



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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Regular Meeting

Friday, May 13, 2011 at 1:00 PM

Steve Sköld's House

5306 Yerba Buena Rd, Santa Rosa, CA

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 1:01 PM by President Ron Plies

A. Quorum Verification

The following voting members of the Board were in attendance:

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

Daylight Division Director John Houlihan

The following Ex-Officio members were in attendance:

Secretary Tom Crawford

Others present were:

NMRA VP for Special Projects Bill Kaufman

Audit Committee Chair and Convention Department Chair Dennis Stokely

Honors Committee Chair Ray deBlieck

Storekeeper Steve Sköld

Daylight Division Contest Chair Bill Scott

Publication Chair Gus Campagna

Coast Division Chief Clerk Darryl Dennis

Daylight Division Editor George Pisching

Daylight Division Superintendent Dave Grenier

Branch Line Editor Chuck Harmon

Sierra Division Superintendent Jim Long

Ballot Committee Chair Jim Providenza

B. Adoption of the Agenda

The Agenda was accepted as presented.

C. Written Communications

There were no written communications.

D. Members Comments

There were no member comments.

helping point people in the right direction for help. Rod will do some research and then put something in the *Branch Line* about it.

H.3. Publications Department

Publications Chair Gus Campagna reported that we have 4 new editors in PCR:

Chuck Harmon is the *Branch Line* Editor.

Gary Ray is the Sierra Division *Short Line* Editor.

Dick Foster is the Redwood Division *Callboard* Editor.

George Pisching is the Daylight Division *Daylight Observation* Editor.

Gus noted that we are spending ALL of our subscription money and then some on the *Branch Line*.

H.4. Convention Department

Convention Department Chair Dennis Stokely provided a written report which is attached to the record copy of these minutes. He gave the following summary.

2010. Silver Rails - We do not yet have a final report.

2011 The Sonoma Short Line Mini Convention has about 75 people signed up, and has not yet broken even.

2012 Joint PNR-PCR convention in Medford, OR: The MOU is signed and Ed Liesse is the Chair and Jim Providenza is the Vice Chair.

Jim Long handed out registration forms, and Jim Providenza gave a brief description. The convention will end Saturday night due to travel distances for people to come home Sunday. Therefore the PCR Breakfast/Business Meeting will be Saturday morning.

2013 Dennis Stokely will chair the convention to be held in the East Bay near a BART station.

2014 The Convention will be in San Luis Obispo.

H.5. Contest Department

Carol Alexander and Bill Scott noted that Contest Chair Giuseppe Aymar is up to speed and is enthusiastic.

H.6. Achievement Department

No report.

H.7. Non-Rail Activities Department

Chair Mary Moore-Campagna reported that they have no recent activity but are actively soliciting travel toiletries for "The Living Room" a drop in center for homeless women.

I. Other Reports

NMRA VP Bill Kaufman gave a verbal report of what is going on at NMRA.

J. Unfinished Business**J.1. Written Agreement with 21st Century Limited, Inc.**

The 21st Century Limited Board has not yet ratified the agreement to have a PCR member of the 21st Century Limited Board.

J.2. 2012 Convention Coordination

This was resolved using the Online Board Meeting of April 28-30, 2011.

K. New Business**K.1. Storage of Historical Documents**

A motion was put on the floor to state that we convert the record copy of the minutes to electronic storage, but the motion was not seconded. It was decided that the Secretary should find out if there is any State requirement that we keep paper copies of minutes. If not, the secretary will convert to electronic copies.

K.2. NMRA Conventions on Cruise Ships

Ray deBlieck noted that the NMRA is considering offering the 2015 convention on the West Coast on a cruise ship.

IT WAS MOVED by Vice President LaTorres and seconded...

THAT "Resolved that the Board of Directors of the Pacific Coast Region of the NMRA is not in favor of an NMRA Convention on a cruise ship in 2015 and will not support any such convention operationally if it makes a port of call in our region."

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED on a show of hands vote, 3-2.

The Secretary will send a letter to Bob Amsler, Bob Ganglish, and Mike Bresner to this effect.

K.3. Hawaiian Division Status

The Hawaiian Division has about 15 people and is leaderless. After the convention President LaTorres will write a letter to these people asking what they want to do, and then we will act accordingly.

K.4. Income Augmentation

Director Alexander asked if we can come up with a way to augment our income. President Plies authorized Pat LaTorres, Carol Alexander and Ray deBlieck to be an ad hoc committee to look into ways to do this.

L. Budget

IT WAS MOVED by Director Houlihan and seconded...

THAT "The subscription fees for the *Branch Line* be raised to \$12/year."

After some discussion it was decided that the previously mentioned ad hoc finance committee should look into this along with other options.

IT WAS MOVED by Vice President LaTorres and seconded...

THAT the motion be tabled.

THE MOTION PASSED (i.e. the original motion was tabled) by a voice vote.

M. Announcements**M.1. Next Board Meeting**

The next board meeting will be Saturday, October 29, 2011 at Tom Crawford's house, 4337 La Cosa Ave, Fremont, CA

N. Adjournment

IT WAS MOVED by Vice President LaTorres and seconded...

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED on a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Tom Crawford
PCR Secretary

WRITTEN DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD

Listed by Agenda Item

B	Agenda
	2011-05-13 PCR Board of Directors Meeting Agenda.pdf*
E	Minutes for Approval
	2010-10-23 PCR Board of Directors Meeting Minutes.pdf*
	2011-04-28 PCR Board of Directors Online Meeting Minutes.pdf*
	MOUfinalfor2012convention.pdf*
F	BOD Reports
F.1	2011-05-13 PCR President's Report.pdf*
F.2	2011-05-13 PCR Vice President's Report.pdf*
F.3	2011-05-13 PCR Treasurer's Report.pdf*
G	Director's Reports
G.2	2011-05-13 Coast Division Directors Report.pdf*
G.3	2011-05-13 Sierra Division Director's Report.pdf
G.4	2011-05-13 Redwood Empire Division Director's Report.pdf
H	Other Reports
H.1	2011-05-13 PCR Storekeeper Report.pdf*
H.1	2011-05-13 PCR Election Results.pdf*
H.4	2011-05-13 PCR Convention Department Report.pdf

* Distributed prior to the Board meeting

PCR PRESIDENTS REPORT

May 13th 2011

This will be my last report as your PCR President. It has been a good run for me and I have enjoyed the privilege of serving you in this office. I came into this office hoping to make a difference in the PCR and leave it in as good a condition or better than when I came. I trust I have been able to do that. I have been honored to have the privilege of serving with an outstanding group of people and will remember each of you fondly. I have said many times before and will say it again, the PCR is the most, if not one of the best organized regions in the NMRA; all thanks to people like this board and staff.

I am looking forward to going to the joint convention with the PNR in May of 2012 in Medford Oregon. A special thanks to Dennis Stokely who has worked so hard and wrote up a very thorough MOU with help from our own Ed Liesse, who is now in the PNR. Because of their hard work we have been able to sign the MOU with the approval from the board. On the subject of conventions we are here in Santa Rosa for a first rate mini-convention thanks to Steve Skold, Carol Alexander, and Gus Campagna. They have planned an outstanding and interesting time for those us here. I am also looking forward to the National Convention in Sacramento in July and from all the reports we are in for a really great time. I understand the interest in this year's National Convention is very high and that is due in no small part to Mr. Ray deBlieck and his fine staff. This I am sure will be one of the best National Conventions that we have had in a long time. Our treasurer, Mr. Larry Altbaum stated in his report that we are doing fine financially for now, but we should be looking at perhaps increasing the Branch-Line subscription if things stay the same. We might also look at promoting more of our membership to take the Branch-line on line and see if we can lower our costs in that way. I know Gus Campagna has been trying to promote this idea, so maybe the Division officers and editors could join him in promoting this idea.

In closing, I would like to say thank you to you all for your friendship and support in keeping the PCR on the right track. As Pat La Torres takes over as the new PCR President I know that the Region will be in very good hands. Please give him and his new Vice President this same wonderful support. I know there will be nothing but high greens ahead for the PCR. So I will leave with you with President Ronald Reagan's words when he left office, "Not bad, not bad at all".

Ron Plies MMR
PCR President

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT
May 13, 2011, ANNUAL BOARD MEETING

Again, a fairly quiet past six months, but there have a few items which may be of note. I'll try to touch on the few matters which I've been aware of and/or involved in, and as usual I hopefully won't miss too much.

The first item of which I am aware (and I believe this is on the President's radar as well), is the need for a new Regional Storekeeper. Steve Skold has served in this position for some time and has asked to be replaced. Since this may become my first matter as the incoming President, I will ask for recommendations from anyone on the Board. I've put a couple of requests out on the PCR Yahoo group, but as of early April I have heard no volunteering voices from the membership. I'd like to get this addressed soon, so we can give Steve back his storage space at home.

While on the matter of region owned supplies, one of our digital projectors went missing following the PCR convention at Sparks. I would like to ask the Sierra Division Director to take a deeper look into this, with the consideration that the Sierra Division may be asked to replace the missing unit.

One of the item that I mentioned in my report for the mid-year meeting was IRS/California tax status. As I mentioned at the time, I seem to recall it being addressed in the past, but I'm wondering if we want to investigate trying to change from a 501(c)7 status to a 501(c)3. I believe that we would need to engage in a more pro-active outreach on the educational aspects of our hobby, but our work with the Boy Scouts might already be moving us in the correct direction. Perhaps we might want to look at this more when we reach the New Business portion of the meeting.

One other item from the last Board meeting was the creation of a PCR BoD Yahoo group. While most of the Board has joined in on this, there are some that have yet to sign up. I will be sending out invites to join to any Board members not already signed up, as well as some of the key department chairs. My hope is that this will enable us to move forward in a bit more timely manner than has been happening on some items. While the department chairs will be getting the postings, it is my intent that this is primarily for informational purposes only. Though I would obviously desire input when a given department is being addressed.

One of the items that dropped into my lap when I was elected to V.P. was membership. What with a new V.P. coming on board this weekend, I will probably pass that baton on to him. This is still what I see as one of, if not the key areas of focus for the region. While we have managed to bring new members on board over the past year, we constantly need to work on holding on to those we have. One of the primary ways that I see to do this will be to provide a return on their investment in the region. The growth of the SIGs within the PCR is one area, but we need to keep in mind that the SIGs are partner organizations, NOT a direct part of the NMRA or the PCR. This year we have an opportunity to reach several potential new members through

the NMRA national convention at Sacramento, X2011 West. I ask that everyone on the Board look for ideas on how we can maximize this outreach.

I believe that this covers what I have to add at this time regarding activities of the past six months, though I'm sure that there is something (or things) I've missed.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat LaTorres, V.P., PCR/NMRA

PACIFIC COAST REGION
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Treasurer's Report

April 25, 2011

The finances of the Region continue to be somewhat stable, though income continues to decline. BranchLine subscription revenue has decreased slightly compared with 2010, but the major impact is a substantial reduction in interest income. PCR has realized an **operating** deficit for the year of almost \$2800, as compared to a \$3176 deficit last year. I expect this situation to continue into next year, as reflected in the \$2220 projected operating deficit. You will notice that the BranchLine is both realizing less revenue, and as print runs get smaller, also costing less to produce and distribute. That said, in spite of my firm conviction that operating costs should be covered each year by current year income, I believe we can weather an additional period of this until the interest market improves. The best rates I expect to be able to obtain on the Life account when it comes up for renewal in August will probably be less than one percent.

Our Convention Reserve is now nearing \$50,000. To weather the current financial climate, I proposed last year using these funds to augment our operational needs until the situation improves. In fact, changes to our operating checking account by Chase has required a balance of \$5000 to be in the account at all times. I have therefore transferred the 2010 convention proceeds from the convention to the operating account to avoid a \$21 per month service fee. (This was done in April, so does not reflect in the attached financial statements. In addition, we will get a credit for the fees paid in FY 2010 as shown on the statement.) You will also note that the interest on the convention checking account is pitiful. A change was recently made to the account to increase the interest rate by a factor of about 20. Not enormous, but every little bit helps. It is important, though, to recognize that the cost of supporting our member subscriptions far exceeds the income derived. Our subscription related income (including the interest from the Life Savings account) is about \$3900, while the cost to produce and distribute the BranchLine is over \$6400. Even including the rebate from National retained by the Region, the publication is still about \$1500 underfunded. A return to reasonable returns from our investable assets will significantly improve this issue.

In summary, the finances of the Region are stable, and we have more than sufficient reserves to weather the current financial climate. It may be prudent, however, to begin thinking about an increase in the BranchLine subscription fee within the next few years.

My apologies, but I will not be able to be at the meeting on May 13. Please email me at emerbaum@msn.com or call me on my cell, (510) 912-1076, with any questions should you wish prior to the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Larry Altbaum
Treasurer

Pacific Coast Region - NMRA Budget

	Adopted 2010 Bud.	Actual 2010	Variance	Initial 2011	Revised 2011
Operating Income					
Life Interest	600.00	590.26	(9.74)	650.00	400.00
BL Subscriptions	3,200.00	3310.00	110.00	3,100.00	3150.00
From Nat'l	2,400.00	2209.00	(191.00)	2,300.00	2200.00
Other	800.00	250.00	(550.00)	800.00	800.00
Bank Interest	400.00	4.49	(395.51)	300.00	150.00
Total Income	7,400.00	6363.75	(1036.25)	7,150.00	6700.00
Operating Expense					
Operations					
Member Services	50.00	0.00	(50.00)	50.00	50.00
Member Promo.	150.00	53.94	(96.06)	150.00	150.00
Achievement	150.00	16.20	(133.80)	150.00	150.00
Supplies	100.00	331.39	231.39	100.00	100.00
Bank Charges	10.00	42.00	32.00	10.00	10.00
Fees & Taxes	20.00	0.00	(20.00)	20.00	20.00
Accounting	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Branchline					
Printing	5,200.00	4672.49	(527.51)	5,300.00	4600.00
Postage	2,200.00	1772.81	(427.19)	2,200.00	1900.00
Supplies	100.00	0.00	(100.00)	100.00	100.00
Division Support	1,200.00	1087.00	(113.00)	1,150.00	1200.00
Projects	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Web Page	250.00	401.31	151.31	250.00	240.00
Awards	300.00	174.52	(125.48)	250.00	300.00
Misc.	100.00	0.00	(100.00)	100.00	100.00
Total Expense	9,830.00	8551.66	(1278.34)	9,830.00	8920.00
Operating Excess/Deficit	(2,430.00)	(2187.91)	242.09	(2,680.00)	(2,220.00)
Convention Income					
Conv. Exc.		3006.36	3006.36		
Total Income	0.00	3006.36	3006.36	0.00	0.00
Convention Expense					
Total Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
Convention Exc/Def	0.00	3006.36	3006.36	0.00	0.00
Total Excess/Deficit	(2430.00)	818.45	---	(2680.00)	(2220.00)

Note - Items in bold are discussed in the Treasurer's report.

**Pacific Coast Region - NMRA
Comperative Income Statement**

	12 Months Ended Mar/11 =====	12 Months Ended Mar/10 =====	Variance Fav/<Unf> =====	% Var =====
Income				
PCR NMRA Rebate	2,209.00	2,277.00	-68.00	-3.00%
PCR BL Subscriptions	3,310.00	3,481.50	-171.50	-4.90%
Convention Proceeds	3,006.36	2,286.68	719.68	31.50%
Merchandise Sales	250.00	0.00	250.00	
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TOTAL Income	8,775.36	8,045.18	730.18	9.10%
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Expenses				
Supplies - Operations	331.39	0.00	331.39	
Supplies - Member Promo.	53.94	0.00	53.94	
Postage - Operations	0.00	42.00	-42.00	100.00%
Postage - Branchline	1,772.81	1,960.26	-187.45	9.60%
Postage - Achiev. Prog.	16.20	0.00	16.20	
Printing - Branchline	4,672.49	5,061.54	-389.05	7.70%
Awards - Operations	174.52	0.00	174.52	
Awards - President	0.00	270.00	-270.00	100.00%
NMRA Division Rebates	1,087.00	1,120.50	-33.50	3.00%
Taxes, Fees, Licenses	0.00	20.00	-20.00	100.00%
Web Services	401.31	239.40	161.91	-67.60%
Bank Service Charges	42.00	0.00	42.00	
Misc. Expenses - Operatiions	0.00	221.24	-221.24	100.00%
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TOTAL Expenses	8,551.66	8,934.94	-383.28	4.30%
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OPERATING PROFIT	223.70	-889.76	1,113.46	125.10%
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Other Income & Expenses				
Life Interest	590.26	769.35	-179.09	-23.30%
Convention Interest	4.49	677.28	-672.79	-99.30%
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TOTAL Other Income & Expenses	594.75	1,446.63	-851.88	-58.90%
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NET PROFIT	818.45	556.87	261.58	47.00%
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**Pacific Coast Region - NMRA
Comparitive Balance Sheet**

	Mar. 2011 =====	Mar. 2010 =====	Inc/<Dec> =====Var=====	% ==Var==
ASSETS				
Current Assets:				
Cash				
General Checking	\$3,579.98	\$6,362.64	-\$2,782.66	-43.70%
Convention Checking	\$48,152.85	\$46,142.00	\$2,010.85	4.40%
Life Savings	\$30,132.02	\$29,541.76	\$590.26	2.00%
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TOTAL Cash	\$81,864.85	\$82,046.40	-\$181.55	-0.20%
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Convention Adv. Recv.	\$3,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00	50.00%
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TOTAL Current Assets	\$84,864.85	\$84,046.40	\$818.45	1.00%
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TOTAL ASSETS	\$84,864.85	\$84,046.40	\$818.45	1.00%
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LIABILITIES				
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
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CAPITAL				
Retained Earnings	\$84,046.40	\$83,489.53	\$556.87	0.70%
Year-to-Date Earnings	\$818.45	\$556.87	\$261.58	47.00%
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TOTAL CAPITAL	\$84,864.85	\$84,046.40	\$818.45	1.00%
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TOTAL LIABILITIES & CAPITAL	\$84,864.85	\$84,046.40	\$818.45	1.00%
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Coast Division Report
PCR Board Meeting – May 13, 2011
Santa Rosa

Coast Division has experienced another successful year. Our Superintendent, Chief Clerk and Paymaster were all re-elected to another term in office and we are thankful for their leadership in these positions. We held our normal four meetings this year with knowledgeable clinicians, talented contest entrants, auctions run by very dedicated auctioneers and helpers plus the very gracious Job's Daughters running our snack bar to keep us fed. Meeting sites have been a continuing problem to provide facilities for our auction, clinics, and meeting room for about 100 members/friends. Buchser Middle School, which has long been a site we can count on is scheduled for a bit of remodeling and is not available for a period now. We will be trying a new site in Palo Alto, discovered by member Ted Stephens, Congregation Etz Chayim, a Jewish Synagogue. Our first meeting there will be June 12. It looks promising at this point. We are looking for other sites to try which are within our fiscal range.

The Layout Design SIG, Operations SIG, and Coast Division sponsored the now regular meeting in Santa Clara with presentations on a number of topics as well as operating sessions on local layouts. The meet has become so popular, the venue has had to be changed to a hotel ballroom to accommodate the crowd.

Many Coast Division members are participating on the X2011 West convention committee and staff. All are looking forward to the convention in July and expect it to be a real treat and chance to meet other modelers from around the country and the world. The Advance Section will be headquartered in Coast and many Coast members will be opening their layouts for tours and operating sessions.

Rod Smith
Coast Division Director



Director's Report 5/13/11

I. Division meets

The Sierra Division has held two meets since the last Board of Directors' meeting in October:

- 1) In February, we finally held our "two-location" meet successfully, with Steve "Breezy" Gust presenting a clinic on "A Day In The Life Of A Dispatcher" to an in-person audience in Sacramento and a remote audience in Reno(Sparks). The meet also featured a "weathered car" contest, which was won by Dick Witzens.
- 2) Our April meet was held at a photography studio in Sacramento. It featured two clinics: one by Dick Witzens on "35 Years on the Sacramento Central", and one by photographer (and train fan) Ed Asmus on the various aspects of photography (lighting, composition, etc.). The follow-up to this meet will take place on June 4, when the Sierra Division will sponsor a photo shoot including a ride up the Feather River Canyon and a visit to the Portola Railroad Museum. Anyone interested in going should meet at the Park and Ride at I-80 and Sierra College Boulevard, where carpools will be formed. (The planned agenda for the upcoming October meet includes a photo display with pictures from the photo shoot trip.)

II. Other Events

1. The Northern Nevada layout tour previously organized by Chuck Gardner at High Sierra Hobbies was renamed the "Chuck Gardner Memorial Model Railroad Layout Tour" and took place on the weekend of November 5-7. The tour included layouts in the Reno-Sparks area, Fallon, and the Carson City area.
2. Our major publicity and fundraising event, International RailFair, took place on Saturday and Sunday, November 13 and 14. The attendance was increased over last year; and although the gate proceeds still reflected the troubled economy, the vendors reported increased sales. The Sierra Division thanks everyone who volunteered their time and efforts. (Just an advanced heads-up: RailFair 2011 will be held on Saturday and Sunday, November 12 and 13.)

3. We also had a booth at the California State Railroad Museum's small train show on November 26, 27 and 28 (Thanksgiving weekend). We set up the TimeSaver/NMRA Information Table and Jim Long decorated it with Christmas lights and other ornamentation. Although we had few volunteers, the attendees to the museum (especially the younger set) enjoyed operating the TimeSaver.

4. Unfortunately, due to various circumstances, we were forced to cancel the plans for a Sierra Division Banquet this year. Hopefully we will be able to resume the tradition in the future.

5. The traditional Sierra Division Picnic meet is tentatively planned for some time in August. Details on date and location will be announced as soon as they are finalized.

III. Division Elections

Since our Division Director (that would be yours truly) will be officially "termed out" next May, we have started recruiting potential candidates for the office. Jim Long has agreed to act as the Nominations Chair for this effort.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Moore-Campagna
Sierra Division Director

Redwood Empire Division

Director's Report

May 13, 2011

The Redwood Empire Division is hosting The 2011 PCR Annual Convention in Santa Rosa. Chairman, Steve Skold, has been very successful in getting members who have not participated previously in Division activities to help with the convention. Additionally, the Division is electing new officers and two people who have not previously held office have agreed to run for election. There seems to be a renewed spirit of interest and energy in the Division and that is an encouraging sign. Superintendent Skold and his team deserve the credit for this sense of renewal.

The Division will celebrate its 50th Anniversary next weekend, May 21, 2011 with tradition cake and ice cream at Monroe Hall in Santa Rosa. One of the original organizers of the Division will be present to help in that celebration, Mr. Russ Clover.

The Division continues to operate in bringing together model railroaders of all interests throughout the geographical range of the Division's borders. There are operating groups, clubs, historical societies and many outstanding individual modelers in our area. Our goal as a division is to continue to bring together modelers and enthusiasts to enjoy and share our common interests and one another's companionship.

Carol Alexander

Director

May 13, 2011-- Storekeeper Report—Steve Skold

PCR table top display—Steve Skold

Media Projectors (4)—John Marshall,Gus Campagna,Jim Long,
Dave Grenier

Keith Heinshon Collection—Ray de Blieck

2000 NMRA Convention Store items—Dave Connery and Ray de
Blieck.

Photo Racks—Steve Skold

Model Contest lights - Bill Scott

Convention car display--Jim Long

Projector stands (2) One owned by RED and one by NWPRRHS
and are available for PCR meetings.

IBM Think Pad I --Steve Skold
20GB Hard Drive, 512MB RAM
XP Home Ser Pack 1, Modem & CD Rom Drive
MS Office Pro (2002)

IBM Think Pad II --Steve Skold
20GB Hard Drive, 128 MB Ram
XP Home Ser Pack 1, Modem and CDRom Drive
MS Office Pro (2002)

PCR Election Results

Total voting: 79. No ballots voided this year.

Results:

President: Pat LaTorres: 78, Jack Burgess (write in): 1.

Vice President: Ed Merrin: 35, Paul Dies: 30, Ted Stephens: 14.

Submitted by: Jim Providenza 5/1/2011

CONVENTION DEPARTMENT REPORT
Submitted May 14, 2011

Sonoma Short Line

Santa Rosa May 13-15, 2011

The 2011 Mini convention will be held tomorrow and Sunday.

Siskiyou Summit

Medford, OR with PNR May 2-5, 2012

The Memorandum of Understanding with the PNR has been signed after an on-line board meeting on the subject. The hotel room night provision has been reduced and the PNR will take the risk on attrition in exchange for receiving 100% of any surplus. The MOU also calls for PNR to obtain additional space in the hotel. The bottom line to PCR is our financial exposure is the \$1,000 seed money if the convention runs at a loss. Conversely, we receive \$12 per PCR full time rail and non-rail registrant but no distribution of any excess funds.

The convention committee is formed. Ed Liesse from PNR is the chairman and Jim Providenza from PCR is the convention vice-chair.

Coast Division

Dublin (?) 2013

We are in the process of forming an ad hoc committee for the convention with several tentative participants. My feeling is that for the "return" convention to the Bay Area after several years, it may be interesting to have a convention on the BART line. The newly opened West Dublin station is within walking distance of the Holiday Inn Express in Dublin or the Sheraton in Pleasanton. I have not looked at facilities as yet. If we don't locate right on BART the East Bay still seems a logical choice.

2014

Daylight Division

Tentative selection for convention is in San Louis Obispo with Hilding Larson as convention chairman.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Stokely