

**PACIFIC COAST REGION
NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION**

M I N U T E S

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Sunday, May 5, 2002

Holiday Inn Hotel & Convention Center, Redding, Calif.
PCR Convention "Shasta Daylight 2002"

*Note: These minutes have not been approved by the Membership and
may be revised until approved at the next Annual Business Meeting*

A. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by President Ray deBlieck.

B. Verification of Quorum. Secretary Rich Kolm verified that a quorum was present. The sign-in sheets listed 48 PCR members.

C. Approval of Minutes.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded . . .

THAT the Minutes of the Annual Business Meeting on May 6, 2001 at San Luis Obispo, Calif., be approved.

MOTION WAS ADOPTED on a voice vote.

Going ahead to Agenda Item F.

F. Report of Board of Directors Meeting. Secretary Rich Kolm summarized the discussions and actions at the Board of Directors meeting on Wednesday, May 1. The PCR Contest Directory and Manual of Operations were revised to clarify who can participate in PCR contests. The updated and retyped Manual of Operations was approved (see Item H.1 below). The results of the election of Division Directors were accepted:

- Jack Wall, the incumbent in Coast Division, was re-elected.
- Brewster Bird, the incumbent in Daylight Division, was re-elected.
- Bob Mountjoy, the appointed incumbent in Sierra Division, was elected.
- Ron Plies, the candidate in Redwood Empire Division, was elected.

The bid for hosting the 2004 PCR Convention was accepted (see Item I.2 below). President deBlieck proposed to create a new Education Committee. The first step to create an Honors Committee was approved. A Member Aid Committee was created with Key Contact people in each Division. The Publication Committee and Ballot Committee were reorganized to redefine the Editor's responsibilities and add separate positions of Chairperson, Publisher, and Webmaster to the Publication Committee. Staffing requirements for the By-Laws and Manual of Operations Committee were modified to allow appointment of current and former members of the Board of Directors. The PCR Budget for fiscal year 2002 was approved.

Dwayne Coate repeated what he told the Board of Directors about looking into creating a new separate Division in what is now the northern part of the Sierra Division. He explained that one of the reasons is the long travel time required to attend Sierra Division meetings in the Sacramento area. The area under consideration would be centered on Redding and would include Yreka on the north and Chico on the south.

Returning to the order of the Agenda.

D. President's Report. President deBlieck acknowledged three new Regional appointments:

- Chuck Mitchell is Chairperson of the new Education Committee.
- Rod Smith is Chairperson of the new Member Aid Committee.
- Mary Moore-Campagna is the new Chairperson for Non-Rail Activities.

E. Trustee's Report. Trustee Ray deBlieck described the NMRA proposals for single membership and reorganization of the Board of Trustees to streamline its operation. Single membership will include national, regional, and division membership with a single payment of dues. Under consideration is a reduction in the number of Trustees (currently one from each of the 17 regions) to make the Board more effective. This is part of implementing the NMRA Long Range Plan. He said there are still a lot of unanswered questions. He and former PCR Trustee Charlie Getz will attend a special meeting in Chicago in a few weeks to work out the details of these proposals, which will then go to the full Board of Trustees at Ft. Lauderdale in July. Bob Ferguson, PCR Member Services Chairperson, will help critique the plan that comes out of the Chicago meeting. The reorganization will include new NMRA By-Laws to replace the current Constitution and By-Laws, which will have to go to the membership for approval.

G. Old Business.

G.1. Long range planning for PCR. Vice-President Gene Mayer, Chairperson of the Long Range Planning Committee, described his Committee's Interim Report submitted to the Board of Directors with recommendations for programs at the Divisions for membership retention and for attracting new members. He needs feedback from members by July so the Final Report can be submitted to the Board in the fall. Copies of the report are available by e-mail from him or Secretary Rich Kolm.

H. New Business.

H.1. Updated and retyped By-Laws and Manual of Operations. Vice-President Gene Mayer, Chairperson of the By-Laws and Manual of Operations Committee, explained that the PCR By-Laws and Manual of Operations have been updated to incorporate amendments adopted since 1995 and retyped as digital files. The Board approved the Manual of Operations on May 1 and referred the By-Laws to the membership for approval.

MOTION: It was moved by Jim Long and seconded . . .

THAT the updated and retyped By-Laws dated February 2002 be approved.

MOTION WAS ADOPTED on a voice vote.

President deBlieck said agendas for upcoming PCR meetings, minutes of meetings, and the PCR By-Laws and Manual of Operations will be posted on the official PCR website as Acrobat PDF files. He pointed out that content of e-mail messages and files posted on the PCR Yahoo Group website are not controlled by PCR.

I. Conventions.

I.1. 2003 PCR Convention “Tri-Valley Zephyr” will be hosted by the Coast Division, April 23-27, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Pleasanton. Registrar Jack Wall said 45 people have already registered.

I.2 2004 PCR Convention. Jim Long, Convention Committee Chairperson, said the 2004 convention will be held in Napa. The bid of Napa Valley Railroaders and Redwood Empire Division to host the convention was approved by the Board of Directors on May 1 contingent upon satisfactory negotiations with the Chateau Hotel and Conference Center.

J. Member comments regarding the Education Committee. Members made suggestions for PCR’s new Education Committee including going to parents groups at schools. Bob Clark said he and Dick Witzens are involved with the World’s Greatest Hobby promotion, which has a package program to involve young people. Material is available on request. There is also a speakers bureau.

K. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 11:12 a.m. on a MOTION, moved and seconded. MOTION WAS ADOPTED on a voice vote.

The next Annual Business Meeting will be at the 2003 PCR Convention in Pleasanton.

Respectfully submitted,



Rich Kolm
PCR Secretary