

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

**ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**

**Sunday, April 27, 2003**

Crowne Plaza Hotel, Pleasanton, California  
PCR Annual Convention "Tri-Valley Zephyr"

**MINUTES**

*Note: These minutes may be revised until approved at the next Board meeting.*

**A. Call to Order.** 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. Secretary Rich Kolm verified that a quorum was present. The sign-in sheets listed 42 PCR members.

**B. President/Trustee Comments.** 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.

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

**C. Highlights of Board Meeting.** Secretary Rich Kolm gave a summary of the Board of Directors meeting on April 23.

**D. Unfinished Business.** None.

**E. New Business.**

**1. Elected President and Vice-President take office.** President L.E. "Gene" Mayer and Vice-President Dave Connery took office. President Mayer then presided over the continuing meeting.

**2. Appointed Treasurer and Secretary take office.** President Mayer announced that Larry Altbaum and Rich Kolm agreed to continue as Treasurer and Secretary, respectively.

**3. Reorganization of PCR committees into departments.** Details of the reorganization were published in the *Branch Line* and were posted on the PCR website.

MOTION: It was moved by Bill Scott and seconded...

THAT the proposed amendments to the By-Laws to reorganize PCR committees into departments be approved.

MOTION WAS ADOPTED on a unanimous voice vote.

On April 23, the Board of Directors approved amendments to the Manual of Operations setting forth the details of how existing committees and positions fit into the new departments. Implementation of the reorganization was contingent upon this approval of the By-Laws amendments.

It was announced that Bill Scott is the new Manager of the Contest Department.

**4. Implementation of the Long Range Plan for PCR.** 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. Leadership training for region and division officers will be offered in conjunction with the mid-year Board of Directors meeting on October 25.

## **F. Conventions**

**1. Comments regarding this Convention.** It was reported that attendance was more than 260, which was higher than expected.

**2. 2004 PCR Convention "Napa Valley 04."** 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.

**3. Future conventions.** Upcoming PCR conventions will be in Concord in 2005, at the Sheraton Concord Hotel, and in Sacramento in 2006.

**G. Announcements.** Representatives of Daylight, Redwood Empire, and Sierra Divisions announced their upcoming activities. Phil Maggs invited members to attend the PNR Convention in Eugene, Oregon in August.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Rich Kolm  
PCR Secretary

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