

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

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Wednesday, May 3, 2006 at 1:00 PM

DoubleTree Hotel, 2001 Point West Way, Sacramento, Calif.  
PCR Convention "River City Express"

**A G E N D A**

A. QUORUM VERIFICATION

B. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

C. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

1. E-mail from Eric Minton regarding Hawaiian Division

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

E. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. Approve the Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting on November 5, 2005

F. OFFICERS' REPORTS

1. President *(L.E. "Gene" Mayer)*
2. Vice-President *(Dave Connery)*
3. Treasurer *(Larry Altbaum)*  
*(Note: Budget consideration is under Item K)*
4. Secretary *(Rich Kolm)*

G. DIRECTORS' REPORTS

1. Daylight Division *(Doug Wagner)*
2. Coast Division *(Kermit Paul)*
3. Sierra Division *(vacant)*
4. Redwood Empire Division *(Ron Plies)*

H. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1. Administration Dept. *(L.E. "Gene" Mayer, Manager)*  
[Committees: Budget and Finance, By-Laws and Manual, Nominating, Ballot, Honors, Storekeeper, Audit, Long Range Plan Implementation]
2. Membership Dept. *(Doug Wagner, Manager)*  
[Committees: Member Services, Membership Promotion, Member Aid, Education, Special Interests Coordination]
3. Publications Dept. *(Gus Campagna, Manager)*  
[Positions: Publisher, Editor of the *Branch Line*, Circulation Mgr., Webmaster]

H. DEPARTMENT REPORTS, continued

4. Convention Dept. *(Dennis Stokely, Manager)*
  - 2006 Sacramento, “River City Express” *(Bob Warner, Chairperson)*
  - 2007 Santa Cruz, “Suntan Special” *(Kevin Hurley, Chairperson)*
  - 2008 Fresno, “Sierra Memories” *(John Houlihan, Chairperson)*
    - Convention proposal for review and acceptance
5. Contest Dept. *(Bill Scott, Manager)*
6. Achievement Program Dept. *(Jack Burgess, Manager)*
7. Non-Rail Activities Dept. *(Mary Moore-Campagna, Manager)*

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Develop PCR purpose / objectives *(Dave Connery)*
2. Disposition of Heinsohn estate items *(Dave Connery)*
3. Plan to send Regional news to all Regional members at least quarterly  
*(Gus Campagna)*
4. Model contest alternatives *(Ron Plies)*

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. Elected Division Directors assume office
2. Proposed purchase of laptop computers *(John Marshall)*
3. Proposed lower convention registration fee for first-time attendees  
*(Dennis Stokely)*
4. Regional services for members in the Hawaiian Division (discussion)

K. BUDGET

1. Budget for FY 2006 *(Larry Altbaum)*

L. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Next Board of Directors meeting
2. Other announcements

M. ADJOURNMENT

E-MAIL to L.E. "Gene" Mayer

From: Eric Minton <eric@ericminton.net>  
Date: April 1, 2006 11:07:20 PM PST  
To: GeneFWRR@aol.com  
Subject: Hawaii Division

Aloha

I replied once before about the Hawaii division status, never received a reply.

The most recent communication suggest only 2 out of 40 MNRA members are part of PCR. Your column make reference to the former division head as "AL". Not much of a head if some of us never heard of him, or his resignation.

Secondly I suspect the national organization is concerned, as why would they support the one dues concept.

Third. If we are 40 members what is the breakdown between islands. There are 8 major islands. On a clear day I can see Molokai, I can't drive there, a flight , with security check in, takes 2 hours +, over 100.00 dollars and then renting a car, explains why most national members pay more attention to national than each other.

## Vice-President's Report

April 2006

**Keith Heinsohn Estate** – Ray deBlicek, Kermit Paul, Dennis Stokley and myself have inventoried all the items in the estate and have corrected the data base. There are a total of 677 items (19 that are not scale specific, 629 HO scale, 26 N scale and 3 Z scale). I have guess-timated the value of each item and the total is approximately \$13,400 for the entire estate. I have divided the list of items into three categories:

1. Items that are high value (\$40 or higher) which I propose we attempt to dispose of through e-Bay auctions. This will require several members who will list for sale and then ship to the winning bidder the items. We also need a system of tracking the results and getting the monies transferred from a Pay-pal account to the PCR. There are 124 items in this category and total value of these e-Bay items is about \$8,500.
2. Items of intermediate value (\$10 to \$39) I am planning on selling through a Silent Auction this Friday at this years River City Express PCR Convention. There are 207 items in this category and the total value of these items is about \$3,300. (Chuck Mitchell has volunteered to help with this.)
3. Items of lower value (Under \$10) I propose we sell through the Coast Division Auction. There are 344 items in this category and we would put them into lots for a total of 150 bid items or less with a value of about \$1,600.

Auction commissions and e-Bay mailing charges will probably eat up about 10% for a possible net to PCR of \$12,060, however this is based on some very wild guesses and as we all know, auctions can be very fickle at times. Considering this, a + or – 50% would probably be wise to assume – we should not count our chickens before they are hatched. This is also dependent on having the help of several PCR members during each of the above three “phases” of the estate disposition.

It is my proposal as the funds are acquired they be added to the current operating budget and used to defray costs during this transition period. I further suggest a report of the status of the estate and funds received be a part of each PCR BOD meeting until the estate is completely liquidated.

**PCR Purpose and Objectives** – Thanks to everyone who provided input on the “straw-dog” I sent out about 2 months ago. Special thanks to Rich Kolm, who reworked the wording into a much more useful text. The current status of the proposal follows. I would like to discuss this during Old Business and if we can reach agreement, put these objectives into effect.

## **PCR Purpose**

*Within the context of the general purposes of PCR as a non-profit educational and scientific corporation there is a member-oriented purpose which is...*

To provide model railroading activities and support that is locally focused and personal so all members of the Pacific Coast Region have the opportunity to fully benefit from their NMRA membership.

## **PCR Objectives**

1. Support the Divisions in holding regular local meetings (at least quarterly) and other activities that are pertinent to the model railroading interests of members in their area.
2. Provide regular (at least quarterly) communications with members that inform them about activities and events, explain programs, add to their model and prototype railroading knowledge, and report on members accomplishments.
3. Provide a range of activities at the PCR Annual Conventions to promote fellowship, share common interests within the hobby, add to the members model and prototype railroading skills and knowledge and recognize accomplishments.
4. Provide regional support and administration of NMRA programs such as the achievement program, contests, member aid, and national conventions and conduct educational programs within our area.
5. Encourage and serve as sponsor for historical and technical research projects and events.
6. Operate the Region in a fiscally sound manner with opportunities for input and participation by members.

**RED Director's Report  
for  
May 3rd 2006**

This will be my final report to the PCR Board so I would like to thank all of you for your support and good nature for putting up with a number of my suggestions. I really have enjoyed getting to know all of you and look forward to working with you to make the PCR a wonderful place to enjoy the hobby. Because of a planned trip to Ireland and the UK leaving the next weekend for 3 weeks, I am not going to be able to be with you at this board meeting. Having still to run a business, I am not sure I can be gone from my office more than the time this trip will take. I have asked Gus Campagna to serve as my proxy in the event I am not able to be with you at this meeting. Gus is the incoming director for the RED. President Gene Mayer has asked me to serve as the membership promotion chair and I will be asking for your input. A big thank you goes out to all the hardworking members in the leadership of the RED: our Superintendent, Mr. Nolan Alexander; Chief Clerk and Contest Chairman, Mr. Steve Skold; Membership Chairman, Mr. Gus Campagna; Train Shows, Mr. John Leins; Nominations, Mr. Ed Zakareckis; Achievement Program, Mr. Harold Mentzer; Estate Counselor, Mr. Don Clauder; and our fine Callboard Editor, Mr. John Rolston. These are the people who make the whole thing work.

Our meeting at Tiburon Train Ferry Depot Museum was one of the best meetings of the year. The model railroad layout of Tiburon was outstanding with a number of the original buildings in model form. The talk given by the docent on the history of the NWP at Tiburon, and its depot was well worth the price of admission. I am hoping we can return in a few years and view the progress. We had a good winter meeting in Santa Rosa with a turn out of around 25 people and about that same number of models for the contest. We had a discussion on the future of the RED and the members that were there felt that the meetings were doing the job and we need to keep going. We are hoping that in the future more folks will step up to the plate and help with leadership in this fine organization.

Our next meeting will be at the Napa Club on Sat. June 3rd for a day of operating and running trains. The summer picnic will be in Healdsburg on Aug. 13th and the winter meeting on Nov. 19, location TBD.

John Rolston has done an outstanding job in editing the "Callboard" and I believe we sent out some 160 copies to all our members new and old. The treasury is at around \$2,600 and we are looking at ways to enhance that number.

I believe the future looks bright for the RED and I leave it very capable hands. Mr. Gus Campagna has stepped up to fill the directors job for this next term. I will be more than happy to help in anyway I can to see this great organization prosper and grow.

Respectfully submitted

PCR Director

Ron Plies