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**Re: PCR -website/meeting minutes**

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Tue, May 28, 2024 at 3:12 PM

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NMRA PCR Board Meeting

25 April 2024

Milpitas California

Members present:

Frank Markovich, MMR, President of PCR

Chip Meriam, Vice-President

Bob Osborn, Treasurer

Mike O'Dorney, Secretary

Phil Edholm, Director and Superintendent, Coast Division

Walter Mizuno, Director and Superintendent, Daylight Division

Paul Weiss, Director and Superintendent, Redwood Empire Division,

Lou Anderson, Director, Sierra Division

Dave Putnam, Superintendent, Sierra Division

Denni Baumer, Manager, Conventions

Fred Soward, MMR, Central Director, NMRA

After determining a quorum was present, President Frank Markovich convened the meeting at 1:00 PM.

Elections

Both Frank and Chip term out in 2025, and they plan on exchanging positions for the next election.

Division Directors are elected in 2026.

Train shows

There are two train shows in our region:

GEHAMS (Golden Empire Historical And Modeling Society) in Bakersfield, held in March (Daylight Division)

International Railfair in Sacramento, held November 2-3 2024, by four clubs:

Sacramento Modular Railroaders

Sacramento chapter of the European Train Enthusiasts

Roseville Roundhouse Model Railroad Association  
Sierra Division NMR  
(a fifth group - Garden Railways - is considering joining)

Most big manufacturers (located well east of California) do not find it economic to exhibit here.  
Exhibitors are local hobby shops, local manufacturers and individuals.

We are considering co-locating the NMRA regional convention with one of these conventions. There is considerable merit in having the convention in the same location every year. Signing a five year contract makes for reduced costs - but even signing with one hotel brand - say Marriott - can result in considerable savings, even if you are at different Marriott properties.

“Permanent” convention venues next to Amherst and Trainfest

Co-locating means NMRA insurance will cost a few hundred dollars more, but NMRA local will have to do a lot more marketing to increase attendance and attract more manufacturers.

Also, local RPM groups may be amenable to co-branding.

Paul Weiss raised the question “What is the mission of the convention?” This (Milpitas) convention had 176 in-person and 84 online registrants.

Phil will look at a subcommittee to create a survey of region members.

2025 convention in San Luis Obispo

Daylight presented a convention for SLO

Chip Meriam moved to approve  
Lou Anderson seconded.  
SLO convention passed unanimously

Non-Rail

We need to do more in this area.  
A general lack of leaders and lack of willingness of members.  
We should make Non-Rail free for the non-cost items.

Backup/Proxy/Deputy

Each division should have a means of covering for a leader who is incapacitated or unavailable.

Picnic

Each division can have one picnic a year that region will subsidize up to \$15 per person.

Work with hobby shops

Advertising should not be a burden on newsletter editors. This task should be delegated to another person.

Reno Convention

2027 or 2028 possible for regional and/or national.

Peppermill is expensive

Railpass

Conversion rate 10 percent

Some regions will pay first year after railpass

Adjournment

Phil moved

Paul seconded

Meeting adjourned 2:30 PM