

**MWR Board of Directors  
Meeting Minutes  
May 22, 2022**

Meeting Called to order by BOD President Bob McGeever at 10:30 a.m.

Roll Call of Members present:

**Executive Committee**

President: Bob McGeever

Vice President: Mike Hirvela

Secretary: Connie Coy

Treasurer: Keith Thomsen

Past President: Steve Studley

**Directors at Large**

John Coy, 2021

Jim Landwehr, 2021

Dan Hinel, 2024 proxy for Eric Peterson, 2022 & Michael Roderick, 2022 & 2024

Jim Allen, 2022

Phillip Burnside, 2024

David Mashino, 2024

**Division Directors**

Reid Kahrs, proxy for Burnell Breaker, WISE

John Hamburg, proxy for Phil Hottmann, SCWD

Dan Banks, CID

Jim Osborn, proxy for Denis Zamirowski, FVD

Martin Hendrickx, RRVD

**Guests**

John Doering, Eastern District Director of National Board

Ken Mosney, RRVD

Gordy Robinson, National President NMRA

John Poray, CID

1. a. Meeting Minutes of BOD November, 2021 reviewed. Moved to approve by Marty Hendrickx; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Hirvela. Approved unanimously and placed on file.  
b. Meeting Minutes of MOM November 2021 reviewed. Moved to approve by Marty Hendrickx; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Hirvela. Approved unanimously and placed on file.
2. Committee reports reviewed and place on file.
3. Directors-at-Large reports reviewed and place on file.
4. Division Directors reports reviewed and placed on file.
5. BOD Officer reports discussed, reviewed and place on file

**Old Business** None

## New Business

1. President called for seating of new DALs. Steve Studley moved, Jim Landwehr seconded to seat newly elected DALs. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Approve February 24, 2022 election Committee report. Jim Osborn Moved, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Phil Burnside. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Dispose of Ballots cast in last election. Moved by Jim Osborn; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Landwehr. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Recognition of resignation of election committee member Bert Lattan, thanking him for his service and appointment of Steve Miazga (WISE Division) as new election committee member. Bob McGeever approved.
5. Recognition of resignation of Jerry Peterson from BOD, thanking him for his service and appointment of Bob Perry to complete his term. Moved to do so by Phil Burnside; 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Coy. Passed unanimously.
6. Bob McGeever noted that Eric Peterson has resigned from the BOD and suggested that the Education and Clinic Clearing House be combined into one committee renamed: Education/Clinic. Bob McGeever to call for volunteers to chair this committee. Phil Burnside volunteered to assist with this committee as a tool to help drive the AP program. Discussed new tool developed through NMRA National as a means to get together (not ZOOM).
7. Bob McGeever reported that Ron Sharping will be stepping down as Membership Coordinator in a couple of years. Discussion around the need to keep this up-to-date and possibly using as a tool to keep records of those involved in the AP program. Bob McGeever to put out a call for volunteer for this position.
8. Jim Osborn requested approval of 3 year renewal of the mwr-nmra.org domain plus security protection due 12/26/2022 – total \$101.97 for 3 years. Moved to approve by Phil Burnside; 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Coy. Passed unanimously.
9. Jim Osborn requested the approval of web related expenses: MWR Constant Contact fees of one fourth of the annual \$402.00, split between the FVD, SCWD, WISE and MWR at \$100.50 each, due by July 2022. After discussion it was suggested that Constant Contact Renewal to become \$600 annually, paid for by the MWR, and to cover all divisions of MWR, including additional managers for the Divisions' accounts. Dan Banks moved that Constant Contact be paid for by the MWR and used as a regional resource at a cost of \$600 per year. Each Division will have its own manager that will operate under the Policy and Procedures set up by the MWR. The used of Constant Contact will be limited to communications to NMRA members. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Coy. Motion passed unanimously.
10. Phil Burnside requested to move day of BOD meetings to Saturdays instead of Sundays. Discussion ensued regarding why meetings were generally on Sundays when combined with Regional conventions and/or train shows. The BOD was open to having most meetings on Saturdays. It was noted that there will be no 2023 Regional Convention and that the next meeting will not be at Trainfest in November. Bob McGeever had suggested that the CID consider hosting the fall BOD meeting this year, but instead noted that Jim Tatum offered for the meeting to be held in Peoria, IL and hosted by the Illinois Valley Division. The BOD agreed to hold the Fall meeting on a Saturday in October in Peoria, IL. Bob McGeever will work with Jim Tatum on the details.
11. Connie Coy requested that MWR purchase subscription to Microsoft 365 to assist Secretary in clerical duties. Cost to be \$105.00 per year. Motion made by Steve Studley that MWR purchase and own this subscription for use by the region's secretary and as a way for the

- information to be retained by the region in one place. Phil Burnside to assist secretary in setting up program for use. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Osborn. Motion passed unanimously.
12. Since the last MWR BOD meeting, the Executive Committee authorized an \$80.00 per quarter increase to print the spring Waybill in color. Request was made to authorize this increase in cost for all editions of the Waybill at a cost per quarter of \$955.00. Phil Burnside moved to authorize the MWR to pay for color print. 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Coy. Motion passed unanimously.
  13. Discussion Item: No regional convention in 2023. Steve Studley will send out request for convention leadership for 2024 Regional convention. Dan Hinel volunteered to join the Convention Committee to assist Steve Studley in developing a plan for the 2024 convention. They will explore the idea of making the convention a multi-division event
  14. Discussion item: Steve Studley reports that 3 projectors and 10 tablecloths from IndyJunction 2022 now belong to the region for use by the Divisions. BOD agreed that Bob McGeever take them and earmark them for use by the more financially strapped Divisions.
  15. Discussion item: Phil Burnside moved to replace Joe Russ with Dan Banks as the lead administrator on the MWR Facebook page. John Coy 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously.
  16. Discussion item: WISE Division status. Bob McGeever states it is improved, but still working under the authority of the region. WISE is working on new by-laws.

There being no other business to discuss, Phil Burnside moved to adjourn the meeting at 12 noon. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marty Hendrickx. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Connie J. Coy  
MWR Secretary

# May, 2022 MWR Board of Directors

## Packet of Reports

### Meeting Minutes November 14, 2021

Item 1

November 14, 2021

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA

Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Bob McGeever, BOD President

Roll Call of members present:

#### **Executive Committee**

President: Bob McGeever

Vice President: Denis Zamirowski Proxy for Mike Hirvela

Secretary: Connie Coy

Treasurer: Keith Thomsen

Past President: Steve Studley

#### **Directors at Large**

John Coy, 2021

Jim Landwehr, 2021

John Coy, proxy for Jerry Peterson

Eric Peterson, 2022

Jim Osborne, proxy for Jim Allen

Gary Children, 2022

#### **Division Directors**

2802 SCWD: Phil Hottmann

2806 CID: Eric Peterson prosy for Dan Hinel

2807 ITD: Larry Tschopp proxy for Mike Lehman

2809 FVD: Denis Zamirowski proxy for Mike Hirvela

2810 RRVD: Ken Mosney

2811: DPD: Patrick Golden

#### **Guests**

former past president: Paul Mangan

from RRVD: Marty Hendricks

Total present: 16

1. Meeting minutes of BOD May 2021 reviewed. Moved to approve by Gary Children, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ken Mosney. Approved by unanimous vote and placed on file.
2. Committee reports reviewed and placed on file.
3. Directors-at-Large reports reviewed and placed on file.
4. Division Directors reports reviewed and placed on file.
5. BOD Officer reports discussed, reviewed and placed on file.

### **Old Business**

1. Steve Studley gave an update of the RAC. Discussed Digital Publishing, consulting with all regional presidents for comments and input on this subject. 78% wanted the Digital magazine included as part of the regular NMRA membership dues. Next RAC meeting will be held in February 2022 announced by Bob Weinheimer.
2. Immediate Past President Steve Studley gave update on IndyJunction 2022 and requested people register early at [www.indyjunction2022.org](http://www.indyjunction2022.org) in order to avoid price increase in January 2022.
3. President McGeever discussed that the region's reduction of cash balance is an ongoing work in progress (see item 37 Treasurer's Report).
4. Eric Peterson moved to accept Treasurer's report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary Children. Board voted unanimous approval.

### **New Business**

1. President McGeever by his authority moved item 46 Update on Wise Division to first order of new Business. He distributed a motion regarding the WISE division's vote to declare itself inactive on November 10, 2021. That motion in its entirety is attached. The motion was discussed including explanation of Article 5 Section 8 of the MWR bylaws. Moved to approve exactly as written by Denis Zamirovski, 2<sup>nd</sup> John Coy. Thirteen voting members present voted to approve. Gary Children Abstained.
2. Steve Studley wants to form a membership committee that will focus on recruiting new members as well as retaining current members. Eric Peterson volunteered to serve with Steve on this committee. Mike Hirvela will be included in this committee as his interest has been noted. Patrick Golden moved to form this ad hoc committee, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Denis Zamirovski. Motion approved unanimously.
3. BOD discussed AP status for Division Board Members regarding who might be eligible for Official certificate. No further action at this time.
4. Update on Election slate was given by Steve Studley. The Candidates for DAL are Michael Roderick, Gary Children, Phillip Burnside, Dan Hinel and Dave Mashino..
5. Discussed more BOD meetings in the future with possibility of those additional meetings be via Zoom. DAL John Coy suggested that all BOD meetings be ZOOM unless they were held in conjunction with an NMRA train show or convention. The Next MWR BOD meeting as well as MOM meeting will be held at the Indianapolis Ballroom on Sunday May 22, 2022 in conjunction with IndyJunction 2022. MOM Meeting will be 10 – 10:30 a.m. And the BOD Meeting will be 10:30 a.m. Until 1 p.m. Also, there will be a ZOOM meeting in March for updates on the Election. Moved to accept dates and times by Eric Peterson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Studley. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Eric Peterson noted that the Sunshine Region has received its 501c 3 and suggested the MWR get the same. Eric will check into what is needed for this to happen.
7. Eric Peterson also had a brief discussion and promoted the O Scale Kings group.
8. Jim Landwehr discussed his desire to have all the paperwork for the AP be reviewed by the Division APs for clarity regarding spelling and address accuracy.
9. President McGeever noted that he learned the the MWR has a facebook page that is not currently under the control of the NMRA. BOD discussed how the MWR might gain administrative oversight of this page.
10. The BOD discussed possible locations for 2023 and 2024 Conventions.

### **Adjourn**

Steve Studley moved to adjourn. 2<sup>nd</sup> Eric Peterson. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectively submitted,

Connie Coy, secretary

### **Midwest Region NMRA Annual Meeting of Members Minutes**

November 14, 2021

Call to Order at 1 p.m. by Bob McGeever

Read and Accepted Minutes of May, 2020 meeting

Reports: Regional Conventions—Indy Junction May 18-22, 2022, [www.Indyjunction2022.org](http://www.Indyjunction2022.org)

Filed and accepted Treasurer's Report

Old Business: None

New Business: Election results for Director at Large 2021-2023: John Coy, Jim Landwehr, Jerry Peterson; President: Bob McGeever; Vice President: Michael Hirvela

Adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

### **Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2022      Item   2**

**Subject:      Achievement Program                                      No Report available**

### **Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2022      Item   3**

**To:                      Board of Directors**  
**From:                  Phillip Burnside**  
**Date:                   May 3, 2022**  
**Subject:               Financial Review Chair Report May 22, 2022**

**Please review the Treasurer's Report. No additional information.**

**Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2022**

**Item \_4\_**

To: Board of Directors  
From: Eric Peterson  
Date: for May 22, 2022  
Subject: Clinic Clearing House

Activities since Last Board Meeting

The clinic information was provided to the Indy Junction Committee to help identify possible clinics for the convention.

Planned Activities

I am going off the board with the end of this meeting. I am prepared to transfer the information and review it with another person planning to maintain this information.

The board needs to decide if the Clinic Clearing House activity is worth the effort. With the current limited supply of active volunteers there may be more important activities. Only 4 of the 10 divisions provided clinic information to share with others. The spread sheet is set up and can be maintained with less effort than was required to start the project.

**Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2022**

**Item \_5**

To: Board of Directors  
From: Steve Studley  
Date: 29 April, 2022  
Subject: Convention – *Indy Junction 2022*

Activities since Last Board Meeting

The *Indy Junction 2022* convention committee continues to meet virtually (currently meeting weekly) to finalize planning for the convention.

The convention website, [www.indyjunction2022.org](http://www.indyjunction2022.org) , is online and continues to be updated with additional information. Registration, [www.indyjunction2022.org/Pages/Registration](http://www.indyjunction2022.org/Pages/Registration) is active with approximately 15 persons registering per week. Projected attendance is about 470. The main hotel, the Indianapolis Marriott East is essentially at capacity for the convention.

Layout tours are set, as well as Operations. The Amtrak Beech Grove tour was sold out, but the Whitewater Valley Railroad tour had to be canceled due to low registrations. Clinics are set for both the NMRA clinics and the RPM clinics. Note: *attendees will have the opportunity to attend both NMRA and RPM clinics*. The train show will be in two rooms. One room will be featuring small-business manufacturers and another room for vendors in a swap-meet setting.

Registration Data for **April 23, 2022**

Individual Registrations	@\$85	122
Family Registrations	@110	48
Individual Registrations	@95	131
Family Registrations	@120	34

Saturday Only Registrations	@40	2
Family Members		90
TOTAL		427

People will be able to register in person at the convention.

As of **26 April**, accounting is as follows:

OPERATIONS ACCOUNT

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Budget</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$60,791	\$74,050
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$17,422	\$74,990
NET RETURNS	\$43,370	-\$941

NET WORTH STATEMENT

	<u>Amount</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	\$49,625
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$33,775
NET WORTH	\$15,850

Planned Activities

After 23 May I plan to return to modeling and relax a bit.

**Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2022**

**Item \_\_6\_\_**

To: Board of Directors  
 From: Eric Peterson  
 Date: for May 22, 2022  
 Subject: Education Coordinator

Activities since Last Board Meeting

The only activity has been sharing the Clinic Clearing House listing with the Indy Junction committee. I did share the listing with the Region following the last board meeting.

Planned Activities

Review the information with the next Education Coordinator

Continue to offer to do clinics for the Region and Divisions



## Additional Comments

The amount of model railroading information available today is massive. There are more and better magazines as well as on line websites, supplier websites, YouTube videos and Zoom type meetings.

Individuals have an unlimited supply of prototype information from historical societies, past publications and new publications and books.

We are in a period of transition. As we always are. There still is a need for members to assist other members and it is especially effective in person. Maybe we should change our approach to education beyond the usual meets and convention clinics. Instead of having a clinic clearing house maybe we should try having listing of people willing to help others on specific topics or problems. Some could focus on those just starting such as some of the younger families we see at train shows. Some could focus on specific topics or areas of expertise such as DCC setup, bench work, track work, structures, bridges, signals scenery etc. I have had a good time helping other. One is a relatively new member that needed help building and installing grade crossing flashing lights and gates. Another is a small group of university students getting an N scale layout operating. Another is a family I have invited to our house to see my layout and talk about how to get started.

To make this work we need to be easier to contact and available for others to talk with us. I have always posted my address, phone and email in a variety of locations to be available for contacts. Doing this while on the Sunshine Region and now the MWR and CID has not caused us problems. As part of the clearing house I needed to contact each Division. I found this time consuming and often was not able to contact the person directly. Some never returned my call or contact message. Communication is important and I find it great fun to talk with new members and experienced members. One of the most rewarding is to contact older members that cannot attend regular events or often email and Zoom are not within their skill set. The hobby is still about working with other people on projects for our mutual hobby.

## **Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2022**

Item\_7

To: Board of Directors  
From: Jim Osborn, Election Committee Chairman  
Date: April 16,2022  
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 2021 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
- 5) Recruited Steve Miazga as an Election Committee member. Steve replaces Bert Lattan after his resignation. Steve was approved by the MWR President.

### 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.
- 3) Continue to explore additional electronic voting applications.

To: Midwest Region NMRA Executive Committee  
 From: Jim Osborn & Steve Miazga  
 Date: February 24, 2022

Subject: Election Results: The ballots of the recent election were counted and audited on February 24, 2022 by Election Committee members Jim Osborn and Steve Miazga. Ron Scharping, MWR Membership Chairman, verified that all voters were valid members of the Midwest Region.

**The results of the voting are:**

For Director-at-Large:	Mike Roderick	159 votes
	Dan Hinel	155 votes
	Phillip Burnside	141 votes
	Dave Mashino	136 votes
	Gary Children	130 votes

There was one write-in candidate, but it was invalid due to double voting.

**The winners of the election are:**

For Director-at-Large:	Mike Roderick	Central Indiana Division
	Dan Hinel	Central Indiana Division
	Phillip Burnside	Central Indiana Division
	Dave Mashino	Central Indiana Division

**Balloting Summary:**

Total E-Ballots Received	161
Total Paper Ballots Received	41
Total Ballots Received	202
Valid Ballots	190
Invalid Ballot	1
Spoiled ballot	0
Canceled Ballot	11
Members that voted twice	0
Votes not cast (under voted)	35

Respectively submitted,

Jim Osborn, Committee Chairman

Steve Miazga, Committee Member

**Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2022**

**Item \_8\_**

To: Board of Directors  
From: Jim Osborn, Internet Committee Chm.  
Date: April 16, 2022  
Subject: Internet Committee Report

Activities since Last Board Meeting

- 1) Made updates to the MWR web site per requests from National, the Region & the membership.
- 2) Assisted with the Waybill electronic publishing.
- 3) Posted current PDF versions of the Waybill on the web site.
- 4) Assisted with several miscellaneous Division web site issue and updates.
- 5) Assisted the DuPage division with the population of their mobile friendly web site.
- 6) Assisted the President & Secretary with various web related documents
- 7) Assisted the WISE web and email distribution team with the use of the Constant Contact email application. Currently the Constant Contact Account is shared among the FVD, SCWD, WISE Div. and the MWR.
- 8) Negotiated and paid a discounted web hosting agreement with Blue Host good through 31 July 2024.
- 9) The web site hosted 2303 users for 3184 sessions. Total activity was up by 50%+. DuPage Division was one of the drivers – presumably due to their train show. General activity with out DuPage numbers was up by 25%. Historical web site activity appears on the following page.

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 1/4 the Constant Contact email account is estimated at ~\$100 due June of 2022.
- 5) Assist the Secretary and President with the expanded use of the Constant Contact application for the region & divisions.
- 6) Support the Upcoming election process.

**Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2022**

**Item \_9\_**

To: Board of Directors  
From: Steve Studley  
Date: 29 May, 2022  
Subject: Long Range Planning

Activities since Last Board Meeting

A committee was formed to examine ways for the Region and the Divisions to increase and retain membership in the NMRA. Unfortunately, that committee has not met – yet. See below for plans to initiate the process of strengthening membership numbers.

I would also note that the work done for this convention should produce future benefits to the Region. See the Convention report.

### Planned Activities

Meet during the summer to be ready for the beginning of the fall/winter modeling season to implement plans to get the word out to non-members about joining and to the current members to convince them to keep their membership up to date.

Complete a report to the Board regarding the processes learned for the planning and operation of a tri-regional convention.

### **Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May, 2022**

**Item \_10**

To: Board of Directors  
From: Ron Scharping  
Date: April 14, 2022  
Subject: Membership Coordinator's Report

### Activities since Last Board Meeting

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

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

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

Maintained a table of Division zip codes.

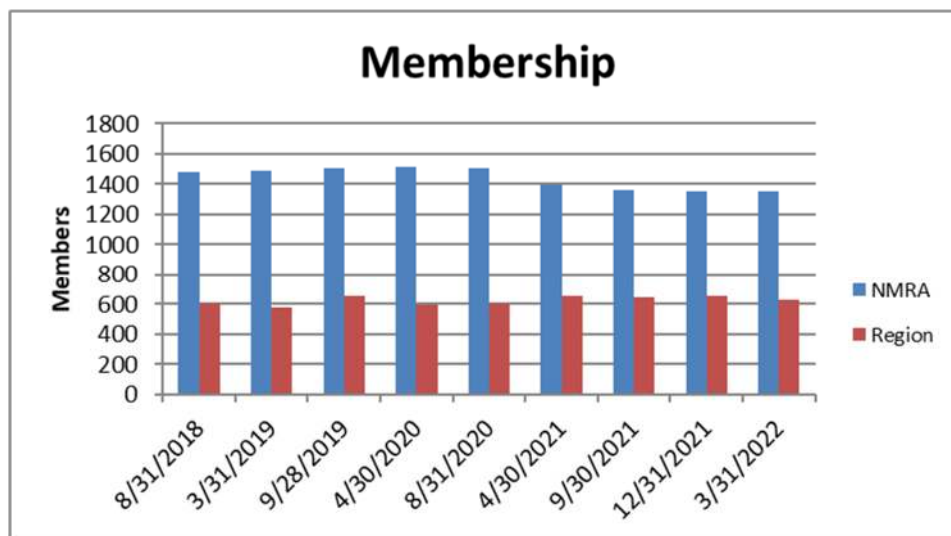
Continued working with the Region Constant Contact Coordinator to synchronize the Region Constant Contact list and the National database email addresses.

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

### Planned Activities

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

## Region Membership Data



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

(Region members are those members with a Waybill subscription)

### Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2022

Item \_11

To: Board of Directors

From: Steve Studley

Date: 29 May, 2022

Subject: Nominating

#### Activities since Last Board Meeting

The slate of nominees for the open positions on the Board were presented to the Board at the November meeting. The Board confirmed those nominees. The nominees' bios and photos were sent to the *Waybill* editor for inclusion in the winter issue.

## Planned Activities

In July 2022, 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 2023 election. The President, Vice President, and three Directors-at-Large will be elected at that time.

### **Photographer's report, position is open**

**Item 12**

### **Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 22, 2022**

**Item 13**

To: Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA

From: Michael L. Hirvela, Promotions and Special Projects

Date: April 10, 2022

Subject: Promotion and Special Projects Report for Spring 2022 MWR BoD Meeting, May 22, 2022

### Activities since Last Board Meeting:

- I had requested and have received the new and updated NMRA member application forms that were effective April 1, 2022. I have used some at the Great Midwest Train Show, (a.k.a.: The Wheaton Swap) on April 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Special Projects: none assigned, but have participated in a WISE Board meeting in support of their reorganization efforts (noted in the VP report).

### Planned Activities:

- Will have more of the new member applications and NMRA information available at the FVD table at the Wheaton Swap on June 5<sup>th</sup> and continuing in August and October when the new swap season starts.

Submitted:

Michael Hirvela

Promotions and Special Projects

### **Waybill Editor's Report**

**Item 14**

David J. Leider

I am sorry that I am not able to attend the meeting in person, but when you read this I will be spending the day at Floriade in Amsterdam. Expect to see a lot of pictures of high-speed trains in the next issue, as I am starting in London on May 9.

Since I have retired and have more time to devote to the Waybill, I would like to see it improved.

The first step was taken when I got permission to have it printed in color. As far as I know, we were the only region still printing in black and white; and once my mimeograph machine broke, it was time for a change.

I would also like to see more participation from the divisions. Other regions have a list of division activities. I want to make that a part of the Waybill. They do not have to be long or involved, just a few sentences to let people know what is happening in your region. Space is no longer an issue. If I go over my allotted 8-12 pages for print, I do a separate Waybill for the website anyway.

The Waybill is still being mailed to over 500 members who either do not have access to the internet or prefer a hard copy. It is a great way to reach all the members who read it either electronically or in print. I am always looking for other content, so please remind your members

The next Waybill will be going out at the end of August, so I would like to get submissions around August 10.

If every division sends me their contact information, I can send a reminder email the beginning of August as I do for a few people. My email is [sooauthor@netzero.net](mailto:sooauthor@netzero.net). **IMPORTANT:** When submitting material, if the photos are imbedded in the document, I need separate tiffs or jpegs, as I do not use Microsoft word to publish the Waybill.

## Youth Fund

No Report

Item 15

## Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2022

Item 16

To: Board of Directors  
From: Bob McGeever  
Date: 5/3/2022  
Subject: A. Resignation of DAL Jerry Peterson

I have received a letter of resignation from Director at Large (2023) Jerry Peterson.

Per the MWR Bylaws Section III.2, I would like to appoint Bob Perry of the Central Indiana Division to fill out the remainder of Jerry's term and ask the BOD to approve the appointment.

Subject: B. Constant Contact email as a resource

The MWR Region has a Constant Contact email service account. It was originally set up to be used for communications with NMRA members in the MWR and the Fox Valley Division. The MWR and the FVD shared the cost.

Since I became President of the MWR, the use has been expanded to the South Central Wisconsin Division and the Wisconsin Southeastern Division.

I see this account as a regional resource that should be made available to all the divisions to use.

The cost to support this service as a regional resource would be about \$600 per year. Currently it is about \$400 a year split four ways. Going forward, the region would pay the whole cost.

Each division that uses the account would have its own "manager" that would operate under a P&P set up by the MWR. Both the WISE and the SCWD have pioneered this process and it went pretty smoothly.

The use would be limited to communications to NMRA members. The region maintains the regional and divisional mailing lists. They are updated based on the monthly membership reports from the NMRA.

Subject: C. Facebook Page Administration

This is a call for help.

I am not a big fan of Facebook, but I have to admit that it will be part of the communications toolbox we will have to use to reach out to new members and other folks who are interested in our hobby.

Since I became MWR President, I have detected a pattern that the region is in pretty good shape for with folks who are taking care of our web sites but not so for folks taking care of our Facebook pages. There seems to be plenty folks who can (or will) post to a Facebook page if there was somebody else who would do the administration.

Yet some of the divisions seem to be doing really good with Facebook.

So I'm hoping that the rest of you might know folks with FB expertise that we could assemble into a regional resource team that would help us FB fumlbers get the administration thing under control.

Subject: D. The Waybill Newsletter.

Action Item:

Since the last MWR BOD meeting, the Executive Committee authorized an \$80 per quarter increase to print the spring Waybill in color. The entire BOD should act on this to authorize it for all editions. The cost per quarter would go from about \$875 to \$955.

Discussion Item:

During the emails exchanged to authorize the increased cost, the topic of a PDF only newsletter came up. Several divisions have converted to this format. It would be a significant cost reduction for the MWR.

**Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2022      Item \_\_17**

**To:            Board of Directors  
From:        John Robert Coy  
Date:        May 22, 2022  
Subject:     DAL Report from November 2021 to May 22, 2022**

**Activities since Last Board Meeting:**

**Participated in a number of Zoom Meetings.**

**Attended all Division Meetings.**

**Always Promoting NMRA on Internet**

**Always Assisting Others in their AP journey. Working on my own AP projects.**

**Planned Activities**

**Today, May 22, 2022 I reached my required three (3) year tenure as a Regional Director at Large and qualified for an "Offical Certificate" in the AP—my 6<sup>th</sup> certificate.**

**Elected: Assistant Superintendent of the Central Indiana Division (CID) May 9, 2022.**

**Work with newly elected CID Executive Board**



**Assisting Others in their AP journey**

**Working on my final AP category—scratch-building cars**

**Submit materials to be candidate for NMRA National Board Central Division Director 2023**

**Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2022**      **Item 18**

No Report available

**Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2022**      **Item 19**

To:            Board of Directors

From:        Jerry Peterson

Date:         April 21, 2022

Subject:      Midwest Region Director At Large

Activities since Last Board Meeting

None since I am now my wife's primary caregiver

Planned Activities

Resigning position as Midwest Region Director At Large

**Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2022**      **Item 20**

To:            Board of Directors

From:        Michael D. Roderick

Date:         04/18/2022

Subject:      Director At Large Report

Activities since Last Board Meeting:

I enjoy helping the Central Indiana Division show managers put on some great train shows. When Jim Shelhaus was looking for a new location to relocate the train show from Noblesville, IN I was able to steer him in the direction of Lebanon. I was able to help the Indy South Show pick up the pieces after their show manager passed away back in December by helping them with floor plans for their shows and pointed them to a contact for making a new show flyer. In the meantime, I took over the reins of the Great Train Show Manager at the Indiana State Fair Grounds. We promoted the hobby and the NMRA as well as Indy Jct. 2022 and the Franklin Train Show. Speaking of trains shows since January of this year My wife and I have covered five trains shows for the CID with some of them back-to-back shows. I am running for Superintendent of the Central Indiana Division and ran for the Director at Large position for which I currently hold.

## Franklin Train Show Report:

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

Model Railroader July/August issue

Classic Trains July/August issue

Trains July/August issue

Cowcatcher Free (New)

NMRA

SRHA

Rail Model Craftsman

Model Railroad News

Model Railroad Hobbyist

Rusty Spike

Waybill

Will be on WFMS in August

Festival Country Indiana will promote our show on the radio in Franklin closer to the show

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Item \_\_21

To: Board of Directors  
From: Eric Peterson  
Date: for 5/22/2022 Board Meeting  
Subject: My Director At Large Report

### Activities since Last Board Meeting

I have continued to organize Monthly Zoom meeting for the Central Indiana Division. The CID has also started having some in person events such as our trip to Atlanta, IN for lunch and to visit the Mr. Muffin store and 3 rail display layout.

At the Chicago O Scale Meet April 1-3 I used my table to promote the Indy Junction and Gateway conventions. I have also been working to have more O Scale 2 Rail layouts open, clinic and display

layouts at these conventions. We will also have at least two O Scale 2 Rail suppliers at the Indy Junction convention.

I gave my clinic on wiring twice during the Indy Junction convention and my layout was open Thursday afternoon. I also volunteered to help with the convention staffing.

Planned Activities

Since this is my last board meeting as a 2022 director at large I will be available to help future board members with the topic I have been involved with in the past.

I plan to continue working with the CID as a board member until term limits end my current activities.

I am a board member of O Scale Kings that will soon be know and O Scale Central. This organization supports O Scale 2 Rail modeling by providing on line information, assisting with events, and participating whenever we have members available to have displays at train shows and other events.

I plan to pursue the AP certification for Master Builder Cars or Locomotives. This will be my 7<sup>th</sup> certificate to qualify for MMR.

I also plan to continue working on my layout and including friends in the construction work as well as future limited operating sessions.

You are welcome to contact me for assistance in the future or just to stop by and check my layout progress.

Eric Peterson 317-947-4829

12439 Pebble Knoll Way,

Carmel, IN 46033-8236

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**DAL report**    No Report available

**To: MWR BOD**      **Item 23**

**DAL report**    No Report available

**Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2022**      **Item 24**

To:            Board of Directors

From:        Burnell Breaker – WISE Interim Superintendent

Date:         April 19, 2022

Subject:      WISE Division report

Activities since Last Board Meeting

The WISE Executive Committee has been working to rebuild the WISE Division since we went inactive from lack of membership involvement, November, 2021. We surveyed the membership for their thoughts and ideas as well as their potential participation. We hope all of this will lead to a responsive and all-

inclusive WISE Division. We've held 3 meets and have positive responses from the membership. We're reworking our Constitution and By-Laws. We're still working to fill committee positions.

#### Planned Activities

Membership Picnic – August 2022

Membership Meetings - October, December, 2022, March, 2023

November 2022 – Trainfest, will have a booth at show

January, 2023 – Train School with various stations to help modelers

Spring, 2023 – WISEop operating sessions weeken

To: MWR Secretary

From: Burnell Breaker

Date: April 17, 2022

Subject: Current Roster of Division Officers Report for May 2022

Division: WISE

President/Superintendent

Name: Burnell Breaker

NMRA Membership Number: 3762

Vice President/Asst Superintendent.

Name: Robert Niedermann

NMRA Membership Number: 134315

Secretary/Clerk

Name: David Rohr

NMRA Membership Number: 3422

Treasurer/Paymaster

Name: Dennis Janssen

NMRA Membership Number: 148855

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**DAL report**    No Report available

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Item   26

To: Board of Directors  
From:   Philip Herman Superintendent WLD  
Date: April 28, 2022  
Subject: Winnebagoland Division

Activities since Last Board Meeting

In-person/Virtual Board Meeting 3/19/2022

Board Meetings Held Virtually 12/1/2021, 1/26/2022

**WLD Workshop Wednesday's Virtual Events** (avg. around 25 participants)

January 12, 2022

March 16, 2022 – Topic: Interchanges

Planned Activities

**WLD Spring Meet 4/30/2022 Manitowoc, WI**

Photo and Model contests, Model displays, Four Clinics, Annual membership meeting & Layout tours.

**Next WLD Board Meeting June 18<sup>th</sup> Strawberry Fest - Waupaca, WI**

**WLD Fall Meet 10/8/2022 Waupaca Depot - Waupaca, WI**

**WLD Fall Operating Session 10/22/2022 Wisconsin Valley Model RR Club - Wausau, WI**

**WLD Workshop Wednesday's Virtual Events**

May 18, 2022 – Topic: What's on your workbench.

Sept. 14, 2022 – Topic: Car Forwarding

To: MWR Secretary  
From:   Philip Herman  
Date: 4/28/2022  
Subject: Current Roster of Division Officers Report for May 2022

Division: Winnebagoland Division

President/Superintendent

Name: Philip Herman

NMRA Membership Number: 03 142984 00

Vice President/Asst Superintendent.

Name: Todd Bushmaker

NMRA Membership Number: 03 120053 0A

Secretary/Clerk

Name: Vern Elke

NMRA Membership Number: 03 108786 00

Treasurer/Paymaster

Name: Paul Mastalir

NMRA Membership Number: 03 143173 00

135 Hillside Ln

Shawana, WI 54166-3734 phone: 717-853-7274

Email: mastalir54166@yahoo.com

**To: MWR Secretary**

**Item 27**

From: Jimmie Tatum – IVD Superintendent

Date: 06 May 2022

Subject: Current Roster of Division Officers Report for May 2022

Division: Illinois Valley Division

President/Superintendent

Name: Jimmie Tatum

NMRA Membership Number: 149137 00

Vice President/Asst Superintendent.

Name: Minton Dings

NMRA Membership Number: 126114 0A

Secretary/Clerk

Name: Randy Sommer

NMRA Membership Number: 168830 00

Treasurer/Paymaster

Name: Ken Burr

NMRA Membership Number: 146932 00

To: Board of Directors  
From: Dan Hinel, CID Superintendent  
Date: April 22, 2021  
Subject: Central Indiana Division Report

Activities since Last Board Meeting

CID Zoom Board Meetings 10/3/2021, 12/5/2021, 2/7/2022, 4/3/2022

Train Shows-Information Materials Table/Booth

Danville Train Show November 20, 2021

Lebanon Train Show January 30, 2022

Great Train Show February 12-13, 2022

Peru Train Show April 16, 2022

Indy Junction 2022- May 18-22, 2022 multiple committee meetings via Zoom

CID Modelers Meets April 2, 2022

Rusty Spike Newsletter publications

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 Indy Junction 2022- May 18-22, 2022

for CID Board meeting, Modelers Meets, and Train Show

Participation, Layout tours per Covid 19 quarantine guideline.

Franklin Train Show May August 27-28, 2022

Annual Business Meeting May 9, 2022 via zoom

Bi-Weekly Track Talk Virtual Meetings via Zoom or in person

CID Board Meetings virtual via Zoom 6/5/2022

Train Shows-Information Materials Table/Booth locations and dates TBD

Avon Train Show (TBD)

Danville Train Show (30 minutes west of Indianapolis) 11/20/2022

Layout Tour (Area TBD)

CID plans on continued activities of communication to general membership

To: Board of Directors  
From: Mike Lehman  
Date: April 29, 2022  
Subject: Illinois Terminal Division Report

Activities since Last Board Meeting

The ITD has continued to meet monthly via Zoom. In person participation during that is possible, but has seen sparse interest so far. We plan to hold an in-person business meeting for May 2022, if everyone stays healthy, with Zoom available for those who can't be there in person.

Assistant Superintendent Larry Tschopp has decided to hang up his hat as he completes his latest of a number of years of service. As a regular attendee of regional events, Larry has served in particular as ITD's liaison to many MWR board meetings, given that other ITD officers rarely have the ability to attend such meetings in person. Larry has worked assiduously on the division's make-and-take program as it made the national -required transition from a youth program to a family event. Despite taking a couple of pandemic years off due to cancellation of the train show, make-and-take was a tremendous success with the show's resumption in March 2022. We are actively recruiting a replacement for Larry at Assistant Superintendent, while hoping he is able to continue organizing make-and-take at the annual show.

Speaking of the train show, after the two-year pandemic hiatus, some issues with venue scheduling, and a limited volunteer base that was skillfully managed by volunteer coordinator Mark Schleeter, everyone agreed the recently held 2022 show was a success. As a now NMRA-sponsored event with free public admission, the nearly 40 year history of Urbana's Lincoln Square Train Show is a solid legacy that is well-regarded and reaches thousands of potential new model railroaders as well as many old hands. We added several new display layouts this year, while bringing back a number of crowd favorites. We request, but don't require, that display layout operators let the public operate on their layout to the extent possible, a good way to increase overall interaction with the crowds. Next year's show dates are March 25 & 26, 2023. Show info is on a page on the ITD website, maintained by ITD's Webmaster/Chief Clerk/Paymaster Allen Byrne, if your division would like to operate a display layout. We could also use more vendors, so if you know someone looking for eager customers, point them our way, too.

Cards giving notice of the 2023 train show date will go out at the end of September to the Show mailing list. The list data is now in spreadsheet format making mailing list management easier.

Rob Brown, who used to work with the National Show committee, passed along an old large NMRA banner display to ITD. This professionally produced work of marketing looks great and will really get the crowd's attention at your next event. It folds down into a travel case that will fit in most vehicles and takes just a few minutes to set up. It is available for use every week of the year except the last two weeks in March when we hold the Urbana show. Contact ITD if you'd like to arrange to pick it up, borrow and return it.

Super Lehman continues hosting the weekly Central Illinois Train Talk Zoom meetup. While not an official ITD activity, Train Talk provides a point of easy public access to info about connecting with the NMRA. It also facilitates contact for those with inquiries about the Train Show. You're invited to join the discussion about all things trains on Wednesday's from 6-8pm Central time, Zoom meeting number 819 5434 5485, code 088555.

Planned Activities

The March 25 and 26, 2023 Lincoln Square Train Show is our major focus. Registration forms for vendors and applications for display layouts will go out at New Year's. If you have a display layout, we pay a \$100 stipend for a limited number of out of town layouts and welcome your application's return in January. If



you send contact info, we'll send registration or application info to you then. Feel free to drop by Train Talk if you have any questions.

A Most Improved Square Foot of Layout is the theme for our annual challenge contest, with judging taking place at our annual May Business Meeting. This is also when the Bob Award, named after Bob Miller and given for modeler of the year in ITD. Last year, that was your erstwhile superintendent, which means I have the task of choosing who gets the Bob Award this year.

There has been some discussion about an ITD visit to the Illinois Railway Museum. Nothing set yet. As I repeated this goal, it occurred to me... Would it be possible for MWR and other NMRA clubs, divisions and regions to choose a date to all visit the Illinois Railway Museum? That might make for a good crowd and a lot of interaction and fun between folks who don't usually get time to talk despite having a lot in common. Anyone think this is worth pursuing, let me know and I'll look further into making a formal proposal. This idea could apply to other museums, too, a good summertime diversion.

To: MWR Secretary  
From: Mike Lehman  
Date: April 29,2022  
Subject: Current Roster of Division Officers Report for May 2022  
Division: ITD

President/Superintendent

Name: Mike Lehman  
NMRA Membership Number: 097944 00

Vice President/Asst Superintendent.

Name: OPEN as of May 14, 2022 pending election/appointment of new AS at annual business meeting  
NMRA Membership Number:

Secretary/Clerk

Name: Allen Byrne  
NMRA Membership Number: 131431 00

Treasurer/Paymaster

Name: Allen Byrne  
NMRA Membership Number: 131431 00

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**Item 30**

To: Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA  
From: Michael L. Hirvela, Director, Superintendent, Fox Valley Division (FVD), Div #2809  
Date: April 10, 2022  
Subject: FVD Report for Spring 2022 MWR BoD Meeting, May 22, 2022

Activities since Last Board Meeting:

- As noted in the November 2021 report, due to the restrictions and limitations imposed by the State of Illinois regarding the COVID-19 pandemic and actions to minimize its transmission, the Fox Valley Division has continued to conduct virtual member meetings over the Internet using the ZOOM system. We have had members log-on from the local division and several other states, including snow-birds and retirees from Florida, Tennessee, Arizona. We also had NMRA President Gordy Robinson attend a virtual meeting in February from his home in the Orkney Islands, UK.
- We concluded our 2021-2022 season on May 15, 2022, with a Hybrid In-Person / ZOOM meeting over the computer at our usual meeting place at the Prospect Heights, IL, Gary Morava Recreation Center. We have had anywhere from 28 to 36 attendees via the virtual meetings during the last several months. In that this report is to be turned in by April 29, our May meeting in-person and virtual participation numbers won't be available until after the May 15<sup>th</sup> member meeting.
- The Fox Valley Division, in conjunction with the DuPage Division, has continued to host an NMRA member solicitation and information table at the Great Midwest Train Show, aka: The Wheaton Swap. FVD manned the table during December, February and April, with DuPage Division manning the table in alternate months. FVD will have a rep at the June swap, and we plan on continuing alternating table presence commencing in August, 2022.

Planned Activities

- Given the current status of State of Illinois COVID restriction easing, our Board voted to host Hybrid In-Person and Virtual presence meetings for the May meeting. This is in view there may be some reluctance on some member participation at people gathering places and that is understandable and we are trying to be accommodating. Future type of meetings will depend on the May meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael L. Hirvela  
Superintendent,  
Fox Valley Division

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**Item 31**

To: Board of Directors  
From: Marty Hendrickx,  
Date: 4/16/2022  
Subject: Rock River Valley Division

### Activities since Last Board Meeting

- RRVD has been holding monthly meets since September. Meets have not returned to pre-Covid attendance yet but they are mask less and we have started coffee & donuts service.
- We held our annual business meeting in March. Marty Hendrickx is now Superintendent and Ken Mosny is now Assistant Superintendent. Our Clerk dropped and the only candidate for the office cannot take over until the fall so that position is open. Paymaster was filled by a new member Myron Peterson.
- All officers in the division have an email addressed attached to their office along with the positions of Show Registrar and a new position Chief Dispatcher. This was done to protect the privacy of the officers and also so the emails go with officer and there is continuity.
- We have established a new position in the division, Chief Dispatcher. This position will be responsible for all social media in the division. Previously the person who did this job used a personal email address and when he died suddenly RRVD lost control of our social media. Having this job with a division email ensures better continuity and control.
- We held our 30<sup>th</sup> Rock River Valley Train Show the end of March at Harlem H.S. This was the first show in 3 years. It was generally well received and had an attendance of 1700. We managed to make a profit.
- Membership has been stable. We had 76 members last March and our current membership is 76.

### Planned Activities

- We have a "June Junket" We are planning on going to Oregon, IL to the Depot Museum and visiting the Blackhawk Model Railroad Club.
- Potluck cookout in August for all members.
- We have begun planning of 2022/2023 schedule of monthly meets and the spring train show.
- We have a Member's Banquet on the evening of January meet with spouses being invited.
- Plan to use social media to increase awareness of the RRVD in the community and recruit new members.

To: MWR Secretary  
From: Marty Hendrickx  
Date: 4/16/2022  
Subject: Current Roster of Division Officers Report for May 2022  
Division: Rock River Valley Division

President/Superintendent  
Name: Marty Hendrickx  
NMRA Membership Number: 162428 00

Vice President/Asst Superintendent.  
Name: Emil "Ken" Mosny  
NMRA Membership Number: 113421 00

Secretary/Clerk  
Name: Open  
NMRA Membership Number:

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

To: Board of Directors  
From: Patrick Golden, Superintendent, DuPage Division 2811  
Date: May 1, 2022  
Subject: Division Activities

Activities since Last Board Meeting

- The DuPage Division's November 2021 regular Division meeting was held on November 7, 2021. The meeting included a presentation by Division member Fred Henize on operations on his N-scale home layout, The Apple Valley Route. The contest at the meeting was Supporting Characters – anything associated with the railroad but functions in a supporting role.
- The DuPage Division usually holds a catered Holiday Luncheon for members and spouses at our December regular Division meeting, this year scheduled for December 5, 2021, however, our regular meeting site had a “no food order” in place due to lingering concerns about the pandemic. Alternatives were considered but nothing worked out for a luncheon in December prior to the Christmas holidays. Division member Tim Schubert eventually made arrangements at his church's dining hall to hold a luncheon there but due to scheduling and availability the luncheon was not able to be held until January 2022. Thus, the regular Division meeting in December 2021 was canceled.
- The DuPage Division held a regular Division meeting and Holiday Luncheon on January 15, 2022. There was no presentation, but rather just socializing.
- The contest at the meeting was the annual all categories photo contest.
- The DuPage Division's February 2022 regular Division meeting was held on February 6, 2022. The meeting included a presentation by Chris Vanko on weathering. The contest at the meeting was Open Loads.
- The DuPage Division's March 2022 regular Division meeting was held on March 6, 2022. The meeting included a presentation by Division member Jerry Zeman on his journey into 3D printing.
- The contest at the meeting was the Annual All NMRA Categories Contest.
- The DuPage Division's April 2022 regular Division meeting was held on April 3, 2022. This meeting was the Division's annual layout tours. Maps to three member's home layouts and two model railroad clubs were distributed and members were then on their own to visit the layouts as desired. Members opening their home layouts included David Angus, Garrett Drozd and Jerry Zeman. Clubs conducting regular open houses were the Elmhurst Model Railroad Club in Elmhurst, IL and the Prairie Scale Model Railroad Club in Lombard, IL.
- The DuPage Division's May 2022 regular Division meeting was held on May 1, 2022. The meeting included a presentation by Division member David Lull on cardboard structures. The contest at the meeting was Favorite Train.
- On Saturday, March 26, 2022 the DuPage Division, in conjunction with our co-sponsor, Lyons Township High School, held the 2022 (39<sup>th</sup> Annual) All-American Railroad Show at the school's fieldhouse in LaGrange, IL. The show is a one-day exhibit of modular operating layouts, ranging in size from N scale up through 1-1/2” scale. This year saw 28 exhibitors participate. This is the DuPage Division's only fundraiser during the year. Total paid attendance, those 5 years of age and above, was estimated at 1,227.

This year's show marked a return after two years of no public shows whatsoever due to the pandemic. Feedback and comments from exhibitors, visitors and Division members were very positive.

- The DuPage Division held a Board of Directors meeting on February 2, 2022 and again on May 1, 2022 where Division issues were discussed.
- Elections were held at the March 6, 2022 regular Division meeting for Assistant Superintendent and Paymaster. Perry Sugerman will replace Ray Gerlich as Assistant Superintendent and Alex Schneider will replace Kim Schlytter as Paymaster. Incoming elected officials will assume their new roles on June 1, 2022. Both outgoing elected officials had reached their respective term limits.

#### Planned Activities

- The DuPage Division usually tries to plan an outing during one of the summer months at a railroad park, museum, etc. with a cookout theme or a catered lunch. Superintendent Patrick Golden is currently in contact with the 1-1/2" scale Illinois Live Steamers organization, one of our All-American Railroad Show exhibitors, to see about the possibility of visiting their facility.
- In mid to late August 2022, the DuPage Division Board of Directors will meet to plan the 2022-2023 meeting season.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Golden

Superintendent – DuPage Division

To: MWR Secretary

From: Patrick Golden

Date: May 1, 2022

Subject: Current Roster of Division Officers Report for May 2022

Division: DuPage Division 2811

President/Superintendent

Name: Patrick Golden

NMRA Membership Number: 120829

Vice President/Asst Superintendent.

Name: Ray Gerlich (thru 5-31-2022) Perry Sugerman (starting 6-1-2022)

NMRA Membership Number: Ray Gerlich 154637; Perry Sugerman L03564

Secretary/Clerk

Name: Tim Schubert

NMRA Membership Number: 098531

Treasurer/Paymaster

Name: Kim Schlytter (thru 5-31-2022) Alex Schneider (starting 6-1-2022)

NMRA Membership Number: Kim Schlytter 147789; Alex Schneider 28355

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**Item \_\_33**

To: Board of Directors

From: Greg Buelmann, Superintendent Michiana Division

Date: April 21, 2022

Subject: Division Director Report for Michiana Division

Activities since Last Board Meeting

Michiana Division BoD Meetings (12/11/2021, 3/12/2022)

Michiana Division Monthly Membership Meetings and Clinics

Date	Topic
November 20, 2021	AP Program and Golden Spike – Zoom – MMR Ron Christensen and Greg Buelmann presenters
December 18, 2021	Industries Served by the South Shore Freight – Zoom – Andy Laurent presenter
January 15, 2022	Using and Contributing to the Michiana Railroad Archive – Zoom – Greg Buelmann presenter
February 19, 2022	Railroads of Porter County, Indiana – Zoom – Ken Hough presenter
March 19, 2022	Elkhart Model Railroad Club Show – Claywood Event Center, Nappanee, Indiana
April 23, 2022	Annual Meeting and Outing to Monon Connection Museum and Whistle Stop Restaurant – Monon, Indiana

## Weekly Thursday Evening Zoom Sessions

Date	Topic	Presenter
11/4/21	Decker's Meat Packing – Decker's Rolling Stock	Clark Propst
11/11/21	Duane Henry's Sister Lakes Southern	Ron Christensen
11/18/21	Duane Henry's Sister Lakes Southern Operations	Ron Christensen
12/2/21	Doug Harding Freight Depots	Doug Harding
12/16/21	Seth Lakin Michigan City Railroads Circa 1960	Seth Lakin
12/18/21	Andy Laurent Division Meeting South Shore Freight	Andy Laurent
12/30/21	Rich Hanke Country Church	Rich Hanke
1/13/22	Building a Branch Line Roster	Clark Propst
1/15/22	NMRA Michiana Division Jan 2022 Zoom, PowerPoint	Greg Bueltmann
1/20/22	Storing and Retrieving Photos	Doug Harding?
1/27/22	Belle Plaine, Iowa	Ron Christensen
2/3/22	Tama, Iowa	Ron Christensen
2/17/22	Making Scale Sized Deciduous Trees	Jared Harper
2/20/22	NMRA Michiana Division February 22 Zoom	Ken Hough
2/24/22	Meet and Greet - what are you working on?	All
3/3/22	Pickle Time	Doug Harding
3/10/22	Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Brick Depots	Seth Lakin
3/17/22	Coal Loaders	Lloyd Keyser
3/24/22	Small Bulk Petroleum Dealers	Ron Christensen
3/31/22	What are you working on?	Rod Thomson, Doug Harding, Ken Hough
4/7/22	What are you working on?	Ron Christensen, Doug Harding, Greg Bueltmann
4/21/22	Freight Car Progress	Clark Propst, Dave Nelson, Mark Carlson
4/28/22	Ships for Victory - Short Presentation	Brian Ehni, Ron Christensen, Dave Nelson

### Planned Activities

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

To: MWR Clerk

From: Greg Bueltmann, Superintendent, Michiana Division  
Date: April 21, 2021  
Subject: Current Roster of Division Officers Report for May 2022  
Division: Michiana Division  
President/Superintendent  
Name: Greg Bueltmann  
NMRA Membership Number: 164834 00

Secretary/Clerk  
Name: Neal Thomas  
NMRA Membership Number: 141315 00

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

**Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2022**

**Item 34**

To: Board of Directors  
From: Bob McGeever  
Date: 5/3/2022  
Subject: Regional Advisory Committee  
Activities since Last Board Meeting  
No activities to report since summer of 2021

Planned Activities

I expect a series of RAC meetings after the National Convention.

**Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2022**

**Item \_35**

To: Board of Directors  
From: Steve Studley  
Date: 29 April, 2022  
Subject: Immediate Past President



### Activities since Last Board Meeting

Under the title "other duties as assigned by the President" I have been acting on a temporary basis as Convention Committee Chair. Please see my Convention Committee report for information regarding working as a Director of the *Indy Junction 2022* Convention.

### Planned Activities

Report to the MWR Board, the use of on-line registrations for the convention and how that may be useful to the Region and Divisions for future conventions. There has been a group set up to study what other systems can be of use to others to produce a convention. I have requested membership in that group. We (the Indy Junction 2022 Directors) plan to open this discussion with NMRA President Robinson, who will be attending the convention.

**To: Midwest Region Board of Directors**

**April 25, 2022**

**Item 36**

From: Connie J. Coy, Secretary

Re: May 22, 2022 Secretary's report

Dear Midwest Regions Board of Directors, Committee Chairs and Guests:

It has been 1 year since I began the role as your Midwest Region Secretary. During that time, I have been granted the funds to purchase NitroPro to use in preparing the reports, agenda and necessary paperwork to keep our members up-to-date on the workings or our various divisions and committees. Thank you for approving that purchase. I was able to utilize this to prepare today's packet of reports and agendas for the BoD and MOM meetings. Membership names and contact information are also up-to-date.

I would like to request that the region purchase a subscription to Microsoft Word so I can have the best tool to do my work. My current program, Open Office, is not as compatible with the software as I had hoped. This item is on the Agenda under New Business. The cost of 1 year's Subscription is \$99.00 plus tax.

I want to thank you all for your help in providing leadership and guidance to the NMRA's Midwest Region. I especially thank Bob McGeever for his guidance as I began this leadership position and to Jim Osborn for help with the postings on the Web.

It is a pleasure to serve as your Secretary/Clerk.

Respectfully,

Connie J. Coy

NMRA Membership Number: 168406

**Treasurer's Report**

Attached for your information are income statement and balance sheet information for full year 2021 and March 2022 year-to-date periods. A comparison to prior year performance is included.

Total 2021 revenues were \$5,539 with a bottom line loss of \$3,693 reflecting convention related expense (Indy Junction seed money and shared Rock River spring convention non-reimbursed deposit) and higher overhead expenses (achievement program reimbursements, board meeting expenses, past president plaque, secretary software expense and web related expenses). December 31, 2021 year-end cash balance was \$39,403 a decrease of 8.8% from prior year.

March 2022 year-to-date revenues of \$1,847 were \$551 unfavorable to prior year, primarily a result of lower subscription revenues (43.0%). Net loss of \$246 was \$783 unfavorable versus last year as higher Waybill print expenses also contributed to the unfavorable variance. March 31, 2022 cash balance of \$39,128, which excludes un-deposited funds of \$1,136 (NMRA Revenue Share), was down 10.0% versus last year. Divisional revenue share pass through checks will be distributed at the May Board Meeting.

Keith A. Thomsen

Treasurer

**Midwest Region NMRA**  
**Balance Sheet as of December 31**

	<u>Dec 31, 21</u>	<u>Dec 31, 20</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>				
<b>Current Assets</b>				
<b>Checking/Savings</b>				
<b>Checking</b>				
BMO Harris C	39,402.86	43,221.96	-3,819.10	-8.84%
<b>Total Checking</b>	<u>39,402.86</u>	<u>43,221.96</u>	<u>-3,819.10</u>	<u>-8.84%</u>
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<u>39,402.86</u>	<u>43,221.96</u>	<u>-3,819.10</u>	<u>-8.84%</u>
<b>Accounts Receivable</b>				
<b>Accounts receivable</b>				
NMRA Receiv	290.41	163.91	126.50	77.18%
<b>Total Accounts receivable</b>	<u>290.41</u>	<u>163.91</u>	<u>126.50</u>	<u>77.18%</u>
<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>	<u>290.41</u>	<u>163.91</u>	<u>126.50</u>	<u>77.18%</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>39,693.27</u>	<u>43,385.87</u>	<u>-3,692.60</u>	<u>-8.51%</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><u>39,693.27</u></u>	<u><u>43,385.87</u></u>	<u><u>-3,692.60</u></u>	<u><u>-8.51%</u></u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>				
<b>Equity</b>				
Opening Bal Equity	17,393.30	17,393.30	0.00	0.0%
<b>Permanently Restricted Funds</b>				
Moskal Award Funds	165.20	165.20	0.00	0.0%
Youth Program Funds	6,560.74	6,560.74	0.00	0.0%
<b>Total Permanently Restricted F</b>	<u>6,725.94</u>	<u>6,725.94</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Unrestrict (retained earnings)	19,266.63	19,267.98	-1.35	-0.01%
Net Income	-3,692.60	-1.35	-3,691.25	N/A
<b>Total Equity</b>	<u>39,693.27</u>	<u>43,385.87</u>	<u>-3,692.60</u>	<u>-8.51%</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u><u>39,693.27</u></u>	<u><u>43,385.87</u></u>	<u><u>-3,692.60</u></u>	<u><u>-8.51%</u></u>

**Midwest Region NMRA**  
**Income Statement for 2021 vs 2020**

	<u>Jan - Dec 21</u>	<u>Jan - Dec 20</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>				
<b>Income</b>				
<b>Convention Income</b>	0.00	654.00	-654.00	-100.0%
<b>NMRA</b>				
<b>Revenue Sharing</b>	2,274.00	2,404.00	-130.00	-5.41%
<b>Subscriptions</b>	3,265.47	3,403.92	-138.45	-4.07%
<b>Total NMRA</b>	<u>5,539.47</u>	<u>5,807.92</u>	<u>-268.45</u>	<u>-4.62%</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	5,539.47	6,461.92	-922.45	-14.28%
<b>Expense</b>				
<b>Convention Expenses</b>				
<b>Seed Grant</b>	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	100.0%
<b>Convention Expenses - Other</b>	685.00	0.00	685.00	100.0%
<b>Total Convention Expenses</b>	<u>2,685.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,685.00</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
<b>NMRA Rebate</b>				
<b>Rebate to Divisions</b>	2,274.00	2,404.00	-130.00	-5.41%
<b>Total NMRA Rebate</b>	<u>2,274.00</u>	<u>2,404.00</u>	<u>-130.00</u>	<u>-5.41%</u>
<b>Overhead Expenses</b>				
<b>Achievement Program</b>	157.76	0.00	157.76	100.0%
<b>Board of Directors</b>	192.07	0.00	192.07	100.0%
<b>President</b>	45.90	0.00	45.90	100.0%
<b>Secretary</b>	192.59	0.00	192.59	100.0%
<b>Treasurer</b>	0.00	55.00	-55.00	-100.0%
<b>Web</b>	592.73	225.49	367.24	162.86%
<b>Total Overhead Expenses</b>	<u>1,181.05</u>	<u>280.49</u>	<u>900.56</u>	<u>321.07%</u>
<b>Waybill</b>				
<b>Postage</b>	771.22	806.84	-35.62	-4.42%
<b>Printing</b>	2,320.80	2,402.26	-81.46	-3.39%
<b>Total Waybill</b>	<u>3,092.02</u>	<u>3,209.10</u>	<u>-117.08</u>	<u>-3.65%</u>
<b>Youth Program</b>	0.00	569.68	-569.68	-100.0%
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>9,232.07</u>	<u>6,463.27</u>	<u>2,768.80</u>	<u>42.84%</u>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<u>-3,692.60</u>	<u>-1.35</u>	<u>-3,691.25</u>	<u>N/A</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u><b>-3,692.60</b></u>	<u><b>-1.35</b></u>	<u><b>-3,691.25</b></u>	<u><b>N/A</b></u>

**Midwest Region NMRA**  
**Balance Sheet as of March 31**

	<u>Mar 31, 22</u>	<u>Mar 31, 21</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>				
<b>Current Assets</b>				
<b>Checking</b>				
<b>BMO Harris Checking</b>	39,127.97	43,490.04	-4,362.07	-10.03%
<b>Total Checking</b>	<u>39,127.97</u>	<u>43,490.04</u>	<u>-4,362.07</u>	<u>-10.03%</u>
	39,127.97	43,490.04	-4,362.07	-10.03%
<b>Accounts receivable</b>				
<b>NMRA Receivables</b>	319.50	433.30	-113.80	-26.26%
<b>Total Accounts receivable</b>	<u>319.50</u>	<u>433.30</u>	<u>-113.80</u>	<u>-26.26%</u>
	319.50	433.30	-113.80	-26.26%
<b>Undeposited Funds</b>				
	1,136.00	0.00	1,136.00	100.0%
	<u>1,136.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,136.00</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>40,583.47</u>	<u>43,923.34</u>	<u>-3,339.87</u>	<u>-7.6%</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><u>40,583.47</u></u>	<u><u>43,923.34</u></u>	<u><u>-3,339.87</u></u>	<u><u>-7.6%</u></u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>				
<b>Liabilities</b>				
<b>Accounts Payable</b>				
<b>Accounts payable</b>	1,136.00	0.00	1,136.00	100.0%
<b>Total Accounts Payable</b>	<u>1,136.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,136.00</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
	1,136.00	0.00	1,136.00	100.0%
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>1,136.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,136.00</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
<b>Equity</b>				
	17,393.30	17,393.30	0.00	0.0%
<b>Moskal Award Funds</b>				
	165.20	165.20	0.00	0.0%
<b>Youth Program Funds</b>				
	6,560.74	6,560.74	0.00	0.0%
	6,725.94	6,725.94	0.00	0.0%
	15,574.03	19,266.63	-3,692.60	-19.17%
	-245.80	537.47	-783.27	-145.73%
<b>Total Equity</b>	<u>39,447.47</u>	<u>43,923.34</u>	<u>-4,475.87</u>	<u>-10.19%</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u><u>40,583.47</u></u>	<u><u>43,923.34</u></u>	<u><u>-3,339.87</u></u>	<u><u>-7.6%</u></u>

**Midwest Region NMRA**  
**March YTD Income Statement Comparison**

	<u>Jan - Mar 22</u>	<u>Jan - Mar 21</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>				
<b>Income</b>				
<b>NMRA</b>				
Revenue Sharing	1,136.00	1,151.00	-15.00	-1.3%
Subscriptions	710.58	1,246.99	-536.41	-43.02%
<b>Total NMRA</b>	<u>1,846.58</u>	<u>2,397.99</u>	<u>-551.41</u>	<u>-23.0%</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	1,846.58	2,397.99	-551.41	-23.0%
<b>Expense</b>				
<b>NMRA Rebate</b>				
Rebate to Divisions	1,136.00	1,151.00	-15.00	-1.3%
<b>Total NMRA Rebate</b>	<u>1,136.00</u>	<u>1,151.00</u>	<u>-15.00</u>	<u>-1.3%</u>
<b>Waybill</b>				
Postage	173.12	195.05	-21.93	-11.24%
Printing	783.26	514.47	268.79	52.25%
<b>Total Waybill</b>	<u>956.38</u>	<u>709.52</u>	<u>246.86</u>	<u>34.79%</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>2,092.38</u>	<u>1,860.52</u>	<u>231.86</u>	<u>12.46%</u>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<u>-245.80</u>	<u>537.47</u>	<u>-783.27</u>	<u>-145.73%</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u><u>-245.80</u></u>	<u><u>537.47</u></u>	<u><u>-783.27</u></u>	<u><u>-145.73%</u></u>

**For Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 22, 2022**      **Item 38**

To:                Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA  
From:             Michael L. Hirvela, Vice-President, MWR  
Date:              April 10, 2022  
Subject: MWR Vice-President Report for Spring 2022 MWR BoD Meeting, May 22, 2022

Activities since Last Board Meeting:

- Continued to be supportive of the reorganization efforts in the WISE Division, attending a WISE BoD meeting and providing suggestions / comment on query from the Interim WISE Superintendent, both formally and informally.

Planned Activities:

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

Submitted:  
Michael L. Hirvela  
VP, MWR

**Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2022**      **Item 39**

To:                Board of Directors  
From:             Bob McGeever  
Date:              5/4/2022  
Subject:          President’s Report

Activities since Last Board Meeting

Committee Chair for the annual Mad City Model Railroad Show and Sale. The 2022 show was held Feb 19 and 20. Attendance was a little low, but sales were very strong. We are planning another show for Feb 2023.

Sitting in on Divisional Zoom sessions as time permits. Attended Rock River Valley and Title Town Train shows. Attended Winnebagoland Spring Meet.

Attending monthly WISE division Executive Committee meetings and monthly Divisional meetings. The WISE division has made real progress since November. For the 2022 show, they have licensed the Trainfest brand to Kalmbach Media. This has allowed them to focus on division level activities.

Planned Activities

Continue to sit in on WISE Executive Committee meetings and Divisional meetings.

Attend Indy Junction 2022 and Gateway 2022 conventions.