

PACIFIC COAST REGION OF THE NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION
A California Nonprofit Corporation

Meeting Of The Board of Directors
Saturday, November 7, 2020 – 1:00 PM
Virtual Meeting via ZOOM



Call To Order at 1:00 PM by President, Chris Palermo. *All officers and directors were present. Others present were Dave Connery, Tom Crawford, Pat LaTorres, Phil Edholm, Cliff Baumer, Denni Baumer, Chuck Harmon, Dave Grenier, Ken Horne, and Doug Smith.*

Adoption of Agenda *Adopted as presented.*

Approval Of Minutes From April 30, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting *Motion by Chris Palermo to approve minutes as submitted. Second by Frank Markovich. Motion carried.*

Approval Of Treasurer's Report and Budgets for 2020, 2021 *Motion by Frank Markovich to approve treasurer's report and budget as submitted, Second by Lisa Gorrell. Motion carried.*

Officers' Reports

President, Chris Palermo *Written report displayed with copy to be filed with the PCR secretary.*

Vice President, Frank Markovich *Written report previously emailed to officers, directors, and department chairs. Frank acknowledged and thanked Earl Girbovan for help with AP judging.*

Directors' Reports

Daylight Division, Ed Merrin *Written report previously emailed to officers, directors, and department chairs. Ed noted a second division report, from division superintendent, Mike O'Brien, had also been distributed.*

Coast Division, Lisa Gorrell *Written report previously emailed to officers, directors, and department chairs. Division superintendent, Phil Edholm noted evening meets were under consideration and the auction was being examined for possible discontinuation.*

Sierra Division, Jim Collins *Written report previously emailed to officers, directors, and department chairs. Jim recognized the incoming division officers and reported that monthly ZOOM meets had begun.*

Redwood Empire Division, Giuseppe Aymar *Written report previously emailed to officers, directors, and department chairs. Giuseppe noted the submitted report was originally meant for publication in the **Branch Line**. The division newsletter, **Call Board**, is now exclusively online. There are many new AP certificates in the division.*

Department Reports

Conventions, Tom Crawford *Written report previously emailed to officers, directors, and department chairs.*

2021 *The 2021 convention, originally billed as a “mini” convention, is really going to be of normal magnitude. Because of the threat of a COVID-19 related cancellation, the 2021 committee has established a “go – no go” deadline of February 20, 2021. 125 registrants must be signed up by the deadline, or the convention will be cancelled, and all fees will be refunded.*

2022 *Full use of RegBox registration software will be underway in time for pre-registration during the 2021 convention.*

Nominations and Election, Dave Connery *Chris Palermo and Frank Markovich are nominated to continue as President and Vice-President. Ed Merrin will oversee the election process with the use of ElectionBuddy software.*

Membership, Doug Wagner *Written report previously emailed to officers, directors, and department chairs. The date in the report is current as of October 31, 2020.*

Publications, Gus Campagna *No report.*

Contest, Pat LaTorres *Noting personal and professional pressures, Pat tendered his resignation effective at once. Chris Palermo acknowledged Pat’s many years of service to the region with thanks from all.*

Achievement Program, Jack Burgess *No report. Frank Markovich pointed out that AP certificates generally take a minimum of three weeks to be processed and dispatched by the national headquarters.*

Non-Rail Activities, VACANT *No report.*

Storekeeper, Ted Moes *No report.*

Old Business

2020 Member Awards. *Awards should be out to the recipients by the second week of November.*

Convention Manual Update, Tom Crawford *Written report previously emailed to officers, directors, and department chairs. Nothing has moved forward recently.*

Buddy System - *No update. Topic on hold until relief from COVID 19.*

Education Committee (and chair) - *On hold pending further notification from national headquarters.*

New Business

Future Region Virtual Programs *Frank Markovich will meet with a couple of people; likely Pete Birdsong and Earl Girbovan. Potential timing for such programs might be January 2021, early March 2021, and late May 2021. Coordinators may be solicited from, and through, the divisions.*

Estate Sales and Co-Sponsored Event Notice Periods *Chris Palermo noted that PCR needs a minimum of two months advance notice for such events.*

Loyalty Stickers and Pins *Coordination of such acknowledgement should fall to the secretary and membership chair.*

Directors and Officers (D&O) Insurance *Chris Palermo explained that this type of insurance protects directors and officers from personal liability losses in the event of action against the region. Three requests for proposal resulted in one quote for one million dollars of coverage, with a ten-thousand-dollar deductible, for \$763 annually. Motion by Chris Palermo to acquire the insurance as quoted. Second by Frank Markovich. Motion carried.*

Updated New Member Discount Proposal *Chris Palermo recapped his proposal, as noted in his submitted report, to offer a 50% dues reduction for up to twenty new members. Monitoring of the program would require coordination of the division and regional membership chairs. Motion by Chris Palermo to approve the implementation of the program. Second by Frank Markovich. Motion carried.*

Manual Of Operation Revision – Convention Contracts *MOO §9.G.1 and 9.G.2 revised to allow the convention chairman to represent the PCR once a convention agreement has been approved. Motion by Chris Palermo to approve the revisions. Second by Ed Merrin. Motion carried.*

Date Of The Next Board Meeting

April 22, 2021, 11:00 AM

Wyndham Garden Fresno Yosemite Airport – Fresno, CA Room TBD

Adjournment

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Charles M “Chip” Meriam, Secretary

