



# PACIFIC COAST REGION OF THE NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION

## ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Sunday, April 19, 2009  
Fremont Marriott Silicon Valley Hotel, Fremont, CA  
PCR Convention "Rails Across the Bay"

### Minutes

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

Prior to the start of the meeting, a moment of silence was held to remember those who have left us this last year.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by President Ron Plies.

#### A. QUORUM VERIFICATION.

Incoming Secretary Tom Crawford verified that a quorum was present. There were 78 signatures on the sign in sheet. 73 were members of PCR.

#### B. OFFICER'S COMMENTS.

1. **President Ron Plies** recognized the convention committee and the job they did on the convention. He also recognized the work that Carol Alexander did on the DVD that showed pictures of our activities over the past year sent in by various members. The DVD will be available for sale. The cost is \$15, which \$5 of which will go to PCR and \$10 will go to cover production and mailing costs. Contact Carol Alexander if interested.

He also noted that we will do this next year, so please save the pictures you take and send them to Carol before the next convention.

2. **Vice-President Pat LaTorres** noted that we will be working on membership this next year as a primary focus.
3. **Treasurer Larry Altbaum** noted that we are well funded. The funds are in CDs and the income is going down due to the economy and costs are up. When the economy improves we will be in better shape and our reserves are adequate to carry us through.
4. **Acting Secretary Dave Connery** gave the highlights of the Board of Directors Meeting held on April 15, 2009. Those highlights are attached separately.

At this point a break was taken to hand out door prizes.

#### C. NMRA DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

1. RAC Director Bob Ferguson had nothing to report.

**D. MEMBER COMMENTS (comments regarding matters not on the agenda)**

1. One person asked what was the convention attendance. Tom Crawford reported that we had 249 sign-ups but only 230 attendees.
2. Carol Alexander thanked all of those who provided pictures for the slide show and requested that people save pictures to send to her next year.
3. Gay Liesse thanked the convention committee for putting on an excellent convention.
4. Mary Moore-Campagna ?

**E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS** There was no Unfinished Business.**F. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Re-elected President Ron Plies and Re-elected Vice-President Pat LaTorres were announced and formally took office
2. Appointed Treasurer Larry Altbaum and Appointed Secretary Tom Crawford were announce and took office.

**G. CONVENTIONS**

1. **Comments regarding this convention** Tom Crawford, Chairperson, gave an overview of the convention. He reported 249 signups and 230 attendees. He noted that the convention was very successful and thanked his committee members for an excellent job.
2. **2010 Reno/Sparks** Jim Long, speaking for chairperson Raymond Ritch described the "Silver Rails" convention and the activities they have planned. It will be on April 28 to May 2
3. **2011 and beyond** Dennis Stokely, Manager of the Convention Dept. noted that the 2011 convention will be a mini convention tentatively called the "Sonoma Shortline."

The 2012 convention will be a joint convention with PNR, and then we will return to our normal sequence with the 2013 being hosted by Coast Division and the 2014 being hosted by Daylight.

**4. Other conventions.**

Bob Mitchell described the "City of Las Vegas 2009" PSR convention on September 2-6<sup>th</sup> in Las Vegas.

Ed Liesse noted that the PNR convention will be "Northern Lights 2009" September 17-19 2009 in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

Larry Altbaum gave a brief status of the 2011 National Convention in Sacramento.

**H. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. **Next Business Meeting.** The next meeting will be on May 2, 2010 in Sparks Nevada.
2. **Other Announcements.**

James Bird announced that next year's Hobo Breakfast will be the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Hobo Breakfast, and he plans to have a Hobo car for the occasion.

Brewster Bird announced that we had 13 scouts go through the BSA Railroading merit badge program this year.

#### **H. ADJOURNMENT**

Jim Long moved (Harold Elmore seconded) that we adjourn. The Meeting was adjourned at 9:52 AM

More raffle prizes were then given out.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Crawford  
PCR Secretary