

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

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

**Sunday, May 15, 2005
Crowne Plaza Hotel, Concord, Calif.
PCR Convention "Devil Mountain 2005"**

M I N U T E S

•• *These minutes are subject to change until approved by the Board of Directors* ••

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 AM by President L.E. "Gene" Mayer.

A. Quorum Verification. Secretary Rich Kolm verified that a quorum was present. The sign-in sheets listed 53 PCR members.

B. Officers' Comments

1. **President Mayer** had no comments.
2. **Vice-President Dave Connery** commented on amendments to the Manual of Operations and the By-Laws pointing out the need for changes under the new NMRA Regulations.
3. **Treasurer Larry Altbaum** commented on the financial status of PCR and the revised FY2005 Budget approved by the Board.
4. **Secretary Kolm** described the highlights of the May 11 Board of Directors meeting.
5. **Trustee Ray deBlieck** said Bob Ferguson was elected the Director representing the Regional Advisory Council on the new NMRA Board of Directors, The results of the election of Directors to eight other seats on the NMRA Board will be known soon.

C. Unfinished Business. None.

D. New Business.

1. **Elected President and Vice-President take office.** In the recent PCR election, L.E. "Gene" Mayer was re-elected President and Dave Connery was re-elected Vice-President.
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. **Amendments to the By-Laws to conform to NMRA Regulations.** The proposed amendments to the PCR By-Laws were summarized by Vice-President Connery and Secretary Kolm. The amendments (a) add a brief description of the corporation, (b) change the membership definitions to conform to the new NMRA Regulations, (c) eliminate the reference to Regional dues, (d) allow the Region and Divisions to establish activity and subscription fees, (e)

delete references to the PCR Trustee, (f) add provisions regarding PCR's representation on the new NMRA Regional Advisory Council, and (g) update the language regarding PCR's official publication. The By-Laws will be sent on to NMRA for review after they are approved.

MOTION: It was moved by Sandy Webster and seconded...

THAT the proposed amendments to the By-Laws be approved.

MOTION WAS ADOPTED on a voice vote.

4. New program of PCR publications. The new program approved by the Board of Directors on May 11 was discussed—subscription fee of \$6.00 per year for the *Branch Line* with the first issue each calendar year going to all NMRA members in PCR. There were concerns that PCR should communicate regularly with all members, not just *Branch Line* subscribers. There were also comments about the need to notify members by e-mail when the *Branch Line* is posted on the PCR website. Webmaster Kevin Hurley said it may be considered.

President Mayer pointed out that he is appointing a committee to study the issue of Regional financial support for Division newsletters sent to all members.

Branch Line Editor Bill Kaufman said that he has resigned effective after the next issue is published. He was recognized for having produced a fine newsletter.

E. Member comments (regarding matters not on the agenda). None.

F. Conventions

1. Comments regarding this convention. Bill Swindell, Convention Chairperson, thanked the members for attending and thanked the Committee and especially Bob Ferguson for their work in making it a success.

2. 2006 Convention in Sacramento “River City Express 2006”. Bob Warner, Convention Chairperson, described the program his Committee is putting together.

3. Future Conventions. Kevin Hurley, Chairperson of the 2007 Convention in Santa Cruz, talked about plans for “Suntan Special.”

G. Announcements

1. Next Business Meeting. The next Annual Business Meeting will be at the 2006 PCR Convention in Sacramento.

2. Other announcements. Trustee deBlieck said the 2011 NMRA Convention will be in Sacramento.

H. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 AM. [*This was followed by the drawing for door prizes and the Convention's presentation of awards.*]

Respectfully submitted,



Rich Kolm
PCR Secretary