

Midwest Region, NMRA Preliminary Meeting Minutes

Meeting Details:

- Date: November 8, 2025
- Time: 10:00
- Location: Zoom
- Attendees: John Coy, Robert Perry, Jan Burnside, Phillip Burnside, Bob McGeever, Larry Nelson, Bob Wundrock, Prescilla Roderick, David Mashino, Ron Johnson, John Poray, Art Dawson, Jr., Bob Landwehr, Jim Landwehr, Gary Baker, Daniel Banks, Mike Lehman, Michael Hirvela, Marty Hendrickx, Greg Bueltmann, David Leider, Thomas Ose, Jim Osborn, Denis Zamirowski, Michael Roderick
- Absent: Burnell Breaker, Paul Hillmer, Alex Schneider
- Facilitator: Jim Osborn

Agenda:

- Call to order by John Coy
- Roll Call by Jan Burnside
- Minutes from Meeting of May 3, 2025, introduced. Motion to approve by Bob McGeever and seconded by Robert Perry. Motion carried unanimously.
- John Coy asked for any comments on the Reports. Prescilla Roderick moved that all Reports be accepted as is with the exception of the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Prescilla Roderick. Seconded by John Poray. Motion carried unanimously.
- Motion to approve all of the Director at Large reports by Bob McGeever. Seconded by Prescilla Roderick. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion to approve all of the Division Director reports by Gary Baker. Dan Banks seconded. Motion to approve passed unanimously.
- Motion to approve all of the Officer Reports by Prescilla Roderick. Seconded by Thomas Ose. Motion to approve passed unanimously.

Discussion Points:

- Financial Review / Audit: Jim Osborn questioned the current records retention and whether there was a policy; if not, suggested we develop a policy for record retention in compliance with National. Some records must be kept "in perpetuity." Discussion followed regarding record destruction policies. Seven years was suggested for financial records, but others must be kept longer. John will pass on to Rod Weinschenk for further research.
- Treasurer report: No questions. Question by Bob McGeever regarding the funds. What is the balance? Phillip Burnside was unable to answer due to lack of available information. The funds are not in a separate account and no checks have been issued recently. Bob McGeever will check on this; he thinks it is about \$2,000. Youth funds got intermingled with the rest of the funds. There was

an original donation that has been whittled down. He will dig out the report and sent to Phillip Burnside. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report by Dan Banks. Seconded by Gary Baker. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

- **Youth fund:** Thomas Ose reported that, as of today there have been two requests for \$500 he recommends they be approved both are for train programs for youth. Two more are pending. Phillip Burnside: Where should we send the money? Thomas will send the requests to Jan Burnside. One is going to Larry Tschopp for arts for train kits; one is to Steve Preston for kits to give to kids to learn about trains. He is from the South Central Division. Mike Lehman added that Larry's request is for art supplies for the train show at Lincoln Square in Urbana, IL. Thomas Ose moved to accept the first request for \$500 for Larry Tschopp be approved; Seconded by Dan Banks. Motion carried. Dan Banks added that this in keeping with the NMRA directive. Thomas Ose moved to accept the second request for \$500; seconded by Prescilla Roderick. Motion carried. Prescilla Roderick asked how funds are raised for the youth funds? It was donated a long time ago by Bob McGeever. Discussion followed. Do we need a designated fund? Thomas Ose asked whether youth groups have to join the NMRA? John replied yes and had to be non-profit.
- **Verification of Officers:** This is a work in progress and is necessary for the NMRA insurance coverage. Jan Burnside is working with the Divisions to complete this task. Five of ten reporting so far with a few errors that she is working to correct.
- **Insurance:** Looking for insurance for D&O coverage for the MWR. Bob Perry is actively looking. National insurance does not cover Regional activities. Marty Hendrickx has some information – he was the original purchaser. Trying to find specific D&O coverage. What we have is general liability. D&O is a different level/type of coverage. Discussion followed regarding types of coverage, types that would protect the personal assets of directors from liability. John suggested that we contact the NMRA attorney. Bob Perry: typically, they cannot give any form of assistance. AON is one of the companies that provides coverage of this type to nonprofits. Per John Poray, not the only company. Marty Hendrickx will send Bob Perry what he has for his group. John Coy suggested creation of an ad hoc committee consisting of John Poray, Bob Perry, Dan Banks, and Marty Hendrickx.

New Business:

- **Constitution and Bylaws:** John thanks all for their help with the tasks of revising the bylaws and constitution to reflect current CPPM documents. Burnell Breaker had requested some changes, but due to a lack of time forced a decision now. John Coy move to accept the Constitution as it is. Prescilla Roderick seconded. Motion to accept the Constitution passed. John Coy move to accept Bylaws as they are. Bob Perry seconded. Motion to accept bylaws passed. They can and may need to be changed at a later date. Bob Perry: will be posted online? Jim Osborn: Yes. Is the Midwest Region incorporated? Yest in Illinois. John Poray suggested that the updated Constitution and Bylaws need to be sent to the state of Illinois.
- **New Clerk:** John Moved to accept Jan as Clerk. Bob Perry seconded. No objections. Motions passed.
- **Awards check from National:** Explanation provided by Phillip Burnside regarding a check from NMRA. Per normal process, every six months we get a rebate from National for \$1 per member. We received a check for \$981 from National. Typically, we wait until we get the second check before

we send funds to the Divisions, but some need the funds. However, this is the only income for the MWR. We are not in trouble at this point, but we need to make a decision re the funds. Discussion followed. Dan Banks: is that our entire income? Phillip Burnside: Currently, yes. Dan Banks: And IT expenses are coming up. Seems like we are in a loss position. John Coy: I got the idea that this was kind of automatic that we send it on. But we have no Meet coming up in the near future, so we are limited. Maybe we should send them on a case-by-case basis? Dan Banks: I understand that it is a long term issue, but some are hurting and not in our best interest to hold the funds at this time. Mike Lehman: In our Division, that money funds our whole back office. He is okay with having to apply for it, but it is their income. Bob McGeever: some time ago, we decided to just send it on. Phillip Burnside: per the NMRA, it is up to the Region. Bob McGeever: about half the Divisions need it; half not.

John Coy moved to not automatically distribute to the Divisions. Seconded by Phillip Burnside. Greg Bueltmann objected. No vote taken.

John Coy next motion to have the Divisions request the money and be approved by the Executive board; no second.

Bob McGeever suggested we suspend payments and then determine the needs of the Divisions and then create a plan. John Poray seconded. Gary Baker noted that the dates are not set – would we hold the funds until the next meeting? Bob McGeever – Modify the method. John Poray: When is the next time the money will come in? Phillip Burnside: Next Spring. Dan Banks: Distribute when requested rather than automatically. New policy needs to be set before next spring. Marty Hendrickx: leave it to the Division heads. Greg B – the Divisions that rely on these funds are the least able to respond to paperwork. More discussion followed bout to proceed. Bob M. suggested and ad hoc committee to figure it out. Bob McGeever; Phillip Burnside, Greg Bueltmann; Marty Hendrics, John Porary and Prescilla Roderick on the committee. All motions withdrawn and committee created.

- **Internet related fees:** Jim Osborn made a motion for payment of IT fees; Prescilla Roderick made motion; Bob McGeever seconded. Motion passed.

Post – Agenda Discussion:

- Bob Wondrunk asked how many Divisions are equipped to project Zoom meetings/clinics. Illinois Terminal Division can but has not per Mike Lehman. How many used interdivisional clinicians? Are all of the live clinics member-created only? Discussions followed; Dan Banks – it varies. Bob Wundrock received a request that every Division publish the announcement of their Divisional meeting and the clinics, and the subject matter be available by Zoom. He is finding that the language in our descriptions as to what should be done by the clinic chair may need to be changed. It is an ongoing process. He is getting various responses and availability changes and suggested that we have to find a way to try to update clinic info so that every Division has current info. John Coy: Connie Coy had suggested that we call it the “Clinic Information Interchange.” He asked that any questions come to him. Jim Osborn: an entire webpage is devoted to clinics; send anything you have to him. Mike Lehman: best to think of this as an ongoing process. We need to have folks record their clinics so they can become part of a bank or library. Greg Bueltmann reported that their Division does clinics most Thursday nights and they are recorded; his estimate is that they have over two hundred to date. They are open to all. Dan Banks commended Greg’s Division on their clinics. Greg Bueltmann: YouTube channel has shown great stats and subscribers to their channel. In October, they watched over 120 hours.
- Annual Regional Certification: Already addressed.

- Bob Perry: Regional convention? No, but a meeting in November. Is there a plan for a 2026 Meet? John Coy: no, but one might be in the works for 2027.
- John Coy and Greg Bueltmann: Member Zoom meeting on Thursday 6:30 central and 7:30 EDT. November 13; will include a clinic on the Monon.
- John Coy intends to have a Regional in 2027 because the national is on the coast in 2027. Dan Banks noted that we need a Division to host at the chosen locale. Costs are a consideration. Greg Bueltmann: any thoughts about combining with another Region? Not at this time per Dan Banks. Discussion on options followed.
- Jim Osborn: Nominees for the next election? No. We need the slate.
- Ron Johnson: Report unavailable, but he was on the committee to investigate the youth issue. There are some concerns and some confusion regarding interfacing with youth organizations. Dan Banks noted that if listed as “at risk” allowed to engage but not one-on-one without a guardian present. Bob McGeever: Policy was confusing but some was clear; sponsorship was unclear in some circumstances, but clarification came eventually. Ron Johnson: started in Rockford but COVID eliminated it. Bob McGeever: age groups are limited. Thomas Ose: mentoring programs are their approach. Approaches vary; must follow the groups’ policies. Cannot be running a baby-sitting service; parents must be present. Gary Baker also commented on the status of their programs/activities.
- Phillip Burnside: We need to send out the conflict of interest statement that all need to sign and return to Jan.

Next Meeting:

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Agenda:

Adjournment:

John Poray moved to adjourn the meeting. Phillip Burnside seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjourned at 11:36 am

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2, 2026

To: Board of Directors

From: Bob Wundrock SCWD

Date: April 7, 2026

Subject: Activities November 2025 – April 2026

Activities since the last board meeting

Completed submission of suggested revisions to Article IV, Section 2b MWR bylaws for consideration at May 2, 2026 meeting.

Continued scheduling and managing meeting clinics as Clinics' Chair of the South Central Wisconsin Division, expanding the "education" element of division membership

Planned Activities

Continue scheduling SCWD meeting clinics for the September 2026 through April 2027 schedule.

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2, 2026

To: Board of Directors
From: Daniel Banks
Date: April 14, 2026
Subject: Convention Report

Activities since the last board meeting

Planning on hosting on West side of Indy or Lafayette area of Indiana. We have not yet identified a site but as of writing this, I am investigation the Carmel Public Library as a potential site. I am not yet sure of the availability or exact layout of all areas we need but it would provide an interesting environment with a maker lab in the library, and the possibility of gaining onsite attendees the way we did at Around the Bend. The largest factor in this location is that as a 501c3, there is no cost, IF they will allow us to book all the large rooms for 2 days in a row. The region's profitability rises drastically with a 0 cost facility, although certainly it would be best to some level of donation to the library.

On a larger front, Gordy contacted myself and John Coy to request a bid for the 2029 National. Gordy requested Indianapolis as the host city. The first requirement is 60 people saying they will commit to some level of volunteering. Once that is collected and sent to Gordy, we can begin asking more questions about the process. I have identified a potential and willing Convention Chair, John Poray. John comes with years of experience organizing large, national level, industry events including facilities planning and contracting. He is also local to the area we are initially considering. What we will need the board to consider, who is the financial underwriter for this event. Gordy indicated it can be a regional or division project. The CID has the finances to be able to support the convention but as of our meeting, has not committed to doing so. The CID will be doing the heavy bulk of the lifting being local. I have also invited member participation from Division 8 of the MCR. They are closer to the CID than any other division around us and have expressed interest in working across divisional lines in the past. The new CID Superintendent, Eric Smith, has voiced preliminary and tentative interest in the division serving as the financial point for the convention, depending on further information from National. There is a great deal that is unknown in this process at this time and I will be providing updates regularly.

Planned Activities

Identify a modest cost facility for 2 day convention.

Establish date. May look at an early fall show in conjunction with an Indy area train show where we do not host the show but the date aligns so that it is also a draw for the weekend.

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2026

To: Board of Directors
From: Jim Osborn, Election Committee Chairman
Date: April 8, 2026
Subject: Election Committee Report

Activities since Last Board Meeting

- 1) Created the election ballot after the BoD approval of the candidate slate at the Fall 2025 BoD meeting per the Election Committee Policy and Procedure. The ballot was in both “paper” form for the *Waybill* and as an e-ballot as specified in the revised Election Policy & Procedure.
- 2) Forwarded the “paper” ballot and voting instruction for on-line voting to the *Waybill* editor for inclusion in the winter *Waybill* and launch the on-line e-ballot form.
- 3) Received and counted the ballots after the forthcoming election.
- 4) Prepared and distributed the Election Results report. The report is reprinted on pages 2 and 3 of this report.

Planned Activities

- 1) Destroy and delete the past election ballots per the election policy after approval of the BoD.
- 2) Prepare future election ballots per the Election Committee Policy and Procedure.
- 3) Continue to explore additional electronic voting applications.
- 4) Create a revised draft of the Nominating Committee P & P to fit reality.

To: Midwest Region NMRA Executive Committee

From: Jim Osborn & Steve Miazga

Date: April 3, 2026

Subject: Election Results

The ballots of the recent election were counted and audited on April 2, 2026 by Election Committee members Jim Osborn and Steve Miazga. Bob Landwehr, MWR Membership Chairman, verified that all but 4 voters were positively current members of the Midwest Region through February 1, 2026. Unfortunately, the National membership database for 2026 is now compromised. We tested the results if the Ballots from the 4 possibly non-current member voters were marked as spoiled. The final Director-at-Large election results were the same – so the issue is moot.

The final results of the voting are as follows:

For Director-at-Large – Vote for 4:

John Poray - Central Indiana	62
James Marciniak - DuPage	61
Rich Hoker - Fox Valley	52
John Schaffer - SCWD	50
Bruce Bakcus - Illinois Terminal	48
Steve Preston - SCWD	47
Jeremy Reese - WinnebagoLand	46
Robert Petit - Central Indiana	35
Gerry Ring - WinnebagoLand	35
Bill Moede - WinnebagoLand	26
Patrick Timpe - Central Indiana	22
Total	484

The winners of the election are:

Director at Large John Poray - Central Indiana Division
 Director at Large James Marciniak – DuPage Division
 Director at Large Rich Hoker - Fox Valley Division
 Director at Large John Schaffer – South Central Wisconsin Division

Regarding the question of adopting the Proposed Constitution:

129 members voted Yes and 4 members voted No: **The Proposed Constitution is adopted.**

Regarding the question of adopting the Proposed Bylaws:

130 members voted Yes and 4 members voted No: **The Proposed Bylaws are adopted.**

Balloting Summary:

Total E-Ballots Received	144
Total Paper Ballots Received	4
Total Ballots Received	148
Canceled Ballots	12 (Members that voted twice.)
Spoiled Ballots	0
Valid Ballots	136
Votes not cast (under voted)	65 out of 816 opportunities

Ballots Cast By Division (Includes spoiled and duplicates):

Central Indiana (2806)	29
DuPage (2811)	16
Fox Valley (2809)	19
Illinois Terminal (2807)	7
Illinois Valley (2805)	4
Michiana (2815)	13
Rock River Valley (2810)	5
South Central Wisconsin (2802)	25
Winnebago (2803)	13
Wisconsin Southeastern (2801)	17

Thank you to all the candidates for participating and congratulations to all the new officers.

Respectively submitted,

Jim Osborn, Committee Chairman
Steve Miazga, Committee Member

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, April 2026

To: Board of Directors

From: Jim Osborn, Internet Committee Chm.

Date: April 6, 2026

Subject: Internet Committee Report

Activities since the Last Board Meeting

- 1) Made updates to the MWR web site per requests from National, the Region & the membership.
- 2) Assisted with the Waybill electronic publishing.
- 3) Posted current PDF versions of the Waybill on the web site.
- 4) Assisted with several miscellaneous Division web site issues and updates.
- 5) Assisted the DuPage division with the population of their mobile friendly web site.
- 6) Assisted the President & Secretary with various web related documents and associated emails.
- 7) Continued to support the use of the Constant Contact email application. Currently the Constant Contact Account is shared among the FVD, SCWD, WISE, CID & RRVD as well as the MWR.
- 8) Tended to monthly updates of the MWR email account.
- 9) Paid the Jotform license.
- 10) Paid the Constant Contact Subscription.

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) Supported any division web requirements as requested.
- 4) Assist the Secretary and President with the use of the Constant Contact application for the region.
- 5) Continue to manage monthly updates to the email data base per inputs from the Membership Chairman.
- 6) Support the upcoming election process.
- 7) Paid web related application fees as required. Constant Contact was \$832.00 paid 2/21/26 and JotForm of \$45 12/11/2025.
- 8) Future web related expenses for budgeting:

a.	12/11/26	JotForm License	\$45.00	1 year
b.	2/1/26	Constant Contact Subscription	\$832.00	1 year
c.	7/9/26	KnownHost Web Hosting Agreement (split with FVD)	\$168.00	1 year
d.	11/24/26	MWR Internet Domain Registration	\$34.00	2 years
e.	Total estimated expenses for the next 12 months:		\$1079.00	
f.	Estimated price increases (+10%)		\$1200.00	(estimated)
- 9) Request BoD approval for the future item 8 expenses

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2, 2026

To: Board of Directors
 From: Bob Landwehr
 Date: April 8, 2026
 Subject: Membership Coordinator's Report

Activities since the 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, re-railed members, deceased members, and change of address.

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

NOTE:

Membership data from National since 1/1/2026 has had issues including wrong membership expiration dates, wrong email address, missing members, ...

Planned Activities

Continue the above.

The membership trend is still going down but, with the data from National being compromised, don't read much into this report.

Month	Monthly total	Monthly adds (joined)	Net gain/lose ¹
10-30-2025	1057	2	-5
11-30-2025	1052	4	9
12-30-2025	1043	5	
01-30-2026	1080	4	
02-30-2026	1076	1	
03-30-2026	1034	4	

¹ Net gain/lose – Members that have not renewed their membership before April 1st.

Number of memberships that have not renewed as of 4/1/2026.

7 memberships were not renewed in September 2025

12 memberships were not renewed in October 2025

9 memberships were not renewed in November 2025

9 memberships were not renewed in December 2025

12 memberships were not renewed in January 2026

15 memberships were not renewed in February 2026

2 memberships were not renewed in March 2026

1 memberships were not renewed in April 2026

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2, 2026

To: Board of Directors

From: Thomas Ose

Date: 03/30/2026

Subject: Youth Fund Report

Activities since the last board meeting

Received and approved request from WISE division for reimbursement of expenses as apart of the youth fund. This now needs to be voted on.

Planned Activities

1. Waiting on more submissions.
2. Revise Documentation (on going)

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2, 2026

To: Board of Directors

From: Dave Mashino

Date: 4/5/2026

Subject: DAL Report

Activities since the last board meeting

I have not been active as a Midwest Region board member.

As a member of the Central Indiana Division, I am serving my final term as Trainmaster as I am term limited. I will still attend board meetings due to my manager roles.

I am the manager of the Danville train show which was held last November, I can report that the show was a success. There were 14 operating layouts, over 200 vendor tables, and over 1000 attendees. We implemented a new feature called the "Model Railroader Encounter" which was a separate area focused on directly engaging with attendees in a quiet, no sales environment. In this area we also had a CID table with information about NMRA membership. Here we offered a \$50 show voucher for new paid member signups which resulted in several new NMRA members.

I began last year as editor of the "Rusty Spike". We eliminated print editions which allowed us to increase the number of contributors to the Newsletter. Our membership has responded well to requests for articles and pictures resulting in a steady increase in the size of the publication. Our spring issue was 32 pages in length containing a variety of topics.

Planned Activities

I will continue as the Danville show manager and although the current venue will not support growth, I have seen plans for the addition of a 25,000 square foot hall in the next few years. I will work on advance planning for this expansion as information becomes available. In the near term, I plan to work to improve the "Model Railroader Encounter" idea for next year's show.

As editor of the CID's newsletter, I will continue to make improvements and beg, borrow, and plead for content from our wonderful membership.

I am working toward becoming an MMR. I have six certificates and soon will start building some cars for my seventh.

This is my final meeting as a director at large with the Midwest Region. I appreciate the opportunity to serve on the board. As a parting note, I would say that serving on the region board was far less rewarding than my time served at the division level. I guess I'm more of a hands-on guy and just not upper-level management material.

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2, 2026

To: Board of Directors
From: John Poray
Date: April 6, 2026
Subject: Member-at-Large Report

Activities since the last board meeting:

I am a member of the Membership Committee. There have been no assignments made to me, so no update in that regard.

Since our last Board meeting, I have hosted two operating sessions at my home model railroad, involving a dozen NMRA Midwest Region/Central Indiana Division members, including several members from other MWR divisions and a neighboring region.

I attended a CID lunch meeting and layout visit in March. I have also attended several operating sessions hosted by fellow CID/MWR members.

I wrote an article which was published in the spring edition of the CID newsletter, *Rusty Spike*. The topic was "Building Signal Heads for Signal Bridges."

Planned Activities

I will be attending a layout tour, sponsored by the CID on April 18, in the Lafayette, IN area, and attend an operating session in Terre Haute, IN on April 25.

My wife and I will be attending the NMRA National Convention this summer in Chattanooga and Trainfest in Milwaukee this November. I also anticipate assisting with the annual Danville CID Train Show in November.

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2026

To: Board of Directors

From: Michael L. Hirvela, MWR Director-At-Large

Date: May 1, 2025

Subject: Director-At-Large Report for MWR BoD – November 2025 – May 2026

Activities since Last Board Meeting

Since I was not displaying a train layout at either event, I attended both TrainFest in downtown Milwaukee and the Mad City Train Show as a paying attendee and as a Rep of the MWR wearing a badge as MWR Director-At-Large. During the shows, I fielded questions from displayers and attendees about the designation and the Region.

Planned Activities

As the Summer approaches, I have no planned activities at this time.

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2, 2026

To: Board of Directors
From: Burnell Breaker, WISE Superintendent
Date: 3/24/2026
Subject: WISE Activities

Activities since the last board meeting

Volunteering at Trainfest
January 2026 – Train School for beginners
March 2026 – Layout tours north of Milwaukee, ending up at Historical Museum in Slinger.
Receiving estate donations and selling items to make money for WISE.

Planned Activities

May 2, 2026 Membership Meeting with Annual Meeting and Election results
Still working on our 2026-2027 schedule.
Volunteering at Trainfest 2026.

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2, 2026

To: Board of Directors

From: Arthur Dawson Jr., Superintendent, SCWD

Date: 04/17/2026

Subject: Activity report for the South Central Wisconsin Division.

Activities since Last Board Meeting:

- Our Annual Rail School was held in January and well attended.
- The division's Youth Group is doing well and is well supported.
- The Mad City Model Rail Show and Sale in February was a success and will happen again next year.

Planned Activities:

- The Spring Banquet is happening mid-May
- The Summer Picnic is scheduled for mid-July at Little Amerricka in Marshal Wisconsin.
- Division BOD meeting will be held in May and June, to restart again in August prior to first Division meet in September.

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2 2026

To: Board of Directors

From: Paul Hillmer

Date: 4/14/2026

Subject: Winnebagoland Division News

Activities since the last board meeting

-Workshop Wednesday Zoom Calls 7-9 pm on 4/22/26 and 2/18/26 and 12/17/25

-29th Annual WLD Operating Day 11/8/205 in Appleton WI. Attendance 24 people and 4 layouts open. 2 ran a morning and afternoon session.

-Master Modeler award presented to Rich Hanke at Arctic Run Train Show / Board meeting Stevens Point WI 1/24/2026

-WLD Board Meeting 1/24/26 Stevens Point and 4/11/26 at SOO Historical Society building

Planned Activities

-WLD Spring Meet and ANNUAL meet 5/2/26 in Waupaca WI at historic Waupaca WC Depot.

-WLD NMRA co-sponsor Title Town Train Show in Green Bay WI May 9th and May 10th. We provide Liability Insurance and co-host on the show and will have our display booth area once again at the entrance lobby of the KI Sawyer Center. It is a well-attended annual train show in our area.

-WLD is exploring setting up a bus trip from Appleton WI to Illinois Railroad Museum for mid to late August. Special tour of IRM with a staff host of IRM. This will available to only WLD and other NMRA members and family. Possible stop in Milwaukee. We are discussing making such a trip a annual event to various railroad related places in Midwest.

-WLD Fall Meet date is set at 10/10/2026 in Appleton WI at St Peters Lutheran Church. Details being put tother this summer.

-30th Annual WLD Operating Day is being hosted by Wisconsin Valley Model Railroad Club in Wausau WI. Either 10/31/26 or 11/14/26.

- Future Board meeting 6/6/26.

-We will resume Workshop Wednesday Zoom Calls August or September.

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To: Board of Directors
From: Gary Baker
Date: 4/7/26
Subject: Illinois Valley Division Activity report

Activities since the last board meeting

The November Meet was held at the old Amtrak station in Normal and the January Meet was held at the Chatham Railroad Museum. Both venues featured passenger and freight trains going past the station during the meeting which added to the experience. The March annual election meet was held at the Peoria Main Library downtown where four positions were up for election. The Superintendent, Secretary, and Trainmasters for Districts 2 and 4 were on the ballot. Superintendent Baker, Secretary Sommer, and Trainmaster Nelson were re-elected for two year terms and after many years of having no Trainmaster for District 2 we were able to fill that two year position with new member Benjamin Fehr. To round out the election Thomas Dooley was appointed to fill the last year of Jeff Deasy's paymaster role after Jeff retired and moved out of state.

Our portable layout continues to be very popular in central Illinois. The setup at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in December was once again a big hit as we hand the kids the throttle and let them run our trains. Unfortunately the setup at the November event at the Peoria Train Fair was cancelled because of construction activities the prevented access by the trailer that houses the layout in between events. The Springfield Train Show in March well attended with lots of smiling kids running our trains and viewing the various exhibits. Three new NMRA members were recruited at the Springfield train show with two residing in IVD territory and one in Illinois Terminal Division.

Since the last MWR BOD meeting three IVD members have received AP program certificates with two other members in active pursuit of the Dispatcher AP.

Planned Activities

Upcoming activities involving the portable layout are scheduled for Wildlife Prairie Park Train Day in May and the Spoon River Drive activities in October at the narrow Guage depot in Lewistown.

The next IVD meet is scheduled for May 16th which will include a potluck for members and their significant others. Following the summer break our annual fall meet will be at our favorite local Railfanning site, Peck Park in Galesburg, which will again feature a potluck dinner for members and significant others as we bask in the ambiance of diesel fumes from the many trains rolling by all day long. Last year about 20 trains passed by on the two main lines during the afternoon event.

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2, 2026

To: Board of Directors

From: Daniel Banks

Date: April 14, 2026

Subject: Central Indiana Division Superintendent report

Activities since the last board meeting

Had NMRA presence at more than 6 non NMRA train shows in the division area

November 2025 - Hosted Danville Train Show

December 2026

- Video Meeting with yearly "What did you get from Santa?" Show and tell.
- Published Winter newsletter

January

- Modeler's Meet with clinic topic of 3D Printing Characters with Blender
- Cancelled Lebanon Train Show due to weather

February

- Video meeting with presentation on JMRI
- CID had a booth promoting NMRA and hobby at Great Train Show Indy - Public Display Show in partnership with the Avon Public Library

March

- In Person Meeting - Lunch and layout tour
- Published Spring Newsletter

April

- Public Display Show in partnership with Fort Ben Public Library
- Modelers Meet with Prototype and Model technological advancements
- Layout Tour in Lafayette featuring our continued partnership with Purdue Model Railroad Club

Increased membership by 7

Planned Activities

May

- Building ties with the far edge of the division by attending Evansville Train Show with NMRA booth

August - Membership Picnic

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2026

To: Board of Directors

From: Michael L. Hirvela, Superintendent, Fox Valley Division

Date: May 1, 2025

Subject: Fox Valley Division Activity Report for MWR Board of Directors' meeting May 2026

Activities since Last Board Meeting

The FVD continued our 2025-2026 season holding monthly member meetings both in-person and over the Zoom computer system since the last MWR BoD meeting in November and are scheduled through May 2026. In-person meetings have been held at the Gary Morava Recreation Center of the Prospect Heights Park District in Prospect Heights, IL, with meetings also held at the Glenview Public Library in Glenview, IL., and the Mount Prospect Public Library in Mount Prospect, IL. The Division Board decided to continue to use the library in Glenview and a new meeting room at the Mount Prospect Public Library as there is no charge to use the spaces. An issue that has revealed itself is that the requested meeting dates are subject to the library's schedule with not much advance notice. For comparison, the Prospect Heights Park District charges us \$35 per hour for the meeting room – a smaller room than we have used in the past. Thus, for a 4.0 hour meeting time period, the park district charges us \$135. The meeting rooms at the libraries are at no cost to users provided a member of the group is a resident of the library district's territory. Member participation in the monthly meetings continues to average 12 in-person and another 18 over the net for an overall average of 30. This is an average attendance during 2025-2026 season. While we are encouraged by the monthly attendance, it is below last year.

Presentations at meetings continue in-person and via the Zoom computer system. Our last presentation scheduled for May also is from outside our division. The use of outside presenters provides a unique perspective on railroads in other parts of the country.

The FVD provided a display case of railroad artifacts and railroad modeling items at the Mount Prospect Public Library for the month of January 2026. We have been fortunate to win the display case lottery in the last several years and the library employees and patrons have provided positive feedback, saying our RR display is one of the best all year.

The Division has continued to be in contact with the Chaplain of the Children's Hospital at Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge, IL, providing assistance with two N scale display railroads that both have been suffering from a lack of maintenance in the past several years. Last year, Division personnel obtained replacement pushbuttons and cleaned the tracks and provided some maintenance and the railroads were working fine, but a recent report indicates there may have been a power pack failure. Additional on-scene visits will be needed to troubleshoot and repair. Also, some scenery work is desired and some maintenance will be scheduled. Overall, the experience is a win-win for the Children's Hospital, the FVD, MWR and The NMRA.

Planned Activities

The division plans on holding monthly member meetings through May of 2026 wherever space is available and we will be off for June, July and August. We are anticipating a Summer outing somewhere (location to be determined as of this writing). Also, we will commence our 2026-2027 season in September either at the Prospect Heights Park District Hq building in Prospect Heights, IL; or at the Glenview Public Library, or at the Mount Prospect Public Library; exact location: TBD. We are continuing searching for available and economical space. We also plan future visits to the Children's Hospital N scale layouts will be planned, along with a Summer outing for benefit of the members.

Regards,
Michael Hirvela
Superintendent, FVD

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2, 2026

To: Board of Directors
From: Martin Hendrickx, Superintendent RRVD
Date: 4/1/2026
Subject: Rock River Valley Division Report

Activities since the last board meeting

RRVD has held a monthly meet the first Sunday of the month since the last board meeting at Paulson Museum in Argyle, IL

RRVD held their annual holiday diner at Lino's restaurant in January which was attended by 35 members and guest

RRVD had a new membership table at the Capron Train Show. We seem to recruit new members but usually not for our division.

RRVD just had their annual Rock River Valley Train Show at Harlem HS in Machesney Park. Total attendance was over 2000 with over 1600 paid. The rest were children under 12. We had over 200 vendor tables, 20 operating layouts and 10 museums or historical societies represented.

Planned Activities

In April the RRVD will hold its annual business meeting to satisfy our statutory requirements along with our monthly meet at Paulson's Museum. It will be the second Sunday in April because of the Easter holiday.

In May RRVD will have a joint meet with the South Central Wisconsin Division in Madison. This is an annual event with the SCWD with the two divisions alternating on hosting.

June RRVD will hold its annual June Junket which is where we travel to an event on the first Saturday. We are still planning this event.

In August we will hold our annual division picnic.

In September we will begin our 2026/2027 meets. We intend to continue to meet at Paulson's Museum in Argyle, IL

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2, 2026

To: Board of Directors
From: Alex Schneider, Superintendent, DuPage Division
Date: April 20, 2026
Subject: Du Page Division Report

Activities since Last Board Meeting

1. Monthly meetings are held, generally on the second Sunday of September, and the first Sundays from October through April. This year Easter fell on the first Sunday of April and the meeting was moved back a week. These meetings include model railroad presentations, member-judged contests, refreshments, and other business as needed.
2. Division board meetings following monthly meetings, November, February and April. A planning meeting is scheduled for August.
3. All American Railroad (public) show, Lyons Twp. HS, La Grange IL – March 28, 2026. Paid attendance ~ 1600.
4. Officers were elected for the coming year on April 12 for terms beginning June 1. Jim Marciniak will be Assistant Superintendent, Kim Schlytter will be Paymaster, and Ken Valentine will be Chief Clerk. Ken will serve the year remaining on Jim's term as Chief Clerk and the others will serve for two years.

Planned Activities

1. Layout tour planned for afternoon of Sunday, May 3.
2. An outing to the Pullman National Monument is planned for June 13.
3. We are promoting attendance at the NMRA National, July 2026.

Concerns

Although monthly attendance is between 25 and 30 members, roughly one fifth of division membership, only a handful of those attending participate in contests. Even fewer hold a certificate to judge any kind of model, which becomes a downward spiral, as without merit awards no additional members will qualify for certificates. Our only MMR passed away two years ago. Prior to the pandemic Regional Conventions offered an opportunity but MWR is no longer having those.

At the National level, we see the models winning prizes but few seem to win a merit award. It is difficult to bring a worthy structure to National unless you are traveling by car.

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2, 2026

To: Board of Directors

From: Greg Bueltmann, Michiana Division

Date: May 2, 2026

Subject: Michiana Activity Report

Activities since Last Board Meeting

Michiana BoD Meetings (12/8/2025, 3/9/2026)

Michiana Division Outings (1/13/2026 7 PM Subdivision Meeting Lincoln Township Library, 2/11/2026 7 PM Subdivision Meeting Lincoln Township Library, 3/21/2026 Elkhart Model Railroad Club Train Show, Claywood Event Center, Nappanee, IN)

Weekly Thursday Evening Zoom Calls

Date	Topic	Presenter
10/23/25	Clay: Brick and Tile Industry	Doug Harding
10/30/25	Resin and Plastic Freight Car Construction Methods	Lester Breuer
11/6/25	Pullman Betterment Program 1938 and Beyond	Ken Hough
11/13/25	Unique Monon Road Boxcars - MWR Annual Meeting	Mont Switzer
12/4/25	F.A.S.T. Rules and Tank Cars	Rich Mahaney
12/11/25	Working for the Soo Line	Bob Wundrock
12/18/25	Impromptu Paperwork Discussion	All
1/8/26	Weathering Patterns on Freight Cars	Dave Nelson
1/15/26	World War II Military Loads	Doug Harding
1/22/26	Building a couple buildings for Litchfield Ill.	Clark Propst
2/5/26	Simple Casting	Lester Breuer
2/12/26	Monon Power and Points of Interest Part 1	Mont Switzer
2/19/26	Monon Power and Points of Interest Part 2	Mont Switzer
2/26/26	Relay Sheds	Dave Nelson
3/5/26	Monon Power and Points of Interest Part 3	Mont Switzer
3/12/26	Scratch Building for Merit Awards; Tale of Two Structures	Mike Schockley
3/26/26	Freight Cars of the Nickel Plate Road	Mont Switzer
4/9/26	Interesting Grain Elevators and Control Panels	David Nelson and Ron Christensen
4/16/26	Industrial Chimneys and Smokestacks	David Nelson

Planned Activities

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

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, May 2, 2026

To: Board of Directors
From: Bob McGeever
Date: May 17, 2026
Subject: Past President Report

Activities since the last board meeting

It's good to be the past president.

The SCWD put on the 57th annual Mad City Show and Sale in February. Served as committee chair, layout coordinator, vendor coordinator, and floor planner.

Serving as Treasurer for SCWD.

Planned Activities

Layout coordinator for Trainfest 2026.

The planning process for the 58th Mad City Show and Sale will start in August.

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, November 2025
BOD Officer Report

To: Board of Directors
From: Jan Burnside
Date: April 22, 2026
Subject: Secretary's / Clerk's Report

Activities Since Last Board Meeting:

Collected and audited the Division Officer Organization Charts

Gathered COI statements from all Officers in the MWR

Sent Constitution and Bylaws to the Illinois Secretary of State (reply rec'd; not necessary)

Created letterhead and envelope with new logo

Distributed the new guidelines for use of the new NMRA logo

Created a scatter map of the ten divisions and their members

Attended TrainFest

Attended CID Meeting

Volunteered for Train Show at local library

Created artwork for a "Jr. Train Engineer Certificate" for use by all Divisions

Received a "Thank You" note from St. Stephan's Lutheran Church for the contribution to their food pantry (re Connie Coy)

To: Board of Directors
 From: Phillip H Burnside, MMR
 Date: May 22,2026
 Subject: Treasurers Report

Twice a year the NMRA National sends rebate checks to each Region. This money is calculated as \$1/full member each time (\$2/year) for AP and communication expenses in the region and Divisions. According to the NMRA National Chief Financial Officer the intent is that the Region BOD decides how it will distribute the funds or not. Some Regions distribute the funds to the Divisions and others keep it all in the Region Treasury to cover the indicated expenses at the Region level. Some Regions give grants to Divisions for special events and projects. Currently this is the only income the Midwest Region is going to get this year.

The following is a recap of the accounts for this fiscal year.

Midwest Region NMRA				
2026 Balance Sheet				
		1-Jul-25	22-Apr-26	Net
Accounts	BMO Checking	\$15,569.04	\$13,338.09	\$(2,230.95)
	BMO Money Market	\$ 5,069.05	\$ 5,091.39	\$ 22.34
	BMO CD	\$16,014.02	\$16,120.79	\$ 106.77
Net		\$38,178.71	\$37,173.67	\$(1,005.04)

BMO Checking Summary					
Expenses					Income
Office Supplies	Donations for Loss of Member	Youth Donations	Insurance	Web Expenses	National Membership Rebate
\$ 131.35	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,907.00	\$ 1,044.60	\$ 1,952.00

Meeting of Board of Directors, MWR, NMRA May 2, 2026

To: Board of Directors

From: Dr. Robert Perry, MMR #782, MWR Vice-President

Date: May 2, 2026

Subject: May 2026 MWR BOD Zoom Meeting

Please note: There is a high likelihood that I will not be available to attend this meeting as my daughter is flying in from Colorado to run the Indy 500 Mini Marathon that day.

Activities since Last Board Meeting

- Continued as a Trainmaster for the CID. This is in addition to my roles as Avon Train Display Manager, Mooresville Library Train Display Co-Manager and Co-Manager of Modeler's Meets for the CID.
- Organized and held the Avon Library Train Display in Avon, IN on February 21, 2026 which was well-attended.
- Worked on organizing the Modeler's Meets with Co-Manager John Coy on Jan. 3, 2026 and an upcoming one on April 11, 2026 at the Carmel Public Library in Carmel, IN.

Planned Activities

- Hopefully will be pursuing arrangements for a Library train show at the Mooresville Public Library for next year. The library had undergone renovations and the management in charge (including our contact person) is no longer available.
- At a future date, I will be assisting John Coy in setting up a lecture(s) on Model Railroading and the NMRA at the Avon-Washington Township Library.
- Will be attempting to arrange various events across the CID and MWR that are outside of our typical geographic area for meetings and events to allow for better participation in outlying areas. I am hoping to be able to create, along with MWR President John Coy, a more diversified schedule of events that will be open to members of the MWR and be easier to attend for members that are across our Midwest Region.

Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, November 2025

To: Board of Directors

From: John Robert Coy, President, MWR

Date: May 2026

Subject: My second report as President to the Midwest Region Board

Jan Burnside has formally been appointed and approved by the MWR Board as MWR Secretary. Congratulations to Jan and thank you for stepping up!

Our region has held two Regional events thusfar. A visit to the Linden Railroad Museum in Linden, Indiana and the 90th anniversary celebration of the NMRA on Labor Day 2025; which had a good turnout.

The tentative plans for 2026 are to arrange a time and place to see the Big Boy as it crosses the county to the east! In addition, MWR Vice-President Bob Perry and I will be planning future Regional events in 2026. The Rochelle Railroad Park in north central Illinois will very likely be one of the events.

I wish to thank the Region Audit Committee for fulfilling their obligation according to the MWR By-Laws.

There will not be a MWR convention in 2026. This is due to the fact that the national convention is in Chattanooga, TN, which is the NMRA's "home turf" and within driving distance from the Midwest Region.

However, MWR Convention Coordinator Dan Banks and I have been discussing possibilities for a 2027 MWR Convention. The national convention will be in the Pacific Northwest and therefore, we will not be "stepping on anyone's toes."

At our meeting in May 2026, first Saturday, via Zoom, I will be bringing up the election in 2027, and to begin to reach out to possible candidates. I was pleased that members from the other divisions, other than the Central Indiana Division, stepped up in the 2026 election.

My opinion is that it is much better to have the board's representation spread out all over the Region vs. the vast majority of the board belonging to one division. All of our needs and experiences are different.

Currently, Bob Perry, Dan Banks and I are working with two virtually brand new members in Evansville, Indiana (The second largest city in population in Indiana) in hopes of growing the Evansville membership; including areas in western Kentucky.

To: Midwest Region NMRA Executive Committee

From: Jim Osborn & Steve Miazga

Date: April 3, 2026

Subject: Election Results

The ballots of the recent election were counted and audited on April 2, 2026 by Election Committee members Jim Osborn and Steve Miazga. Bob Landwehr, MWR Membership Chairman, verified that all but 4 voters were positively current members of the Midwest Region through February 1, 2026. Unfortunately, the National membership database for 2026 is now compromised. We tested the results if the Ballots from the 4 possibly non-current member voters were marked as spoiled. The final Director-at-Large election results were the same – so the issue is moot.

The final results of the voting are as follows:

For Director-at-Large – Vote for 4:

John Poray - Central Indiana	62
James Marciniak - DuPage	61
Rich Hoker - Fox Valley	52
John Schaffer - SCWD	50
Bruce Bakcus - Illinois Terminal	48
Steve Preston - SCWD	47
Jeremy Reese - Winnebagoland	46
Robert Petit - Central Indiana	35
Gerry Ring - Winnebagoland	35
Bill Moede - Winnebagoland	26
Patrick Timpe - Central Indiana	22
Total	484

The winners of the election are:

Director at Large	John Poray - Central Indiana Division
Director at Large	James Marciniak – DuPage Division
Director at Large	Rich Hoker - Fox Valley Division
Director at Large	John Schaffer – South Central Wisconsin Division

Regarding the question of adopting the Proposed Constitution:

129 members voted Yes and 4 members voted No: **The Proposed Constitution is adopted.**

Regarding the question of adopting the Proposed Bylaws:

130 members voted Yes and 4 members voted No: **The Proposed Bylaws are adopted.**

Balloting Summary:

Total E-Ballots Received	144
Total Paper Ballots Received	4
Total Ballots Received	148
Canceled Ballots	12 (Members that voted twice.)
Spoiled Ballots	0
Valid Ballots	136
Votes not cast (under voted)	65 out of 816 opportunities

Ballots Cast By Division (Includes spoiled and duplicates):

Central Indiana (2806)	29
DuPage (2811)	16
Fox Valley (2809)	19
Illinois Terminal (2807)	7
Illinois Valley (2805)	4
Michiana (2815)	13
Rock River Valley (2810)	5
South Central Wisconsin (2802)	25
Winnebago land (2803)	13
Wisconsin Southeastern (2801)	17

Thank you to all the candidates for participating and congratulations to all the new officers.

Respectively submitted,

Jim Osborn, Committee Chairman
Steve Miazga, Committee Member



Midwest Region of the National Model Railroad Association



Application for Youth Funds

Date: 1-16-26

From: Dennis VanSsen

Division: WISE

The above Division requests that the MWR BOD grant funds from the MWR Youth Fund to be used in support of youth activities per the Midwest Region Youth Fund Policies and Procedures.

Amount Requested: \$313.08

Description of Youth activity to be funded: (attach supporting documentation if needed)

see email

Explanation of Costs: (attach supporting documentation if needed)

see email

Youth Committee Recommendation to MWR BOD:


WISE Division Train School

From Dennis Janssen <dennisjans51@gmail.com>

Date Fri 1/16/2026 9:36 AM

To Phillip Burnside <csxt801@gmail.com>

Cc Robert Perry <rjpod@me.com>; McGeever Bob <mcgeevever@charter.net>; Mike Hirvela <mhirvela1@gmail.com>; larryanelson.1945@gmail.com <larryanelson.1945@gmail.com>; tmo@osemicro.com <tmo@osemicro.com>; Bob Wundrock <rwundrock@yahoo.com>; Precilla Ann Roderick <emt53@sbcglobal.net>; Dave Mashino <dave@mashinos.com>; rondjohn@gmail.com <rondjohn@gmail.com>; John Poray <johnporay@gmail.com>; Dan Banks <wabashbanks@gmail.com>; Hudson5450@outlook.com <hudson5450@outlook.com>; Mike Lehman <rebelmike@earthlink.net>; Gary Baker <afpgary@mac.com>; Greg Buelmann <greg@uncleheavy.com>; Martin Hendrickx <mhendrickx@charter.net>; nkp284@yahoo.com <nkp284@yahoo.com>; treelisa1@aol.com <treelisa1@aol.com>; Burnell Breaker <brbreaker@yahoo.com>; Jan Burnside <jmkm1212@yahoo.com>

 2 attachments (2 MB)

Train School.pdf; Train School Expense.xlsx;

Greetings Phillip,

On Saturday, January 10, the WISE Division held a very successful Train School. This was open to the general public and we had about 40 guests at the New Berlin Public Library. We had twelve presenters set up around the perimeter of the room as well as a make-it, take-it area utilizing donated blue-box kits and monitored by our coffee and snack shepherd, Tom Mabie.

Of our 40 guests, many were families and I found it satisfying to watch dads and moms working with their children to assemble their car kits.

After the conclusion of the event, our Train School organizer, David Mielke, ordered pizza and soda for the presenters and passed out certificates of appreciation for their participation.

We, as a division, are asking for your consideration to reimburse us for the expense of this presentation, from available youth development funds.

Thank you,

Dennis Janssen

Assistant Paymaster

402 Dodie Dr, Waukesha, WI 53189

Train School Expense

Description	Date	Amount
Classified Ad in MRR	11/11/2025	\$ 45.00
Printing Costs	12/23/2025	\$ 15.00
Printing Costs	1/9/2026	\$ 75.80
food for presenters	1/10/2026	\$ 177.28
Total		\$ 313.08



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WISE DIVISION NMRA

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Publication	Issue	Ad Size	Section	Gross	Net
Model Railroader - Print	MRR Jan-26	MRR - Schedule of Events		\$45.00	\$45.00

Campaign Name: xxxxx

Total: \$45.00

Paid: \$45.00

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Burnell

DESCRIPTION	QTY	AMOUNT
Model Railroad Retreat Sign <i>08</i>	2	1.00T
August 2025 Owl Car Express Newsletters <i>02</i>	50	10.00T
September 2025 Owl Car Express Newsletters <i>02</i>	50	10.00T
2025-2026 Schedule of Events Flyers <i>07</i>	300	20.00T
Compliments of WISE Labels <i>04</i>	300	7.50T
Support your Local Hobby Shops! Flyers <i>07</i>	200	15.00T
Train School Flyers <i>07</i>	200	15.00T
Display Case/LED Lights Flyers <i>02</i>	50	5.00T
Train Lover's Guide To Milwaukee booklets <i>01</i>	100	40.00T
Free Magazines Sign <i>08</i>	4	2.00T

SUBTOTAL 125.50
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P.O. NUMBER
 David Mielke

DESCRIPTION	QTY	AMOUNT
"How to Wire Your Layout" Flyers - 2 pages, 2 sided, stapled 07	100	30.00T
January 2026 Owl Car Express Newsletters - 2 sided, full color, folded 1/2 & 1/3 02	9	4.50T
Train School Demonstrators Flyers - full color 07	100	39.00T
Train School "Door Prize" Sign - full color 08	1	1.15T
Train School "Building Kit" Sign - full color 08	1	1.15T
Train School 5-1/2 x 17 Demonstrator Table Sign 08	5	4.50T

SUBTOTAL	80.30
TAX	0.00
TOTAL	80.30

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TOTAL DUE \$80.30

THANK YOU.

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Suggested Changes for Article IV, Section 2b MWR By-laws

Black – Original text

Red – Words to delete

Green – Words to add

Blue – Explanation

2b. CLINIC CLEARING HOUSE. Change to “Clinic information interchange.”

1) Function: Responsible for compiling, cataloging and disseminating a list of currently available clinics. Too open-ended with the advent of Zoom clinics. Also too fluid to be in by-laws. Change to “Responsible for compiling, and disseminating list of current Division clinic chairs and available clinicians in September of each year.”

Are we to change this on an annual basis? Even with suggested language change, some clinicians say that they’ll do a clinic but don’t have a subject and title yet. Division clinic chairs will need to report annually to Clinic Interchange chair.

2) Membership: A Chairman and the Division Clinic Coordinators provided for in Article V, Section 4 below. A Division’s Clinic Coordinator should be the individual who schedules clinics for the Division.

Midwest Region National Model Railroad Association, Inc.
Nominating Committee Policies & Procedures

Article I. COMPOSITION OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE POLICY

1. The Nominating Committee shall be one of the standing committees of the Midwest Region (MWR.)

Article II PROCEDURES

1. The President of the MWR shall appoint a Nominating Committee within ninety (90) days after assuming office.
2. The Nominating Committee shall consist of a minimum of three (3) MWR members. At least three (3) of the members shall reside in a different division of the MWR.
3. The term of the Nominating Committee shall be four (4) years.

Article 111 RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE POLICY

1. The Nominating Committee shall be responsible for securing a slate of qualified potential candidates to be placed on the annual ballot.

Article IV PROCEDURES

1. 30 days prior to the fall MWR Board of Directors (BoD) meeting, the Nominating Committee shall present to the MWR Secretary at least one (1) candidate for each opening for the next election. It is recommended that every effort be made to secure a minimum of two (2) candidates for each opening.
2. No name shall be placed for nomination without prior approval of the nominee.
3. Candidates may self-nominate using the nomination form downloadable from the MWR website. All nominating petitions received shall be published to all members of the BOD prior to the fall BoD meeting.
4. The Executive Committee of the BoD shall approve any or all acceptable nominees at the fall BoD meeting per Article IV; paragraph 5.
5. Every effort should be made to ensure that the respective candidates represent the interest of the entire MWR and they are a member in good standing of the NMRA.
6. A brief biographical resume of each candidate shall be presented to the membership through the official MWR publication.

7. The Nominating Committee shall collect a photograph and a biographical resume from each candidate suitable for publication to the MWR membership.
 - a. Photographs are expected to be a passport style photo of print quality and 3.5 x 3.5 inches in size in .jpg, .tif, or .png file format at a minimum of 72 dots/inch resolution.
 - b. The biographical resume shall be limited to 250 words and submitted by email to the Nominating Committee in text or a word file.
 - c. The MWR Nominating Committee shall respect the sanctity of the candidate's biographical resume. Each biographical resume shall be reviewed by the MWR Nominating Committee; however, the candidate's biographical resume shall not be edited. If the candidate's biographical resume cannot be published as submitted, the candidate shall be requested by the MWR Nominating Committee to make the appropriate change(s).
8. The Nominating Committee shall send the candidate photographs and Biographies to both the Election and Publication Committee chairs.
 - a. The Election Committee shall create an electronic and paper ballot for the election.
 - b. The MWR Publications Committee shall use each biographical resume and photograph as furnished by the MWR Nominating Committee without editing of any kind. The candidates' biographical resumes and photographs shall be printed in the Waybill in conjunction with the official MWR ballot, in the same order as the official MWR ballot.
9. The official MWR publication published in the Fall of each year shall contain a statement indicating the positions that will be open for election and that any qualified MWR member interested in being nominated for any of the listed positions should inform the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee. An internet link to the nominating documents and contact information of the Nominating Committee Chairperson shall be published in the above-mentioned article. The chairperson must receive the nominating petitions before or at the fall BOD meeting so that the BOD can review the candidates.
10. The final list of nominees shall be published in the official MWR publication at least thirty (30) days prior to the opening of the election voting. The names shall be published in the same order as they will be printed on the official ballot.
11. The Election Committee shall notify the BoD and all the candidates of the election results within 30 days of the close of the election.

Article V. Summary Timeline of Events for the Nomination and Election of Candidates

1. Announcement of the election and opening nominations – Spring BoD meeting
2. Close nominations – September or 30 days prior to Fall BoD meeting
3. Present nominees to the Executive Committee of the BoD – 30 days prior to Fall BoD meeting
4. Executive Committee approval of nominees. Fall BoD meeting.
5. Photos and biographies due – October 1
6. Ballot will be created prior to publishing the November Winter Waybill.
7. Ballot, Bios and Photos published in the November Winter Waybill
8. Voting begins – December 1 of current year.
9. Voting ends – January 31 of subsequent year.
10. Voting results published to the BoD and candidates – February 28 of the subsequent year.
11. Membership Notified of results – Spring Waybill.
12. Winning candidates installed on the BoD. Spring BoD meeting.

**Old Nominating Policy and Procedure
to be Replaced by the Revision Above**

3.9 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

I. COMPOSITION OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

POLICY

The Nominating Committee shall be one of the standing committees of the MWR.

PROCEDURES

1. The President of the MWR shall appoint a Nominating Committee within ninety (90) days after assuming office.
2. The Nominating Committee shall consist of a minimum of three (3) MWR members. At least three (3) of the members shall reside in a different division of the MWR.
3. The term of the Nominating Committee shall be four (4) years.

II. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

POLICY

The Nominating Committee shall be responsible for securing a slate of qualified potential candidates to be placed on the annual ballot.

PROCEDURES

1. At the fall MWR BOD meeting, the Nominating Committee shall present to the MWR Secretary at least one (1) candidate for each opening on the Executive Council (EC). It is recommended that every effort be exerted to secure a minimum of two (2) candidates for each opening.
2. All nominating petitions received shall be published to all members of the BOD by first class mail at their last known NMRA address within ten (10) days of receipt.
3. No name shall be placed for nomination without prior approval of the nominee.
4. Every effort should be made to insure that the respective candidates represent the interest of the entire MWR.
5. A brief biographical resume of each candidate shall be presented to the membership through the official MWR publication.
 - a. It is recommended that a photograph of the candidate be included with the biographical resume. Photographs are expected to require about 1/3 column but are not to be considered a part of the biographical resume size limitations.

- b. The biographical resume of each candidate shall be limited to two (2) paragraphs.
 - c. If a photograph and/or biographical resume is not available, the appropriate non-availability statement will be used (*i.e.*, “Candidate’s Photograph Not Available” and/or “Candidate’s Statement Not Available”).
 - d. The MWR Nominating Committee shall respect the sanctity of the candidate’s biographical resume. Each biographical resume shall be reviewed by the MWR Nominating Committee; however, the candidate’s biographical resume shall not be edited. If the candidate’s biographical resume cannot be published as submitted, the candidate shall be requested by the MWR Nominating Committee to make the appropriate change(s).
 - e. The MWR Publications Committee shall use each biographical resume and photograph as furnished by the MWR Nominating Committee (*i.e.*, without editing of any kind). The candidates’ biographical resumes and photographs shall be printed in the *Waybill* adjacent to the official MWR ballot, in the same order as the official MWR ballot.
6. The official MWR publication published in the fall of each year shall contain a statement indicating the positions that will be open for election and that any qualified MWR member interested in being nominated for any of the listed positions shall so inform the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee. The address of the Nonimating Committee Chairperson shall be published in the above-mentioned article. The chairperson must receive the nominating petitions previous to or at the fall BOD meeting so that the BOD can review the candidates.
7. The final list of nominees shall be published in the official MWR publication at least thirty (30) days prior to the election deadline. The names shall be published in the same order as they will be printed on the official ballot.
8. The Nominating Committee shall notify all of the incumbents of their election status, particularly those up for re-election, at the summer MWR BOD meeting. Incumbents not attending this board meeting will be notified by mail within ten (10) days after the meeting.