

National Model Railroad Association
2019 Summer Board of Directors Meeting
July 6, 2019
Little America Hotel
Salt Lake City, Utah

- 1) PREZ Magoun welcomed everyone to Salt Lake City and reviewed the schedule for the day and week.
- 2) PREZ Magoun called the meeting to order at 0903.
- 3) **MBOD19070601** Motion by CAND Headon to suspend the rules. Seconded by CDD Neale. Opposed by ALWWD Hamilton. Motion passed. (SECY NOTE: The EHB states: Parliamentary law as set forth in *Robert's Rules of Order* shall govern all meetings of the NMRA. The BOD has the option of suspending the rules which allows for a much more free flowing exchange of ideas. They also have the option of reinstating the rules if they so desire).
- 4) PREZ Magoun asked that the attendees introduce themselves.
- 5) PREZ Magoun asked for proxies. A proxy was presented from RACD August for Mid-Central Region President Bob Weinheimer, MMR to serve in his place; a proxy was presented from EDD Hamm for Standards & Conformance Department Manager Carl Smeigh to serve in his place.
- 6) The roll was called and all Directors, Officers, and Department Heads were present except FRDM Anderson, EDD Hamm, represented by proxy, and RACD August, represented by proxy.
- 7) **MBOD19070602** Motion by ALNAD Gore to accept the 2019 National Ballot Committee Combined Report. Seconded by EDD proxy Smeigh. Motion passed.
- 8) **MBOD19070603** Motion by ALWWD Hamilton to destroy the ballots. Seconded by CAND Headon. Motion passed.
- 9) **MBOD19070604** Motion by ALWWD Hamilton to accept the 2019 Nominations Committee Report. Seconded by ALNAD Gore. Motion passed.
- 10) PREZ Magoun asked for updates to the Consent Agenda.
 - a) CDD Neale suggested that MTS report be moved to Executive Session. MTS Report moved to Executive Session.
 - b) **MBOD19070605** Motion by ALWWD Hamilton to accept the consent agenda, as amended. Seconded by CDD Neale. Motion passed.
- 11) CFO Koch led a discussion of the Budget & Finance Report.
 - a) The NMRA is in overall good shape. He reported that the membership can find his financial reports on the website on the "Member's Only" section when posted under NMRA Finances.
 - b) The Audit Committee has reviewed the 2018 audit and recommended its acceptance after discussing in Executive Session.
 - c) Completing stock/cash exchanges with the HDM. Exchanges incur no fees.
- 12) **MBOD19070606** Motion by CAND Headon to accept Budget & Finance Report. Seconded by PDD Peterson. Motion passed.
- 13) Past President Getz provided a status of the CSRM Magic of Scale Model Railroading exhibit.

- a) CSRM Exhibit:
 - I. Scheduled to open October 19, 2019.
 - II. The cost of the exhibit is \$950,000, funded by donations.
 - III. The CSRM recently became a Smithsonian Affiliated Museum. Our Exhibit meets the standards for the Affiliated Museums.
 - IV. As the construction proceeds, we are going to need help from NMRA members with items that will be displayed within the exhibit.
- b) CFO Koch CFO Koch gave an update on the NMRA Library loan to CSRM as follows:
 - I. We have moved 7,000 books out of the NMRA Headquarters and shipped them to the CSRM.
 - II. Part of the agreement with the CSRM is that the members of the NMRA will have access to the services provided by the CSRM Library.
- 14) PREZ Magoun announced that SCDM Voss has stepped down as Standards & Conformance Department manager.
 - a) SCDM Voss received a thank you from the Board of Directors for his years of service as SCDM.
 - b) PREZ Magoun appointed Carl Smeigh as new SCDM.
- 15) WDD Priest received a thank you for his years of service on the board.
- 16) NNCC Koester has stepped down as National Nominating Chair.
 - a) NNCC Koester received a thank you for his years of service on as NNCC.
 - b) PREZ Magoun appointed Mike Brestel HLM as interim NNCC. Mike would like a longer term replacement found.
- 17) Mike Mackey presented a bid for the 2023 National Convention.
 - a) Mackey reports that the convention is scheduled to be hosted by Lone Star Region Divisions 1 and 3.
 - b) Room rates are not available at this time.
 - c) Bid to be discussed during Executive Session.
- 18) VP-SPECPROJ Leone led a discussion on the on the NMRA website redesign.
 - a) Work is on hold until the NMRA has content managers for the website.
 - b) New content is necessary for individuals to visit the website.
 - c) VP-SPECPROJ Leone will run an article in the eBulletin to recruit volunteers.
- 19) Bi-monthly leadership team calls.
 - a) Next call is tentatively scheduled for late October or early November.
- 20) Succession Plan.
 - a) ADD Arnold reports that this is a work in progress; Officers, Directors and Heads of Departments have yet all to complete and submit to the Secretary and will be chased. Process for updating will need to be formulated.
- 21) Worldwide Membership
 - a) The NMRA has five members not in established regions.
 - b) Frank Koch will send an email to those members to find reason to be in the NMRA.
- 22) PREZ Magoun led a discussion about an NMRA Youth Program.
 - a) The NMRA is considering a Youth Program, but crafting a program that includes youth protection training that protects youth, the trainer, and the NMRA is neither simple nor inexpensive. An insurance program for any program is being researched. The NMRA

recognizes the self-governance of regions and divisions and encourages members to participate in the Scout Merit Badge program.

- 23) Meeting recessed at 1134. BOD holds Executive Session.
- 24) Meeting reconvened at 1301.
- 25) PREZ Magoun reported on the Executive Session.
 - a) The BOD extended Marketing Consultant Christina's Zambri's contract.
 - b) The 2018 Audit was approved and will be posted on the website
 - c) The 2023 convention bid was conditionally accepted pending completion of a contract.
- 26) A USA dues increase of \$3/member (from \$47 to \$50) was approved and will be effective 1/1/2020. The increase follows the policy that dues increases follow inflation as measured by the Consumer Price Index. The increase is due to changes in wage and benefit costs, facility and utility and supplies costs.
- 27) PREZ Magoun provided a summary of the special election for the vacant WDD seat.
- 28) PREZ Magoun provided a summary of the preferred requirements of candidates for leadership seats.
 - a) A preferred requirements document was developed by CAND Headon and former ALWWD Brestel.
- 29) ALNAD Gore led a discussion of the Modeling With The Masters (MWTM) program.
 - a) Clinics are being offered at a division using the MWTM name.
 - b) ALNAD Gore would like to add MWTM clinics at the region and division level.
 - c) ALNAD will develop a certification program, and roll out MWTM program to regions.
 - d) ALNAD Gore will have a draft at the winter meeting.
- 30) ADD Arnold provided a summary of the status of the 2022 convention, to be held August 14-21 in Birmingham, England.
 - a) There will be a booth at the Convention Hotel and perhaps at the National Train Show.
 - b) The PNR and PCR are working on the development of tour packages.
 - c) The convention will offer a large number of non-rail activities.
- 31) A Region President's job descriptions Handbook is being developed for distribution to region residents. ADD Arnold will continue to be the overseeing director. Copy of first draft circulated to all Directors and Officers and Christina Zambri for comment post-National Convention.
- 32) The Long Range Plan for 2025 will be headed by ALWWD Jack Hamilton.
 - a) Will be distributed to region presidents.
- 33) Membership Auto-Renewal is under evaluation and in the plans for the next Store upgrade as a member benefit.
- 34) PRES Magoun reported that the Communications Department and Chair have been sun-setted and rolled into Marketing. The chair has been eliminated as a separate position.
- 35) Good of the Order. CDD Neale suggested that the BOD review the convention model: structure, timing, length, format, and location. The July 4 Holiday is family time for many members. Neale proposed that a committee should be formed.
- 36) PDD Peterson suggested that the NMRA develop closer ties with "N" scale groups.
 - a) CDD Neale will look into this and compare ties with other groups.
- 37) Ray deBlieck and MSTDM Amsler will provide the BOD with an interim convention committee report at the winter meeting.

- 38) EduTrain 2 has been added to the action list. ALWWD Hamilton will be project leader and overseeing director.
- 39) VP-SPEC PROJ Leone led a discussion on the development of videos on how to judge for consistency in contests. Should judges be required to watch the video?
 - a) CAND Headon noted inconsistencies across regions and divisions.
 - b) PDD Peterson and VP-SPEC PROJ said that the videos should be placed the website.
 - c) ALWWD Hamilton noted that the videos must have "lasting value."
 - d) CAND Headon will ask RAC Director to ask Region Presidents to query AP Chairs - "have you read instructions on judging?"
 - e) Two videos are available in the AP section of the website.
- 40) **MBOD19070610** Motion of appreciation by ADD Arnold thanking ALWWD Brestel for his many years of service to the NMRA. Seconded by CAND Headon. Motion passed by voice vote.
- 41) **RBOD19070601** (See Attachment B) Motion by ALNAD Gore to accept a resolution thanking SCDM Voss for his many years of service to the NMRA. Seconded by ALWWD Hamilton. Motion passed by voice vote.
- 42) **RBOD19070602** (See Attachment C) Motion by CAND Headon to accept a resolution thanking NNCC Koester for his many years of service to the NMRA. Seconded by ALWWD Hamilton. Motion passed by voice vote.
- 43) **RBOD19070603** (See Attachment D) Motion by ALWWD Hamilton to accept a resolution thanking WDD Priest for his many years of service to the NMRA. Seconded by CAND Headon. Motion passed by voice vote.
- 44) Motion by ALNAD Gore to recess in honor of Craig Sonnen, MMR, MCR; David Hazlett, past Region director, MCR; Sam Mangion, MMR, AR,; Bruce Notman, SSR; Dennis Paquette, SSR Treasurer; Glen Hall, MMR, past region president, SER; Eric Schnoebelen, webmaster and company store host. Seconded by ALWWD Hamilton. Motion passed by voice vote.
- 45) Meeting recesses at 1500.
- 46) BOD reconvenes Executive Session at 1501.
- 47) BOD reconvenes Executive Session July 11 at 2117.
- 48) Meeting reconvened at 2211.
- 49) Motion to adjourn by ADD Arnold. Seconded by CAND Headon. Motion passed by voice vote.
- 50) Meeting adjourned at 2212.

ATTACHMENTS

- A Abbreviations used in these Minutes
- B Text of RBOD19070601 Resolution thanking SCDM Voss
- C Text of RBOD19070602 Resolution thanking NNCC Koester
- D Text of RBOD19070603 Resolution thanking WDD Priest

ATTACHMENT A

ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THESE MINUTES

ADD	Atlantic District Director
ALNAD	At-Large North America Director
ALWWD	At-Large Worldwide Director
ASST SECY	Assistant Secretary
CAND	Canada Director
CDD	Central District Director
CAO	Chief Administrative Officer/Administration Department Manager
CFO	Chief Financial Officer
COMMD	NMRA Communications Director
COUNSEL	NMRA Legal Counsel
DSA	Distinguished Service Award
EDD	Eastern District Director
EDUCDM	Education Department Manager
FA	Fellow Award
FRDM	Fund Raising Department Manager
HCC	Honors Committee Chair
HDMCC	Howell Day Museum Committee Chair
HLM	Honorary Life Member
ITDM	Information Technology Department Manager
KMLM	Kalmbach Memorial Library Manager
MARDM	Marketing Department Manager
MMR	Master Model Railroader
MSTDM	Meetings & Trade Shows Department Manager
NNCC	National Nominating Committee Chair
PDD	Pacific District Director
PDM	Publications Department Manager
PREZ	President
RACD	Regional Advisory Council Director
SECY	Secretary
SCDM	Standards & Conformance Department Manager
VP-ADMIN	Vice President - Administration
VP-SPEC PROJ	Vice President – Special Projects
WDD	Western District Director

ATTACHMENT B

Text of RBOD19070601

Resolution to honor SCDM Voss

Whereas Didrik Voss, MMR has served as Standards & Conformance Department Manager of the NMRA,

And Whereas Di has expended extraordinary hours of effort on behalf of the membership in the discharge of his duties as Standards & Conformance Department Manager,

And Whereas he has sacrificed his personal and hobby “life” in service to the NMRA,

And Whereas that service has been distinguished and has materially advanced the mission of the NMRA

Now, Therefore, The Board of Directors of the NMRA hereby acknowledges and expresses its appreciation for the many contributions of Didrik Voss, MMR to the NMRA.

ATTACHMENT C

Text of RBOD19070602

Resolution to honor NNCC Koester

Whereas Tony Koester, MMR has served as National Nominating Committee Chair of the NMRA,

And Whereas Tony has expended extraordinary hours of effort on behalf of the membership in the discharge of his duties as National Nominating Committee Chair,

And Whereas he has sacrificed his personal and hobby "life" in service to the NMRA,

And Whereas that service has been distinguished and has materially advanced the mission of the NMRA

Now, Therefore, The Board of Directors of the NMRA hereby acknowledges and expresses its appreciation for the many contributions of Tony Koester, MMR to the NMRA.

ATTACHMENT D

Text of RBOD19070603

Resolution to honor WDD Priest

Stephen Priest, MMR has served as National Nominating Committee Chair of the NMRA,

And Whereas Stephen has expended extraordinary hours of effort on behalf of the membership in the discharge of his duties as Western District Director,

And Whereas he has sacrificed his personal and hobby "life" in service to the NMRA,

And Whereas that service has been distinguished and has materially advanced the mission of the NMRA

Now, Therefore, The Board of Directors of the NMRA hereby acknowledges and expresses its appreciation for the many contributions of Stephen Priest, MMR to the NMRA.