# Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA Minutes of the Meeting on October 4, 2020

Meeting held by Zoom video conference.

Meeting called to order at 10:00AM CDT by President Steve Studley

#### **Roll Call:**

#### Officers Present:

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

#### Directors at Large Present:

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

#### **Division Directors Present:**

WISE Mike Slater
CID Dan Hinel
ITD Mike Lehman
FVD Michael Hirvela
RRVD Ken Mosny
DPD Patrick Golden
MID Ron Christensen

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

# **Prior Meeting Minutes:**

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

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

# Reports

#### **Committees**

The Committee reports were reviewed and discussed.

We need a Chairperson for the Financial Review committee.

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

#### **Directors at Large**

The DAL reports were reviewed.

#### **Division Directors**

The Division Director reports were reviewed.

#### **BOD Officers**

The BOD Officers reports were reviewed.

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

#### **Old Business**

#### **Reduction of Cash Balance**

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

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

Motion carried unanimously.

#### **New Business**

#### Youth Fund Reimbursement of ITD

Supporting documentation in Agenda Item 15 Youth Fund

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

Motion carried unanimously.

#### 2021 Spring Election Candidates

The Nominations Committee presented a slate of candidates for the Spring Elections. Studley opened the floor to additional nominations for the Spring Elections. There were none. Motion by Mangan, second by Roderick, to accept the slate of candidates as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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

President
Vice President
Director at Large

#### **Regional Convention Update**

Marty Hendrickx discussed the status of the May convention.

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

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

#### **Announcements**

# **Next BOD Meeting**

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

# **Next Meeting of the Members**

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

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

Submitted by MWR Secretary Bob McGeever

#### Item 1a

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

Meeting held by Zoom video conference.

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

#### **Roll Call:**

#### Officers Present:

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

#### **Directors at Large Present:**

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

#### **Division Directors Present:**

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

Guests: Zoom host Jim Osborn and Bert Lattan

#### **Prior Meeting Minutes:**

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

#### **Reports**

#### **Committees**

The Committee reports were reviewed and discussed.

We need chairpersons for the Financial Review and Nominating Committees.

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

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

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

#### **Directors at Large**

The DAL reports were reviewed and discussed.

#### **Division Directors**

The Division Director reports were reviewed and discussed.

#### **BOD Officers**

The BOD Officers reports were reviewed and discussed.

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

#### **Old Business**

#### **Regional Conventions**

The status of the regional conventions was reviewed.

2020 Convention:

Canceled due to Covid-19 concerns.

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

2021 Convention:

Hosted by Rock River Valley.

Will be held May 20 - 23.

Preliminary budget and agenda were reviewed.

2022 Tri-Regional Convention

Indy Junction 2022

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

Preliminary budget and agenda due soon.

#### **New Business**

#### 2020 Election Results

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

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

#### Internet Expense

Osborn requested \$201 for the annual renewal of the Constant Contact service.

Motion by Hirvela, second by J Landwehr to approve.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

The NMRA policy on at risk persons was discussed.

There are concerns as to how it effects public events like train shows. Some clarification will be needed.

## **Appointments**

Installation of New Directors

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

Jim Allen, Fox Valley Division (Incumbent)

Eric Peterson, Central Indiana Division (Incumbent)

Mike Roderick, Central Indiana Division

Gary Children, Wisconsin Southeastern Division

#### **Next BOD Meeting**

Sunday, October 4th at 10:00 AM Rockford VFW #9759, 2018 Windsor Rd.

Loves Park, IL.

There will be a full breakfast at 9:30.

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

Submitted by MWR Secretary Bob McGeever

#### Item 1b

# Midwest Region National Model Railroad Association Annual Meeting of Members May 31, 2020

Meeting held using Zoom.

Meeting called to order at 10 AM CDT by Stephen Studley, Midwest Region President.

Minutes of May 5, 2019 annual meeting presented. They had been approved November 10, 2019 at fall BOD meeting. No changes were made at this meeting.

#### Reports:

The status of the Regional Conventions was discussed.

The 2020 convention in Peoria, IL was canceled due to Covid-19 concerns.

The upcoming conventions are:

- 2021 convention in Rockford, hosted by RRVD. It will be held May 20<sup>th</sup> thru the 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- 2022 Indy Junction hosted by Midwest, North Central and Mid Central regions. It will be held May 18<sup>th</sup> thru the 21<sup>st</sup>.

Treasurer Keith Thomsen gave a brief report. The Region is in good shape financially. Motion by Mike Roderick, second by Mike Slater to approve the report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Old Business:**

None

#### **New Business:**

Election results for Director at Large 2020-2022

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

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

# Item 2 Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, October 2020 New Business Report

To: Board of Directors

From: Jim Landwehr

Date:

Subject: Achievement Program

#### Activities since Last Board Meeting

Members of Midwest Region continue to take part in the Achievement Program.

The following members received awards:

Eric Peterson Carmel, IN Volunteer Emil Mosny Rockford, IL Electrical Eric Smith Fishers, IN Dispatcher William Clancy Jr Verona, WI Dispatcher Ted Zieger Hartford, WI Golden Spike Steve Miazga Waukesha, WI Dispatcher Steve Miazga Waukesha, WI Author Steve Miazga Waukesha, WI Volunteer Dan Hinel Westfield, IN Civil Robert Knobbe Glendale Hts, IL Dispatcher Robert Knobbe Glendale Hts., IL Civil Jon Zimmer Elmhurst, IL Dispatcher Jon Zimmer Elmhurst, IL Civil

#### **Planned Activities**

Helping MWR members in receiving their certificates in the achievement program.

# Item 4 & 6 Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, October 2020 Committee Report

To: Board of Directors

From: Eric Peterson

Date: September 5, 2020

Subject: Clinic Clearing House and Education Coordinator

Activities since Last Board Meeting May 04, 2020

Assembled initial list of past and available clinics.

Assisted Gary Saxton identifying additional clinics for remote presentations for future Fox Valley Division monthly meetings.

Completed an interest survey of CID members using possible available clinic topics. The top vote getters were:

Getting started in operations
Electronic and Model Railroading
Less than car load traffic before UPS and FedEx.
Railroads around Chicago
Arduino devices

2020-07-27 Bob McGeever circulated an interest survey for me to the leadership of each Division. I received a good reply from Ken Mosny and Ron Johnson from the Rock River Valley Division.

Currently the Fox Valley Division, Rock River Valley Division and Central Indiana Division are exchanging information and preparing to assist each other with remote presentations on a wide variety of topics. Other divisions are welcome to join this effort.

#### Planned Activities after October 4, 2020

Continue to assist divisions wanting to identify clinic presentations that can be used for in person and remote presentations for division activities.

Additional education information can also be shared using Regional, Divisional mailed and electronic communications.

As the virus concerns are brought under control as expected in the first quarter of 2021 support startup of in person gatherings and activities. Prepare to supplement them with remote communication to additional members not able to attend an individual event using additional capabilities currently in use.

# Item 5 Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, October 2020 Committee Report

To: Board of Directors

From: Reid Kahrs

Date: October 4, 2020

Subject: Convention Committee

#### Activities since Last Board Meeting

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

A number of e-mails have been exchanged in regards to the Indy Junction 2022 convention, as planning continues. The convention Chairman is Dave Capron of NCR (North Central Region).

#### **Planned Activities**

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

# Item 7 Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, October 2020 Committee Report

To: Board of Directors

From: Jim Osborn, Election Committee Chairman

Date: September 12, 2020

Subject: Election Committee Report

#### Activities since Last Board Meeting

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

- 2) Created a sample e-ballot platform for future elections using JotForm. Tested the process and refined it using the BoD members as a test bed.
- 3) Revised the Election Committee Policy & Procedure to include the option of using both the Waybill USPS mail-in form of ballot and an on-line voting application. The policy has been circulated to the BoD, commented on, and revised accordingly. The revised policy will take effect prior to the fall 2020 election. The policy has been posted on the MWR website.

#### **Planned Activities**

- 1) Create the election ballot after the BoD approves the candidate slate at the Fall 2020 BoD meeting per the Election Committee Policy and Procedure. The ballot will be in both "paper" form for the *Waybill* and as an e-ballot as specified in the revised Election Policy & Procedure.
- 2) Forward the "paper" ballot and voting instruction for on-line voting to the *Waybill* editor for inclusion in the winter *Waybill* and launch the on-line e-ballot form.
- 3) Receive and count the ballots after the forthcoming election and prepare the Election committee report for the next BoD meeting.

# Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, October 2020 Committee Report

To: Board of Directors

From: Jim Osborn, Internet Committee Chm.

Date: September 12, 2020

Subject: Internet Committee Report

#### Activities since Last Board Meeting

#### Web usage

1) Usage report for the last 6 months is on the next page

- 2) The site had a little lower than typical session activity for this period of the year.
- 3) The Waybill page had the most region traffic.

#### Activities Since Last Board Meeting

- 1) Made timely updates to the MWR web site per requests from National, the Region & the membership.
- 2) Assisted with the Waybill electronic publishing.
- 3) Posted current PDF versions of the Waybill on the web site.
- 4) Assisted with several miscellaneous Division web site issue and updates.
- 5) Managed the Constant Contact Account sharing email arrangement.
- 6) Assisted the DuPage division with the population of their mobile friendly web site.
- 7) Developed draft procedural guidelines for MWR Video Conferencing.
- 8) Hosted the Zoom May BoD meeting.
- 9) Developed a secure on-line voting form for the next election.

#### **Planned Activities**

- 1) Continue with the general management and maintenance of the MWR web site and internet activities as appropriate.
- 2) Continue to assist with publishing electronic Waybill notices.
- 3) Support any division web requirements as requested.
- 4) Will assist the Election Committee with the next election using on-line voting.
- 5) Future expense for ½ the Constant Contact email account is estimated at \$201 due June 2021.
- 6) Future expense of \$540 for <u>3 years</u> of web hosting due 7/31/21. Hopefully, it can be negotiated down to about \$378 or so at the time of renewal.

Metric	Oct- March 2017	April- Sept 2017	Oct- March 2018	April- Sept 2018	Oct- March 2019	April- Sept 2019	Oct- March 2020	April- Sept 2020
Sessions	3367	2219	3024	2427	3462	2364	3100	2043
Users	2468	1457	2085	1772	2454	1592	2138	1527
Page Views	6524	4435	5938	5176	6424	5924	5596	3719
Content Viewed								
Home Page	1817	1616	1715	1773	2014	1362	1685	1293
Waybill	970	903	953	911	1151	921	1126	877
Division Map	268	169	269	222	240	171	281	152
Conventions	336	241	290	276	472	294	279	93
DuPage Div.	2075	369	1153	310	1118	269	1048	480
Contest Photos	44	157	73	196	97	1072	115	74
Minutes	34	40	64	49	48	22	19	85
About us	17	26	21	24	24	13	18	28
Clinic Resources	27	20	34	22	34	17	21	17
Elections	18	24	17	22	63	12	9	10
Contact us	14	12	30	41	35	29	18	14
Model Photos	119	107	126	82	97	63	41	36
Notices	130	103	144	150	202	94	93	72
Prototype Photos	55	26	45	26	38	18	19	10
Policies	20	52	72	29	23	13	20	15
Reg Officers		131	338	350	339	290	323	179
Address Change							New	28
Referrals From:								
Direct Entry	996	1304	1290	1252	1484	2364	1420	1023
NMRA.org	730	227	3	9		13	4	7
Google	907	307	475	176	546	259	518	247
Facebook					97	27	23	20
Trains.com	74	2	36	3	25	1	6	3
Fox Valley Div.	15	29	14	5	12	49	15	12
Bing/Yahoo	178	155	124	45	58		44	36
User Devices:								
Desktop	68%	76%	70%	77%	68%	68%	67%	70%
Mobile	23%	15%	22%	15%	23%	23%	27%	25 %
Tablet	9%	9%	8%	8%	9%	9%	6%	5 %
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# Item 9 Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, October 4, 2020

To: Board of Directors

From: Paul\_Mangan

Date: September 17, 2020

Subject: Long Range Planning

### Activities since Last Board Meeting

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

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

#### Planned Activities

If the covid19 passes I plan to tour some shows. Don't plan on it until it clears up.

# Item 10 Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, October 2020 Committee Report

To: Board of Directors

From: Ron Scharping

Date: September 6, 2020

Subject: Membership Coordinator's Report

#### Activities since Last Board Meeting

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

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

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

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

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

#### Planned Activities

Continue the above.

#### Region Membership Data\*

	NMRA	Region	NMRA	Region	NMRA	Region	NMRA	Region
	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total
Division	(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

## Region Membership Data (Con't)

	NMRA	Region	NMRA	Region	NMRA	Region	NMRA	Region
	Total							
Division	(3/31/19)	(3/31/19)	(9/28/19)	(9/28/19)	(4/30/20)	(4/30/20)	(8/31/20)	(8/31/20)
1	167	63	167	58	162	51	158	46
2	147	47	146	45	145	40	146	40
3	121	38	118	32	115	40	112	40
5	98	35	91	28	95	29	97	31
6	234	88	229	84	226	87	223	80
7	22	9	22	10	20	11	21	9
9	197	60	191	55	188	57	183	59
10	103	27	94	23	83	18	82	16
11	201	71	205	74	188	70	187	66
15	77	31	75	28	74	34	73	32
Out of Reg.	125	125	164	164	219	219	224	224
Grand Total	1492	594	1502	601	1515	656	1506	643



<sup>\*</sup> NMRA = All Midwest Region Members; Region = NMRA members with a Waybill subscription

# Item 11 Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, October 4, 2020

To: Board of Directors

From: Paul Mangan

Date: September 17, 2020

Subject: Election nominating committee member

# Activities since Last Board Meeting

Recent new member of the committee have sent request's to 2 SCWD members With no reply back.

# Planned Activities

Will check with a few more members.

# Item 12 Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, Ocotober 2020 Old Business Report

To: MWR Board of Directors

From: Walt Herrick, MWR Photography Chair

Date: 9/2/2020

Subject: Fall 2020 MWR BoD Report

Activities since Last Board Meeting NONE

<u>Planned Activities</u> Plan for 2021 MWR Rockford Convention photo contest in 2021.

# Item 13 Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, October 2020 New Business Report

To: Board of Directors

From: Reid Kahrs

Date: October 4,2020

Subject: Promotions and Special Projects

## **Activities since Last Board Meeting**

No activities since last MWR BOD meeting

## **Planned Activities**

# Item 15 Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, October 2020 Old Business Report

To: **Board of Directors** 

From: **Minton Dings** 

Date: 09/12/2020

Subject: Youth Fund

#### Activities since Last Board Meeting

There had been word that one individual from the Illinois Terminal Division had put forth funds for a youth oriented make and take promotional event at the division sponsored Train Fair at Lincoln Square Mall in Urbana, March 27 and 28, 2020. These materials are being held for the same activity when the division sponsors the next train fair. Meanwhile the individual needs to be reimbursed for that expense. This was a topic of discussion at the last meeting of the board of directors and the division superintendent, Mike Lehman, stated that he would contact the individual to submit a request.

That request has been submitted and appears to be in order. Attached is the request and a list of materials with cost. I have copies of receipts for the materials. A copy of the receipts has also been forwarded to the secretary.

The request is for \$569.68. Item 88 of the Minutes of the Bord of Directors dated April 19, 2009, states that the limit of payment is to be \$500.00 per year per division.

I recommend that \$500.00 be paid from the Youth Fund to the Illinois Terminal Division and the individual be reimbursed by the division in whole or in part at the discretion of their Board of Directors.

#### **Planned Activities**

It has been at least two years since I last promoted the Youth Fund in the Waybill. My plan is to write an article to promote the Youth Fund and explain its purpose for the newsletter to be run in two consecutive issues.

Larry Tschopp
Illinois Terminal Division \*
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Tolono, Illinois 61880
Ltschopp@illinoisalumni.org

Minton Dings Youth Committee Chairman NMRA Midwest Region greenriverbranch1957@gmail.com

September 3, 2020

#### Dear Minton:

I am writing to request funding of the "Youth Activity Program" of the Illinois Terminal Division from the Midwest Region Youth Program. It was the intention of the Illinois Terminal Division to make the youth program be the highlight of the March 28-29, 2020, annual Lincoln Square Train Show which was cancelled due to the Covid-19 epidemic. This was the first year that the Illinois Terminal Division would be producing the Show and the advertising displayed a message about the new "Youth Make and Take Activity." The activity for this year was for the children to build a railroad car and was divided into two groups by age. The older children would build a typical Athearn blue box freight car kit and the younger children would build a typical Thomas tank car. Several members of the Midwest Region Board of Directors were very helpful in getting our program started.

Since Athearn stopped producing the blue box kits it was difficult to find the cars at a reasonable price. Thanks to Bob McGeever we were able to purchase 50 assorted Athearn and Model Die Casting kits at \$5.00 each for use in the older children's program. For the younger children's program the wooden car kits were produced as per the Information and samples provided by Ken Mosny. The kits were assembled by purchasing raw materials at Menards and on Ebay and then cutting the parts to size for final assembly at the show.

At the Show we had planned to have six tables in the hallway along with the displays, train layouts, and vendor tables at the Lincoln Square Mall. Members of the Illinois Terminal Division would be available to assist and guide the parent child teams as they constructed the kits. Information on how to operate a successful youth program was obtained with the help of the "Trainfest" youth program by serving as a volunteer and observing and participating in the two day activity. In the future we plan to add structures such as the ones used at "Trainfest" to our program.

This youth "make and take" activity was to be presented at the Lincoln Square Train Show held on March 28-29, 2020. Everything was prepared and ready for the first show sponsored by the Illinois Terminal Division. Unfortunately, due to the Covid-19 pandemic the show was cancelled two weeks before the scheduled date of the show in order to comply with the mandate of the Governor of Illinois,

J. B. Pritzker. The materials and supplies for the youth "make and take" activity are in storage for use at the next Lincoln Square Train Show to be held in the spring of 2021.

The startup cost for this youth activity program was \$569.68. The cost of the car kits for the older children was \$250. The cost to produce 362 kits as 116 locomotives, 99 box cars, 48 tank cars, and 99 cabooses of the Thomas type car kits was \$319.68 or 88 cents per kit. A detailed list of items which were purchased is presented on attachment #1. The 10 detailed receipts for the items purchased are also attached on this and a following email if necessary.

Since the Illinois Terminal Division had no funds available for this program the items were purchased by me. If this activity should be approved as appropriate for funding from the Midwest Region youth activity fund, the funds can be sent to me directly or to our Pay Master, Allen Byrne, 2103 S. Anderson Street, Urbana IL 61801-6709.

Minton, thank you for your assistance in processing this request for funding.

Larry Tschopp Assistant Superintendent Illinois Terminal Division

# Material Purchase for Wooden Train – Youth Program

Inter	rnet Pu	rchases			
1	Whe	eels – 1000 ¾" dia - 3/16" hole – 250 cars		\$42.19	here
2		gnets - 600 ¾" with hole - 300 cars		\$32.95	here
3	Golf	Tees- 1000 Bulk Box 2 1/8" Natural Premiur	m - 1000 cars	\$23.95	here
4	Dow	vels for axles – 5mm x300 mm(12") x2 50 pkg	g – 550 cars	\$24.40	here
5		dlight Jewels – 4mm Crystal Rhinestones – 4		\$11.75	here
			Subtotal	\$135.24	
Loca	l Area l	Purchases			
6	Mer	nards – Poplar Wood Products			
	7	7/8" x 48" Hardwood Dowel at \$2.99		\$20.93	
	6	1 x 3 - 6' Clear Poplar Board at \$7.19		\$43.14	
	3	5/4 x 4 - 8' Clear Poplar Board at \$17.79		\$53.37	
			Tax	\$10.70	
				\$129.62	
7	Mer	nards – New Stock available			
	2	7/8" x 448" Hardwood Dowel at \$2.99		\$5.98	
			Tax	\$0.54	
					-
				\$6.52	
8	Deca	atur Train Show			
	1	Thomas Track – gauge to set wheels		\$17.00	
9	Mer	ards – Screws to build models			
	5 bo	xes of 100 #10 ½" Pan head screws at \$3.59		\$17.95	
		xes of 100 #8 1 ¼" Wood Screws at \$3.59		10.77	
	(still	need 2 boxes of 100 – out of stock)	Tax	\$2.58	
				\$31.30	
Car	Kits	<b>Purchased for Older Children</b>	1		
10	Mad	City - Madison Division of Midwest Region	NMRA		
	50 e	arly release Athearn and Roundhouse kits @	\$5.00	\$250.00	
			Total	\$569.68	

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

Director at Large Report

To: Board of Directors

From: John Robert Coy

Date: October 4th, 2020

Subject: My 4th DAL report October 2020

Activities since Last Board Meeting:

Promoted NMRA on-line by engaging individuals in communication and discussing the benefits of joining our organization.

Attended all the Central Indiana Division Events via Zoom. Attended one of the 1<sup>st</sup> operating sessions that are re-starting in-person.

Continuing to work on my AP. I have 3 certificates. I now have enough points to earn my Volunteer (4<sup>th</sup>).

IF, I'm re-elected to a Board position this Winter, I will have one year before I can submit for my Official. I just turned in my Scenery AP materials to Regional AP Chair Jim Landwehr (August 2020). I feel confident.

I have spoken to many about my hope and desire to be re-elected in the election 2020.

I have also attempted to convince others to submit their names as candidates for the upcoming election. I have succeeded in getting 1 thus far for a D.A.L. There are 11 days remaining...

# Item 19 Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, October 2020 Director at Large Report

To: Board of Directors

From: Jerry Peterson

Date: September 10, 2020

Subject: Regional Director at Large Report

#### Activities since Last Board Meeting

Attended Michiana Division activities and monthly meetings via Zoom

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

Performed duties as the Michiana Division AP Manager

#### **Planned Activities**

Plan on attending other Division meetings via Zoom or in person

Continue to perform duties as the Michiana Division AP Manager

Continue to attend local OPS sessions

# Item 20 Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, Oct 2020 Director at Large Report

To: Board of Directors

From: Michael Roderick

Date: 09/16/2020

Subject: Director At Large Report CID

#### Activities since Last Board Meeting:

Been working with the Indy Junction 2022 Group on getting things rolling for the Convention.

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

Indy Junction 2022 continues to move forward with budgets. More information to come this fall after our BOD meeting on that.

#### Planned Activities:

Continue the Divisions Ambassadors Program and Track Talk activities. CID is going forward as of today for our Danville Train Show in November also the Franklin Train Show will be May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

# Item 21 Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, October 2020 Director at Large Report

To: Board of Directors

From: Eric Peterson

Date: September 11, 2020

Subject: Director At Large Report

#### Activities since Last Board Meeting

Continued to organize Central Indiana Division "Track Talk." Monthly "Track Talk" in person gathering started in November 2019. We transitioned to using Zoom video meeting software starting in April, 2020 for weekly Saturday meetings. For the summer have changed to alternate Thursday evening meetings. A change to alternate Monday meetings is being implemented. Attendance has been 20-30 members.

#### **Planned Activities**

Continue CID "Track Talk" meetings. We hope to transition to in person meetings and possibly continue some remote topic presentations.

# Item 24 Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, October 2020 Division Director Report

To: Board of Directors

From: <u>Mike Slater</u>

Date: Sept.2020

Subject: WISE Division

#### Activities since Last Board Meeting

We have not done any membership in person activities since Covid 19.

#### **Planned Activities**

We have canceled all in person activities until at least Jan 2021

Division has purchased a Zoom account; we will host an October meeting via zoom, also looking into hosting a monthly membership chat room with it. (this meet will host our postponed Annual Membership Meet)

Also the WISE Division will be taking part of a Multi-Division / Region Zoom call the first meeting will be held in September

We canceled our Sept RPM meet looking at holding this Spring

Trainfest has been canceled for in person 2020 event, we are working at having an on-line version. We are working with NMRA-X

# Item 26 Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, October 2020 Division Director Report

To: Board of Directors

From: Philip Herman Superintendent WLD

Date: 9/13/2020

Subject: Winnebagoland Division

#### Activities since Last Board Meeting

Board Meeting 1/4/2020 Board Meetings Held Virtually 3/25/2020, 7/25/2020

All 2020 Member activities cancelled.

#### **Planned Activities**

Board Meeting 10/3/2020 10:30 am

WLD Spring Meet 4/10/2021 Neenah, WI

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

# Item 27 Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, October 2020 Division Director Report

To: Board of Directors

From: <u>Jim Tatum</u>

Date: September 19, 2020

Subject: MWR Board Meeting – October 2020

## Activities since Last Board Meeting

Due to COVID, we have opted to hold all IVD Board meetings and bi-monthly members meets via online virtual meetings using Google Meets. We have cancelled all in person activities until January 2021, at which time we will re-evaluate the situation.

#### **Planned Activities**

None at this time.

#### Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, October 2020

To: Board of Directors

From: Dan Hinel, CID Superintendent

Date: September 11, 2020

Subject: Central Indiana Division Report

#### Activities since Last Board Meeting

CID Zoom Board Meetings 08/09/2020, 09/03/2020

Train Shows-Information Materials Table/Booth Cancelled-Covid 19

CID Modelers Meets Cancelled-Covid 19

Rusty Spike Newsletter publications (0ne)

Spring Layout Tour 4/25/2020 Cancelled

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

General Membership Name Badges

Track Talk Virtual meetings 20 meetings to date discussing wide variety of topics.

On average 25 members attending.

#### Planned Activities

CID plans to have similar schedule for CID Board meeting, Modelers Meets, and Train Show Participation, Layout tours per Covid 19 quarantine guideline.

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

CID Board Meetings virtual via Zoom 10/4/2020, 12/6/2020

Rusty Spike Newsletter publications going electronic starting in 2021

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

**Avon Train Show** 

Danville Train Show (30 minutes west of Indianapolis) 11/21/2020

Layout Tour (Area TBD)

CID plans on continued activities of communication to general membership

#### Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, Sept 2020

#### **Division Director Report**

To: Board of Directors

From: Mike Lehman

Date: Sept 21, 2020

Subject: Illinois Terminal Division Report

#### Activities since Last Board Meeting

Using Zoom, ITD has continued to meet every month. Most of the active membership remains leery of meeting in person due to age or other predisposing conditions.

Despite Zoom, the level of engagement seems down.

Following cancellation of the 2020 spring train show, we'd hoped to get at least a preliminary date for the 2021 show. Unfortunately, uncertainties preclude choosing a date for the 2021 show as of yet. Realistically, unless things change by the end of this year to allow setting a date for 2021, it's quite possible we may face postponement until after spring or outright cancellation for the second year in a row.

ITD completed its application for IRS 501c7 status. Since this was primarily prompted by acquisition of the show and given that show receipts would still leave us far below the level that requires the longer in-depth filing, it was decided to not pursue the actual letter of IRS recognition (with its \$600 user fee) at this time. Instead, we are going the simple route of having them manually enter the info and then us sending in the short form postcard filing once the paperwork is returned by the IRS.

#### **Planned Activities**

Continue monthly meetings via Zoom until it's possible to resume meeting in person while making available as many services as possible on Zoom.

We have a small show scheduled for Dec. 2020 at the Tolono Public Library with the Midwest Central Model RR Club. We hope it will take place.

Schedule 2021 Lincoln Square Train Show when possible.

#### For Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, October 4, 2020

To: Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA

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

Date: September 2, 2020

Subject: FVD Report for Fall 2020 MWR BoD Meeting, October 2020

#### Activities since Last Board Meeting:

• Since the last MWR Board meeting, and as noted in the May report, due to the restrictions and limitations imposed by the State of Illinois regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, the Fox Valley Division cancelled all activities. Further, our BoD has cancelled all face-to-face meetings for the entire 2020-2021 (Sep – May) season. This summer, the FVD BoD has conducted a few virtual meetings using the ZOOM system with success. Using a virtual method of conducting meetings, has caused discussions regarding meeting agenda and presentations, contest voting, and elections to enable members to fully participate as they would in a face-to-face meeting. The MWR/FVD Webmaster, Mr. Jim Osborn, is to be commended for his work and efforts in this regard.

#### Planned Activities

• We plan to start our monthly meeting/event activities in September 2020 using the ZOOM system for virtual meetings for the entire 2020-2021 season. In that our first meeting will be on September 20, we will be able to provide a review on the experience.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael L. Hirvela Superintendent, Fox Valley Division

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

To: Board of Directors

From: Ken Mosny, Superintendent, RRVD

Date: October, 4. 2020

Subject: RRVD Division Activity Report

#### Activities since Last Board Meeting

Unfortunately, COVID canceled all in person activities after mid March, 2020 thru the summer including our annual Show and Sale and will likely do so for the remainder of the year. In June, we had a zoom "Junket" with a video tour of the Paulson's Agricultural Museum of Argyle, IL and Northern Illinois Railroad Historical Society layout. Our September 13 meet will be a virtual meet. All Meets this season are planned to be virtual and, if conditions permit, will have an in person component as well.

#### **Planned Activities**

Monthly Meets will be held virtually 10/4, 11/1, 12/6, 1/3, 2/7, 3/7, 4/11, 5/2. All Meets this season are planned to be virtual and, if conditions permit, will have an in person component as well. No community events are planned at his time. Its a bummer.

# Item 32 Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, September 2020 Division Director Report

To: Board of Directors

From: Patrick Golden, Superintendent, DuPage Division

Date: 9-20-20

Subject: Division Activities

#### Activities since Last Board Meeting

- The DuPage Division is at present on hold due to the Covid 19 pandemic. Our meeting venue
  was closed in March at the outbreak of the pandemic and regular Division meetings planned for
  April 5, 2020 and May 3, 2020 were cancelled. Our June social outing for Division members to
  "somewhere" was also cancelled.
- The DuPage Division's 39<sup>th</sup> annual All American Railroad Show, a one-day exhibit of modular operating layouts open to the public was scheduled for Saturday, March 21, 2020 but was also cancelled at the last minute.
- Entering the Fall of 2020 when our meeting season typically kicks off our venue remains closed and it is anticipated will remain closed until at least January.
- The officers and some board members have continued to communicate via email during the shutdown. We are hoping to have a Division Board of Directors Meeting via Zoom in the very near future so the Division can come to an agreement as to how we should proceed until such time we can return to some degree of normalcy.
- Our Paymaster prepared financial reports, including the fiscal year end in July 2020, and the
  Division remains financially sound, this in spite of missing the income from the March 2020
  cancelled All American Railroad Show.

#### Planned Activities

- Zoom meeting with Board of Directors to plan meetings/activities going forward during the pandemic shutdown.
- Publish the semi-annual Fall edition of the Crossbuck, the Division newsletter, to inform the membership of the current status of things and what is going on in general.
- Send postcards to the membership, usually sent as monthly meeting reminders, to inform them
  of the current status of things.

# Item 34 Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, October 4, 2020

To: Board of Directors

From: Paul Mangan

Date: September 4, 2020

Subject: Regional Advisory Council Report

# Activities since Last Board Meeting

No Activity\_ since last meeting

# Planned Activities

## Item 35 Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, October 2020 BOD Officer Report

To: Board of Directors

From: Paul Mangan

Date: September 21, 2020

Subject: Past Presidents Report

## Activities since Last Board Meeting

Because of The Covid19 Pandemic no activity to report.

### **Planned Activities**

Activities will resume as Covid19 ends

# Item 36 Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, October 2020 BOD Officer Report

To: Board of Directors

From: Bob McGeever

Date: September 24, 2020

Subject: MWR Secretary Report

#### Activities since Last Board Meeting

- 1) Updated Regional Officers Listing effective Sept 7 2020.
- 2) Updated "Executive Handbook" and distributed to board members.
- 3) Prepared meeting packet for MWR BOD October 2020 meeting.
- 4) Have been sitting in on other Division's Zoom sessions just to see how other divisions are coping with Covid restrictions on activities.
- 5) Presented a Zoom clinic to SCWD on the use of Schedules and Custom Loads in JMRI Operations-Pro

#### Planned Activities

1) Find a volunteer to take over as Secretary if I become Region President. My wife said "NO", so the hunt is on.

#### Item 37

#### **September 20, 2020**

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Year-to-date Income statement and balance sheet information for August 2020 are attached for your information. A comparison to prior year is included.

Year-to-date August 2020 revenues totaled \$5,566.54, a decrease of \$1,169.97, or 17.4% from last year. This resulted from lower convention revenue (down \$1,575.00); lower NMRA revenue share (off \$84.00) partially offset by a 24.2% increase in subscription revenues (up \$489.03). Net income of \$1,811.03 fell \$113.57, or 5.9% from prior year reflecting the net effect of lower revenue partially offset by lower overall expenses (principally convention expenses).

August 31, 2020 cash balance was \$44,571.44, a decrease of \$3,518.75 from prior year.

Respectfully,

Keith A. Thomsen Treasurer

# Midwest Region NMRA Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison

	Jan - Aug 20	Jan - Aug 19	\$ Change	% Change
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
Convention Income	654.00	2,229.00	-1,575.00	-70.66%
NMRA				
Revenue Sharing	2,404.00	2,488.00	-84.00	-3.38%
Subscriptions	2,508.54	2,019.51	489.03	24.22%
Total NMRA	4,912.54	4,507.51	405.03	8.99%
Total Income	5,566.54	6,736.51	-1,169.97	-17.37%
Expense				
Convention Expenses				
Awards	0.00	229.00	-229.00	-100.0%
Seed Grant	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	-100.0%
<b>Total Convention Expenses</b>	0.00	1,229.00	-1,229.00	-100.0%
NMRA Rebate				
Rebate to Divisions	1,219.00	1,259.00	-40.00	-3.18%
Total NMRA Rebate	1,219.00	1,259.00	-40.00	-3.18%
Overhead Expenses				
<b>Board of Directors</b>	0.00	105.00	-105.00	-100.0%
Web	225.49	200.82	24.67	12.29%
<b>Total Overhead Expenses</b>	225.49	305.82	-80.33	-26.27%
Waybill				
Postage	580.17	507.90	72.27	14.23%
Printing	1,730.85	1,510.19	220.66	14.61%
Total Waybill	2,311.02	2,018.09	292.93	14.52%
Total Expense	3,755.51	4,811.91	-1,056.40	-21.95%
Net Ordinary Income	1,811.03	1,924.60	-113.57	-5.9%
		1,924.60		

# Mid West Region NMRA Balance Sheet As of August 31, 2020

	Aug 31, 2020	Aug 31, 2019	\$ Change	% Change
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Checking/Savings				
Checking				
<b>BMO Harris Checking</b>	44,571.44	48,090.19	-3,518.75	-7.32%
Total Checking	44,571.44	48,090.19	-3,518.75	-7.32%
Total Checking/Savings	44,571.44	48,090.19	-3,518.75	-7.32%
Accounts Receivable				
Accounts receivable				
NMRA Receivables	1,464.15	1,353.19	110.96	8.2%
Total Accounts receivable	1,464.15	1,353.19	110.96	8.2%
<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>	1,464.15	1,353.19	110.96	8.2%
Total Current Assets	46,035.59	49,443.38	-3,407.79	-6.89%
TOTAL ASSETS	46,035.59	49,443.38	-3,407.79	-6.89%
LIABILITIES & EQUITY				
Liabilities				
Current Liabilities				
Accounts Payable				
Accounts payable	837.34	659.97	177.37	26.88%
<b>Total Accounts Payable</b>	837.34	659.97	177.37	26.88%
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	837.34	659.97	177.37	26.88%
Total Liabilities	837.34	659.97	177.37	26.88%
Equity				
Opening Bal Equity	16,823.62	16,823.62	0.00	0.0%
Permanently Restricted Funds				
Moskal Award Funds	165.20	165.20	0.00	0.0%
Youth Program Funds	7,130.42	7,130.42	0.00	0.0%
<b>Total Permanently Restricted Funds</b>	7,295.62	7,295.62	0.00	0.0%
Unrestrict (retained earnings)	19,267.98	22,739.57	-3,471.59	-15.27%
Net Income	1,811.03	1,924.60	-113.57	-5.9%
Total Equity	45,198.25	48,783.41	-3,585.16	-7.35%
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	46,035.59	49,443.38	-3,407.79	-6.89%

## Item 38 Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, October 2020 New Business Report

To: Board of Directors

From: Reid Kahrs

Date: October 4,2020

Subject: Vice President

#### Activities since Last Board Meeting

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

Compiled a list of the past Officers and DAL's of the MWR, for the last 18 years, I did not have information to go back further. Report included. Please review and inform me of any corrections and/or additions

## Planned Activities

Elected						
		Director-a	t-Large Even Year			Director-at-Large Odd Yea
2000						
2001					Joel Lebovitz, DuPD	
2002	Bob Guinter, RRVD (d)	Mike Hurlburt, WISE	Ron Scharping, DuPD	Captain Al Nelson.WLD (d)	·	
2003					Joel Lebovitz, DuPD	Barb Rothwell,SCWD
2004	Bob Guinter, RRVD (d)	Mike Hurlburt, WISE	Ron Scharping, DuPD	Roger Wurtzel, WLD		
2005					Lynn Jasch, WLD	Barb Rothwell,SCWD
2006	Sean Lamb, SCWD	Bob Lehnen, CID	Dave Poquette, WISE	Roger Wurtzel, WLD		
2007					Chris Roeben, SCWD	Jim Wise, IVD
2008	Sean Lamb, SCWD	Bob Lehnen, CID	Dave Poquette, WISE	Jim Osborn, FVD		
2009					Chris Roeben, SCWD	Jim Wise, IVD
2010	Mike Hurlburt, WISE	Ingrid Drozdak, NSWD (d)	Barb Rothwell, SCWD	Jim Osborn, FVD		
2011					Jim Allen, FVD	David Leider MMR, FVD
2012	Mike Hurlburt, WISE	Ingrid Drozdak, NSWD (d)	Barb Rothwell, SCWD	M. David Johnson (FVD)		
2013					Jim Allen, FVD	David Leider MMR, FVD
2014	Jim Landwehr, FVD	Fred Robinson, SCWD	Paul Wussow, DuPD	M. David Johnson (FVD)		
2015				Bert Lattan, FVD appointed*	Minton Dings, IVD	Reid Kahrs, WISE Elected
2016	Jim Landwehr, FVD	Fred Robinson, SCWD	Paul Wussow, DuPD	Bob Landwehr, FVD		Gary Children, WISE*
2017			Fred Henize, DuPD*		Minton Dings, IVD	Gary Children, WISE
2018	Eric Peterson, CID	Jim Allen, FVD	Fred Henize, DuPD	Bob Landwehr, FVD		
2019					Jim Landwehr, FVD	Jerry Peterson, MD
2020	Eric Peterson, CID	Jim Allen, FVD	Mike Roderick, CID	Gary Children, WISE		
2021						
2022						
	Notes					
		Steve Studley, CID(appointe	ointed) VP Mike Yurkic,IVD Elected VP, but was appoin		it was appointed NAD of	NMRA
		Gary Children, WISE appoin	Reid Kahrs, WISE Elected DAL,	but came WISE Superint	tendent	
		Bert Lattan, FVD appointed	DAL to fill	M. David Johnson (FVD) becar	me Secretary	Reported in Summer 2015 V
		M. David Johnson (FVD) stepped down from Secretary due to health reasons				Reported in Summer 2017 V
		Fred Henize, DuPD appointe		Paul Wussow, DuPD became S	ecretary	Reported in Summer 2017 V
		Paul Wussow, DuPD resigns	as Secretary			
		Bob McGeever,SCWD appo	inted Secretary			
		(d) deceased				
		(a) acceased				

Elected				No ele		
	r	President	Vice President	Treasurer	Secretary	Immediate past President
2000						
2001	Reid Kahrs, WISE	Richard Cecil, WISE (d)	Gary Children, WISE	Bob Sherman, WISE	Bert Lattan, NSWD	Jim O"Toole (d)
2002				Bob Sherman, WISE	Bert Lattan, NSWD	
2003	Reid Kahrs, WISE	Richard Cecil, WISE (d)	Gary Children, WISE	Bob Sherman, WISE	Bert Lattan, NSWD	
2004				Bob Sherman, WISE	Bert Lattan, NSWD	
2005	Bill Litkenhous, CID	Gary Children, WISE	Randy Williamson, WLD	Bob Sherman, WISE	Bert Lattan, NSWD	Richard Cecil, WISE (d)
2006				Bob Sherman, WISE	Bert Lattan, NSWD	
2007	Bill Litkenhous, CID	Gary Children, WISE	Randy Williamson, WLD	Bryan Lemonds, CID	Bert Lattan, NSWD	
2008				Bryan Lemonds, CID	Bert Lattan, NSWD	
2009	Duke Yerman, NSWD	Bill Litkenhous, CID (d)	Paul Mangan, SCWD	Bryan Lemonds, CID	Bert Lattan, NSWD	Gary Children, WISE
2010				Bryan Lemonds, CID	Bert Lattan, NSWD	
2011	Fred Henize, DuPD	Bill Litkenhous, CID (d)	Paul Mangan, SCWD	Bryan Lemonds, CID	Bert Lattan, NSWD	
2012				Keith Thomsen, SCWD	Bert Lattan, NSWD	
2013	Linda Sukup, WISE	Paul Mangan, SCWD	Mike Yurkic,IVD*	Keith Thomsen, SCWD	Bert Lattan, NSWD	Bill Litkenhous, CID (d)
2014			Steve Studley, CID	Keith Thomsen, SCWD	Bert Lattan, NSWD	
2015	Dan Brewer, MD	Paul Mangan, SCWD	Steve Studley, CID	Keith Thomsen, SCWD	M. David Johnson (FVD)	
2016				Keith Thomsen, SCWD	M. David Johnson (FVD)	
2017	Dan Brewer, MD	Steve Studley, CID	Reid Kahrs, WISE	Keith Thomsen, SCWD	Paul Wussow, DuPD	Paul Mangan, SCWD
2018				Keith Thomsen, SCWD	Bob Mcgeever, SCWD	
2019	John Coy, CID	Steve Studley, CID	Reid Kahrs, WISE	Keith Thomsen, SCWD	Bob Mcgeever, SCWD	
2020				Keith Thomsen, SCWD	Bob Mcgeever, SCWD	
2021						
2022						
	As of May 5, 2013 BOD m	neeting				
	As of May 3, 2015 BOD m	neeting				
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	As of April 1, 2018					
	As of October 1, 2018					

## Item 39 Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, October 2020 BOD Officer Report

To: Board of Directors

From: Steve Studley

Date: September 21, 2020

Subject: President's Report

#### Activities since Last Board Meeting

July 12-18, 2020	CANCELLED - Attend NMRA National Convention and National Train Show
Aug. 1, 2020	CANCELLED - Attend Train Day at Terre Haute, IN, Children's Museum
Sept. 12, 2020	Did Not Attend - Columbus Area Train Show and Swap Meet, Columbus, IN
Oct. 4, 2020	CANCELLED - Attend MWR BoD Meeting, VFW Hall, Loves Park (Rockford), IL
Oct. 10-15, 2020	CANCELLED - Attend Indy Junction 2022 meeting at NCR regional convention,
	Toledo, OH

Fortunately, I have been able to attend several Zoom-based video conference meetings for the CID and Michiana Divisions as well as offerings by NMRA-x and SER-x. Although not the same as being there in-person, it's better than no model railroading interaction.

#### **Planned Activities**

Most all in-person meetings have been cancelled for the fall modeling season. Hopefully, they will return after the first of the year.

Nov. 21, 2020	CID Danville Train Show, Danville, IN
Jan. 26, 2021	CID Noblesville Train Show, Noblesville, IN
Mar. 2021	Attend ITD Lincoln Square Train Show, Urbana, IL
May 15, 2021	CID Spring Meet and Members' Meeting, Franklin, IN
May 20-23, 2021	MWR Convention, Rockford Railway Convention, Rockford, IL

New Regional Advisory Council Director, Bob Weinheimer, requested reports from the Region Presidents to be included in his RAC report to the NMRA Board at the July Board meeting. The following was sent in for our Region.

President's Report – Midwest Region, NMRA June 30, 2020 Regional Advisory Council

January 1, 2020 began the new year well enough, but little did we know the difficulties we were to encounter due to the COVID-19 pandemic. I had accumulated a list (with dates beginning in March and continuing through October) of Divisional/Regional conventions/activities which I planned to attend during 2020. However, it wasn't too long before the events started to be cancelled. March 8 was the last external, in-person event attended – an OP session in Indianapolis. On my list of dates, first to fall

was a train show in Urbana, IL. Then Central Indiana Division meets and activities were cancelled, soon followed by the Midwest Region convention and the NMRA National Convention. Recently a neighboring regional convention to be held in October met the same fate. I know the Midwest Region (MWR) is not alone in dealing with these difficulties. I'm sure other Regions are experiencing the same hardships.

All these cancellations have caused a huge loss to the model railroading community. We've lost the ability to gather together in person to share the hobby and enjoy the company of fellow modelers and friends. This loss of comradery is particularly difficult at the Division level where most of the person-to-person contact is experienced. Divisions were forced to cancel most, if not all, of their spring events with some divisions extending cancellations into the beginning of the fall modeling season. Fortunately, model railroaders - ever the innovators - have moved to the internet to continue the sharing of our interests.

In the MWR, there have been several ways to accomplish membership interactivity. One MWR division has provided a list server so the division members may share photos and ideas with others. This is also helpful to those who are not social-media active. Another division has initiated a weekly Zoom meeting among the members – including visitors from outside the host division. Typical meetings include a clinic or layout tour, a bring-and-brag session and a chance for modelers to ask for help when experiencing modeling difficulties. I have been able to attend virtual meetings for other divisions in the Region and appreciate the savings in mileage and time. If I were to attend in person, the nearest neighboring divisions are a 3-1/2 hour drive away. Locally, the round-robin meeting group has also changed to a Zoom format where they are able to share projects and other model railroad related information but retain social distancing. Due to the loss of the MWR regional convention, our MWR Members' Meeting and MWR Board of Directors Meeting were also accomplished by using Zoom to hold a virtual meeting. This spring, other divisions had also moved to virtual meetings. During the summer months, many MWR divisions do not have monthly meetings. Planning for fall meets and activities has included the idea to continue offering virtual access to the meetings even if in-person meetings are, once again, possible.

As mentioned above, the MWR Board of Directors met virtually after the cancellation of our regional convention. Had we not been able to hold a virtual meeting we would not have been able to easily discuss important changes in the running of the NMRA. For example, the mid-year NMRA Board Meeting produced the new At-Risk Persons Policy which had drastic changes to how many of our divisions provided educational opportunities to young modelers. That new policy was presented to our regional board at the May virtual meeting. Fortunately, by having a virtual meeting it was possible to easily provide discussions so division superintendents and other regional board members could understand the new policy.

As time progresses, we are working our way through the difficulties as they have been presented. It is important to continue to make progress in the quest to keep the membership involved in the NMRA. We need to be innovative in ways to ensure we keep the interest shared throughout the Region. To accomplish this, consider the following:

- Ensure divisions are able to continue their activities to the best of their ability. Make sure they know they can contact the region to ask for help if needed.
- Region to provide a clearinghouse for information regarding various division virtual meetings so that others may attend.

• Region to provide a clearinghouse for clinics/clinicians so other divisions may utilize talent from within the region.

Steve Studley President, Midwest Region, NMRA

#### Midwest Region National Model Railroad Association, Inc.

#### **Election Committee Policies & Procedures**

#### Article I – Authority and Purpose

- 1. These Policies & Procedures are established pursuant to Article IV, Section 1, Subsection d and Article IX, Section 1 of the Bylaws of the Midwest Region (hereinafter the "Region"). The Region's Constitution, Bylaws and Policies & Procedures set forth rules regulating the affairs of the Region. Collectively these organizational documents constitute the Executive Handbook.
- 2. The purpose of these Policies & Procedures is to facilitate implementation of the Election Committee's responsibilities.

#### Article II – Ballot Process

- 1. After the Board of Directors approves candidates for election to the positions of President, Vice President and/or Director-at-Large or approves an amendment to the Constitution, the Election Committee shall prepare a ballot.
- 2. The ballot shall be forwarded to the Publications Committee Chairman for inclusion in the issue of the *Waybill* that is to be distributed to all resident members of the Region. In addition to the ballot, this issue of the *Waybill* normally will include notice of the Annual Meeting of Members, the Annual Convention and the biographies & photographs of candidates for election as President, Vice President and/or Director-at-Large. This issue of the *Waybill* must be mailed at least sixty (60) days prior to the Annual Meeting of Members and normally will be the Winter issue.
- 3. The Region may optionally provide the membership with a ballot created for and submitted through an internet application (hereinafter e-ballot) for voting in addition to or in lieu of the *Waybill* ballot. Members will be notified of the e-ballot existence and process through the *Waybill*, the Region Website and/or via email.
- 4. If directed by the Board of Directors, a ballot regarding amendment of the Constitution may be prepared and distributed at any time by any means to all resident members.

#### Article III –Ballot Preparation

- 1. The names of the candidates for election, whether incumbents or not, shall appear in random order on the ballot. The name of each candidate running for election shall be written on a separate piece of paper and deposited into a container. After a thorough shuffling of the pieces of paper in the container, the names shall be drawn from the container and placed on the ballot in the order drawn.
- 2. The *Waybill* paper ballot shall consist of a single 8-1/2 x 11 page. The front side of the page shall list any amendment to the Constitution and the candidates for election. Space shall be

provided for write-in candidates. Space shall also be provided for the voting member's name Division, and NMRA number. The date for return of the ballot to the Election Committee shall be stated. This date must be at least thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Meeting of Members. The back side of the page shall show the address for return of the ballot in a manner that facilitates folding and sealing the ballot in thirds for mailing.

3. The e-ballot shall be an electronic version of the ballot content from the candidate side of the *Waybill* "paper" ballot as specified in paragraph 2 above. The e-ballot may be in the form of an email embodiment, attachment, or a link to an electronic "survey form" generated by a secure 3<sup>rd</sup> party online application. The exact e-ballot form and process is at the discretion of the Election Committee in accordance with this policy's guidelines. The e-ballot may also include instructions for submitting the e-ballot itself. The e-balloting process shall create voting data as well as an electronic copy of each individual submission. The resulting ballots and/or voting data may reside on the Region's website server or a 3<sup>rd</sup> party provider's server. The voting data shall be retained until the election report is accepted at a meeting of the Board Directors, the results are declared final and the ballots and/or data are ordered destroyed.

#### Article IV – Ballot Tabulation

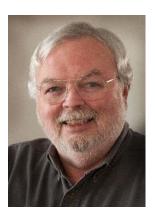
- 1. The Election Committee shall tabulate the ballots promptly after the date for their return.
- 2. Only the earliest date stamped ballot from a member submitting multiple ballots will be tabulated. A USPS postmark and/or electronic date stamp will determine the submission date of a ballot or e-ballot.
- 3. Rail-Pass member ballots will, or will not, be accepted or tabulated in accordance with current NMRA policy.
- 4. Election Committee Chairman shall report the results of the election to the Secretary at least twenty (20) days prior to the Annual Meeting of Members.

#### Article V – Ballot Destruction

- 1. The Election Committee Chairman shall hold and retain all ballots and data until the election report is accepted at a meeting of the Board of Directors, the results are declared final and the ballots and/or data are ordered destroyed. There is no requirement for ballot or data retention after this order.
- 2. Paper ballots shall be destroyed by burning or shredding.
- 3. E-ballots and associated data shall be electronically deleted from its respective server(s) to the best of the Election Committee's capabilities.

#### **President**

**Bob McGeever** 



I am a retired Manufacturing Engineer. I retired from Thermo Fisher Scientific about 5 years ago. Over my career I worked on Industrial Controls, Patient Monitors, Anesthesia Equipment, Scientific Instruments and Calibration Services. I specialized in new product introductions, test engineering, and moving products from one production facility to another facility.

I have been married 44 years. My wife is also retired. We live in Stoughton Wisconsin. Besides being an active member of the NMRA, she has just earned her Master Gardner Certificate. Given our hobbies, she often spends the day outside working with 1 to 1 scale scenery while I am in the basement working on 1 to 160 scale scenery.

I grew up interested in model railroading but as an adult I never had the time or space for a layout for many years. I returned to the hobby about 15 years ago. After several years of meaning to, I joined the NMRA in 2010 and became active in the South Central Wisconsin Division of the Midwest Region. I am currently the Paymaster and Past Superintendent. I am also the chair of the Mad City Model Railroad Show and Sale committee. I currently serve as the Secretary of the Midwest Region.

It would be an honor to serve as the Midwest Region President.

#### **Vide-President**

Michael L. Hirvela



With the support and encouragement of folks I respect, I have decided to run for MWR VP. I have been Superintendent of the Fox Valley Division for a few years and have represented the FVD on the MWR Board during that time. I have previously held division positions as Membership Trainmaster and Member Promotion Trainmaster, promoting the advantages of membership in the NMRA to potential members at various shows and events. Prior to these positions, I was "just a member" enjoying the benefits of membership and camaraderie of a lot of fellow model railroaders I now consider close friends. I have been interested in trains, railroading and model railroading for longer than I care to admit, and I hope to continue this life-time hobby for a long time to come. Your consideration is most heartily appreciated.

John Robert Coy



Thanks to all of you! These past few years have absolutely been my most enjoyable of 50 years in this hobby. I am proud to be a NMRA Member and honored to represent you as D.A.L. I have represented you to the best of my abilities. I have participated in more events / meetings than I can recall.

I am actively involved in many things including: representing you, future events and the AP. I just had my first article published (June 2020) in the NMRA Magazine! I am participating currently in many online events.

I am passionate about the hobby and appreciate modeling in all scales. There are so many different approaches to the hobby. Everyone has something to share from the Novice to the Master. We can all learn from one another.

The best thing about the NMRA is meeting, getting to know and interacting with people you encounter along the way. Our trains are great, but the relationships we develop are even greater!

Today, I ask for your vote. Please vote for me so that I may continue to represent you while promoting the hobby.

#### Phillip Burnside



My friends call me the mad scientist because if I see something, I like I design and build a model of it. I have been an avid model railroad since my father and I starting building models together some 45 years ago. My father and I were active members in the Baltimore Society of Model Engineers throughout the 1980's. I have lived in Avon, IN for sixteen years. I am modeling the present-day steel industry located in Pittsburgh PA. To build many of the unique scenes I have been using my mechanical engineering knowledge to design and build most of his steel mill on my layout using 3D printing. In addition, I also serve on the Board of Directors for the NMRA Steel Mill Models Special Interest Group. I have received several awards for my 3D printed models include the Dean Freytag award for the most unique industrial building at the 2016 NMRA national convention. This was an animated model was of the 1920's blowing engine house for the Edgar Thompson Steel Mill. I also retired from the US Navy August 1st, 2020 after 30 years of service that included a tour on the ground in Iraq.

Jerry Peterson



Personal: My name is Jerry Peterson, and I live in Stevensville, Michigan. I am married with three children and five grandchildren.

Professional Background: I retired in 2017 after 32 years working at the Cook Nuclear Plant in Bridgman, Michigan. During my time there, I was a Plant Operator, a Senior Administrative Compliance Coordinator, a Senior Project Engineer and finished my career as the Procedure Program Owner. Prior to working at Cook, I spent fourteen years in the Nuclear Navy serving on various submarines and support ships.

Hobby Experience & Interests: I started with my 1948 American Flyer train set, which still runs around our Christmas tree. In the mid 1970's my eldest son and I constructed an 8ft by 8ft HO layout capable of running 3 trains simultaneously. We moved this layout from Groton, Connecticut to Virginia Beach, Virginia to Berrien Springs, Michigan. The layout currently resides in Bellevue Nebraska with my son. Currently, I am currently moving my N scale layout from my office to our basement and doubling its size. My grandchildren continue to help with the move and the expansion. I am working with our local MMR to expand my knowledge, understand and experience with operations side of model railroading.

NMRA Experience: I have been an NMRA member since March of 2013 and currently the Michiana Division Achievement Program Manager. I have served the last two years as a Director at Large and I am interested in continuing to serve as a Midwest Region At-Large Board member. In this position, I can continue to serve the NMRA to increase my awareness of issues and opportunities facing the organization and our region, and to learn more about our organization and the hobby in general.

James Landwehr



Hi. My name is James Landwehr and I'm running for Midwest Region Director-at-Large. As a previously elected DAL officer (2014-2018 and 2019-2020), I attended every Board of Directors meeting. In the fall of 2014 I also accepted the position as Midwest Regional Achievement Program Manager, which I still hold, to help assist members on their journey through the achievement program.

I've been a member with the NMRA since 2006. Over the years of membership, I've had the opportunity to be increasingly involved in the NMRA and have been a board member of the Fox Valley Division since 2007 as the Achievement Program & Contest Trainmaster. My responsibilities afforded me the opportunity to assist members of our division on their way through the Achievement Program, and promote the monthly contest participation.

I would be honored to serve the Midwest Region as a Director-at-Large.

#### Item 5a

## **2021 Convention Report**

The 2021 Convention Committee is optimistically proceeding with the assumption that our Covid-19 crisis will resolved by next May. The dates for the convention will be Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. We are asking everyone in the division to save these dates so they can attend as we are planning a fun-filled and interesting four days.

The convention will be held at the Holiday Inn at State Street and I-90 which was the location of our last convention. The hotel will be totally renovated by the time of the convention so all of the rooms should be totally upgraded for our convention. We will also be having our banquet at the Hoffman House which is located adjacent to the hotel. We have not finalized all of the details but all of the major events have been decided.

- Thursday we will have a hobo lunch at Rochelle Railroad Park and operation sessions in the evening.
- Friday we will be holding six clinics in the morning and nine in the afternoon with our banquet at the Hoffmann House in the evening. Our featured speaker will be Simon Cordery who is a history professor and has studied and written extensively on Illinois Railroad history. He has published *The Iron Road in the Prairie State, The Story of Illinois Railroading*. Dr. Cordery will have both interesting and amusing stories about the development of railroading in Illinois.
- Saturday will be a day at the Illinois Railway Museum. We will provide transportation to and from the hotel to the museum. We had originally planned to be able to visit the new Pullman and Milwaukee Road Libraries but because of the Covid crisis, the construction of these facilities has been seriously delayed and their availability is doubtful. We will be able to visit all of the back shops at the IRM. Besides the usual diesel and electric operation it is possible we might persuade the IRM to operate steam on this day, but no promises. We had hoped to use the new library as a location for the awards presentation but we will have to settle on using the picnic pavilion
- Sunday we will have both ops sessions and layout tours.

The convention domain name is <u>rockfordrails2021.com</u>. at this time there is no content but we ae planning to have it up and running in October.

## Item 5b Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, October 2020 Convention Report

To: Board of Directors

From: Reid Kahrs

Date: October 4,2020

Subject: Convention Report

2021 Convention Report by Marty Hendrickx, Convention Chairperson. Taken from the Fall Flimzie

The 2021 Convention Committee is optimistically proceeding with the assumption that our Covid-19 crisis will resolved by next May. The dates for the "Rockford Railroad Convention" will be Thursday, May 20th through Sunday, May 23rd. We are asking everyone in the Rock River Valley Division to save these dates so they can attend as we are planning a fun-filled and interesting four days.

The convention will be held at the Holiday Inn at State Street and I-90 which was the location of our last convention. The hotel will be totally renovated by the time of the convention so all of the rooms should be totally upgraded for our convention. We will also be having our banquet at the Hoffman House which is located adjacent to the hotel. We have not finalized all of the details but all of the major events have been decided.

Thursday, May 20th we will have a hobo lunch at Rochelle Railroad Park and operation sessions in the evening.

Friday, May 21st we will be holding six clinics in the morning and nine in the afternoon with our banquet at the Hoffmann House in the evening. Our featured speaker will be Simon Cordery who is a history professor and has studied and written extensively on Illinois Railroad history. He has published The Iron Road in the Prairie State, The Story of Illinois Railroading. Dr. Cordery will have both interesting and amusing stories about the development of railroading in Illinois.

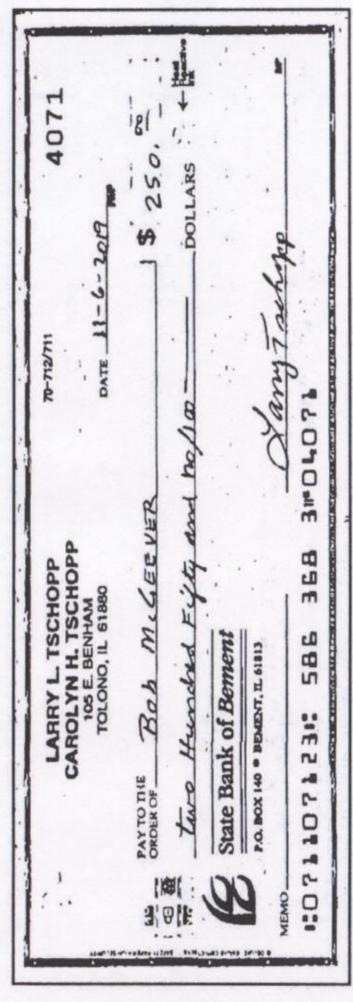
Saturday, May 22nd will be a day at the Illinois Railway Museum. We will provide transportation to and from the hotel and IRM. If you have not been to the IRM recently, there are a lot of new attractions, the Milwaukee Road Museum, the Pullman Library and hopefully the CNW Museum will be open by then. In addition to the usual diesel and electric equipment running, we are hopeful they will have steam operation on Saturday. We are also planning a non-rail event for spouses who do not want to go to the IRM. In the evening we plan to have several operation sessions in the Rockford area.

Sunday, May 23rd we will have both operation sessions and layout tours.

We intend to have the convention web site up and running within the next 60 days. It will have all of the details and schedules of our convention. So save the dates and be sure to let all of your friends and family know about our convention so they can come and participate in all of the fun and excitement.

Contact Marty at 815 / 623-7326 or <a href="mailto:mhendrickx@charter.net">mhendrickx@charter.net</a>

Marty and I have talked about presenting the contest awards at IRM on Saturday afternoon. The contest judging would be completed Saturday morning and the awards would be brought to IRM for presentation.



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