

NMRA PCR 25 January 2024

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Pacific Coast Region of the NMRA

The meeting was held on Zoom and called to order by President Frank Markovich at 7:00 PM

Members Present

Frank Markovich  
Michael O'Dorney  
Bob Osborn  
Chip Meriam  
Scott Lockhart (proxy for Paul Weiss)  
Walter Mizuno  
Lou Anderson  
Phil Edholm

A quorum was present

Topic1. Discuss and vote on RED not needed for this election of directors  
Voted yes, unanimously. RED may need to clarify and rewrite its bylaws.

Topic 2. Discuss combining vote for Directors and Superintendents combined in 3 of the 4 divisions.

Voted yes, unanimously. This needs rewording of PCR bylaws and a vote at the membership meeting in April (convention). Also, some discussion as to what time to schedule BOD meeting at the convention.

Topic 3. Vote on Sierra checking account - Bob O to lead discussion

Michael Eldridge wants a new bank for the Sierra Division checking account - more convenient branch and easier bank to deal with. The new bank will need a letter from Secretary (Michael O'Dorney) with Federal ID number. Vote unanimous. [Letter from Bob Osborn - treasurer - received, signed and sent bac by Michael O'Dorney - secretary]

Topic 4. Talk on new projectors - if each director could comment on status of current projector - is it adequate for convention? Guiseppe already did for RED.

We only need 3 and have five (2 spares). Supply and spares adequate for convention.

Milpitas Convention needing more clinics, registrations running a little below typical.

Frank reported on the recent Regional Advisory Committee

Only 9 percent of railpass members convert to full membership.

National looking at a monthly automatic charge fee model for dues.

National Train Show lost \$100,000 (equivalent to \$6 per member) and charges \$450 for a small booth. Fewer and fewer vendors each year. NMRA national looking to decouple National Train Show from National Convention. Presently tied to Long Beach and Detroit conventions.

A poll was taken and looking at a 4 day convention (about).

Some interest in doing conventions in smaller (cheaper) cities. Reno comes up for 2026 (tight) or 2027 (more time).

Possible Regional convention in Atascadero (not Amtrak stop) or San Luis Obispo (Amtrak stop)

Meeting adjourned 7:34 PM