

PACIFIC COAST REGION
Of the National Model Railroad Association

Highlights
PCR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The Board of Directors met at 1 PM Wednesday, April 28, 2010 at John Ascuaga's Nugget Hotel in Sparks, Nevada. In attendance were President Ron Plies, Vice President Pat La Torres, Redwood Empire Division Director Carol Alexander, Daylight Division Director John Houlihan, Sierra Division Director Mary Moore-Campagna, Coast Division Director Rod Smith. Others present were PSR President Ben Sevier, PSR Convention Chairman and San Diego Division Superintendent Don Fowler, Audit Committee Chairman Dennis Stokely, X2011 National Convention Chairman Ray deBlieck, Storekeeper Steve Sköld and Carol Sköld, PSR Office Manager Ed Liesse and Sierra Division member Mel Jones.

The Current Division Directors were all unanimously re-elected, and took office.

Director Carol Alexander noted that a DVD of the slide presentation from the 2009 Banquet will be on sale for \$10 at this convention.

President Ron Plies noted that things are going very well in the region and that the convention is doing well.

Vice President Pat La Torres mentioned that the NMRA is starting to focus more on Regions and Divisions and that a Regions and Divisions Guidebook based on input from the regions is in progress, spearheaded by Bill Kaufman, Pat LaTorres and Tom Crawford, all of PCR.

Finances. Treasurer Larry Altbaum reported that the finances of the Region continue to be stable but with a small negative cash flow, mainly due to increased Branchline costs and declining interest on our asset accounts. We have the assets to cover, but do not wish to continue the negative flow. The Board authorized Larry to pursue options to increase our revenue from our assets, such as finding bonds with higher returns than our current savings accounts and CDs, and released him from financial liability from adverse results.

Conventions. The 2010 Silver Rails convention has 246 attendees, 30 of which are first timers. This rivals a Bay Area convention in terms of attendees.

The 2012 Convention will be a joint convention with PNR in Oregon, and both PNR and PCR are looking forward to the collaborative effort.

Non-Rail. Chair Mary Moore-Campagna noted the department is adequately staffed and is doing well. She proudly announced that for the first time since the department was formed, she is not the Non Rail chair or assistant chair for a convention.

NMRA 2011 National Convention planning is proceeding well. We will own 80% of the convention. There are quite a few committee openings and the committee needs help in advertising for volunteers.

The registration price will stay at \$99 until September 1, 2010

Ray deBlieck and Ron Plies will bring a proposed resolution to the PCR/21st Century Limited interface issues.

The Audit Committee reported that the audit happened without issue.

Membership. Membership Chair Doug Wagner provided two draft brochures, one in color and one in black and white. The Board authorized the Membership department to produce a color brochure, after suggestions are made by board members.

Next Board of Directors Meeting. The next Board of Directors meeting will be held at 1 PM on Saturday October 23, 2010 at the Finley Community Center Manzanita Room in Santa Rosa.