

PACIFIC COAST REGION - NMRA

**HIGHLIGHTS
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
APRIL 27, 2003**

By Rich Kolm, PCR Secretary

President Ray deBlieck called the meeting to order at 8:50 AM on Sunday, April 27 following the PCR convention breakfast at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Pleasanton. There were 42 PCR members present.

Trustee deBlieck explained the NMRA Long Range Plan, which includes a proposal for single membership---membership in the NMRA would automatically include membership in the region and division where the member resides. Also, the NMRA Board of Trustees would be consolidated to streamline its operations, no longer having a trustee for each of the 17 regions. He said it may be another year before we see the proposed NMRA By-Laws on the ballot for membership approval. In the meantime, copies of the plan are available and he is looking for feedback.

Secretary Rich Kolm gave a summary of the Board of Directors meeting on April 23.

Trustee deBlieck announced that he has been appointed Administrator of NMRA National Conventions. NMRA will be taking the lead in putting on national conventions, which will become fully operational in a couple of years.

L.E. "Gene" Mayer was elected President and Dave Connery was elected Vice-President in the recent PCR election. They took office as the first item of new business. President Mayer announced that Larry Altbaum and Rich Kolm agreed to continue as Treasurer and Secretary, respectively.

Amendments to the By-Laws to reorganize PCR committees into departments were approved on a unanimous voice vote. On April 23, the Board of Directors approved amendments to the Manual of Operations setting forth the details of the departments, committees, and positions.

President Mayer reported on implementation of PCR's new Long Range Plan, which will be under the leadership of Vice-President Connery. The LRP includes programs at the Division level for membership retention and for attracting new members.

Representatives of Daylight, Redwood Empire, and Sierra Divisions announced their upcoming activities. Gus Campagna announced that registrations are now being accepted for next year's PCR convention, "Napa Valley '04", which will be at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Napa, April 29 to May 2, 2004. Future PCR conventions will be in Concord in 2005 and in Sacramento in 2006.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 AM. The next Annual Business Meeting will be at the 2004 PCR Convention in Napa.

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