

HIGHLIGHTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

By Rich Kolm, PCR Secretary

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS met on April 30 at the Ramada University (hotel) in Fresno, the first day of the 2008 PCR Convention "Sierra Memories." Board members present were President Ron Plies, Vice-President Pat LaTorres, Secretary Rich Kolm, and Directors Kermit Paul (Coast), Mary Moore-Campagna (Sierra), and Carol Alexander (Redwood Empire). Various Department Managers and Committee Chairpersons were also present. See the PCR website for more details about this meeting.

- **Finances.** Treasurer Larry Altbaum's written report included financial statements and minor adjustments to the previously-approved FY 2008 Budget. He reported that PCR is financially healthy, and by continuing sound financial planning will continue to be so. The report includes his response to the Board's October 27, 2007 discussion of the management of PCR's financial accounts and assets.

He again noted that there is still room in the budget and in the Region's assets for any one-time projects worthy of Region support. All Division Directors are encouraged to discuss this with Division officers and all other members.

- **Election of Division Directors.** Jim Providenza, Chairperson of the Ballot Committee, submitted a written report on the ballots received. John Houlihan (Daylight Div.) and Rod Smith (Coast Div.) were elected as new Directors. Carol Alexander (Redwood Empire Div.), Mary Moore-Campagna (Sierra Div.), and Eric Minton (Hawaiian Div.) were re-elected. They all took office later in this meeting, under New Business.

- **Conventions.** Dennis Stokely, Manager of the Convention Department, discussed the status of upcoming PCR conventions. The **2009 Convention "Rails Across the Bay"** will be hosted by Coast Division at the Marriott Hotel in Fremont in April. Chuck Mitchell is the Chairperson. The website is www.pcrnmra.org/conv2009 and registrations are being accepted. The Board approved the **2010 Convention** in the Reno/Sparks area, hosted by Sierra Division. The dates and convention hotel are still under consideration. Raymond Rich is the Chairperson. The **2011 Convention**, hosted by Redwood Empire Division, is proposed to be a downsized convention (like 2000) because there is no reasonable hotel venue in that area and the NMRA National Convention will be in Sacramento that year. The **2012 Convention** may be a joint convention with Pacific Northwest Region, perhaps in Medford, Oregon.

- **Non-Rail Activities.** Mary Moore-Campagna, Manager of the Non-Rail Department, said she is trying to move non-rail activities out into the Divisions. She also said the Department needs another source of funding besides the convention registrations each year.

- **Hawaiian Division.** Eric Minton, Division Director, submitted a written report asking for any suggestions for "encouraging and waking up the Division." There are only 20 members in Hawaii, scattered over several islands, and most of the members are over 60.

- **NMRA 2011 Convention.** Ray deBlieck, General Chairman, said he is close to a contract with the NMRA. The Convention Committee has been formed and has met. PCR is not a party in sponsoring the convention, but individual members of PCR are involved.

- **The next Board of Directors Meeting** will be in Fremont on Saturday, October 18, 2008. The details and agenda will be posted on the PCR website prior to the meeting.