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### Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, April 19, 2015

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1.	X	Minutes
2.	X	Agenda
3.	X	Attendance
		Reports:
11.		Achievement Program Coordinator
12.		Education Department Coordinator
21.		Audit Committee
22.	X	Clinic Clearinghouse Committee
23.	X	Convention Committee
24.		Model Contest Subcommittee
25.		Photo Contest Subcommittee
28.	X	Election Committee
29.	X	Internet Committee
30.		Long Range Planning and Implementation Committee
31.	X	Membership Committee
32.		Nominating Committee
33.		Promotions and Special Projects Committee
34.		Publications Committee
35.		Youth Committee
41.		Director-at-Large/Jim Landwehr
42.		Director-at-Large/Bert Lattan
43.	X	Director-at-Large/Fred Robinson
44.	X	Director-at-Large/Paul Wussow
45.		Director-at-Large/Jim Allen
46.		Director-at-Large/David Leider
47.		Director-at-Large/Linda Sukup
51.	X	Division Director/ Central Indiana
52.		Division Director/DuPage
53.	X	Division Director/ Fox Valley
54.	X	Division Director/Illinois Terminal
55.	X	Division Director/Illinois Valley
56.		Division Director/Michiana
57.	X	Division Director/Rock River Valley
58.	X	Division Director/South Central Wisconsin
59.		Division Director/Winnebagoland
60.	X	Division Director/Wisconsin Southeastern
70.	X	Regional Advisory Council Representative
71.	X	Secretary
72.	X	Treasurer
73.	X	Vice President
74.		Immediate Past President
75.	X	President
81.	X	Convention Startup Funding
82.	X	Summary of Discussion on the <i>Regions and Divisions List</i> Regarding Subdivisions
83.	X	Proposed Amendment to the Bylaws Regarding Subdivisions
84.	X	501(c)(3) Report
85.	X	2016 Election
86.	X	NMRA Visitor Limit Policy

## **Item 1**

### **Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, April 19, 2015**

TENTATIVE AND PRELIMINARY DRAFT  
FOR REVIEW AND DISCUSSION PURPOSES  
ONLY SUBJECT TO CHANGE

President Paul Mangan called the meeting to order at 9:01 am at the Holiday Inn in Manitowoc, Wisconsin. The agenda for the meeting is at Item 2. Twenty-One of the 30 people attending the meeting in person or by proxy were voting members of the Board of Directors, which constituted a quorum. See Item 3 for a list of all of the attendees who signed in.

Paul thanked James Cruthers and the Winnebagoland Division for hosting the 2015 Spring Convention.

#### Appointments

President Paul Mangan appointed:

M. David Johnson as Secretary, Alternate Regional Advisory Committee Representative, and 501(c)(3) Committee Member, to replace Bert Lattan; and as Nominating Committee Member, to replace Mike Vivion.

Bert Lattan as Director-at-Large to complete M. David Johnson's term.

Mike Vivion as Nominating Committee Chairman to replace M. David Johnson.

Moved by Fred Robinson, seconded by Jim Landwehr, to ratify said appointments. Motion carried.

#### Minutes

Moved by Bert Lattan, seconded by Paul Wussow, to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on November 9, 2014 as presented. Motion carried.

#### Reports and Comments

The following reports are attached:

- Clinic Clearing House Committee (Item 22)
- Convention Committee (Item 23)
- Election Committee (Item 28)
- Internet Committee (Item 29)
- Membership Committee (Item 31)
- Director-at-Large/Fred Robinson (Item 43)

- Director-at-Large/Paul Wussow (Item 44)
- Division Director/Central Indiana (Item 51)
- Division Director/Fox Valley (Item 53)
- Division Director/Illinois Terminal (Item 54)
- Division Director/Illinois Valley (Item 55)
- Division Director/Rock River Valley (Item 57)
- Division Director/South Central Wisconsin (Item 58)
- Division Director/Wisconsin Southeastern (Item 60)
- Regional Advisory Council Representative (Item 70)
- Secretary (Item 71)
- Treasurer (Item 72)
- Vice President (Item 73)
- President (Item 75)
- Convention Startup Funding (Item 81)
- Summary of Discussion on the *Regions and Divisions List* Regarding Subdivisions (Item 82)
- Proposed Amendment to the Bylaws Regarding Subdivisions (Item 83)
- 501(c)(3) Report (Item 84)
- 2016 Election (Item 85)
- NMRA Visitor Limit Policy (Item 86)

Paul Mangan advised the Board that the Audit report has been delayed due to a computer crash. The 2014 audit should be completed during the summer so that a report can be submitted to the Board at its 2015 Fall meeting.

Paul Mangan asked Board participants, who did not submit reports before the meeting, to e-mail them to [mwrsecy@bds-soft.com](mailto:mwrsecy@bds-soft.com) no later than the end of the month (Thursday, April 30, 2015). The minutes should be published shortly thereafter.

Regarding the Treasurer's Report, Item 72. See summary on the next page:

Summary of Treasurer's Report:

<u>Net Income 1/1/14 to 12/31/14</u>	
Revenues	\$6,872.72
Expenses	6,796.82
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Net Income	\$ 75.90
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<u>Assets and Liabilities as of December 31, 2014</u>	
<u>Assets</u>	
Checking Account	\$44,954.66
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Total Assets	\$44,954.66
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<u>Liabilities and Equity</u>	
Liabilities	\$ 9,329.30
Equity	35,625.36
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Total L&E	\$44,954.66
	=====

Old Business

Steve Studley reported that the 501(c)(3) project is still awaiting action at the NMRA National level.

Regarding the preliminary results for *Lake Shore Limited*, James Cruthers reported that the attendance included 118 Rail attendees and 24 Non-Rail attendees. Reid Kahrs mentioned that he has heard comments to the effect that the attendees liked the arrangement of having all Operating Sessions on Friday, all Clinics basically on Saturday, and all Layout Tours on Sunday.

Reid Kahrs reported that there have as yet been no applications to host the 2017 or later Conventions. Tyrone Johnson mentioned that the Rock River Valley Division Board has not submitted any such application because it has been unable to locate a suitable hotel/venue. A general discussion ensued.

Moved by Bert Lattan, seconded by Jim Osborn, to adopt the Item 81 Convention Startup Funding Policy. A general discussion ensued. Motion carried.

Bert Lattan reported that the Membership Certification Process needs to get done each year because events need the insurance certificate. He noted that the date is not a renewal date: it is an expiration date. A general discussion ensued. Paul Mangan mentioned that if your membership expires, you are no longer an NMRA member and your Board votes are not valid. NMRA Vice President Gerry Leone also stressed that if the insurance coverage is not in place, you are laying your own finances on the line. The MWR Secretary is to get the forms out to the Division Superintendents in the form of spreadsheets. The Division Superintendents are then to return the verified spreadsheet information to the MWR Secretary who will then forward it to the MWR Membership Chairman for confirmation and return. The MWR Secretary will then certify the results to the NMRA National Headquarters.

### New Business

Moved by Fred Robinson, seconded by Jim Allen that Don Cook be authorized to destroy the ballots from the 2015 election. Motion carried.

In the absence of Mike Vivion, Nominating Committee Chairman, Bert Lattan reported that we will be electing four Directors-at-Large for the 2016-2018 term. Jim Landwehr, Fred Robinson, and Paul Wussow will be completing their first terms and will thus be eligible for re-election. Bert Lattan, who is serving the unexpired term of M. David Johnson, will also be eligible for re-election.

Moved by Bert Lattan, seconded by Paul Wussow, to adopt the Item 83 Amendment to the Midwest Region Bylaws Regarding Subdivisions. Motion carried.

With respect to Item 86 NMRA Visitor Limit Policy, Gerry Leone, NMRA Vice President, indicated that those who are not members but show up and act like NMRA members are the target of the three meeting rule. Coming and watching is okay. But acting like members dilutes the value of membership. A general discussion ensued.

Moved by Bob McGeever, seconded by Tyrone Johnson, to request that “National clarify this policy specifically with respect to what they are trying to keep the guests from doing, and over what time period the three meeting limit applies.” Motion carried.

Gerry Leone will carry this request to NMRA National Headquarters, and Paul Mangan will officially bring it before the Regional Advisory Council.

Regarding Item 22 Clinic Clearinghouse, a set of Clinic DVDs have been received from National and will be available for lending to Divisions. Paul Wussow will make a list available. Jim Osborn will put a “Clinics” page on the Region website. Also, Fred Robinson will be putting together a list of clinicians, willingness to travel, etc. Further, it was noted that there are now three EduTrain Clinics online available for streaming. Dan Brewer is also starting to develop EduTrain format clinics for the Achievement Program.

Jim Allen suggested, regarding membership recruiting, that today's youth do not have exposure to trains. They also want instant gratification. Thus, we should consider establishing a standard "timesaver" for shows – to get throttle controllers into kids' hands. A general discussion ensued. Jim will proceed with trials and will subsequently report back to the Board.

#### Installation of New Officers and Directors-at-Large

Paul Mangan congratulated the winners of the recent election:

President Paul Mangan, South Central Wisconsin Division  
Vice President Steve Studley, Central Indiana Division  
Directors-at-Large Dan Brewer, Michiana Division  
Minton Dings, Illinois Valley Division  
Reid Kahrs, Wisconsin Southeastern Division

Paul thanked Jim Allen, Fox Valley Division and David Leider, Fox Valley Division for their four years of service as Directors-at-Large. He also thanked Linda Sukup, Wisconsin Southeastern Division for her two years of service as a Director-at-Large.

#### Announcements

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on Sunday, September 13, 2015 at the Comfort Suites University Area in South Bend, Indiana following the Education and Training Conference on September 11-12, 2015. The meeting, hosted by the Michiana Division, will begin at 9:00 am.

#### Adjournment

Moved by Bert Lattan, seconded by Gary Children, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:56 am.

Respectfully submitted,

M. David Johnson  
Secretary

## Item 2

### Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, April 19, 2015

#### Final Agenda

<u>Item</u>	<u>Responsibility</u>
Call to order	Paul Mangan
<u>Appointments</u>	Paul Mangan
M. David Johnson: Secretary, Alternate RAC Representative & Member, 501c3 Committee, replacing Bert Lattan and Member, Nominating Committee replacing Mike Vivion	
Mike Vivion: Chairman, Nominating Committee, replacing M. David Johnson	
Bert Lattan: Director-at-Large, to complete M. David Johnson's term	
Minutes of last meeting	Paul Mangan
<u>Reports/Comments</u>	
Committees	
Audit	Bob Sherman
Election	Don Cook
Other	Paul Mangan
Directors-at-Large	Paul Mangan
Division Directors	Paul Mangan
Regional Advisory Council Representative	Paul Mangan
Secretary	M. David Johnson
Treasurer	Keith Thomsen
Vice President	Steve Studley
Immediate Past President	Bill Litkenhous
President	Paul Mangan
<u>Old Business</u>	
501(c)(3) Project	Steve Studley
<i>Lake Shore Limited</i> , preliminary results	James Cruthers
2017 & Later Conventions	Reid Kahrs
Convention Startup Funding	Paul Mangan
Membership Certification Process	Bert Lattan
Other	Paul Mangan
<u>New Business</u>	
Destruction of 2015 Ballots	Paul Mangan
Nominations for Four Directors-At-Large for the 2016-2018 Term	Mike Vivion
Subdivisions	Bert Lattan
NMRA Visitor Limit Policy	Paul Mangan
Other	Paul Mangan
<u>Installation of New Officers &amp; Directors-at-Large</u>	Paul Mangan
<u>Announcements</u>	
Next Meeting: Date, Time & Place: Sunday, September 13, 2015; 9:00 am; Comfort Suites University Area, South Bend, Indiana; hosted by the Michiana Division after its E&T Conference September 11-12, 2015	Paul Mangan
Adjourn	Paul Mangan

### Item 3

## Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, April 19, 2013

### Attendance

Name	Position/Term Expires/Division	Present	
		In Person	By Proxy
Paul Mangan	President/2015	x	
Steve Studley	Vice President/2015	x	
M. David Johnson	Secretary	x	
Keith Thomsen Proxy: William Weber	Treasurer		x
Bill Litkenhous	Immediate Past President		
Jim Allen	Director-at-Large/2015	x	
David Leider	Director-at-Large/2015	x	
Linda Sukup	Director-at-Large/2015		
Bert Lattan	Director-at-Large/2016 (NA)	x	
Jim Landwehr	Director-at-Large/2016 (1 <sup>st</sup> Term)	x	
Fred Robinson	Director-at-Large/2016 (1 <sup>st</sup> Term)	x	
Paul Wussow	Director-at-Large/2016 (1 <sup>st</sup> Term)	x	
Dan Brewer	Director-at-Large Elect/2017 (1 <sup>st</sup> Term)	x	
Minton Dings	Director-at-Large Elect/2017 (1 <sup>st</sup> Term)	x	
Reid Kahrs	Director-at-Large Elect/2017 (1 <sup>st</sup> Term)	x	
Keith Clark Proxy: Bill Schoonmaker	Division Director/Central Indiana		x
Alan Busic	Division Director/DuPage		
Jeff Jarr	Division Director/Fox Valley	x	
Mike Lehman Proxy: Allen Byrne	Division Director/Illinois Terminal		x
Michael Shockley	Division Director/Illinois Valley	x	
Bob Blake	Division Director/Michiana		
Tyrone Johnsen	Division Director/Rock River Valley	x	
Bob McGeever	Division Director/South Central Wisconsin	x	
James Cruthers	Division Director/Winnebagoland	x	
Joe Russ Proxy: Gary Children	Division Director/Wisconsin Southeastern		x
Mike Hurlburt	Model Contest Subcommittee Chairman	x	
Ingrid Drozdak	Photo Contest Subcommittee Chairman	x	
Don Cook	Election Committee Chairman	x	
Jim Osborn	Internet Committee Chairman	x	
Ron Scharping	Membership Committee Chairman	x	
Mike Vivion	Nominating Committee Chairman		
Lou Venema	Nominating Committee Member		
Walt Herrick	Photographer		
Capt. Al Nelson	Youth Committee Chair		
<u>Guests</u>			
Four (4) present	But none signed-in. Among the guests were:	4	

	Gerry Leone, NMRA Vice President		
	Marion Brasher		
	John Hannenberg		
	Mike Hirvela		

**Item 22**

**Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, April 19, 2015**

To: Board of Directors  
From: Fred Robinson, DAL  
Date: April 14, 2015  
Subject: Clinic Clearinghouse

Paul Wussow and I have been trying to establish a clinic clearinghouse. The goal is a listing of clinicians by division within the Midwest Region so the division clinic chairs have a resource to use for clinic invitations. To give an example: the WISE division clinic chair could look at the listing and determine the SCWD has a person that gave a clinic on establishing a “family” look to a model railroad by using a standardized paint scheme. They could then contact the SCWD member to ascertain if they would be willing to repeat the clinic for the WISE division. Such a listing would greatly expand the breadth of clinics available to a division. It would also make the task of the clinic chair easier when putting together a quality clinic program. Naturally, there would have to be reasonable thought given to just how far a clinician would be willing to travel.

We thought such a list would look something like this:

Name	Division	Topic	Contact #	Range of Travel
Fred Robinson	SCWD, Wi	PRR’s Q, S, & T Classes	608-536-3500	150 miles
Michael Angelo	WISE, Wi	Painting backdrops	212-xyz-1234	70 miles
Edsel Ford	DuPage, Il	Upgrading “Shake a Box” Cars	312-987-qwer	Mileage \$\$
Tom Edison	Indianapolis, In	DCC needs more than two wires	608-ert-yuio	100 miles

So far, progress has been slow. A list of clinic chairs provided by division superintendents is needed to make direct contact by voice and email.

This effort will become more critical if subdivisions are formed in the more geographically spread out divisions.

Paul Mangan has told me that he received several DVDs from national. They show clinics that were given at various National Conventions. Paul Wussow agrees with me that we need to form a “lending library” of these DVDs so they can be borrowed, and returned, by clinic chairs. Again, this will help make the clinic chair’s job easier and partially solves having quality clinics at the subdivision level.

I would like to have the division superintendents give me the names and contact information of the clinic chairs immediately following the BOD Meeting on Sunday, April 19, 2015. The goal is to have this clearinghouse up and running by the fall BOD meeting.

**Item 23**

**Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, April 19, 2015**

To: Board of Directors  
From: Reid Kahrs  
Date: April 19, 2015  
Subject: Convention Committee Report

No regional convention needed in 2016, the NMRA National Convention will be held in Indianapolis.

**We need hosts for future regional conventions.**

There is no confirmed site for the 2017 convention.

Possible dates for a 2017 convention could be:

April 8 & 9  
April 22 & 23  
May 6 & 7  
May 20 & 21

Some suggestions for future conventions based on past patterns.

2017 RRVD  
2018 WISE  
2019 SCWD  
2020 IVD/ITD  
2021 CID/MICHIANA  
2022 FVD

Any Division interested in hosting a convention beyond 2016 should contact me at [rkahrs@charter.net](mailto:rkahrs@charter.net) .

**Item 28**

**Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, April 19, 2015**

To: Board of Directors  
From: Don Cook  
Date: February 5, 2015  
Subject: Election Committee Report

The results of the election were:

For President	Paul Mangan	77 Votes
For Vice President	Steve Studley	77 Votes
For Director-at-Large:	Dan Brewer	73 Votes
	Minton Dings	72
	Reid Kahrs	74

The winners of the election were:

For President	Paul Mangan, South Central Wisconsin Division
For Vice President	Steve Studley, Central Indiana Division
For Director-at-Large:	Dan Brewer, Michiana Division
	Minton Dings, Illinois Valley Division
	Reid Kahrs, Wisconsin Southeastern Division

The ballots were counted on February 4th by Election Committee members Don Cook and Bert Lattan. A total of 88 ballots were submitted. There were 78 valid ballots and 10 invalid ballots:

No/Incorrect Division	5 Ballots
Not in Region	2
No NMRA#	1
No Vote	1
Shredded by Post Office; Vote Obliterated	1

**Item 29**

**Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, April 19, 2015**

To: Board of Directors

From: Jim Osborn, Internet Committee Chm.

Date: April 7, 2015

Subject: Internet Committee Report

Activities Since Last Board Meeting

- 1) Made timely updates to the MWR web site per requests from National & the membership.
- 2) Assisted the Secretary 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) Up-dated the website services expense sharing agreement with the FVD – a copy of the signed agreement is attached.
- 7) Website usage statistics posted on the next 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 the Secretary with publishing electronic *Waybill* notices.
- 3) Support any division web requirements as requested.

**Website Usage Report:**

<b>Metric</b>	<b>Oct-Mar 2014</b>	<b>April-Sept 2014</b>	<b>Oct-March 2015</b>					
Sessions	3446	2705	4556					
Users	2492	1893	3384					
Page Views	5616	4588	7156					
<b>Content Viewed</b>								
Home Page	1653	1936	2622					
Waybill	1207	1190	1317					
Divisions	546	513	737					
Conventions	347	281	89					
DuPage Div.	1353	323	1495					
Contest Photos	127	127	126					
Secretary's Page	66	86	72					
AP Page	33	35	56					
<b>Referrals From:</b>								
Direct Entry	914	939	965					
Nmra.org	666	740	1167					
Google	854	319	949					
Michiana	2	19	31					
CID.Railfan.net	124	84	85					
Mrtrains	136	10	56					
Fox Valley Div.	207	108	155					
Bing/Yahoo	91	91	191					
RRVD	6	8	19					

Amendment to Memorandum of Understanding between the Fox Valley Division and the Midwest Region  
of the NMRA

Website Hosting and Email list Management Account Sharing Arrangement

**Whereas:**

- 1) The Fox Valley Division (FVD) of the Midwest Region (MWR), NMRA holds a basic "Virtual Private Server Starter Plan" web hosting account in good standing with Apollo Web Hosting, Inc. (Apollo);
- 2) The MWR of the NMRA desires to publish a public web site;
- 3) Apollo allows account customers to host multiple domains on one account;
- 4) For reasons of management efficiency, the FVD webmaster has agreed to manage the MWR web site on the condition that the site is hosted by the same company as the FVD;
- 5) The FVD agrees to maintain the a hosting account with Apollo (or a substitute vendor should the need arise) in good standing;
- 6) The combined MWR and FVD email, storage and bandwidth resource usage is currently less than 50% of the total allowed on the account with Apollo. Bandwidth usage is only 5% the plan;
- 7) The FVD maintains a Constant Contact 2500 - 5000 email contact list account;
- 8) Both the FVD and the MWR desire to automate email list management for the purposes of publication notices, event promotion and general informational announcements;
- 9) Sharing these accounts would offer a monetary and logistics efficiency for both organizations.

**Therefore:**

The FVD will add the MWR domain to its basic account with Apollo.

The FVD and the MWR agree to equally share web hosting and email list management account fees. Currently the 2015 annual fee for web hosting is \$359.88 and is subject to change by Apollo and the Constant Contact 2015 account fee is \$504 per year for a pre-pay non-profit, 2500-5000 contact with full graphics account and also subject to change. The web hosting arrangement billing anniversary is in December. The Email list billing arrangement will be approximately in Feb. All billing is considered pre-paid and not refundable. The Constant Contact account is a deposit balance account that is drawn from on a monthly basis, therefore the anniversary will change depending on their current monthly pricing.

The Webmaster, FVD or MWR will pay the Apollo and Constant Contact charges as necessary or desirable and bill the other party or parties, as appropriate. The billed party or parties will reimburse the billing party within 30 days.

The FVD & MWR are independently responsible for maintaining and directly paying their own domain registration fees. Currently the domain registration runs about \$16 per domain.

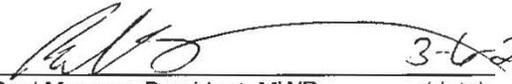
Each party will be responsible for any fees associated with additional web site or email resources or features it desires to add to the account – including any grossly disproportional usage of the account resources. The FVD webmaster will determine the fair & reasonable allocation of resources if required.

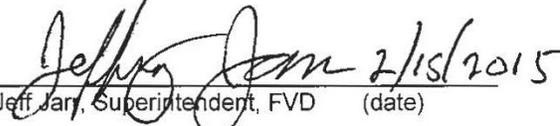
The FVD and the MWR are solely responsible for the content on their own sites and emails. The FVD webmaster is the final arbiter of the content and format of material posted on the web sites as well as of the terms of this agreement (ultimately subject to the authority of the FVD & MWR boards of directors).

The FVD Webmaster and the MWR Secretary will manage the email account usage logistics.

This agreement may be altered or terminated in response to changing circumstances as required by agreement of the FVD webmaster, the FVD and MWR.

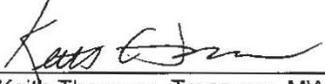
**In agreement:**

  
Paul Mangan, President, MWR      3-6-2015  
(date)

  
Jeff Jary, Superintendent, FVD      2/15/2015  
(date)

  
Jim Osborn, FVD & MWR Webmaster      2-15-15  
(date)

  
Bert Lattan, MWR Secretary      2/15/2015  
(date)

  
Keith Thomsen, Treasurer, MWR      3/6/15  
(date)

**Item 31****Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, April 19, 2015**

To: Board of Directors

From: Ron Scharping

Date: March 31, 2015

Subject: Membership Coordinator's Report

**Activities Since Last Board Meeting**

Continued to provide membership information to Division membership coordinators on a monthly basis. Printed reports are sent to those coordinators requesting them. Additionally, a division roster is emailed to those coordinators with email accounts.

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

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

Worked with the Region Secretary in trying to provide corrected email addresses for those email addresses which are determined to be bad. This is done via a postcard to the member. Continued working with the Region Secretary to synchronize the Region Constant Contact list and the National database email addresses.

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

**Planned Activities**

Continue the above.

**Region Membership Data**

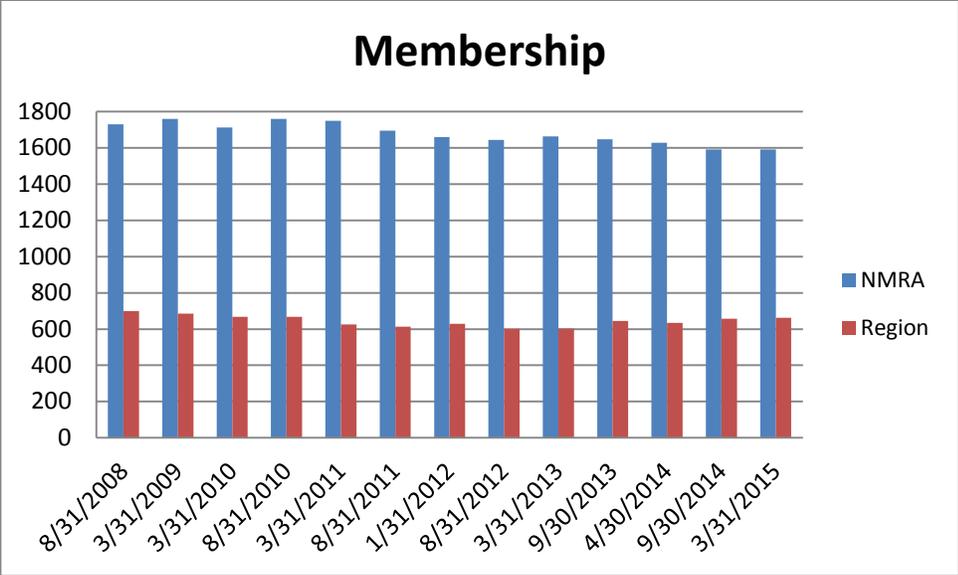
Division	NMRA	Region	NMRA	Region	NMRA	Region	NMRA	Region
	Total							
	(3/31/11)	(3/31/11)	(8/31/11)	(8/31/11)	(1/31/12)	(1/31/12)	(8/31/12)	(8/31/12)
1	298	114	279	102	267	101	253	84
2	154	44	149	42	151	45	146	44
3	179	57	169	56	163	53	157	45
5	100	31	100	31	89	35	97	35
6	236	82	233	75	236	76	231	81

7	32	10	32	10	31	13	27	8
9	262	87	251	85	248	82	244	77
10	111	37	103	39	99	40	93	33
11	240	88	239	92	233	93	244	97
15	90	29	86	29	85	34	89	35
Out of Reg.	47	47	53	53	57	57	62	62
Grand Total	1749	626	1694	614	1659	629	1643	601

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

Division	NMRA	Region	NMRA	Region	NMRA	Region	NMRA	Region
	Total							
	(3/31/13)	(3/31/13)	(9/30/13)	(9/30/13)	(3/31/14)	(3/31/14)	(9/30/14)	(9/30/14)
1	244	78	252	94	239	87	228	89
2	149	47	154	45	153	40	158	40
3	149	39	146	44	144	47	138	52
5	106	35	101	35	99	35	99	37
6	249	82	237	89	233	92	225	92
7	25	9	25	12	20	9	19	8
9	240	72	224	71	226	66	219	67
10	86	33	91	30	89	26	86	26
11	247	94	237	97	243	99	232	101
15	91	37	83	31	75	28	73	31
Out of Reg.	77	77	97	97	106	106	114	114
Grand Total	1663	603	1647	645	1627	635	1591	657

Division	NMRA	Region
	Total	Total
	(3/31/15)	(3/31/15)
1	219	90
2	164	47
3	138	53
5	100	38
6	220	85
7	20	7
9	217	68
10	91	26
11	227	97
15	79	36
Out of Reg.	116	116
Grand Total	1591	663



**Item 43**

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To: Board of Directors  
From: Fred Robinson, DAL  
Date: April 14, 2015  
Subject: Clinic Clearinghouse

Paul Wussow and I have been trying to establish a clinic clearinghouse. The goal is a listing of clinicians by division within the Midwest Region so the division clinic chairs have a resource to use for clinic invitations. To give an example: the WISE division clinic chair could look at the listing and determine the SCWD has a person that gave a clinic on establishing a “family” look to a model railroad by using a standardized paint scheme. They could then contact the SCWD member to ascertain if they would be willing to repeat the clinic for the WISE division. Such a listing would greatly expand the breadth of clinics available to a division. It would also make the task of the clinic chair easier when putting together a quality clinic program. Naturally, there would have to be reasonable thought given to just how far a clinician would be willing to travel.

We thought such a list would look something like this:

Name	Division	Topic	Contact #	Range of Travel
Fred Robinson	SCWD, Wi	PRR’s Q, S, & T Classes	608-536-3500	150 miles
Michael Angelo	WISE, Wi	Painting backdrops	212-xyz-1234	70 miles
Edsel Ford	DuPage, Il	Upgrading “Shake a Box” Cars	312-987-qwer	Mileage \$\$
Tom Edison	Indianapolis, In	DCC needs more than two wires	608-ert-yuio	100 miles

So far, progress has been slow. A list of clinic chairs provided by division superintendents is needed to make direct contact by voice and email.

This effort will become more critical if subdivisions are formed in the more geographically spread out divisions.

Paul Mangan has told me that he received several DVDs from national. They show clinics that were given at various National Conventions. Paul Wussow agrees with me that we need to form a “lending library” of these DVDs so they can be borrowed, and returned, by clinic chairs. Again, this will help make the clinic chair’s job easier and partially solves having quality clinics at the subdivision level.

I would like to have the division superintendents give me the names and contact information of the clinic chairs immediately following the BOD Meeting on Sunday, April 19, 2015. The goal is to have this clearinghouse up and running by the fall BOD meeting.

#### **Item 44**

#### **Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, April 19, 2015**

To: Board of Directors  
From: Paul Wussow DAL  
Date: April 13, 2015  
Subject: DAL Activities Report

#### Activities since Last Board Meeting

#### **1 Report to the DuPage Division on what the Region is and does for their December meeting.**

The Midwest Region, one of 18 regions of the NMRA. The region currently has 10 Division and covers a major portion of Wisconsin, Illinois, and Indiana as well as two counties in Lower Michigan, 11 counties in Upper Michigan and about 26 counties in Kentucky. This means we cover an area north and south from the Tennessee border in the south to the Canadian border in the north.

When the NMRA was formed as a national organization it found that it could not manage the size and number of people joining with the national staff. They formed Regions with the responsibility for the administration of the NMRA membership structure. As such, we are considered responsible to make sure that all members are able to enjoy the benefits of membership in the NMRA. In order to achieve this, regions were given the responsibility to charter divisions and so this connection still goes like this today. The region also acts as co-sponsors of a convention each year within their area.

“Regions are expected to promote, stimulate, foster and encourage by all means and manner the art and craft of model railroading as well as the preservation of the history of the hobby it’s science and technology.”

To accomplish these goals the region works through divisions, its publication (the Waybill), the Achievement Program and a convention each year.

Regions are charged with verification of NMRA membership of all the leaders in the region and in each division. This is done to make sure that with 100% certification we qualify for the NMRA insurance.

In addition the region represents the membership to national in matters pertaining to issues of division organization and location.

The Midwest Region has a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, an Immediate Past President as officers along with the 7 Directors at-Large and 10 Division Directors.

The President also serves on national’s Regional Advisory Council.

The Officers and Directors-at-Large are elected by the membership of the Region.

The Division Directors are designated by their Divisions. Although there are exceptions, most Division Directors are also Division Superintendents. If a Division Superintendent is also a Region Officer or Director-at-Large and a Division Director will be appointed by the division.

The Region also has 16 Committee Chairmen to handle the many responsibilities of the region. These committees assist the Region and divisions with the support of events and compliance with the national organization.

Examples of this:

- Achievement Program
- Clinic Clearing House
- Conventions
- Elections
- Membership
- Publication
- Youth

Du Page division has 2 members serving as Committee Chairs, Ron Sharping as Membership Chair and I am Clinic Clearing House Chair.

In regard to the Clinic Clearing House after numerous requests to Division Directors only Michiana, WinnebagoLand, and an individual from Illinois Valley Division have replied to the Region with Clinic information.

Half of our divisions are small enough to hold monthly meetings however the remapping of divisions have created long distance travel for many members. In the divisions that cover large geographical areas meetings are held once or twice a year as conventions or in conjunction with local Railroad shows or historical societies. These events are aimed at attracting members to travel and stay overnight by having clinics, contests and displays.

Current topics in the Region included a division border question and the AP program. The division border was a simple problem brought to the board to move one member, who by zip code was much farther away from their assigned division than the division that they attended. Without the change by Region this member could not vote or hold office in the division they attended. They petitioned the Region and the change was approved.

AP is another topic that was brought up by a number of division directors. It also was announced that Marvin Preussler was resigning from his Regional and WLD position of AP Chairman.

Jim Landwehr, a Region DAL and AP chair of Fox Valley Division was selected and approved as the Region AP Chairman at the fall board meeting.

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**2 Report on concern that AP paperwork was not being processed in a timely manner**

After a discussion that determined the problem seemed to be beyond the region, as Marvin has been known to turn around the SOQs quickly. I was assigned the task to address this issue with the national AP team.

The question of turnaround time comes up frequently. Some folks expect instant turnaround and that is just not practical, given that Divisions, Regions, and national all have volunteers who also have other roles in life.

At National, a monthly report is prepared every single month, near the end of the month, without fail.

Nothing received before the 28<sup>th</sup> of the month gets carried over unless there is an issue with the SOQ.

All SOQs are reported every month.

The report goes to Paul Richardson for preparation of the certificates.

There is a 4-6 week delay for each batch of certificates as he fits them into his schedule in which he depends on other volunteers for pieces of the process.

This tells us that it could take 10 weeks after the Region AP Chair approves and sends in a qualified SOQ to national.

Publication in the NMRA Magazine will lag at least two months due to publishing deadlines.

There is **no** shut-down of the National AP program for the three months around the convention.

Midwest 2014 example:

June, MWR had one Volunteer award only;

July - nothing;

August - 2 Golden Spikes managed locally, 1 Electrical, and 2 Dispatcher awards;

September - 1 Volunteer

As of last week, all the certificates through September's report have been distributed to the Region AP managers. (Which Marvin reports he received and sent to James for recording and distribution) There are no SOQs pending approval and the certificate printing and distribution process proceeds as quickly as the working volunteer can manage it.

Midwest Region has 3 SOQs sent in Sept/ Oct approved and the Certificates are in the process of having the calligraphy done. Two are for a Winnebagoland member and one for Illinois Valley member.

Frank Koch, the Executive assistant Manager of AP, took his role at national in 2003 and there has been an AP report every single month without fail. He has said, "I cannot speak for Paul Richardson and his time to produce the certificates, but I do know that my time, at times, to do this volunteer job makes for some tough decisions on when something does get done. One task is inviolate - every SOQ is processed by the last day of every month and the monthly report is prepared and submitted -no excuses or obstacles prevent this. The AP program takes a very high priority with me and I do whatever is necessary each month to process everything in a timely manner before the end of the month. When I get the certificates back

from Paul, they go into the next day's mail.”

Division AP managers and Region AP managers should never hold any SOQs across a month and they are expected to process them promptly and forward them quickly so they can move along.

**The National guideline is 3 days should be long enough if there are no questions or issues. If there are questions they should be addressed in this time.**

**It then becomes a member’s responsibility to reply.**

There are some Region AP managers who send everything "every day" and others who religiously send it on the 20th or so of every month, and then follow up if they get some more at the end of the month.

Bottom line, if it does not get to the National level by the 28<sup>th</sup> of any month, it will be one more month before it is officially processed

Communication at all levels is extremely important. Our Three lakes club has processed 12 certificates thru the Winnebago and Midwest Region, in the last few years, with little or no problems. Communications between the member, Division AP Chair, Region AP Chair and National is the key to having the process run smoothly. There are many aspects to finishing a SOQ that will pass through the system quickly. Communications **between members and AP staff in a timely manner** is the easiest way to speed the process. Even if you are just thinking about trying for a certificate, communicate and you should find help every step of the way.

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### **3 Clinic and Newspaper story Three Lakes WI**

From the Vilas County News-Review  
Model Railroad Club takes advantage of the new

Fab Lab Three Lakes

Photo at <http://www.tlmrc.org/Three%20Lakes%20Turn%202.html>

Since establishment of the Fab Lab, the Three Lakes Model Railroad Club (TLMRC), President Paul Wussow, Secretary/ Treasurer Roger Blocks and member Jack Zimmer have been building models of historic buildings and cars with the help of the lab.

The TLMRC was established to promote the hobby of model railroading for all ages. From Thomas the Tank Engine to classic Lionel, they welcome all gauges and scale molders to join their love of trains.

Model railroaders recreate and preserve historic locations and equipment in a way that they can operate in a prototypical fashion.

The TLMRC is currently using the technology in the Fab Lab for two projects.

The club's winter project is creating a replica of a maintenance shed made using the laser printer to vector cut styrene. It is cut from a redrawing of a structure clinic given by Al Potts of the South Central Wisconsin Division in 1994 as a project structure.

The second project is to recreate Overton passenger car interiors in HO scale. These interiors include seating, heating, and water closet facilities. The walls and doors are detailed and there are heat shields around and under the stoves.

More information on the club activities may be found on the club website at [www.tlmrc.org](http://www.tlmrc.org)

The Fab Lab Three Lakes is open to the community Tuesday and Thursday from 5 to 9 p.m. and on Saturday morning from 8 a.m. until noon. Single and family memberships are available. For information about the Fab Lab Three Lakes, contact Steve Yahr at (715) 546-3321, ext 3242

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**4 Clinic on using 3D and Laser technology in modeling to the Du Page Division March meeting**

Planned Activities

Clinics on NMRA AP, EE and Civil for TLMRC members.

Additional work with clubs in WI and IL using technology in model railroading

## **Item 51**

### **Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, April 19, 2015**

To: Board of Directors  
From: Keith Clark  
Date: April 13, 2015  
Subject: Central Indiana Division Report

#### Activities since Last Board Meeting

##### **November 22, 2014 – CID Danville Train Show**

This show has grown to full capacity and with no Great Train Expo in Indy in the fall this year show was a great draw for model railroaders.

##### **December 7, 2014 – CID Board Meeting**

Was held at the Fishers Indiana Public Library at 1:30PM.

##### **January 3-4, 2015 – CID Booth at Great Train Expo**

This is held at the State Fairground in Indianapolis and as always, the CID will host an information booth for those with questions about railroads, model railroads, or the NMRA. The booth always has an operating layout, or two, and the scale display. Also there will be live modeling demonstrations. This is the only show that is being held in Indianapolis as the fall show was moved to Fort Wayne, Indiana.

##### **January 25, 2015 – CID Noblesville Train Show**

The CID's winter show with 492 paid attendees.

##### **February 8, 2015 – CID Board Meeting**

Location was at the Wayne Branch of the Marion County Public Library with a start time of 1:30pm.

##### **March 14, 2015 – Spring Modelers Meet**

Location will be on the north east side of Indianapolis. A theme of open loads was suggested as a direction for people to think about though not a modeling requirement. A fantastic clinic was given by Bob Frankrone from Louisville, Kentucky on Open Load and was a great inspiration for modeling ideas to the 20 CID members in attendance.

##### **April 11, 2015- CID Martinsville Train Show**

This continues to be a capacity show. We are having to turn away many vendors due to lack of tables/space at this time. This show also include the annual CID Annual Business Meeting which is held at 10:30am. We continue to search for a larger venue somewhere south of the Indianapolis metropolitan area to hold this show.

**April 12, 2015 – CID Board Meeting**

Location was at the Wayne Branch of the Marion County Public Library with a start time of 1:30pm.

Planned Activities

**April 25, 2015 – CID Spring Layout Tour**

A date for the tour has been set for April 25th. We will have six layouts spread across the north side Indianapolis this time. These tours are for NMRA members. We expect all to be members, but they may bring one visitor with them. Quite often, this is their spouse.

**June 14, 2015 – CID Board Meeting**

Location is set for the Wayne Branch of the Marion County Public Library with a start time of 1:30pm.

**August CID Board Meeting – TBD**

This is a board members only meeting/picnic with spouses attending.

**Fall CID Modelers Meet – TBD**

**October CID Board Meeting – TBD**

**November 7, 2015 – Carmel Library Show**

As time for this show nears, arrangements will be made with the portable layout owners so ensure we have enough layouts on display. This is always a popular day for the library patrons and draws upwards to 800 kids and parents.

**November 21, 2015 – CID Danville Meet**

**July 3-10, 2016 – Highball to Indy, NMRA National Convention**

Work continues.

## **Item 53**

### **Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, April 19, 2015**

To: Board of Directors

From: Jeffrey Jarr, Director, FVD

Date: April 19, 2015

Subject: Fox Valley Division Report

#### Activities since Last Board Meeting

- *Sept through April* (with the exception of March), conducted monthly division meets that included a clinic and model contest. Our monthly average attendance at our meets is between 33 and 38 members (35 average).
- *February 28<sup>th</sup> & March 1, 2015*. We held our 37th annual High Wheeler Train Show at Harper College in Palatine, Illinois. The show was very well organized and executed flawlessly; however, attendance was disappointing for a second year in a row resulting in a loss of revenue again this year. Discussions are ongoing with the BOD to determine if we are going to continue hosting the show in the future.
- *April 12th, 2015*, held the annual division business meeting and election of Assistant Superintendent and Paymaster.
- We conducted monthly BoD meetings. The BoD is currently at 9 members. The Trainmaster position for “Clinics and Programs” remains vacant since David Leider resigned last May. Jeff Jarr has been coordinating the Clinics in the meantime.
- We Published electronic and print versions of our monthly newsletter – *The Semaphore*.
- The FVD continued our joint venture with the DuPage Division to staff a regular NMRA table at the monthly DuPage train show. The table focuses on the recruitment of new NMRA members.

#### Planned Activities

- June – August, Break for summer, no regular meetings scheduled. Resume regular meetings in September.
- August 8, 2015 – FVD group outing is planned at the Illinois Live Steamers. A grill, food and drink will be provided by the division. Members will provide their own transportation.

- Continue evaluation of potential future FVD High Wheeler Train Shows. Our current venue may not be available in the future to host the show. We have been evaluating other potential venues. Determine if the FVD membership is still interested in running the shows. Member participation and manpower to run the show has been dwindling over the years.
- Continue the monthly promotion of the NMRA and the Division at the DuPage Train Show.
- Continue the monthly meet format and activities. Division elections will be held for Superintendent and Chief Clerk positions April 2016.

**Item 54**

**Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, April 19, 2015**

To: Board of Directors  
From: Mike Lehman  
Date: April 13, 2015  
Subject: Illinois Terminal Division Report

Activities since Last Board Meeting

We have started meeting in the summer months due to demand, so now meet 12 months a year. Our activities are brief business, then operating, advice and how-tos. The local Lincoln Square Train Show revived, which resulted in several renewed former members and a number of contacts at the show itself.

Planned Activities

We plan on increasing the number of operating sessions to more than monthly, more round-robin opportunities seem to bring in more interest. Several members planning to have layouts open around the Indy National in 2016, plus ops sessions. A long term goal we hope to make progress on is getting AP work going, as we have a number of people who would like to start pursuing various certs. We plan to participate in the Lincoln Square show again next year.

**Item 55**

**Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, April 19, 2015**

To: Board of Directors  
From: Michael Shockley  
Date: April 13, 2015  
Subject: Illinois Valley Division Report

Activities since Last Board Meeting

November 9, 2014 Meet at Bloomington, IL lead by Trainmaster Jeff Trimble as it conflicted with the fall Board meeting.  
January 11, 2015 Meet at Havana IL Fire and Police Building.  
March 8, 2015 Meet at Peoria ReMax Center. Elections—all were re-elected except new Trainmaster District 5—Jacob Tatum.

Planned Activities

May 17, 2015 Meet at Spring Valley, IL  
September 13, 2015 Meet in District 4 near Burlington IA. Again, conflicting with the fall Board meeting. Mike Shockley or Minton Dings will be in South Bend with voting rights while the other will attend the meet.

**Item 57**

**Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, April 19, 2015**

To: Board of Directors

From: Tyrone Johnsen, Rock River Valley Division Superintendent

Date: April 13, 2015

Subject: Rock River Valley Division Report

Activities since Last Board Meeting

Held monthly Meets with full agenda of programs, contest, & layout tours; except December Meet was the annual Swap Meet.

Held monthly Board Meetings for proper operation of the RRVD.

Held an annual bus trip to Trainfest.

Held our Annual Model Train Show & Sale successfully.

Planned Activities

Continue monthly Board Meetings for proper operation of the RRVD.

Hold Annual RRVD Business Meeting and election of the four officers during the April Meet.

Hold monthly Meets through May which includes hosting the SCWD at our May Meet.

Resume monthly Meets in September.

Continue evaluation of the RRVD hosting the 2017 MWR Convention in Spring 2017; toward the immediate goals of establishing a committee and offering a proposal to the MWR.

## **Item 58**

### **Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, April 19, 2015**

To: Board of Directors

From: Bob McGeever, Superintendent

Date: April 13, 2015

Subject: South Central Wisconsin Division Report

#### Activities since Last Board Meeting

November 2014 through April 2015

- The Division held its Regular meetings in November, December, February, March, and April with clinics, model contest, photo contest, door prizes, and layout tours afterwards.
- The Division held its annual meeting of the membership in April 2015.
- The *Annual Modeling Project judging took place at Regular Division Meeting in April.*
- The annual Rail School was held in January 2015. Attendance was about 150.
- The 48th Annual Mad City Rail Show was held on February 21 and 22. Paid attendance was about 8,200.
- The Division Youth Group has started a “Take and Make” N Scale T-Trak module program.
- The Division has been promoting attendance at *The Lakeshore Limited MWR Convention as the annual spring field trip.*

#### Planned Activities

- Joint Division meeting with RRVD in May at Rockford.
- Annual Awards Banquet on May 15th.
- Annual Sumer Picnic on July 25<sup>th</sup>
- Regular Division meetings on summer hiatus.
- January 2016 Rail School.
- The 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Mad City Rail Show February 20-21.
- Promote SCWD attendance at the July 2016 National Convention in Indianapolis.

**Item 60**

**Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, April 19, 2015**

To: Board of Directors

From: Joe Russ

Date: April 22, 2015

Subject: WISE Division Report

Activities since Last Board Meeting

Trainfest 2014 saw a reduction in attendance to 16,910. The clinics and extra building were a hit, and will be returning for 2015.

Our meets have gone well to date, with attendance averaging between 45 and 65 modelers.

WISE Division Operating Day (WISEop) 2015 was held on April 10 & 11 and had 40 operators on 10 layouts (we were supposed to have 13 layouts, but two cancelled due to illness and one because nobody signed up for it). The Beginners' Operating Session was overbooked with nine beginners who learned how to use JMRI switch lists an OS to a dispatcher via radios. We even had a number of beginners come from another Division.

Planned Activities

April 26 – final meet of the year, and annual meeting. Newly elected Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent and two elected board members will be announced at that point.

May 3, 2015 - Bus trip (extra fare) to the swap meet in DuPage, Ill.

August 2, 2015 - Membership picnic at the Milwaukee Light Engineering Railroad Park.

November 14 & 15, 2015 – Trainfest

Still working on our fall meet schedule.

## **Item 70**

### **Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, April 19, 2015**

To: Board of Directors

From: Paul Mangan

Date: April 13, 2015

Subject: RAC Report

#### Activities since Last Board Meeting

##### 2014

The Regional Advisory Council finished the year being very active. Steve August sent out a call for reports from the Region Presidents on regional activities and a request for items to be placed for consideration at the next NMRA Board Meeting in February 2015.

##### 2015

##### January

Sent Midwest Region report to Steve.

Steve has now set up a chat room group for the Region RAC representatives.

I can't report on how it is working as I have not been able to connect to it yet. They are still working on the system as of now.

##### March

Received the meeting minutes of the February 2015 NMRA Board meeting.

One of the highlights is the adoption a 3 meeting limit for non-members before they must join the NMRA to continue attending meetings. See Item 86.

#### Planned Activities

As Necessary

**Item 71**

**Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, April 19, 2015**

To: Board of Directors

From: Bert Lattan

Date: April 13, 2015

Subject: Secretary's Report

Activities Since Last Board Meeting

- Distributed minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on November 9, 2014.
- Prepared and distributed an agenda for the Annual Meeting of Members to be held on April 18, 2015.
- Prepared and distributed an agenda for the Board of Directors meeting to be held on April 19, 2015.
- Compiled and distributed reports for the Board of Directors meeting to be held on April 19, 2015.
- Compiled and filed Certification of Membership forms with the NMRA.
- Supported electronic delivery of the *Waybill*.
- Maintained the Secretary's Page.
- Maintained lists of key personnel.

Planned Activities

- Prepare and distribute minutes of the Annual Meeting of Members to be held on April 18, 2015.
- Transition Secretary responsibilities to M. David Johnson.

**Item 72**

**Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, April 19, 2015**

To: Board of Directors

From: Keith A. Thomsen

Date: April 13, 2015

Subject: Treasurer's Report

Income statement and balance sheet information for calendar 2014 and March 2015 year-to-date are attached for your information.

Total 2014 revenues were \$6,872.72 with net income of \$75.90. Year-to-date March 2015 revenues totaled \$2,253.49 while net income was \$1,039.14. Divisional revenue sharing payments totaling \$344.50 were included in first quarter expense.

December 31, 2014 year end cash balance was \$44,954.66 while March 31, 2015 cash balance was \$44,304.62.

**Midwest Region NMRA  
Balance Sheet  
As of December 31, 2014**

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	Dec 31, 14
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Checking	44,954.66
BMO Harris Checking	44,954.66
Total Checking	44,954.66
Total Checking/Savings	44,954.66
Total Current Assets	44,954.66
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>44,954.66</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	2,033.68
Accounts payable	2,033.68
Total Accounts Payable	2,033.68
Other Current Liabilities	
Liabilities	
Moskal Award	165.20
Youth Program Fund	7,130.42
Total Liabilities	7,295.62
Total Other Current Liabilities	7,295.62
Total Current Liabilities	9,329.30
Total Liabilities	9,329.30
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	16,823.62
Unrestrict (retained earnings)	18,725.84
Net Income	75.90
Total Equity	35,625.36
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>44,954.66</b>

**Midwest Region NMRA  
 Profit & Loss  
 January through December 2014**

	Jan - Dec 14
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
NMRA	
Revenue Sharing	2,789.00
Subscriptions	3,958.72
Total NMRA	6,747.72
Waybill Revenue	
Advertising	125.00
Total Waybill Revenue	125.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>6,872.72</b>
Expense	
Convention Expenses	
Awards	579.11
Judges	135.00
Convention Expenses - Other	27.95
Total Convention Expenses	742.06
NMRA Rebate	
Rebate to Divisions	1,054.00
Total NMRA Rebate	1,054.00
Overhead Expenses	
Achievement Program	215.75
Membership Committee	119.58
Secretary	10.00
Organizational Expense	
Total Secretary	10.00
Treasurer	49.00
Web	245.46
Youth Program	600.00
Total Overhead Expenses	1,239.79
Reconciliation Discrepancies	
Waybill	-264.74
Postage	1,275.60
Printing	2,750.11
Total Waybill	4,025.71
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>6,796.82</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>75.90</b>

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**Midwest Region NMRA  
 Balance Sheet  
 As of March 31, 2015**

	Mar 31, 15
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Checking	44,304.62
BMO Harris Checking	44,304.62
Total Checking	44,304.62
Total Checking/Savings	44,304.62
Total Current Assets	44,304.62
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>44,304.62</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	344.50
Accounts payable	344.50
Total Accounts Payable	344.50
Other Current Liabilities	
Liabilities	
Moskal Award	165.20
Youth Program Fund	7,130.42
Total Liabilities	7,295.62
Total Other Current Liabilities	7,295.62
Total Current Liabilities	7,640.12
Total Liabilities	7,640.12
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	16,823.62
Unrestrict (retained earnings)	18,801.74
Net Income	1,039.14
Total Equity	36,664.50
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>44,304.62</b>

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**Midwest Region NMRA  
 Profit & Loss  
 January through March 2015**

	Jan - Mar 15
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
NMRA	
Revenue Sharing	1,378.00
Subscriptions	850.49
Total NMRA	<u>2,228.49</u>
Waybill Revenue	
Advertising	25.00
Total Waybill Revenue	<u>25.00</u>
Total Income	2,253.49
Expense	
NMRA Rebate	
Rebate to Divisions	344.50
Total NMRA Rebate	<u>344.50</u>
Overhead Expenses	
Web	134.40
Total Overhead Expenses	<u>134.40</u>
Region Expenses	
Postage	16.52
Total Region Expenses	<u>16.52</u>
Waybill	
Postage	229.08
Printing	489.85
Total Waybill	<u>718.93</u>
Total Expense	<u>1,214.35</u>
Net Ordinary Income	1,039.14
Net Income	<u><u>1,039.14</u></u>

**Item 73**

**Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, April 19, 2015**

To: Board of Directors  
From: Steve Studley  
Date: April 13, 2015  
Subject: Vice President's Report

Activities since Last Board Meeting

Continued to monitor any change associated with the NMRA's vertical integration of 501(c)(3) status to regions and divisions. NMRA is currently in the process of testing the application procedure for future use by all NMRA Regions and Divisions. There is currently a Region testing the procedure. The procedure will then be tested by a Division.

- Nov. 9, 2014 Attend MWR Board Meeting – Advertise *Highball to Indy, 2016*, the 2016 National Convention during *Trainfest*
- Nov. 22, 2014 Attend CID Danville Meet, Danville, IN  
Advertise *Highball to Indy, 2016*, the 2016 National Convention
- Jan. 4-5, 2015 Attend Great Train Expo, Indianapolis, IN  
Advertise *Highball to Indy, 2016*, the 2016 National Convention
- Jan. 26, 2015 Attend CID Noblesville Meet, Noblesville, IN  
Advertise *Highball to Indy, 2016*, the 2016 National Convention
- Mar. 15, 2015 Attend CID Modelers Meet, Indianapolis, IN  
Advertise *Highball to Indy, 2016*, the 2016 National Convention
- Apr. 5, 2015 Attend CID Martinsville Train Show and CID Annual Business Meeting, Martinsville, IN  
Advertise *Highball to Indy, 2016*, the 2016 National Convention

Planned Activities

- Apr. 19, 2015 Attend Spring MWR Board Meeting during *The Lakeshore Limited*, April 17-19, 2015, Manitowoc, WI

Advertise *Highball to Indy, 2016*, the 2016 National Convention

- May 14-17, 2015      Attend Mid Central Region's convention, *Thoroughbred Limited 2015*,  
Lexington, KY.  
Advertise *Highball to Indy, 2016*, the 2016 National Convention
- Aug. 23-29, 2015      Attend NMRA National Convention and National Train Show, Portland.  
Advertise *Highball to Indy, 2016*, the 2016 National Convention
- Sept. 11-12, 2015      Attend Michiana E&T Conference, South Bend, IN. Advertise *Highball  
to Indy, 2016*, the 2016 National Convention
- Sept. 13, 2015      Attend MWR Board Meeting, South Bend, IN.

## **Item 75**

### **Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, April 19, 2015**

To: Board of Directors  
From: Paul Mangan  
Date: April 13, 2015  
Subject: President's Report

#### Activities since Last Board Meeting

##### 2014

November 8 & 9	Attended Wise Division's Trainfest in Milwaukee.
November 29	Assisted in set up for Holiday Express at Olbrich Gardens in Madison WI
December 5 & 6	Set up and ran G scale trains at Rotary Gardens in Janesville WI.
December 21 <sup>st</sup>	Hosted the SCWD youth group at the Holiday Express in Madison

##### 2015

January 11	Set up a table at the SCWD Rail School "It's all about G scale"
February 8 & 9	Ran Trains and promoted the SCWD Train Show at Mitchel Domes in Milwaukee WI.
February 20, 21, 22	Volunteer coordinator at the 48 <sup>th</sup> Mad City Model Railroad Show and Sale
February 28	Attended the Fox Valley Division High Wheeler Train Show.
March 15	Attended the Delavan WI Train Show
March 21 & 22	Attended the LaCrosse and Three Rivers train show with Madison HoTrak
March 28 & 29	Attended the Rock River Valley Division Annual Train Show with Madison HoTrak

#### Planned Activities

May	Planning on attending the SCWD spring Banquet
July	Planning on attending the SCWD summer picnic at the Whiskey River Railroad.
August	Attending the NMRA national convention in Portland
September	Going to EduTrain and Fall Board Meeting.

**Item 81**

**Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, April 19, 2015**

**Convention Startup Funding**

Whereas the Region wants to encourage Divisions, clubs and other organized groups within the Region to sponsor Region conventions, and

Whereas some Divisions, clubs and other organized groups may have insufficient funds to meet pre-convention startup costs,

Be it resolved that whenever the Region awards a convention to a Division, club or other organized group, the Division, club or other organized group may request up to \$2,000 in convention startup funding from the Region Treasurer. Any funds provided by the Region will be accounted for as Miscellaneous Income in the spreadsheet required by Section 2 of Article VI of the Convention Policies and Procedures.

## Item 82

Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, April 19, 2015

### Summary of Discussion on the *Regions and Divisions List* Regarding Subdivisions

January 14, 2015

From time-to-time there has been discussion about subdivisions. As I recall, they are used by some of the divisions in the western United States whose geographic areas are very large and whose memberships are in pockets throughout their territory. Until recently, the Midwest Region has not considered allowing its divisions to form subdivisions. However, we now have a situation where a small group of members (less than ten) would like to form a new division, but their number does not satisfy the Region's threshold for forming a new division (ten or more).

I would appreciate some feedback on the following questions:

- How are subdivisions formed?
- Is there enabling language in region and division organizational documents? If so, is sample language available?
- Are there minimum requirements for forming a subdivision?
- Do subdivisions have officers? If so, how many?
- How do subdivisions operate?

Bert Lattan  
Secretary, Midwest Region

This question has come up for our Three Lakes and Rhinelander group a number of times.

They are some of the "lost boys of WLD".

Three Lakes Model Railroad Club is a 100% club and Rhinelander Railroad Association (RRA) is a member club in NMRA but does not have near 100% NMRA membership.

I believe the RRA would have more NMRA members if there were a chance to have more local activity and the members have a chance to earn AP volunteer credit for their activities.

I worked with national to get full credit towards volunteer for the member who was convention chair of our once every 5 years Division meet.

Please let me know what we are thinking as there are other areas in the Region that may benefit from sub divisions.

I was doing a study of the members and their distance from the meeting locations.

I know Ron Scharping has looked into ways for the enlarged Du Page Division to serve our down state members.

Thanks,  
Paul Wussow

PNR 4D provides a good basis for the idea of Sub-Divisions or, as we call them, “Clinics” which serve local areas within the division.

First, to set the geographic stage, 4D encompasses an area from Olympia Washington to the Canadian border and from the Pacific Ocean to the crest of the Cascades mountains. 4D also includes all of Alaska. Within the Washington state portion of 4D are the major cities of Seattle, Everett, Olympia, Bellingham, Bellevue, Tacoma, Bremerton, and Olympia. Alaska has member concentrations in Anchorage and Fairbanks with some participation along the inside passage. In the Seattle metro area we are also blessed to be separated East-West by the Puget Sound (a 30 minute to 1 hour ferry ride each way.) Division membership runs between 450 and 500.

There are currently 13 “clinics” operating in the lower 48 part of the division. They are generally located so that members do not have to travel more than 30 miles to attend or participate. In general, attendance at each runs from between 45-50 at the larger groups to about 10-15, in the smaller groups. Here are the basics of the setup.

1. Clinics are created in an area when sufficient number of members agree to establish and support the clinic by attendance and participation. There is no limit imposed by the division but logic does prevail on establishing clinics on top of each other.
2. Clinics operate independently but are subject to the general guidelines for operation established by the division. The guidelines concern general agenda for activities, open membership, fees and charges, and execution of NMRA programs.
3. The Division provides direct support in the way of rent grants for meeting locations (when appropriate), inclusion in the division video library, and inclusion in the division newsletter and web site.
4. Each clinic has a clinic leader who is an individual who volunteers to run the clinic. They are not elected but serve at their own pleasure and that of the attendees. The clinic leader has the opportunity to feed back to the Division superintendent and Board of directors informally and at Board meetings.
5. Each clinic determines, within the guidelines provided by the Division, when they will meet, where they will meet and what they will do at gatherings. In general, there is no formal “business” meeting associated with a clinic but they do support announcements of activities and events and may address collection of donations for clinic support or other charitable efforts the clinic has adopted.
6. The general agenda for a clinic is as follows: Welcome, introduction of new members and visitors, announcements, “what’s new at the train store”, “bring and brag”, social break with people’s choice contest on B&B items, educational presentation (“clinic”).

Announcement of B&B winner, announcement of next meeting. Most of the “clinics” have prepared name badges for people who come frequently and special visitor or new member badges for those people.

7. Any NMRA member can attend any and all clinics. Several of us move around within the division. It is also common for members from one “clinic” to come to another to make the educational presentation. We get to share the wealth and have a greater pool of presenters that way.

The Division holds an annual one day gathering each year that includes educational presentations (Clinics), general membership meeting, contest, layout tours, banquet, and awards presentation.

Please visit <http://www.4dpmr.org/Clinics.htm> for a better view of PNR 4D and the division clinic set up.

Jack Hamilton

Jack,

Did PNR do anything in its organizational documents to facilitate 4D Clinics. Or are they strictly a 4D initiative? Is there any documentation of requirements, etc. for a Clinic?

Bert

Bert,

There is no specific provision for the “clinics” in the 4D by laws. They have been an integral part of the Division for so long that they are now considered normal SOP. If you want to add something to your bylaws a very simple description of how a sub-division/clinic is created and run would serve well. The only documentation required is a simple budget request each year for a rent grant. Clinic leaders are asked to send comments to the Board and most do file a report that is published in the 4D electronic newsletter (Grab Iron). The entire set up follows KISS rules.

Jack Hamilton

Divisions, while recognized by the national, are basically creatures of the region. I assume that the same would go for any sub-divisions, but I am not sure that national has any scheme for recognizing them.

Bill Kaufman

Going a bit beyond what Bill mentions, Subdivisions are basically a function of the division. In the Pacific Coast Region (PCR), I do not believe that there is any "official" rule for subdivisions (I'm at work right now and all of my regional paperwork is at home), since they would be a subordinate unit of the division and would have no official say in any PCR regional policies or actions. That being said, I know that our Sierra Division has considered forming a "Silver State" subdivision, which would include the area east of the California/Nevada border -- since some of that area has a greater population density of jack rabbits than people. I also seem to recall that such a subdivision has existed in the past, but was dissolved due to lack of participation. The key here is how much say the division would want this smaller entity to have in the greater running of the division. As for the requirements of official positions within said subdivision, any "officers" would be under the same NMRA membership constraints as other divisional and regional officers, if they were to run a unit of the NMRA. Beyond that, any restrictions on their activities would be primarily a function of their respective division, unless the region were to take some sort of action to either restrict or specifically allow their formation.

This is my official opinion, which has absolutely no real authority and is worth everything that you have paid for it <g>.

Pat LaTorres,  
President, PCR/NMRA

January 15, 2015

Here is a one cent thought. Divisions are creations of the Regions and "sub-divisions" are creations of the divisions so are covered by any division regulating documents. In my local Division (Cincinnati Division 7, MCR) we have one active "sub" and another one that is getting organized, though they have no officers and no real organization or standing in the Division. They are geographical by nature (a number of members in a more remote area of the Division) and get together to talk modeling projects and problems and then have pie at a local restaurant. They have no formal structure and participate in the Division activities (events and shows). They are more like a round robin or modular group without modules or roundness since they meet in a central location. We find them very useful and a good addition to keeping interest in the hobby and organization active.

Frank Koch.

Sunshine is probably in the same type of situation. Due to the rural nature of large parts of the state, two of our Divisions cover a lot of ground. One is a 4 hour drive from top to bottom. Another is 2+ hours from east to west. That one is our Northern Division and covers an area roughly from Tallahassee to Jacksonville, down to Daytona, across to Gainesville, and up to Tallahassee. The issue is that the Division's 4 corners are where the members are and there are very few outside those areas. We never have any expectations that Division members will drive

much more than an hour or so and rightly so since probably 90% of our members won't go much further than that.

We solved the problem by just having Division events in several areas, intentionally not having them in the same location all the time. This year the Northern Division has events planned for Tallahassee (1), Jacksonville (3) and Gainesville (1). The Gainesville event is the first ever in that part of the state. If it's successful then the Division Super will do more in that area.

The Western Division has events in the northern end in Feb, the Tampa area in April & possibly July or August in either the eastern side of the Division or the southern side.

*Dan Cioffi – Co Chair The NMRA 2017 National Convention  
NMRA 2017 Orlando – The Orange Blossom Special  
<http://NMRA2017.org/>*

I agree entirely with Frank. In that the National organization does not set any standards for or even recognize subdivisions, they are creatures of the regions and divisions, Round robins without roundness. I suppose that in terms of the original question about how many people to make a division, a region could allow a single person to be a subdivision. I don't know why it would want to, but I think it can do it.

Regions and divisions are defined in national documents as geographical. I am not sure how that would apply to a subdivision, but, in that you do not have to declare your membership in a subdivision to the region or division, they could probably be anything, including web based. This is all new territory and playing with things that the BOD and the Officers have not really considered. It may well be that they do not have to consider them and just let each region set its own rules or not even make any rules. That would be my personal preference, make it up as is useful to you.

Bill Kaufman

Bill,

The "play it by ear" process pretty well describes the PNR 4D approach. Over time several ideas have been tried and those that worked well seemed to migrate to the other groups. Those that did not work well were lost to history.

My impression is that some recognition of the practice and some guidelines may be necessary in the future. The issues of insurance coverage, "off-the-books" members, application of NMRA funds (including those collected under an NMRA banner, and the proper execution of the 501(c)(3) responsibilities (when that comes to pass) will probably result in some limited

guidance for all of NMRA. I do not see that changing how the sub groups work or operate but they may have to be mindful of some new things.

It might also be nice if NMRA did provide some formal recognition and provide some additional support, especially to the guys who are trying but finding the going a bit tough.

Jack Hamilton

January 16, 2015

Jack

I think you/we have it pretty well nailed except for the part about providing guidance by national. While I agree it would be "nice" (and I think appropriate) much of the reason the "subs" work is the lack of rigidity and freedom to be what they can be - they are still NMRA, but they are "undefined" in rigid terms and part of me says that is good (certainly not the NMRA CFO speaking here). The Divisions should have some latitude in determining the status of "subs" within the Division. Consistency would be good, but there is currently no mechanism for that to happen. (m-m-m-m-m - sounds like a viable topic for the R&D group to propose an approach. I'd certainly listen and move it forward.)

As long as they are an official part of the Division and the Division is an official part of the Region and the Region is an official part of the National (NOTE: this has to do with elected officers at all levels actually being members in good standing of the NMRA for legal and liability insurance purposes), then there are no issues.

I look at it this way: National defines Regions, Regions define Divisions, Divisions define Sub-Divisions and all is right with the world. Everyone is sub-servient and compliant with the regulations of everyone above them in the hierarchy.

Reasonable and doable - no problem. Maybe we can figure it out!!! Just my views.

Frank Koch, POM (and other stuff too!)

Frank,

I was thinking along the same lines that you seem to be. As long as the "responsible parties" meet the requirements on NMRA membership, I'm thinking that the less meddling from national, the better. If there were any real issues, it should probably be up to the parent divisions, or at most the regions to administer things. Just my two bits.

Pat LaTorres,

President, PCR/NMRA

Although I would not want "National" to set standards, recommendations, or guidelines for sub-divisions, I would welcome it if they were to publish a document that describes how divisions that have or have tried sub-divisions operated them. Sort of a Lessons Learned on Implementing Sub-Divisions.

Kevin Bergeman  
Director, South Texas Division  
Lone Star Region

January 17, 2015

That was kind of the idea behind the handbook that we have not kept up.

Bill Kaufman

January 18, 2015

Frank,

We are actually in agreement with regards to the lineage and level of required oversight. Unfortunately, a significant portion of the Association seems to operate under the "if it is not specifically provided for it can't be done" approach. Our national guidance might be as simple as identifying the possible options and some general hints on how to make things work better. R&D group has tried to play that role for a while but the results are a bit on the less than optimum side. There is a good possibility that a good deal of the advice and helpful hints are not finding root because either the players we need to pay attention do not frequent the site or they live in the world of follow the rules and do not vary.

Not really sure what the answer is but it does appear that what we are doing right now is not getting the job done to our collective advantage.

Just my thoughts.

Jack

**Item 83**

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**Proposed Amendment to Article V – Divisions of the Midwest Region Bylaws**

Add to Article V – Divisions:

10. Subdivisions.

- a. To ensure that NMRA members can participate in NMRA activities within a reasonable distance of a member's residence, a Division may establish one or more Subdivisions within its territory.
- b. Subdivisions should consist of groups of NMRA members who want to affiliate and should be named for cities, counties, towns, etc. that identify the area served by the subdivision, but should not be defined with specific geographic boundaries.
- c. Subdivisions must comply with NMRA membership and other policies applicable to Regions and Divisions and with any policies established by the Midwest Region or the sponsoring Division.
- d. Subdivisions must designate a leader and report his or her name, address, telephone number and electronic mail address to the sponsoring Division.
- e. A Division must report the names of any Subdivisions that it establishes or dissolves to the Secretary by electronic or regular mail whenever a change occurs.

## **Item 84**

### **Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, April 19, 2015**

To: Board of Directors  
From: Steve Studley  
Date: April 13, 2015  
Subject: 501(c)(3) Project Committee Report

#### Activities since Last Board Meeting

Have contacted Frank Koch, NMRA CFO, about the current state of the filing process. Spoke with Bob Sherman during the Fall MWR Board meeting regarding the financial information needed for MWR to apply for the exemption. Will coordinate with Keith Thompson and Bob Sherman when it is time to apply.

News received by the March, 2015 InfoNet News email:

- NMRA General Counsel Bob Amsler reported that NMRA **vertical integration** is continuing to be tested in one NMRA Region. He hopes to add a Division to the test in the near future. Amsler once again stressed that under this plan Regions and Divisions will remain in full control of all their assets and programs, contrary to rumors which continue to proliferate on the internet.

#### Planned Activities

Will continue to monitor the process provided by NMRA National. Will immediately apply for 501(c)(3) status when the NMRA opens the process for all Regions and Divisions.

## **Item 85**

### **Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, April 19, 2015**

#### **2016 Election**

##### Petition Deadline Is July 30, 2015

Although the 2016 election is several months away, it is time to start the election cycle. In 2016 we will elect four (4) Directors-at-Large.

Jim Landwehr from the Fox Valley Division, Fred Robinson from the South Central Wisconsin Division and Paul Wussow from the DuPage Division, three of the four incumbent DALs, will complete their first two-year terms in 2016 and under the Bylaws will be eligible to run for another term in 2016. Bert Lattan, who was appointed to complete Dave Johnson's second two-year term, will also be eligible to run.

There are two ways that your name can be placed on the ballot. The first is by recommendation of the Nominating Committee and approval of the Board of Directors. To be considered by the Nominating Committee (Chairman Mike Vivion from the South Central Wisconsin Division and Members Dave Johnson from the Fox Valley Division and Lou Venema from the Central Indiana Division), you must submit a biography/candidate's statement of 200 words or less and a 2x2, passport-style photo to the Committee as soon as possible, but no later than July 30, 2015.

The preferred method of delivery is electronic mail. (While e-mail is not required to serve on the Board, it is highly desirable since the Board conducts pre and post meeting activity by e-mail.) If you do not have e-mail, you may mail your bio/photo to Dave Johnson, the Region Secretary. He will convert it to an electronic format and send it to the Committee. Addresses and e-mail addresses for the Committee and the Secretary are on the Board of Directors page of the Region website ([www.mwr-nmra.org](http://www.mwr-nmra.org)).

The second method is by petition signed by at least ten (10) current NMRA members who live in the Midwest Region. The petition form is available on the Region website or it may be requested from Dave Johnson. Your petition must be accompanied by a biography/candidate's statement of 200 words or less and a 2x2, passport-style photo. It must be received by Dave Johnson no later than July 30, 2015. He will convert it to an electronic format and forward it to the Committee.

The Committee will submit its recommendations and the names of all resident members nominated by petition to the Board of Directors for review and approval during its next meeting, which is scheduled for Sunday, September 13, 2015 in South Bend, Indiana.

Each candidate's biography/statement & photo and a ballot will be included in the Winter 2015 issue of the *Waybill*. The results of the election will be announced during the 2016 Annual Meeting of Members, which will be hosted by the South Central Wisconsin Division on Sunday, May 1, 2016 in the Madison, Wisconsin area.

If you have any questions about this process, please feel free to contact any member of the Committee or the Secretary. —*Mike Vivion*

**Item 86**

**Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, April 19, 2015**

NMRA Visitor Limit Policy; Extract from NMRA 2015 Midyear BOD Meeting Minutes:

**“#19 – Insurance Considerations**

The Canadian Director moves.....

“Due to insurance considerations and potential individual liabilities accruing to Divisions and Regions by allowing repeated guest appearances at Division and Region Events without requiring guests to become members, it shall be NMRA policy that the maximum number of visits by individual guests shall be limited to three”. Seconded by CDD Pete Magoun, MMR. A lengthy discussion was held prior to voting. Motion passed on voice vote.

NOTES – There was a lot of talk on this motion also...you can find more information and copies of revised insurance documents on the website.

**NMRA Liability and Property Insurance Program (revised 01/01/15)**

**Explanation of Insurance Waiver**

**Event Waiver of NMRA Insurance**

You should be able to get to them by clicking on the title, or you can access them by typing “liability insurance” into the search block on the home page.”