



# **PACIFIC COAST REGION OF THE NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION**

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS Mid Year Board Meeting**

### **Highlights**

The PCR Board of Directors met at 1 PM Saturday, October 23, 2010 at the Findley Community Center Manzanita Room in Santa Rosa. In attendance were President Ron Plies, Vice President Pat La Torres, Redwood Empire Division Director Carol Alexander, Sierra Division Director Mary Moore-Campagna, Coast Division Director Rod Smith, Secretary Tom Crawford, Audit Committee Chairman Dennis Stokely, X2011 National Convention Chairman Ray deBlieck, Storekeeper Steve Skold, and Contest Chairman Giuseppe Aymar

Vice President La Torres noted that the Regions and Divisions Handbook is available on disk, and he has a copy.

Treasurer Altbaum's report noted that we had a small loss which was easily covered by our reserves. This is seen as temporary since the interest rate is so low right now.

Giuseppe Aymar will take over as the new contest chair, replacing Bill Scott who has retired.

The Divisions are all doing well, with the exception of the Hawaii Division, which needs a Director. Further work will need to be done here.

The Nominations Committee reported that Pat LaTorres is the candidate for President, we have three candidates for VP: Paul Deis, Ed Merrin, and Ted Stephens.

Storekeeper Steve Skold noted that the "Tug of War" has been disposed of.

Publications Chair Gus Campagna discussed the effort to find a replacement for Bill Kaufman who is retiring from the Branchline to become the NMRA VP of Special Projects. Gus is looking at splitting the job into two – one to be editor, who edits and proofreads content, and one to handle formatting and packaging. He is also looking at separate print and electronic versions. If Gus gets the help he needs, he will bring a proposal to the board. Gus handed out a 2011 publication schedule.

Gus also discussed the membership brochure. We agreed that it is a member retention tool and not a recruiting tool. We concluded that a clean PDF should be sent to the Division Membership chairs to print as they need.

Tom Crawford has updated the format of the Manual of Operations to be more user friendly.

Convention Department Chair Dennis Stokely reported that Silver Rails had 251 registrants. The Sonoma Short Line Mini Convention in RED will be Friday, May 13 through Sunday, May 15, 2011. Friday will be the Board meeting at the Skold's. Saturday will be the convention at the Community Center and Sunday will the breakfast/business meeting at a

separate location. Steve showed a sample of the PCR Logo medallion and mold they made based on a previous medallion.

There are a number of issues to be worked out with the 2012 joint convention with PNR. Dennis was given some options and will work something out with PNR.

At this time Dennis is unable to find anyone in Coast Division to head the 2013 convention. He is now looking for interested clubs to do it. We have tentatively selected San Luis Obispo as the location for the 2014 convention.

Non Rail Chair Mary Moore-Campagna requested that we pay for a new Bingo set for the X2011 Convention. Ray deBlieck stated that X2011 will pay for the set.

21<sup>st</sup> Century Limited, Inc. Chair Ray deBlieck said that 21<sup>st</sup> Century Limited, Inc. sees itself as the PCR "Foundation." Tom Crawford noted that in another organization he is involved with, Jobs Daughters, they have a separate "foundation" and we agreed that Tom would look into how that relationship works to see if we can learn something.

Ray stated that 21<sup>st</sup> Century Limited, Inc. will change their by-laws to say that if 21<sup>st</sup> Century Limited, Inc. is dissolved, PCR will receive all of the assets.

The Board passed a motion for the President to appoint a member to sit on the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Limited, Inc. Board of Directors. It should be noted that the existence of this position must be ratified by the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Limited Board.

The Board approved a plan submitted by Secretary Crawford presented for conducting special meetings by e-mail. The communication tool to be used is a PCR BOD specific Yahoo Group.

The Board approved a change to the Manual of Operations to have the sequence of conventions shown in the manual and not the years, so that we do not have to update the manual every few years.

Director Alexander presented a check for \$250 to President Plies representing PCR's income from the sales of the convention DVD. We decided that we will not be doing a DVD this year due to the nature of the mini-convention. We will revisit for 2012.

The Board agreed to co-sponsor the annual LD/OPSIG for 2011.

The next board meeting will be Friday, May 13, 2011 at Steve Skold's house, 5306 Yerba Buena Rd, Santa Rosa.