip@att.net; greenriverbranch1957@gmail.com; mcgeever@charter.net
Subject: Fwd: Mail from NMRA website

Gentlemen,

I have received the following from Mr. Darmitzel, who resides in Texas.

I didn't find any member in the zipcode associated with L'Anse but am not sure if there are members in the vicinity who could help by contacting Lucas.

Minton, I'm not sure there is anything we can do with the Youth Fund to benefit an individual, but you can let me know if you think there is any way we can help.

Bob, just wanted you to know this is in the pipeline.

I will send a note to Paul letting him know we are looking into any possible solutions to Lucas's plight.

Steve

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Mail from NMRA website

Date: 2021-04-17 10:02

From: Paul Darmitzel <pdarmitzel@icloud.com>

To: MWRPREZ@nmra.org

Hello,

I am 63 years old and have been modeling in N scale since I was 8.

The "Ask MR" section of the May 2021 Model Railroader magazine had a letter from Lucas Hilsendager, who lives in L'Anse, Michigan. Lucas is a 16 year old with autism who wants to build a model railroad layout but is short on funds and can't get a job because of his medical condition.

Can we do something for this kid, maybe a gift certificate to a local hobby store or one of the large order by mail places (like TrainWorld)?

I'm in for \$250 if we can get it going.

Please let me know if there is a way to help Lucas with his layout.

Thank you!

Regards,
Paul

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To: Board of Directors
From: Bob McGeever
Date: 5/17/21
Subject: Software Purchase for Clerk

There is a piece of software I have found to be vital to assembling the meeting packets for the MWR BOD meetings. Our new Clerk will need a copy of it.

It is Nitro Pro by Nitro Software. The list price is \$159 plus tax.

<https://www.gonitro.com/sem/nitro-pdf-software>

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2021

To: Board of Directors
From: Bob McGeever
Date: 5/13/2021
Subject: Committee Chairs and New Clerk

The following have agreed to continue as Committee Chairs:

Achievement Program	Jim Landwehr
Clinic Clearing House	Eric Peterson
Education Coordinator	Eric Peterson
Election	Jim Osborn
Internet	Jim Osborn
Membership	Ron Scharping
Nominating	Steve Studley
Publications	David Leider MMR
Youth	Minton Dings

The following Committee Chair positions are vacant:

Financial Review
Convention
Long Range Planning
Photographer
Promotions & Special Projects

We are actively looking to fill all of the vacant positions except the Convention Chair.

Because of his involvement with the tri-region Indy Junction Steve Studley will be the informal acting Convention Chair for the next few months. I am holding off on recruiting for this position because I believe it will be changing as a result of Steve's experience with the tri-region. I expect to have

proposals to the BOD as early as the fall meeting. To let some of the cat's out of the bag, there are certain mechanical functions that every division has to assemble to put on a convention. Things like advance ticketing, collecting admission fees, day of show admissions, printing name badges, printing conventions guides and so on. Some divisions have the ability to accept credit cards, some don't. The way we do things now, every division has to re-invent these wheels for a convention and then throw them away when the convention is over. It is a lot of time and effort that is not available for working on the actual content of the convention. It might be possible for the region to provide some of these services to the divisions that are hosting the conventions and free up the division volunteers to work on the convention content. After all, the content is what draws folks to attend the convention.

Appointment of new MWR Secretary (aka, Clerk)

One of the side effects of becoming Region President is that I had to find a new Secretary. Connie Coy has volunteered and I am appointing her to the position.