



# PACIFIC COAST REGION OF THE NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION

## ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Sunday, May 17, 2015  
Doubletree by Hilton  
39900 Balentine Drive, Newark, CA 94560  
PCR 2015 Convention

### Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 AM by President Pat LaTorres

#### A. QUORUM VERIFICATION

Secretary Lisa Gorrell verified that a quorum was present. There were over 40 PCR Members in attendance, which is greater than the required 35.

#### B. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Ray deBlieck moved that the minutes of the previous Business meeting be approved. The motion was seconded and the motion approved on a voice vote.

#### C. OFFICER'S COMMENTS

- C.1. President Pat LaTorres thanked everyone for the eight years; we had a great National Convention in Sacramento, and every helped to make things happen. He also thanked David Parks for a great convention.
- C.2. Vice-President Ed Merrin thanked everyone for his new job and said he will answer any questions later.
- C.3. Treasurer Larry Altbaum announced that Michael Coen agreed to step in as treasurer.
- C.4. Secretary Lisa Gorrell gave the highlights of the Board of Directors Meeting held May 13, 2015. Those highlights are attached separately.

#### D. NMRA OFFICERS' COMMENTS

No Comments.

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

No Comments.

#### F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business.

**G. NEW BUSINESS**

G.1 Newly Elected President Ed Merrin and Vice President Carol Alexander took office.

**H. CONVENTIONS**

H.1. **Comments regarding this convention:** Convention Chairman David Parks had no comment.

H.2. The 2016 Convention in Modesto will have a tour at the Modesto Empire Traction.

H.3. The 2017 and 2018 conventions need hosts. Ray deBlieck reported still working on a joint convention with PSR in the Bakersfield area. A discussion about Coast Division's rotation and any change would require a bylaws change. Ray also stated that any group or club can host a convention.

**I. Announcements**

I.1. The next business meeting will be at the Doubletree in Modesto on Sunday, April 24, 2016.

I.2. Mary Moore-Campagna had a card for Sally Brewster for everyone to sign.

I.3. Carol Alexander announced the first draft of the convention manual is being worked on. Please send any input to her.

**J. ADJOURNMENT**

Dave Connery moved (and it was seconded) that we adjourn. The motion was approved on a voice vote and the Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Gorrell  
PCR Secretary