

## NMRA Pacific Coast Region Annual Board Meeting

Minutes - 21 April 2022

Meeting convened at 1:00 PM

### Present:

Chip Meriam  
Lisa Gorrell  
Jim Collins  
Giuseppe Aymar  
Walter Mizuno  
Tom Crawford  
Bob Osborne  
Lou Anderson  
Mike O'Dorney  
Frank Markovich  
Phil Edholm

President Markovich determined a quorum was present

A motion was made to adopt proposed agenda  
Moved by Lisa Gorrell, seconded by Jim Collins  
Motion passed.

A motion was made to approve previous minutes  
Moved by Chip Meriam, seconded by Lisa Gorrell  
Motion passed.

Bob Osborne presented the region finances

The financial situation is improved since the paper newsletter has been replaced by a digital newsletter online. Recent purchases of about \$1500 total for software - Constant Contact, Zoom and Election Buddy.

The past three years have leveled off as far as expenses. Increases have been in the areas of Advertising/Promotion and software.

Recent conventions and LDSIG (January 2022) did not lose money (actually made a little money)

A motion was made to approve financial report  
Moved by Chip Meriam, seconded by Lisa Gorrell  
Motion passed.

### President Report

Election went well, bylaws were updated. 35 to 40 % participation.

### Vice President Report

Branch Line Newsletter doing well. Content is increasing, especially unsolicited contributions.

Daylight Division Report - Walter Mizuno

May meeting will be in person at a Fresno restaurant.

Coast Division Report - Phil Edholm

Coast has been meeting every other Saturday on Zoom  
Coast had two field trips - Niles Canyon and Sacramento Museum  
May 22 will be a Coast Auction at the Elks in Alameda

Sierra Division Report - Jim Collins

A monthly Zoom call on the second Saturday.

Next meeting at Walt Schedler's layout in May

Convention in Sacramento in 2023

Redwood Empire Division Report - Giuseppe Aymar

Achievement Program going well. 4 people well involved, with 2 MMR's on the horizon.  
Improved website. Bill Kaufman handles Facebook.

Tom Crawford Convention Chair

2023 convention going well - Chip Meriam and Jim Collins handling it well  
2024 convention going well. - Earl Girbovan (co-chair) is replicating the Concord convention.  
Reg Fox works well.

Need a new Convention Manager. Gus Campagna wants to learn.

Action Item - Note to Frank - meet with Pete, Chip, Dave Grenier sometime in May or June.

Contests Manager - Earl Girbovan

Achievement forms move fast when submitted to Jack Burgess.

Should we keep a Non-Rail Activities director? More a convention issue than a division issue.

Table this and remain as present. Moved by Jim Collins, seconded by Lisa Gorell.

Consideration to remove it as a Board Level, and make it permanent Convention level.

New Business -

Giuseppe Aymar proposed looking at redistricting the boundaries of the divisions.

Action Item - Note to Frank - Look at talking to PSR and PNR with possible merger? Both region merging and joint conventions.

A proposal was made to have a "permanent" site for conventions - 3 to 5 years. This would allow a relationship with a hotel. And a standing committee that remains over the years.  
Moved (Jim Collins) and seconded (Chip Meriam) to form a committee to study this, with Jim Collins and Scott McAllister.  
and report back next board meeting. Motion passed.

Financial Reporting of a 501c7 organization.

Divisions (they don't have individual EIN's) need to report annually to Region, fiscal year ends March 31. This is not an invasion of privacy, but done to follow the law. Reports should be done by end of April. Report needs gross revenue,, expenses and amount of assets.

Chip Meriam moved and Jim Collins seconded to mandate this for the divisions. Motion passed.

21st Century Limited was discussed. Lisa Gorrell Pat La Torres are both board members of 21st. The future of his organization may pass to PCR. or info after 21st has a board meeting soon.

Next meeting is tentatively a Zoom meeting in October. Also a website discussion with Dave Grenier.