



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

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Regular Meeting**

**Saturday, October 29, 2011 at 1:00 PM**

**Tom Crawford's House**

**4337 La Cosa Ave, Fremont, CA**

**MINUTES**

**The meeting was called to order** at 1:03 PM by President Pat LaTorres.

**A. Quorum Verification**

The following voting members of the Board were in attendance:

President Pat La Torres

Vice President Ed Merrin

Redwood Empire Division Director Carol Alexander

Sierra Division Director Mary Moore-Campagna

Coast Division Director Rod Smith

Daylight Division Director John Houlihan

The following Ex-Officio members were in attendance:

Treasurer Larry Altbaum

Secretary Tom Crawford

Others present were:

Audit Committee Chair and Convention Department Chair Dennis Stokely

2011 Convention Chair Steve Sköld

Contest Chair Giuseppe Aymar

Publication Chair Gus Campagna

Member Services Chair Bob Ferguson

Redwood Empire Division Superintendent Stu Benson

Daylight Division Superintendent Dave Grenier

Member Darlene Ferguson

**B. Adoption of the Agenda**

The Agenda was accepted as presented.

**C. Written Communications**

There were no written communications.

**D. Members Comments**

There were no member comments.

**E. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Board Meeting**

The minutes of the board meeting of May 13, 2011 were approved by consent.

**F. Officers Reports**

- F.1. President LaTorres submitted a written report which is attached to the record copy of these minutes.
- F.2. Vice President Merrin submitted a written report which is attached to the record copy of these minutes.
- F.3. Treasurer Altbaum submitted a written report which is attached to the record copy of these minutes. He noted that the Branchline costs about \$9 per year per subscriber, but only brings in \$6. He felt that we should raise the rates, but only \$1 each year for several years to avoid sticker shock. No action was taken.

It was noted that after 21 years Larry would like to retire. President LaTorres stated that he is actively hunting for a replacement. Larry gave a description of the responsibilities of the job.

- F.4. Secretary Crawford handed out a copy of the text of pages 486 and 487 of Section 49 of Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised 11th edition applying to Small Boards. A copy is attached to the record copy of these minutes. The salient points which differ on how we have been doing business are that motions need not be seconded, and that when a proposal is clear to all present, a vote can be taken without a motion being introduced and may be by unanimous consent. We agreed to conduct our business this way.

**G. Directors Reports**

- G.1. Daylight Division Director Houlihan submitted a written report which is attached to the record copy of these minutes.
- G.2. Coast Division Director Smith submitted a written report which is attached to the record copy of these minutes.
- G.3. Sierra Division Director Moore-Campagna submitted a written report which is attached to the record copy of these minutes.
- G.4. Redwood Empire Division Director Alexander submitted a written report which is attached to the record copy of these minutes.
- G.5. Hawaiian Division is currently without a Director.

**H. Department Reports****H.1. Administration Department**

President LaTorres noted that Bill Scott, who has generated all of the PCR awards, is stepping down, so we will need to find a replacement.

- H.1.i **Audit Committee** Chair Dennis Stokely noted that he will be stepping down after the 2013 convention, so we will need to find a replacement. The committee will conduct an audit in 2012.

H.1.ii **Storekeeper** Kevin Hurley was not present, but he now has all the equipment except for the display stand and two laptops, which former Storekeeper Steve Sköld left with Tom Crawford to get to Kevin. Tom will purge any data on the two laptops, and will assess them to determine their viability and sellability.

H.2. Membership Department

There was no report.

H.3. Publications Department

Publications Chair Gus Campagna reported that we have 19 people who are paid subscribers to the Branch Line who have requested not to be sent a hard copy. We have 128 out of region subscribers who have not received their Branch Line in over a year due to an error in using the roster report instead of the boundary report, which shows all subscribers. We will tell National to extend their subscription by one year.

We also need to have an on-line version of the Branch Line that is easier to read. The editor is not interested in taking on this extra burden.

The question of ads came up and Gus will look into it. Dave Grenier knows someone who could do the marketing for us and will discuss this with him.

H.4. Convention Department

Convention Department Chair Dennis Stokely provided a written report which is attached to the record copy of these minutes. He gave the following summary.

**2011** The Sonoma Short Line Mini Convention had 88 people and was a success. Steve Sköld submitted a written report which is attached to the record copy of these minutes.

**2012** Joint PNR-PCR convention in Medford, OR: Registrations are moving slowly due to weak advertising.

We agreed that the income will go to the region, not divisions. There are also a number of issues with the contests. These are discussed in the Contest Department report.

**2013** Dennis Stokely submitted a written proposal which is attached to the record copy of these minutes.

**IT WAS MOVED** by RED Director Alexander

**THAT** the Board accept the proposal.

**THE MOTION WAS APPROVED** by consent.

Carol Alexander moved to accept the proposal. The motion was approved.

**2014** The Committee has not yet decided exactly where the convention will be, but it will be in the San Luis Obispo/Paso Robles area.

H.5. Contest Department

Contest Chair Giuseppe Aymar handed out a report on the contest issues we face for the 2012 convention due to the differences between how PCR and PNR conduct contests. A copy is attached to the record copy of these minutes. We agreed that PCR will stick to our contest categories even if PNR doesn't and if PNR people wish to

enter, that's fine too. PCR will buy our own trophies for those categories that PNR doesn't want, and will share the costs for those categories they do want.

#### H.6. Achievement Department

No report.

#### H.7. Non-Rail Activities Department

Chair Mary Moore-Campagna reported that the NMRA is going to use the term "Sidetracks" to refer to Non-Rail. We agreed that we will not use that term.

### I. Other Reports

No reports

### J. Unfinished Business

#### J.1. Written Agreement with 21<sup>st</sup> Century Limited.

No Progress. Deferred to next president for resolution.

### K. New Business

#### K.1. LDSIG/OPSIG

**IT WAS MOVED** by Coast Director Smith

**THAT** PCR participate in the 2012 LDSIG/OPSIG meet.

**THE MOTION WAS APPROVED** by consent.

#### K.2. Contest Manual

Contest Chair Giuseppe Aymar proposed that the contest manual be revised to show that all first place awards will be equivalent. Since the Contest Manual may be revised by the Contest Chair with the consent of the Board, the Board provided consent for that change.

#### K.3. Hobo In Charge

President LaTorres noted that we need a new Hobo in Charge, since Jim Long, who was going to take over for Dwayne Coate, is ill and will not be able to participate any longer.

#### K.4. Director Terms

There is poor continuity of the board when all 4 directors term out at the same time. Because sometimes a director only serves one term, it is inadequate to simply offset the terms. One logic put forth was to elect 2 directors in odd years and 3 in even years, and use a one time 3 year term for those moving to the odd years. It was decided that the bylaws committee would look into changes to address this. The committee was also asked to look into more terms than 2.

Ed Merrin was added to the By-Laws Committee position vacated by Dave Connery, so that the committee is now Tom Crawford, Gus Campagna, and Ed Merrin,

**L. Budget**

Treasurer Altbaum provided a proposed budget (part of the Treasurer's Report)

**IT WAS MOVED** by Director Moore-Campagna

**THAT** the budget be approved

**THE MOTION PASSED** by a voice vote.

**M. Announcements****M.1. Next Board Meeting**

The next board meeting will be Wednesday May 2, 2012 at 1 PM at the Red Lion Hotel in Medford, OR unless otherwise advised.

**N. Adjournment**

**IT WAS MOVED** by Director Alexander

**THAT** the meeting be adjourned.

**THE MOTION WAS APPROVED** by a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:38PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Tom Crawford  
PCR Secretary

**WRITTEN DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD**

Listed by Agenda Item

<b>B</b>	<b>Agenda</b>
	2011-10-29 PCR Board of Directors Meeting Agenda.pdf*
<b>E</b>	<b>Minutes for Approval</b>
	2011-05-13 PCR Board of Directors Meeting Minutes.pdf*
<b>F</b>	<b>BOD Reports</b>
F.1	2011-10-29 PCR President's Report.pdf*
F.2	2011-10-29 PCR Vice President's Report.pdf*
F.3	2011-10-29 PCR Treasurer's Report.pdf*
F.4	Roberts Rules of Order for Small Boards.pdf
<b>G</b>	<b>Director's Reports</b>
G.1	2011-10-29 PCR Daylight Directors Report.pdf*
G.2	2011-10-29 PCR Coast Director's Report.pdf*
G.3	2011-10-29 PCR Sierra Director's Report.pdf
G.4	2011-10-29 PCR RED Directors Report.pdf*
<b>H</b>	<b>Other Reports</b>
H.4	2011-10-29 Convention Report.pdf

H.4	2013 Convention Proposal.pdf
H.4	2011-10-29 Sonoma Short Line final report.pdf*
H.5	2011-10-29 PCR Contest Report for Siskiyou 2012.pdf

\* Distributed prior to the Board meeting