

Item 1

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

<u>Item</u>	<u>Responsibility</u>
Call to order	Steve Studley
Roll Call	Bob McGeever
Minutes of Last Meetings	Steve Studley
 <u>Reports/Comments</u>	
Committees:	
Achievement Program	Jim Landwehr
Financial Review	Phil Berry
Clinic Clearing House	Paul Wussow
Convention	Reid Kahrs
Education Coordinator	open
Election	Jim Osborn
Internet	Jim Osborn
Long Range Planning	Paul Mangan
Membership	Ron Scharping
Nominating	open
Photographer	Walt Herrick
Promotions and Special Projects	Reid Kahrs
Publications	David Leider
Youth Fund	Minton Dings
Other	Steve Studley
 Directors-at-Large	 Steve Studley
 Division Directors	 Steve Studley
 Regional Advisory Council Representative	 Paul Mangan
 Secretary	 Bob McGeever
 Treasurer	 Keith Thomsen
 Vice President	 Reid Kahrs
 Immediate Past President	 Paul Mangan

President

Steve Studley

Old Business

501(c)(3) Project
Midwest Regional 2019 Convention

Reid Kahrs
Reid Kahrs - Gerry

Miller

Reduction of Bank Account Cash
Photo and Model Contest Entry Eligibility

Keith Thomsen
Walt Herrick, Gary
Children, and Jim
Osborn

Kit-Built Popular Vote Contest
Other

Jim Allen
Steve Studley

New Business

Nominations for President, Vice President, and Three
Directors-At-Large for the 2019-2021 Term
Midwest Region 2020 & Later Conventions
Other

Dan Brewer

Reid Kahrs
Steve Studley

Appointments

Bob McGeever - Secretary
Eric Peterson – Education Chair
Dan Brewer - Nominations Chair

Steve Studley

Announcements

Next Meeting Date, Time & Place:
Sunday, May 5th, 2019, 10:30AM,
VFW 9759.
2018 Windsor Road, Loves Park, IL. 61111
(Full Breakfast at 10:00AM)

Steve Studley

Adjourn

Steve Studley

Item 2

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

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

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

Reports:

Treasurer Keith Thomsen reported the Region is in good shape. There was \$7,300 in gross receipts and was reduced by \$1,800 to a balance of \$44,700 in cash. This is a \$3,300 reduction in assets from last year. The board has been working to distribute proceeds to the Divisions where it can be used.

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

Old Business

None

New Business

The elections for

Director at Large

Eric Peterson, Central Illinois Division

Fred Henize, DuPage Division

Bob Landwehr, Fox Valley Division

Jim Allen, Fox Valley Division

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

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

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

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

Item 3

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

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

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

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

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

It was placed before the board to replace the word “advance” to “seed” because a grant would not need to be repaid to the Region. Therefore, seed money would be a better name.

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

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

Reports and comments:

Jim Osborn, Election Committee Chair reported

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

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

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

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

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

The question was raised about item 1, above. Suggested wording is: The photo contest chair is not eligible to enter the contest. It was discussed to have the photo contest wording the same as the model

contest. That change of wording is to be researched and is tabled until next meeting. Note to Jim Osborn, Walt Herrick, and Gary Children to work on the wording for eligibility in the photo and model contests.

Directors at Large reports

Regional Advisory Council

Paul Mangan reported no activity.

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

Treasurer's report 2016 – 2017

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

The Board has implemented programs to reduce cash and those programs have been successful. The level of reduction is about \$3000/year. This can continue till such a time as the account balance nears \$24000.

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

Minton Dings moved and Larry Tschopp seconded it.

Motion approved.

501(c)(3)

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

Youth Fund assessment

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

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

Midwest Region convention for 2019

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

Thursday

Registration/Contest Room open

Clinics and layout tours

Friday

Morning clinics

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

Lunch is still in the planning stage.

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

Saturday

Clinics

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

Happy Hour 5:00 Banquet 6:00

Awards, Chinese Auction

Reduction of Bank Account Balance

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

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

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

Rock River Valley Division volunteered to have it at their May meet next year at the VFW. The division meet will be a dual-meet with SCWD. It was decided to have the Board meeting and the Members Meeting before the Rock River Valley Division meeting. This will preclude changing the bylaws. The Rock River Valley Division/South Central Wisconsin Division meet is the first Sunday of the month and next year would be May 5th, 2019.

Financial Review

Phil Berry will review and report at the fall meeting.

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

Future Website Expenditures

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Nomination for upcoming elections

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

Midwest and later conventions

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

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

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

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

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

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

SCWD – Paul Mangan & Steve Preston co-chairs,

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

Buzz Swett is membership chair for ITD,

Minton Dings handles membership as Assistant Superintendent.

If there are any changes send to Steve Studley.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Eric Peterson, Central Indiana Division

Fred Henize, DuPage Division

Bob Landwehr, Fox Valley Division

Jim Allen, Fox Valley Division.

Welcome and thank you for standing for election.

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

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

Item 7

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

To: Board of Directors

From: Reid Kahrs

Date: 10-7-18

Subject: Convention Committee

Activities since Last Board Meeting

I have heard from two Divisions with interest in hosting future conventions.

IVD was working with the local Hotels, but the Hotels would not commit to room prices at this time. ITD would be joining as hosts.

RRVD was interested and I am waiting for more information.

For 2022 we will be part of a Tri-Regional, the NCR, MCR and MWR. The convention site has not been determined. President Studley has attended meetings and probably has more information.

I am working with Gerry Miller on the 2019 dual regional. If you would like to present a clinic please let me know. Gerry Miller has been doing most of the work and I offered to coordinate the clinics. I might have more information, since Gerry will be calling me on 9-26-18.

Planned Activities

Attend MWR BOD meeting October 7, 2018, in Rockford, IL

Item 7A

October 7, 2018
Midwest Region NMRA
Fall 2018 BoD Meeting
Rockford, IL

Photo Contest Chair's Report

Everyone,

I just have two items for the October 7, MWR BoD's Meeting:

1. As photo contest Chair, I will be ordering and purchasing the MWR's Ingrid Drozdak Best of Show Photography Award plaque this year. I anticipate spending \$25.00 to 35.00 for the plaque.
2. I am recommending today that the MWR no longer offer the "Slide" categories in our region's photo contests. There were no slide entries in the 2018 contest and only one slide entry in the contest in 2017. Many regions no longer offer the "Slide" categories. I attended the MER regional in Cincinnati last spring and they haven't offered the slide categories for several years. So, I recommend doing away with the "slide" categories in our future MWR photo contests.

I hope to attend the October 7 meeting, and look forward to seeing you all then.

Walt Herrick, Fox Valley Division
MWR Photo Contest Chair

Item 9

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

To: Board of Directors
From: _Jim Osborn, Election Committee Chairman
Date: September 24, 2018
Subject: Election Committee Report

Activities since Last Board Meeting

Destruction of the ballots from the last election per BoD approval.

Planned Activities

Create the election ballot after the BoD approves the candidate slate at the Oct 2018 BoD meeting per the Election Committee Policy and Procedure.

Forward the ballot to the *Waybill* editor for inclusion in the winter *Waybill*.

Receive and count the ballots after the Spring election and prepare the Election committee report for the next BoD meeting.

Item 10

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

To: Board of Directors

From: Jim Osborn, Internet Committee Chm.

Date: September 24, 2018

Subject: Internet Committee Report

Assistance Requested

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

Activities Since Last Board Meeting

- 1) Made timely updates to the MWR web site per requests from National, the Region & the membership.
- 2) Assisted with the *Waybill* electronic publishing.
- 3) Posted current PDF versions of the *Waybill* on the web site.
- 4) Assisted with several miscellaneous Division web site issue and updates.
- 5) Managed the Constant Contact Account sharing email arrangement.
- 6) Website usage statistics posted on the next page.
- 7) Assisted the DuPage division with the population of their mobile friendly web site.
- 8) I have transitioned the web and email hosting from the Verio servers to the Blue Host web hosting company. We have a 3-year contract.

Planned Activities

- 1) Continue with the general management and maintenance of the MWR web site and internet activities as appropriate.
- 2) Continue to assist with publishing electronic *Waybill* notices.
- 3) Support any division web requirements as requested.

Website Usage Report:

Metric	Oct-March 2015	April-Sept 2015	Oct-March 2016	April-Sept 2016**	Oct-March 2017	April-Sept 2017	Oct-March 2018	April-Sept 2018
Sessions	4556	2510	3090	1743	3367	2219	3024	2427
Users	3384	1823	2292	1302	2468	1457	2085	1772
Page Views	7156	4181	4996	2972	6524	4435	5938	5176
Content Viewed								
Home Page	2622	1722	1651	1290	1817	1616	1715	1773
Waybill	1317	1039	916	903	970	903	953	911
Division Map	737	520	666	439	268	169	269	222
Conventions	89	372	204	167	336	241	290	276
DuPage Div.	1495	241	1293	378	2075	369	1153	310
Contest Photos	126	29	32	73	44	157	73	196
Minutes	72	61	47	85	34	40	64	49
About us					17	26	21	24
Clinic Resources					27	20	34	22
Elections					18	24	17	22
Contact us					14	12	30	41
Model Photos					119	107	126	82
Notices					130	103	144	150
Prototype Photos					55	26	45	26
Policies					20	52	72	29
Reg Officers						131	338	350
Referrals From:								
Direct Entry	965	816	946		996	1304	1290	1252
NMRA.org	1167	727	708	458	730	227	3	9
Google	949	303	766	30	907	307	475	176
Railserve.com					131	15	7	3
Michiana	31	33	22	5			4	1
CID.Railfan.net	85	47	61	43	39	5		
Trains.com	56	2	3	-	74	2	36	3
Fox Valley Div.	155	65	78	7	15	29	14	5
Bing/Yahoo	191	74	171	-	178	155	124	45
Twin Lakes					31	23		
RRVD	19	4	17	12	24	11	8	6
User Devices:								
Desktop					68%	76%	70%	77%
Mobile					23%	15%	22%	15%
Tablet					9%	9%	8%	8%

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

Item 12

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To: Board of Directors
From: Ron Scharping
Date: September 8, 2018

Subject: Membership Coordinator’s Report

Activities Since Last Board Meeting

Continued to provide membership information to Division membership coordinators on a monthly basis. RRVD has requested the continuation of printed reports for their Division. A Division roster, which now contains all of the information on the printed reports, is emailed to Division designated recipients.

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

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

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

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

Planned Activities

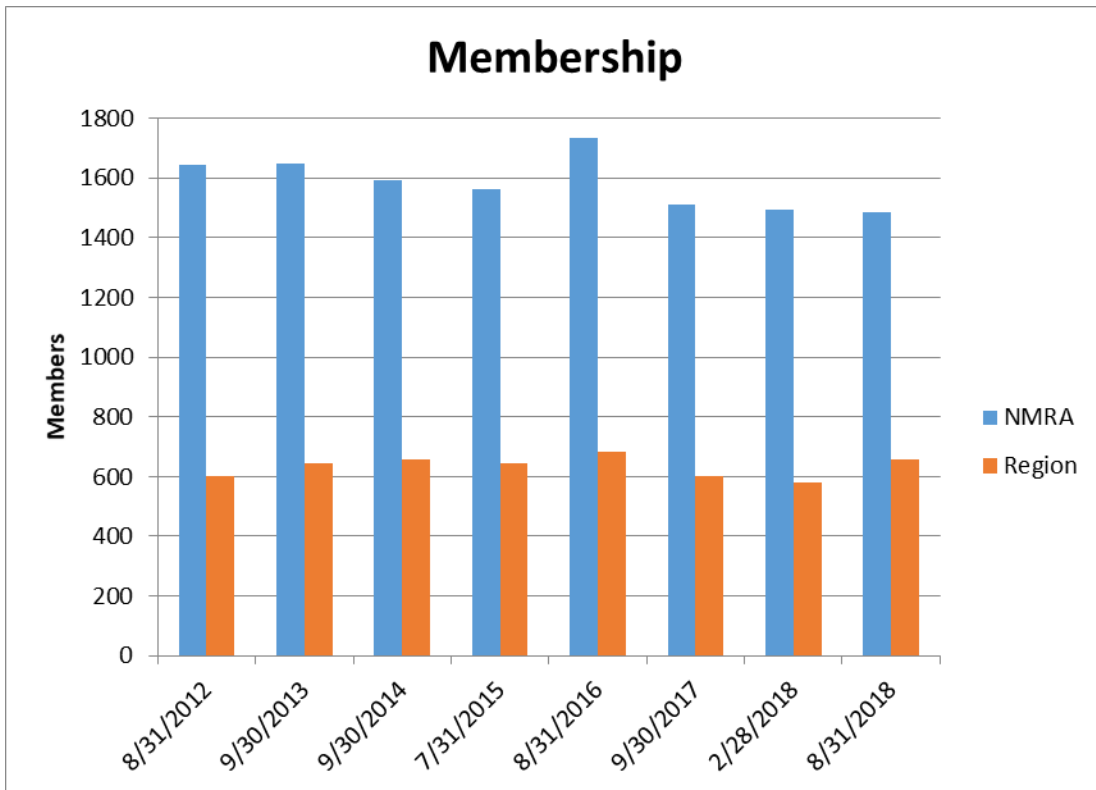
Continue the above.

Region Membership Data

Division	NMRA	Region	NMRA	Region	NMRA	Region	NMRA	Region
	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total
	(8/31/12)	(8/31/12)	(9/30/13)	(9/30/13)	(9/30/14)	(9/30/14)	(7/31/15)	(7/31/15)
1	253	84	252	94	228	89	215	86
2	146	44	154	45	158	40	159	48
3	157	45	146	44	138	52	141	52
5	97	35	101	35	99	37	102	36
6	231	81	237	89	225	92	211	86
7	27	8	25	12	19	8	20	7
9	244	77	224	71	219	67	209	67
10	93	33	91	30	86	26	90	27
11	244	97	237	97	232	101	226	95
15	89	35	83	31	73	31	80	36
Out of Reg.	62	62	97	97	114	114	108	104
Grand Total	1643	601	1647	645	1591	657	1561	644

Region Membership Data (Con't)

Division	NMRA	Region	NMRA	Region	NMRA	Region	NMRA	Region
	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total
	(8/31/16)	(8/31/16)	(9/30/17)	(9/30/17)	(2/28/18)	(2/28/18)	(8/31/18)	(8/31/18)
1	206	82	185	66	183	63	176	71
2	161	44	153	46	156	48	152	53
3	134	54	123	47	122	43	121	48
5	97	39	96	41	97	38	101	43
6	357	106	246	94	248	91	235	103
7	32	10	21	8	21	971	21	7
9	227	79	214	64	202	57	196	72
10	88	29	94	29	96	30	98	34
11	232	96	216	89	210	87	210	95
15	89	35	81	33	78	36	80	36
Out of Reg.	111	111	84	84	81	81	94	94
Grand Total	1734	685	1513	601	1494	581	1484	656



Item 17

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To: Board of directors
From: Minton Dings, Youth Committee
Date: September 26, 2018
Subject: Youth Committee

Activities Since Last Board Meeting

- My activities in the Youth program of the region has been minimal due to the illness and treatment of my spouse. There have been no requests for funding from the divisions of the region in the past six months.
- I was to create a request form for posting on the MWR website, which has yet to be formulated. It is my hope that this will be accomplished in the beginning of the coming year in that there is improvement in the family related health issues.

Planned Activities

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

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To: Board of Directors
From: Eric G. Peterson
Date: September 26, 2018
Subject: Director Report

Activities since Last Board Meeting

I attended the NMRA national convention in KC. Very well done.

I attended the O Scale National convention in Rockville, MD August 22-26, 2018 including an O Scale Kings SIG meeting. The convention had a full range of clinics and layout tours in addition to the selling space for individuals and manufacturers. This convention was jointly sponsored by the NMRA MER and the convention committee. The O Scale Kings is trying to implement new leadership with goals to improve the group operation and advance O scale modeling.

I attended the Indianapolis O scale and S scale meet September 21-22, 2018. This is an annual gathering primarily offering sales tables for manufacturers and individuals. This year clinicians were included in the sales tables rooms. The clinicians worked at individual tables providing an opportunity to observe and discuss their modeling techniques in a small group informal setting. I took the opportunity to sit and talk with two different clinicians. One was working on trackwork and later a building kit. The other was building a brass kit soldering etched and cast parts to build a locomotive. Two others were demonstrating figure painting and DCC decoder installations. I thought this was a good format with potential for use in train show settings.

I attended a second O Scale Kings SIG meeting at the Indy meet. This was a little better organized. Elections are coming up and there are some candidates for office. I withdrew my name from consideration to permit me to focus on NMRA and MWR activities as well as continue to work on my layout. Objectives discussed at the meeting included: Changing the name of the group, updating NMRA standards and recommended practices for O scale, particularly wheel tread width and continuing to promote O scale modeling. I volunteered to identify the NMRA procedures and individuals involved with these standards and RP's. I continue to here and counter negative comments about the NMRA within the O scale community. At this meeting I again expressed my opinion the group needs to be doing activities so there is a reason for individuals to join. Current paid membership is less than 100. 300 people registered for the O Scale national in Rockville.

I have discussed ideas for MWR Education group with President Studley.

Planned Activities

Continue participating in NMRA and MWR activities focused on education for the MWR.
Support improvement in O Scale Kings focus on standards and RP revision.
Visit other MWR Divisions, especially in the northern and western parts of the Region.

Item 24

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To: Board of directors
From: Minton Dings
Date: September 26, 2018
Subject: Director-at-Large

Activities Since Last Board Meeting

I continue to serve as the assistant superintendent of the Illinois Valley division, as the editor of the Illinois Valley Division Newsletter, The Timetable, and a contact person on behalf of the division for modeling and resource requests. In the absence of a seated District 2 Trainmaster, I cover that responsibility until that person can be recruited to fill the vacancy.

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

Also see the Youth Fund Report, #35.

Planned Activities

Continue the above activities.

Item 25

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To: Board of Directors
From: Joe Russ, Superintendent
Date: September 16, 2018

Subject: WISE Division Report

Activities since Last Board Meeting

Four monthly meets, two bus trips, one to the SCWD Railshow and the other to the swap meet at the DuPage County Fairgrounds. Also had our operating, WISEop, in April, and our Division bicycle ride (this year on the trail in the Menominee Valley, in August. While the bus trips are holding their own, participation in other events is dropping.

Superintendent Pete Lakatos resigned at the end of June after only serving one year of a two-year term. Joe Russ, then assistant superintendent, became superintendent. Nobody wanted the chief clerk position when the term of our then clerk expired at the end of May. Right now we are operating without an assistant superintendent and chief clerk. And we are short three critical board positions. If those vacancies are not rectified by the end of the year, there will be changes in our meets, and potentially the future of Trainfest, come the 2019/2020 meet season.

Planned Activities

Oct. 21 – Meet at Lake Park Community Center in Milwaukee
Nov. 10 & 11 - Trainfest at Wisconsin State Fair Park Expo Center
Jan. 20 – Meet at Four Points Sheraton – Airport in Milwaukee
Feb. 16 – Bus Trip to SCWD Model Railroad Show & Sale
March 17 – Meet at Oconomowoc Historical Museum
April 21 – Meet at Four Points Sheraton – Airport
April ?? – WISEop Operating Weekend (date to be determined)
May ?? – Bus Trip to DuPage Swap Meet

Item 27

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, October 07, 2018

To: Board of Directors

From: John Leow

Date: 10/07/2018

Subject: Director's Report - Winnebagoland Division (WLD)

Activities since Last Board Meeting

The division participated in the Title Town Train Show in Green Bay in April. Displays and information were exhibited to encourage attendees to join the NMRA.

The Division Board held its quarterly BoD meeting in June at the SLHTS Archives in Appleton. Topics included review of board member duties (Clerk); wrap-ups for the spring meet (Merrill); upcoming meets (Pickett in the fall 2018, Stevens Point in the spring 2019); fall 2019 meet ideas; ideas to "shrink" the Division by organizing local events, specifically a summer picnic; establishment of an historical information repository for the Division; visitor policy for division sponsored events; Titledown Train Show summary; and discussion of credit card acceptance, new member applications, board meeting teleconference options, and electronic election processing.

We held our Fall Division Meet in Pickett, WI on September 22nd, with approximately 30 members attending. Along with the usual photo and model contests, there were four clinics presented. Topics included Arduino programming and usage; layout detailing; and prototype information. We had a barbeque lunch, during which David Popp of Kalmbach Publishing's Video Plus spoke about the history and future of his business, and the meet concluded with layout tours in the surrounding area.

The Division Board held its quarterly BoD meeting in September at our fall meet in Pickett. Topics included the Division historical information repository; upcoming meets (Stevens Point in the spring 2019, and Hancock, MI in the fall 2019); brochures (new members and promotional); 2019 officer nominations; the fall 2018 operating session; meet registrar duties; and discussion of credit card acceptance, new member applications, board meeting teleconference options, and electronic election processing.

Personally, I attended the monthly meetings of our local round-robin club; attended the MWR convention and BoD meeting in Madison in April; helped Chuck Pomazal with the cosmetic restoration of QT&L railroad equipment in Hancock, MI, in May and September; and attended the National Narrow-Gauge Convention in Minneapolis in September.

Planned Activities

The Division will hold its annual operating session this fall in the Neenah/ Greenville area.

Future locations for Division meets during 2019 include Stevens Point (spring); and Hancock, MI (fall).

I also plan on continuing to assist Chuck Pomazal on the restoration of Quincy & Torch Lake #6 and other equipment up in Hancock in May.

Item __28__

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

To: Board of Directors

From: Jim Tatum, IVD Superintendent

Date: 26 September 2018

Subject: MWR Board Meeting – 7 October 2018

Activities since Last Board Meeting

29 July 2018 - Held 1st Annual IVD Cookout at Peck Park in Galesburg, IL

IVD Portal Childrens Layout on display at Springfield Train Show and Monticello Railway Museum.

Planned Activities:

1st Annual IVD Banquet – TBD

Planning the 2020 MWR Convention in Peoria, IL

Item 29

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

To: Board of Directors

From: Dan Hinel, CID Superintendent

Date: September 11, 2018

Subject: Central Indiana Division Report

Activities since Last Board Meeting

CID Board Meetings

12/3/2017	Wayne Township Library, Indianapolis
2/11/2018	Wayne Township Library, Indianapolis
4/8/2018	Wayne Township Library, Indianapolis
4/21/2018	Annual Membership & Business Meeting (Franklin Train Show)
6/10/2018	Wayne Township Library, Indianapolis
8/19/2018	Jon Silverberg, Assistant Superintendent Home, Executive Team Picnic and Meeting

Train Shows-Information Materials Table/Booth

11/18/2017	Danville Train Show (30 minutes west of Indianapolis)
12/9/2017	Naptown & White River Trains Show (South Indianapolis)
1/28/2018	Noblesville Train Show (North Indianapolis)
2/3-4/2018	Great Train Show (Indianapolis)
3/3/2018	Naptown & White River Trains Show (South Indianapolis)
4/21/2018	Franklin Train Show (30 minutes south of Indianapolis)
9/8/2018	Naptown & White River Trains Show (South Indianapolis)

CID Modelers Meets

3/17/2018	Advent Evangelical Lutheran Church, Zionsville (North West Indianapolis)
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CID Board Elections

Updated CID Web Page

Created CID Face Book Page

Rusty Spike Newsletter publications (five)

Began emailing notices of CID Events to general membership

Spring Layout Tour 4/7/2018 East Indianapolis Area

Planned Activities

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

Carmel Train Show 11/10/2018 Carmel Library

Spring Modelers Meet (Area TBD)

Layout Tour (Area TBD)

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

CID Modelers Meet 10/13/2018 Irvington Presbyterian Church (Indianapolis)

General Membership Name Badges

General Membership Meetings (Tentative)

CID plans on continued activities of communication to general membership

Item 30

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

To: Board of Directors
From: Mike Lehman, Superintendent, Illinois Terminal Division
Date: Sept. 26, 2018
Subject: Report of ITD Activity

Activities since Last Report

The Illinois Terminal Division continues to hold (usually brief) regular monthly meetings all year long, with the annual business meeting and election (plus a potluck/cookout, thanks to Buzz Swett's hosting) in May. Attendance during the summer meetings was rather thin this year, but we like to operate, so they happen anyway. May's meeting included a discussion with IVD officials about co-hosting the 2020 regional convention. The site would be in Peoria area, with ITD being able to provide around a half-dozen volunteers for staffing during the convention. Arrangements were also made for aid in staffing IVD's modular layout during Monticello RR Days. June and July were short on business, so of little note in themselves.

A special joint meeting with Midwest Central Railroad Club in July discussed the specifics of their efficient planning and well-tested business plan from their long-time operation of the annual spring Lincoln Square Train Show, which was then shared with those ITD members unable to make the meeting. August saw our discussion and vote on ITD taking on the process of transitioning into the management of the Lincoln Square Train Show from the Midwest Central Railroad Club, which was approved unanimously. More on that in Planned Activities.

LSTS 2018

Our annual tabling at the Lincoln Square Train Show went well with the active participation of many members. A vendor at the show happened to also be a fellow who helps with NMRA activities at the national level and he happened to have the very nice NMRA banner/backdrop, so we set it up behind our booth. As several members worked on small projects, we spoke with a number of people, ranging from potential clinicians to donors to the divisional library to a fellow who subsequently joined us after looking us up on our website.

ITD Website Updated with Blog

Allen Byrne, Chief Clerk and Paymaster, added blog functionality to the ITD website, allowing members to easily post model RR-related content and materials. Allen plans to experiment with different style sheets in order to facilitate images appearing on the main page with the story synopses to make it more visually interesting.

Mentorship Program

It began by happenstance when a new member asked for some help with shop practices, access to tools, and needed space to work on a 4x8. Now it just seems like a good idea to offer the same help to any member who requests it. Since we're small, accommodating a handful of learners is practical. We currently meet late

afternoon on Mondays and Wednesdays, but it's a learning model that's meant to be flexible. The learning also includes basic info about the NMRA and the hobby, use of DCC, and operating practices.

Regional Representation

After some back and forth about current requirements for documenting divisional representation at regional meetings when the division superintendent is unable to attend, Assistant Superintendent Larry Tschopp is now recognized on a continuing basis as the division's designated representative when the ITD superintendent is not in attendance. If Asst. Super Tschopp is not available to be present, ITD will revert to the regional proxy form to designate a representative under such circumstances.

Joint IVD/ITD Modular RR Ops at Monticello RR Days

Minton Dings MMR of IVD and Buzz Swett of ITD organized an effort to bring IVD's modular RR to the Monticello RR Days event at the Monticello Railway Museum on Sept. 15 and 16. We made operating trains on the layout available to kids of all ages, although we concentrated on offering runs to those who were 18 and under. We also answered all kinds of questions about the hobby.

Planned Activities

Lincoln Square Train Show

In light of the decision by ITD to begin sponsoring the long-running Lincoln Square Train Show put on previously by the Midwest Central Railroad Club beginning in 2020, ITD members have begun "shadowing" key organizers from MWCRRRC to learn how they organize the show for 2019, their final year. ITD will take up organizing for the 2020 LSTS once 2019's show is a wrap. Several MWRRC members intend to continue consulting with and helping during future show, retaining important continuity. Some minor changes in the division of labor are anticipated, plus it is hoped that ITD can call on the resources available from outside the division to provide increased opportunities for the public to see what the NMRA and the hobby as a whole can offer. The show is free to attendees and charges a relatively modest fee for vendor tables.

The only notable issue that seems to arise directly from this transition is over insurance. The show currently is insured through an event rider on the Urbana Free Library's coverage. It's possible that could continue. In the event it can't, NMRA coverage is the obvious choice. However, one longtime non-profit vendor is the Monticello Railway Museum, which brings its kids ride-on train to the LSTS, a very popular feature of the show. NMRA insurance specifically does not cover such activity. We hope that the Museum's own coverage will cover this. Super Lehman has already spoken to the Museum's Treasurer informally on this and will follow-up with both the museum and the NMRA as info becomes available and as things progress in hopes of the kid train continuing along with the rest of the LSTS.

Monthly Meetings Continue

ITD plans to continue meeting monthly.

Reorganization Question

Given the need to in the near future to address risk and liability associated with a large public show, ITD is currently exploring whether it should be an Illinois unincorporated association or seek federal 501c3 status. Either choice provides liability protection for officers and volunteers. The non-profit federal tax reporting requirement doesn't kick in until gross receipts exceed \$5,000 annually. The current gross receipts for the show

tends to be around \$3,500 to \$4,000 and the ITD budget is otherwise barely into 3 digits. It is unclear whether the nature of the show, even though it's free to the public, necessarily even qualifies for 501c3 status if the bulk of the receipts are connected to tabling charges. More inquiries will follow.

Potential 2020 IVD/ITD Joint Organizing for MWR Regional Convention

During the joint IVD/ITD Sept. 15-16 modular RR event at the Monticello Railway Museum, officers of both divisions compared notes on their potential joint sponsorship of the 2020 MWR meet in 2020. To engage a motel seems to require far above currently available funds, so would require a subsidy from MWR or another source to guarantee the venue. That circumstance would in turn require a healthy attendance number, which has historically been difficult for conventions held south of I-80. Then there are two competing national conventions that would be held within a few months of a regional convention in the Peoria area, the 2020 NMRA and National Narrow Gauge Conventions, which would directly compete for travel budgets. While this was not a formal decision-making meeting, those present with the ITD are trending towards skepticism that a viable plan can be worked out under these circumstances, although we remain supportive. IVD seemed more optimistic, but they know the ground better.

Item 31

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, October 7, 2016

To: Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA
From: Michael L. Hirvela, Director, Superintendent, Fox Valley Division (FVD)
Date: September 25, 2017
Subject: FVD Report for Fall 2018 MWR BoD Meeting

Activities since Last Board Meeting

- The Superintendent has been in contact with the new building coordinator for our traditional train show site, Building M at Harper College, in Palatine, IL. Two years of renovations to the building were completed in mid-August, however, the college announced an agreement with the Palatine Park District for utilization of the upgraded features of the building going forward. Best information is that we won't know about the possibility of holding our train show at this site until mid-October at the earliest. That would only leave us a little less than 4 months to pull off a show. The FVD BoD is in serious discussions on whether or not to try for 2019 or explore other options.
- The FVD held a Layout Tour Day on July 21 as a summer outing and member benefit, with 13 layouts in 9 locations concentrated in the western half of the division. I think it went well for a first try. We received feedback from the layout owners, some having 8 to 10 or more visitors, although one owner had 3 and another had only 2. A critique afterward was that maybe we had too many layouts available. I don't think distance was an issue [compared to RRVD's layout day distances], even though transit time between layouts could be 20-30 minutes for the ones I personally attended, transit time did eat up valuable viewing time. We should do better next time. Planning is underway for next year.
- On September 16th, we commenced our monthly member meetings held at the Gary Morava Recreation Center in Prospect Heights, IL, for the 2018-2019 season, absorbing a \$5 per hour increase in the room rental. The Park District has indicated their intention to increase the per hour cost to the current rate they charge other space renters. The FVD BoD has commenced searching for a centrally located facility at less cost, as the projected charge for the 2019-2020 season will increase significantly. Other cost saving measures and alternatives are being discussed.
- We re-commenced publishing electronic and print versions of our monthly newsletter – *The Semaphore*, with the September issue, featuring our summer event and a featured topic and contest listings, along with a featured Layout of the Month.
- Dave Kloke's Lincoln Funeral Car was on display in Antioch, IL, on behalf of the Lakes Area Historical Society, over Labor Day weekend. FVD members were alerted via social media and several attended the display. The car will be going to Elizabethtown, PA, for permanent display along with his 4-4-0 locomotive, #63 Leviathan, where they will be well cared for.

Planned Activities

- Continue the bi-monthly promotion of the NMRA and the division at the DuPage Train Show, alternating with the guys from the DuPage Division.
- October 18 through 20th, we will have our display board, with division and NMRA brochures and other materials on display at the Railroad Prototype Modelers (RPM) meet at the Sheraton Hotel in Lisle, IL. We are co-sponsors of the event this year.
- Participate as a displayer at the Great Midwest Train Show at the Lake County Fairgrounds in Grayslake, IL on December 29 and 30.
- The FVD will be participating as a displayer and one of our module groups will be displaying at the World's Greatest Hobby Show at the Renaissance Center in Schaumburg, IL, January 5 and 6, 2019.
- Continue the monthly meeting format and activities. Division elections will be held in April 2019 for Assistant Superintendent and Paymaster positions.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael L. Hirvela
Superintendent,
Fox Valley Division

Item 32

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

To: Board of Directors
From: Ken Mosny, Superintendent, RRVD
Date: 10/7/2018
Subject: Division Activities

Activities since Last Board Meeting

Division Meet, May 2018, clinics, popular vote contest, home layout tours, door prizes
Summer Junket, August 2018, trip to Wandering Tree Estates, Barrington, IL, viewing garden and indoor model railroads, lunch at Chessies Restaurant.

Division Meet, September 2018, clinics, popular vote contest, home layout tours, door prizes
Board of Directors Steak Fry, August, 2018
Various meetings with community groups to plan our 2018-2019 calendar.

Planned Activities

Division Meets monthly October 2018 thru May 2019 except Swap Meet in December, clinics, popular vote contest, home layout tours, door prizes

Special Membership Meeting, January 2019

Annual Membership Meeting, April 2019

Halloween Trick or Treat, Midway Village, October 2018, operating layouts, candy giveaway

Charter Bus to Trainfest, November 2018

Midway Village Train Show, November 2018, operating layouts, kids hands-on weathering, Rockford railroad history display, modeling displays

District One Police Station Community Event, District One Police Station. November, 2018 operating layouts, railroad safety, wooden train make and take, Rockford railroad history display, kids hands-on weathering, pizza lunch, door prizes, Partnered with Rockford Police
Public Home Layout Tours, November 2018, public sign up tours to area layouts, two weekends

Holiday Train Display, Nicholas Conservatory, December 2018 and January 2019, operating layouts, wooden Thomas the Train, Rockford railroad history display

RRVD Holiday Dinner, January 2019, restaurant gathering of area model railroaders and guests.

Discovery Center Display in planning, but 2 weekends anticipated between January and May 2019, Lionel operating layout, kids wooden train make and take, ages 3-7

Annual Show and Sale, RRVD fund raiser, March 2019, 35,000 sq. ft. train show, MR vendors, operating layouts, wooden train make and take, modeling displays, hobby promotion

Item 33

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

To: Board of Directors
From: Tim Schubert, Superintendent - DuPage Division
Date: 9/23/18
Subject: Division Activities

Activities since Last Board Meeting

- May 6, 2018 – Held regular Division meeting with a presentation on weathering by Kevin Kell and a contest was held for Bulk Commodity cars. Election of Assistant Superintendent and Paymaster were held, with Ray Gerlich being elected as Asst. Super and Kim Schlytter as Paymaster
- Updated financial documents to reflect new Officer structure for 2018 through 2020.
- Updated contact information on Division PO Box to reflect new Officer structure for 2018 through 2020
- July 21, 2018 – Division Board of Directors meeting was held to plan the 2018-2019 season of meetings, contests and events.
- Sept. 9, 2018 – Held regular Division meeting with a presentation on weathering industrial buildings by Kevin Tully. The contest for this month was Passenger Cars that featured a good number of entries. A Board of Directors meeting was also held after the meeting.
- Had representation at the Great Midwest Train Show in conjunction with the Fox Valley Division to promoted the Divisions and the NMRA.
- Continued revisions to the Division Facebook page (310+ likes/follows), the Division members only Facebook page and the Division website.

Planned Activities

- October 7, 2018 is a regular Division meeting with a presentation on Steel Mill Modeling by Kevin Tully and the contest will be Tank Cars
- November 4, 2018 is a regular Division meeting with a presentation on CB&Q History in Downers Grove by Leo Phillipp and the contest will be Favorite Steam or Diesel Locomotive. A Board of Directors meeting will follow
- December 2, 2018 is a regular Division meeting where we will hold our annual Christmas Party and the contest will be Photography.
- Division meetings will also be held on Jan. 6, Feb. 3, Mar. 3, April 7, May 5 and June 2 with programs to be announced.
- Board of Director meetings will be held after the Nov., Jan, Mar and May meetings.
- We will hold the 38th Annual All-American Railroad Show in March of 2019.

Item 35

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

To: Board of Directors

From: Paul Mangan

Date: Sept 25, 2018

Subject: RAC Report

Activities since Last Board Meeting

No Activities.

Item 36

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

To Board of Directors
From: Bob McGeever
Date: 9-28-18
Subject: Secretaries Report

Since Last Board Meeting

Learning my new duties as MWR Secretary. There is a lot to learn.

Updated Division level BOD information.

Updated MWR Officers, Directors and Committee Chair info several times.

Assemble and distribute my first BOD meeting packet. It could have been worse.

Planned Activities

Prepare for May 5th MWR BOD meet.

Get updated Conflict of Interest statements on file for all MWR BOD members.

Learn more.

Item 37

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

September 21, 2018

Treasurer's Report

Income statement and balance sheet information for August 2018 year-to-date are attached for your information. A comparison to prior year is included.

Year-to-date August 2018 revenues totaled \$5,571.71, an increase of \$1,397.28, or 33.5% over last year. This resulted from increased revenue from the Midwest Regional Convention (up almost \$2 thousand vs. last year) partially offset by subscription revenue recognition. Net income of \$1,659.86 increased \$4,207.90 over prior year reflecting the revenue change as well as lower expenses (no convention seed grant and timing of Waybill related items).

As a result, August 31, 2018 cash balance was \$46,128.38, an increase of \$1,377.32 over prior year.

Respectfully,

Keith A. Thomsen

Treasurer

Item 38

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

To: Board of Directors
From: Reid Kahrs
Date: 10-7-18
Subject: Vice-President's report

Activities since Last Board Meeting

April 15, 2018 attend MWR Board Meeting in Madison, WI

May 17-20, 2018 attend TLR convention and BOD meeting in Sioux Falls, SD

August 5-12, 2018 attend NMRA national convention in Kansas City.

Attend over 10 clinics

Dinner on the Kansas Belle dinner train.

Prototype tours:

KC Railfan – Santa Fe Junction and Murray Yards

Mid-America Car, Neff Yard and Knoche Yard

KC street car shop and GM (Chevy Malibu) plant

Layout tours:

The Kansas City Zephyr

Joe Kasper's Burlington Northern, Marais Division (N)

Mark Steenwyk's Milwaukee Beer Line (HO)

Ray Brown's Denver and Rio Grande Western (HO/HOn3)

The Super Chief

Stephen Priest's ATSF, St. Louis Division (HO)

Keven Leyerle's Oklahoma, Kansas, and Texas (HO)

Planned Activities

Attend MWR BOD meeting October 7, 2018, in Rockford, IL

Item 39

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

To: Board of Directors
From: Paul Mangan
Date: Sept 25, 2018
Subject: Past Presidents Report

Activities since Last Board Meeting

April 15, 2018 Attended the Midwest Region Spring convention that was hosted by the South Central Wisconsin Division. The convention was successful.

May 18 2018 Attended the 2018 SCWD Awards banquet.

July 2018 Went to the 1st Menards train show. The show was done well and is planned to happen again in 2019.

July 14th 2018 Attended the annual SCWD summer picnic at Little Amerika. We had some wonderful food and great fellowship.

Aug 5 thru 12 Went to Kansas City for the 2018 NMRA National Convention.

Planned Activities

Nov. 2018 I will be attending Train Fest In Milwaukee with Madison HoTrak (a SCWD Modular group)

Nov. 2018 Displaying with Wisconsin Garden Railway Society running G scale at Olbrich Gardens.

Jan. 2019. I will be setting up G scale at SCWD Rail School.

Feb. 2019 Working as Volunteer coordinator for the 52nd Mad City Model Railroad Show and Sale.

Item 40

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

To: Board of Directors
From: Steve Studley
Date: September 24, 2018
Subject: President's Report

Activities since Last Board Meeting

Apr. 21, 2018 Attended CID Train Show and CID Annual Business Meeting,
Franklin, IN

May 19, 2018 Attended CID Modelers Meet, Seelyville, IN

Jul. 14, 2018 Attended Train Day at the Museum, Terre Haute, IN

Aug. 5-12, 2018 Attended 2018 NMRA National Convention & Nat'l Train Show,
Kansas City, MO (Met with Dave Capron, NCR, and Bob Weinheimer, MCR, re: 2022
Tri-Regional)

Sept. 15, 2018 Attended Naptown & White River Train Show, Indianapolis, IN

Sept. 21-22, 2018 Attended Michiana Edu-Train E&T Conference, South Bend, IN

Sept. 30, 2018 Attended MCR Board Meeting, Columbus, OH (2022 Tri-Regional)

Oct. 7, 2018 Attending MWR BoD Meeting, Rockford, IL

Planned Activities

Oct. 7, 2018 Attend Rock River Division Meet, Rockford, IL

Nov. 17, 2018 Attend CID Danville Train Show, Danville, IN

Dec. 8, 2018 Attend Naptown & White River Train Show, Indianapolis, IN

Jan. 27, 2019 Attend CID Noblesville Meet and Train Show, Noblesville, IN

Feb. 2-3, 2019 Attend Great Train Show, CID/NMRA Booth, Indianapolis, IN

Mar. 2, 2019 Attend Naptown & White River Train Show, Indianapolis, IN

Mar. TBA, 2019 Attend CID Modelers Meet, Indianapolis, IN

May 5, 2019

Attend MWR BoD Meeting and Members' Meeting, Rockford, IL with RRVD/SCWD dual-meet

May 17-19, 2019

Attend MWR/TLR Convention, La Crosse, WI

Item 41

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

To: Board of Directors
From: Reid Kahrs
Date: 10-7-18
Subject: 501(c)3

Since Last Board Meeting

At NMRA national convention in Kansas City. Addressed the issues with some of the NMRA Officers. The consensus was, that if the MWR wanted to become 501(c)3, we would have to apply as a Region to the IRS. Down the road changes in the IRS may happen, for now we will not be able to tag unto the NMRA.

Planned Activities

Attend MWR BOD meeting October 7, 2018, in Rockford, IL