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75.		President
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88.	X	Youth Fund Policies & Procedures

Item 1

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TENTATIVE AND PRELIMINARY DRAFT
FOR REVIEW AND DISCUSSION PURPOSES ONLY
SUBJECT TO CHANGE

President Gary Children called the meeting to order at 9:00 am at the Clock Tower Inn & Conference Center in Rockford, Illinois. The agenda for the meeting is at Item 2. Eighteen of the 28 people attending the meeting in person or by proxy were voting members of the Board of Directors, which constituted a quorum.

Gary reported that Marvin Preussler was unable to find a proxy and was excused. Sean Lamb asked permission to record the meeting and to use excerpts for a podcast. The Board agreed.

On motion by Dave Poquette, seconded by Jim Spice, the minutes of the Board of Director's meeting held on October 5, 2008 were unanimously approved as written.

Reports

The following reports are attached:

- Achievement Program Coordinator (Item 11)
- Clinic Clearinghouse Committee (Item 22)
- Convention Committee (Item 23)
- Model Contest Subcommittee (Item 24)
- Election Committee (Item 28)
- Internet Committee (Item 30)
- Membership Committee (Item 32)
- Director-at-Large/Jim Osborn (Item 43)
- Division Director/Central Indiana (Item 52)
- Division Director/DuPage (Item 53)
- Division Director/Fox Valley (Item 54)
- Division Director/Illinois Terminal (Item 55)
- Division Director/Illinois Valley (Item 56)
- Division Director/Rock River Valley (Item 58)
- Division Director/South Central Wisconsin (Item 59)
- Division Director/Winnebagoland (Item 60)
- Regional Advisory Council Representative (Item 70)
- Secretary (Item 71)
- Treasurer (Item 72)

Richard Sweet said that the audit for 2007 was complete with no discrepancies. He expects to start the 2008 audit shortly.

Reid Kahrs said that Don Brindle would report on the 2009 convention and that Paul Mangan would cover the 2011 convention. He noted that no convention would be held in 2010 due to the

NMRA 75th Anniversary Convention in Milwaukee. He added that he needs bids for 2012 and later conventions.

Dave Poquette reported that 50 items were sold in the auction. Gross proceeds were \$400.00. The Region's commission was \$60.55. Net proceeds to the sellers were \$339.55.

Chris Roeben said the Model Contest had 13 entries in 8 categories. There were no motive power entries. Five entries qualified for merit awards.

Ingrid Drozdak said that the Photo Contest had 22 entries in 7 categories. She reminded entrants to use the Region rather than the NMRA entry form for the photo contest. The Region form is available from the Region website.

Don Cook asked if there were any questions regarding the election report. There were none.

Jim Osborn said he had circulated a draft of Internet Policies & Procedures to Division Superintendents and Webmasters. He added that based on the comments he has received to date, he expects to circulate a final draft in mid-May.

Chris Roeben urged the Division Superintendents to strongly encourage their members to report address changes to NMRA headquarters promptly. The headquarters database is the source of the mailing address for subscribers to the printed version of the *Waybill*. Whenever, an address is not correct there is a postal charge for the correction.

Capt. Nelson reported that he had received a request from the North Shore & Western Division in the amount of \$196 for reimbursement of the cost of 14 train sets that were given to youth attending the Division's annual modular layout show at the Glenview Public Library. Following discussion, on motion by Sean Lamb, seconded by Paul Mangan, the Board approved the reimbursement.

Richard Sweet noted that the Fox Valley Division had given four train set door prizes to youth attending High Wheeler '09. He said the Division would submit a reimbursement request shortly.

Tom Cain summarized CID efforts to serve Evansville, Indiana. Activities included visiting Evansville layouts in the fall and a "Meet & Greet" session with Evansville members in late winter. The "Meet & Greet" session also included mini clinics.

Bert Lattan commented briefly on his Regional Advisory Council Representative report. He said there has been no activity on the RAC e-mail list since the Fall 2008 Board meeting.

Bert Lattan asked Board participants, who did not submit reports before the meeting, to promptly e-mail them to mwrsecy@mwr-nmra.org. He said he was migrating Midwest Region business from mwrsecy@comcast.net to mwrsecy@mwr-nmra.org. Board participants should ensure that their spam filter, if any, allows e-mail from mwrsecy@mwr-nmra.org.

Bert reminded Division Directors that in addition to reporting any changes in Division officers (Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Chief Clerk and Paymaster) to the Region Secretary, the Bylaws require Division Clinic, Convention, Internet, Membership and Publications Coordinators to report their names, addresses, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses to the Chairmen of the corresponding Region Committees. He said he would delay publishing the May

Region and Division key personnel lists until mid-May so that changes from Division elections can be included.

Bill Litkenhous read Bryan Lemonds report (Item 72).

Revenues and expenses for the twelve months ended December 31, 2008 were:

	12/31/08
Revenue	\$9,923.11
Expense	6,362.65
Net Income	<u>\$3,560.46</u>

Assets and liabilities as of December 31, 2008 were:

	12/31/08
Assets	
Certificates of Deposit	\$27,254.41
Checking Accounts	7,740.88
Total	<u>\$34,995.29</u>
Liabilities & Equity	
Liabilities	\$7,467.62
Equity	27,527.67
Total	<u>\$34,995.29</u>

Old Business

Tim Schubert said attorney and tax attorney review of our draft 501(c)(3) application is complete. Now that the 2008 financial statements are available, he is optimistic about getting the application filed shortly. See Item 86.

Don Brindle reported 127 registrations for Rockford Route – Ride the Line 2009. He said that 13 clinicians presented 19 clinics, that 34 layouts were on the tour and that the banquet entertainment was well received.

Paul Mangan outlined preliminary plans for The Badger Express, the Region's 2011 Spring Convention. See Item 87.

New Business

On motion by Dave Poquette, seconded by Jim Spice, the Board authorized Don Cook to destroy the ballots from the 2009 election.

Jim Spice discussed the 2010 election. We will elect four Directors-At-Large. Jim reviewed the application and petition processes for getting on the ballot. He said that the material at Item 81 would be completed and published in the Summer 2009 *Waybill* and on the Region website.

Bert Lattan reviewed the resolution at Item 82 on Kosciusko County, Indiana. Following discussion, on motion by Bill Litkenhous, seconded by Bob Lehen, the resolution was approved.

Albert Kamm, Jr. advised the Board that efforts to keep the Calumet Division operating had failed. He recommended transferring the Illinois counties in Calumet Division to the DuPage Division and the Indiana counties to the Central Indiana Division. Bert Lattan noted that in addition to these Divisions three other Divisions border CalDiv: Illinois Terminal, Illinois Valley and North Shore & Western. He suggested that the Board form a committee to review the situation and make a recommendation to the Board. Following discussion, on motion by Richard Sweet, seconded by Tim Schubert, a committee, consisting of Paul Mangan as Chairman and Marion Brasher, Allen Byrne, Bert Lattan, Bob Lehen and Ron Scharping, was established.

Bert Lattan reviewed the banking resolution at Item 83. On motion by Jim Osborn, Seconded by Tom Cain, the resolution was adopted.

Capt. Nelson distributed and discussed a policy statement regarding the Youth Fund (Item 88). He recommended using the Youth Fund to help finance youth model railroad clubs, Boy Scout merit badge programs, rail school activities and rail show "make & take" projects sponsored by the Divisions. With respect to rail school activities and rail show "make & take" projects, the Board concluded that an adult should accompany each child. Regarding Division requests for reimbursement, Capt. Nelson suggested requiring submission of requests at least 30 days prior to a Board of Directors meeting. The Board accepted this change. There was extended discussion about the omission of funding for train sets for youth attending rail shows, but the Board did not add train sets to the list of activities qualifying for funding. Following the discussion, on motion by Sean Lamb, seconded by Dave Poquette, the proposed policy as amended was approved.

Since Bob Lehen, the author of the DCC resolution at Item 84, had laryngitis, Tom Cain presented and discussed it. During the discussion Bob Lehen agreed to several wording changes. Then, on motion by Tom Cain, seconded by Allen Byrne, the resolution as amended was approved for submission to the NMRA when the NMRA Secretary calls for Region reports for the 2009 Annual Meeting of the NMRA Board of Directors.

Installation of New Officers and Directors-at-Large

Gary Children introduced the new Officers (Bill Litkenhous, President and Paul Mangan, Vice President) and Directors-at-Large (Chris Roeben, Jim Wise and Duke Yerman) and turned the gavel over to Bill.

Bill commented on his appointments. Then, on motion by Jim Spice, seconded by Dave Poquette, the Board approved the appointments at Item 85.

Announcements

Bill Litkenhous said that the Fall 2009 meeting of the Board will be held on Sunday, September 13, 2009 at the Fitchburg Community Center in Fitchburg, Wisconsin. The meeting will begin at 10:30 am. Bill said that the date and place for the 2010 Annual Meeting of Members and the Spring 2010 meeting of the Board will be determined at a later date.

On motion by Jim Spice, seconded by Chris Roeben, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Bert Lattan
Secretary

Item 2

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Agenda

Item

Responsibility

Call to order

Gary Children

Minutes of last meeting

Gary Children

Reports

Committees

Audit

Richard Sweet

Convention Subcommittees

Auction Results

Dave Poquette

Model Contest Results

Sean Lamb & Chris Roeben

Photo Contest Results

Ingrid Drozdak

Election

Don Cook

Youth

Capt. Al Nelson

Other

Gary Children

Directors-at-Large

Gary Children

Division Directors

Gary Children

Regional Advisory Council Representative

Bert Lattan

Secretary

Bert Lattan

Treasurer

Bryan Lemonds

President

Gary Children

Old Business

501(c)(3) Project

Tim Schubert

Spring 2009 Convention (Preliminary Results)

Don Brindle

Other

Gary Children

New Business

Destruction of 2009 Ballots

Gary Children

Nominations for Directors-At-Large for the 2010-2012 Term

Jim Spice

Release of Kosciusko County, Indiana (CalDiv) to NCR Div 3

Bert Lattan

Status of Calumet Division

Gary Children

Banking Resolution

Bryan Lemonds

Reimbursement of Division Programs by the Youth Fund

Capt. Al Nelson

Resolution Re: DCC Standards and Recommended Practices

Bob Lehnen

Other

Gary Children

Installation of New Officers and Directors-at-Large

Gary Children

Appointments

Bill Litkenhous

Announcements

Next Meeting: Date, Time & Place

Bill Litkenhous

To Be Determined

Adjourn

Bill Litkenhous

Item 3**Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, April 19, 2009**Attendance

Name	Position/Term Expires/Division	Present	
		In Person	By Proxy
Gary Children	President/2009	X	
(Vacant)	Vice President/2009		
Bert Lattan	Secretary	X	
Bryan Lemonds	Treasurer		X
Richard Cecil	Immediate Past President		
Sean Lamb	Director-at-Large/2010	X	
Bob Lehn	Director-at-Large/2010	X	
Jim Osborn	Director-at-Large/2010	X	
Dave Poquette	Director-at-Large/2010	X	
Bill Litkenhous	Director-at-Large/2009	X	
Chris Roeben	Director-at-Large/2009	X	
Jim Wise	Director-at-Large/2009	X	
Pat Mehegan	Division Director/Calumet		
Tom Cain	Division Director/Central Indiana	X	
Tim Schubert	Division Director/DuPage	X	
Richard Sweet	Division Director/Fox Valley	X	
Joe Rich	Division Director/ Illinois Terminal		X
Marion Brasher	Division Director/Illinois Valley	X	
Jim Spice	Division Director/North Shore & Western	X	
John Mann	Division Director/Rock River Valley	X	
Paul Mangan	Division Director/South Central Wisconsin	X	
Marv Preussler	Division Director/Winnebagoland		
Bob Gallegos	Division Director/Wisconsin Southeastern		
Mike Hurlburt	Clinic Clearing House Committee Chairman	X	
Reid Kahrs	Convention Committee Chairman	X	
Ingrid Drozdak	Photo Contest Subcommittee Chairman	X	
Bonnie Janke	Non-Rail Subcommittee Co-Chairman		
Lynn Jasch	Non-Rail Subcommittee Co-Chairman		
(Vacant)	Education Coordinator		
Don Cook	Election Committee Chairman	X	
Calvin Krasonya	Estate Committee Chairman		
Ron Scharping	Membership Committee Chairman	X	
David Leider	Publications Committee Chairman		
Capt. Al Nelson	Youth Committee Chair	X	
Five observers were also present.			

Item 11

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To: Board of Directors

From: Marvin Preussler- MWR AP Chairman

Date: May 5, 2009

Subject: MWR Achievement Program Report

Activities Since Last Board Meeting

Recent Master Model Railroaders in the Midwest Region:
David Crement – Carpentersville, IN; Became MMR # 410
David Leider – Prospect Heights, IL; Became MMR # 413

The following members received the **Golden Spike Award**:

Michael Wood – Algonquin, IL
Robert Supinger – Rockford, IL
Ronald Weyher – Iron River, MI
Michael Havens – Greencastle, IN
Dale Burge – Belvidere, IL
James Bengert – Evansville, IN
Harold Abramson – Spring Grove, IL
Emory Luebke – Greenville, WI

The following members received **AP Certificates**:

Michael Wood – Algonquin, IL – Volunteer
Fred Henize – Channahon, IL – Official
Jack Andrews – Delavan, IL – Volunteer
Gary Loiselle – Rockford, IL – Electrical
Michael Havens – Greencastle, IN – Scenery
John Pancini – Avon, IN – Scenery
Donald Lewis – Dixon, IL – Author
Ronald Lane – Columbus, IN – Scenery & Civil
Roger Kujawa – Morton, IL – Volunteer
Bob Lehnen – Indianapolis, IN – Electrical

Item 22

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To: Board of Directors
From: Mike Hurlburt
Date: April 19, 2009
Subject: Clinic Clearing House Report

Activities Since Last BOD Meeting

I have received no clinics to enter into my computer records.

Planned Activities

Maintain my computer in working order and stay current with the MWR Divisions web activity.

Item 23

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To: Board of Directors

From: Reid Kahrs

Date: April 10, 2009

Subject: Convention Report

Activities Since Last Board Meeting

Don Brindle will report on the 2009 convention

Planned Activities

Paul Mangan will give an update on the plans for the 2011 convention.

I have not received an inquiry from a division that was interested in hosting the 2012 regional.

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To: Board of Directors
From: Chris Roeben, Model Contest Chairperson
Date: April 19, 2009
Subject: Model Contest Report

Activities Since Last Board Meeting

Held Model Contest at Rockford Route MWR Region Convention
13 Entries were entered in 8 of 12 categories. No Motive Power Entered.
5 Entries earned Merit Awards

Planned Activities

Continue changing to electronic inventory of past winners.
Possible rewrite of how modelers become Master class participants.

Item 28

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To: Board of Directors

From: Don Cook

Date: March 4, 2009

Subject: Election Committee Report

The results of the election were:

For President:	Bill Litkenhous	139 Votes
	Write-In	1
For Vice President:	Paul Mangan	139 Votes
For Director-at-Large:	Chris Roeben	138 Votes
	Jim Wise	139
	Duke Yerman	137
	Write-Ins	2

The winners of the election were:

For President:	Bill Litkenhous
For Vice President:	Paul Mangan
For Director-at-Large:	Chris Roeben
	Jim Wise
	Duke Yerman

The ballots were counted on March 4th by Election Committee members Don Cook and Bert Lattan. A total of 148 ballots were submitted. There were 142 valid ballots and six invalid ballots.

Item 30

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To: Board of Directors

From: Jim Osborn, Chairman

Date: April 3, 2009

Subject: Internet Committee Report

Activities Since Last Board Meeting

- 1) Made timely updates to the MWR web site per requests from the membership.
- 2) Assisted the Secretary with occasional *Waybill* electronic publishing notice problems.
- 3) Moved the web site to a dedicated server and ip address account - solving numerous spam and blacklist issues. The additional account fee is \$59.88 per year. The cost of this upgrade is split with the Fox Valley Division per the web hosting account fee sharing agreement for a net increase of \$30 per year for both the Region and the FVD.
- 4) Posted current PDF versions of the *Waybill* on the web site.
- 5) Transferred the website domain registration (www.mwr-nmra.org) to Apollo Web Hosting December 2008. Fee was \$10 for the transfer and 1 year registration.
- 6) Authored a first draft of an Internet Committee Policy and Procedure document. That draft has been circulated for comments among the Region webmasters and Division Superintendents. Expect a final version to be published May 15, 2009.

Planned Activities

- 1) Publish a final version of the Internet Committee Policy and Procedure.
- 2) Re-establish web site viewing & statistical counting of visitors lost with the site move. This function was temporarily lost with the site server change and software. The capability is there it just needs to be initiated again.
- 3) Continue with the general management and maintenance of the MWR web site and internet activities as appropriate.
- 4) Continue to assist the Secretary with publishing electronic *Waybill* notices.

Item 32**Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, April 19, 2009**

To: Board of Directors

From: Ron Scharping

Date: April 6, 2009

Subject: Membership Coordinator's Report

Activities Since Last Board Meeting

Continued to provide membership information to Division membership coordinators on a monthly basis. Printed reports are sent to those coordinators requesting them. Additionally, a division roster is emailed to those coordinators with email accounts.

Provided an interface to National in the updating of membership records; address, phone, zip code, and email address changes. Began preliminary work with National on web-based access to the membership database.

Maintained a table of Region members who have "opted-out" on a printed Waybill.

Worked with the Region Secretary in trying to provide corrected email addresses for those email addresses which are determined to be bad. This is done via a postcard to the member.

Provided the *Waybill* editor with mailing addresses for those members receiving a printed copy of the *Waybill*.

Planned Activities

Continue the above.

Region Membership Data

Division	NMRA Total (8/31/08)	Region Total (8/31/08)	NMRA Total (3/31/09)	Region Total (3/31/09)
01	289	130	297	121
02	144	37	149	42
03	163	66	159	64
04	149	50	142	44
05	93	38	93	36
06	242	93	253	85
07	33	13	35	12
08	116	44	115	46
09	152	58	160	63
10	96	31	107	35
11	199	86	193	85
Out of Region	54	54	57	52
Grand Total	1730	700	1760	685

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To: Board of Directors
From: Jim Osborn
Date: April 3, 2009
Subject: Director at Large Report

Activities Since Last Board Meeting

- 1) Assisted with the recruitment of a new *Waybill* editor.
- 2) Authored several articles for the *Waybill*.
- 3) Authored 2 Layout Tour Articles for *Scale Rails*

Planned Activities

- 1) Complete 1 additional layout tour article for *Scale Rails*
- 2) Continue with article assistance for the *Waybill*

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To: Board of Directors

From: Thomas Cain – CID Superintendent

Date: April 13, 2009

Subject: Central Indiana Division Report

Activities Since Last Board Meeting

Fall Layout Tour, November 1, 2008

The CID did our Fall Layout Tour in the Evansville, Indiana area. It was the first time to do a layout tour in that area for many CID members and CID Board members. We uploaded maps to the layouts on our CID Website the day before the tour to help CID/NMRA members find their way to the layouts. This time we also provided a tour bus for members in the Indianapolis area to take to Evansville and the layouts. We had about 28 riders on the bus and about 35-40 local visitors. It was our first time to charter a bus and although we did not quite cover our cost, we came very close and have decided to try it again. All four layouts were excellent representations of quality model railroading. The layout hosts were prepared for guests and everyone had a great day.

CID/Carmel Public Library Train Show, November 8, 2008

This was our 5th time to do a Train Show with the Carmel, Indiana Public library. They bend over backwards to provide us a comfortable venue to set up portable train layouts and displays. Many of the 600 visitors to the train show were people who just came to the library and were then made aware of the train displays. We try to provide some child friendly train displays. This was our first opportunity to utilize a new contact with a group that specializes in model train displays of Circus Trains. This is a free event.

CID/Noblesville, IN Train Show, January 25, 2009

This is our biggest Train Show and Swap Meet of the year and it continues to be very popular. Attendance was good again this year, with over 500 in attendance. That was even with snow falling and temperatures so low that it was impossible to put yard signs in the ground directing people to the show. We grew from 100 dealer tables to 114 dealer tables. We also have an auction where items are donated to the CID and are auctioned off for the benefit of the CID. The success of this and other Train Shows are why we are able to remain a dues free Division.

Great Train Expo Oct (2008) and January (2009) Naptown and White River RR Club Train Shows

The CID Board members and volunteers set up NMRA promotional booths at the GTE and other local Train Shows to promote model railroading and to enroll model train railroaders in the NMRA. We have displays and ongoing live clinics as well.

Meet and Greet in Evansville, IN on March 14

In order to do a better job of engaging the southernmost members of the CID which extends into western Kentucky we sent mailers to CID members of that area and met with them at a local restaurant in the Evansville area. Four CID Board Members met with those present to hear about their model railroad efforts and then we gave them the opportunity to choose 3 of 5 mini-clinics. About a dozen local modelers came and following the meal and clinics, one of the local members hosted his model railroad layout for viewing.

Planned Activities

Bedford Train Show, April 25, 2009

Last year we moved this Train Show and Swap Meet from fall to spring and we doubled the attendance. This meet follows our normal Train Show format with Dealer Tables, portable model train layouts and displays and clinics. This show is a joint effort of the CID and the Bedford Kiwanis Club. We will also have our Annual Central Indiana Division Meeting at this meet.

Spring Layout Tour, May 2, 2009

This Layout Tour will be in the South Central area of Indiana. There will be four home layouts, one club layout and one 7 ½" scale live steam layout at Johnson County Park. The 7 ½" layout has 7,000 feet of track along with an engine house, transfer table and freight yard. The club layout has 5 layouts representing 4 scales. Maps for the tour are placed on our website the day before the tour.

CID/Danville, IN Train Show, September 27, 2009

Attendance was low at the Danville Train Show and Swap Meet last year so it was decided to try it as a Free Train Show this coming year. We also have new CID Board Members in this area and they are committed to work on publicity and promotion of this event. We will have portable train layouts, clinics and dealer tables at this Train Show.

Fall Layout Tour

Time and Location yet to be determined

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To: Board of Directors
From: Tim Schubert, Superintendent
Date: April 16, 2009
Subject: DuPage Division Report

Activities Since Last Board Meeting

November 2, 2008 – Division Meeting: A presentation by Fred Henize on Open Loads. Contest was Steam and Diesel with a twist: Bring your oldest, newest or most favorite.

December 7, 2008 – Division Meeting: A presentation by Les Cisco on BNSF Vignettes. Contest was Photographs – all categories

January 4, 2009 – Division Meeting: A presentation by Doug Krahn on Fairmont Company Motor Cars. Contest was Open Loads.

January 4, 2009 – Division Board of Directors Meeting

February 1, 2009 – Division Meeting – A presentation by Sean Lamb on the NMRA Contests and Judging. Contest was Kitbashing – Structures and Railroad Cars

March 1, 2009 – Division Meeting – A presentation by George Pearson on his Port Royal Layout. Contest was All NMRA Categories

April 5, 2009 – Division Meeting – Division Layouts Open House Layout Tour. Contest was Division wide contest to scratch build a Hand Car Shed or a Privy/Coal Shed. Division election was held for Superintendent and Chief Clerk.

Planned Activities

May 3, 2009 – Division Meeting – Annual Division Auction

June 7, 2009 – Division Outing to Markham Shops and Homewood Train Park

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To: Board of Directors
From: Richard Sweet
Date: April 14, 2009
Subject: Fox Valley Division Report

Activities Since Last Board Meeting

October 19, 2008 – We held a joint division meeting with the NS&W division at our location. The clinic was "Contest Judging" presented by Chris Roeben and a "My Favorite Structure" contest.

November 9, 2008 – We took a trip to Trainfest in Milwaukee.

November 16, 2008 – We held a division meeting with a clinic on "The Joy of Backdrop Painting" presented by Jim Spice and a "My Favorite Locomotive" contest.

December 14, 2008 – We held a division meeting with a clinic on "CNS&M Freight Operations" presented by Ed DeRouin and a "Diorama" contest.

January 18, 2009 – We visited Ted Schnepf's model railroad for an operating session.

February 22, 2009 – We held another joint meeting with the NS&W division at their location. The clinic was "Behind the Scenes of MR Magazine" presented by David Popp and a "Freight Cars" contest.

February 28 – March 1, 2009 – We held our annual model railroad show "High Wheeler '09."

March 15, 2009 – We had our Appreciation Dinner for those people who worked the show.

Planned Activities

April 26, 2009 – We will hold our annual business meeting with election of the Assistant Superintendent and Paymaster officers, a clinic on "Decoder Pro: Take the Mystery & Complexity Out of DCC Programming" to be presented by Jim Osborn and a "Train Related Photos" contest.

May 17, 2009 – We will hold a division meeting with a clinic "The History of the Illinois Railway Museum" to be presented by Ed Rosengren and a "Rolling Stock" contest.

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To: Board of Directors

From: Mike Lehman, Acting Superintendent

Date: April 14, 2009

Subject: Illinois Terminal Division Report

Activities since last Board Meeting

Monthly meetings:

Sept, 2008, met and toured Monticello RR Museum

Oct, Nov 2008, meetings

Jan, Feb 2009, meetings and operating sessions

March, booth at Lincoln Square Train Show, Urbana, IL

Jan 2009, Presentation on model railroading and NMRA at Savoy, IL Optimists Club

Feb 2009, advise non-member on potential avenues of disposal of railroadiana in her late father's estate

Planned Activities:

May meeting, division officer election

Summer 2009, Operating and work sessions

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To: Board of Directors
From: Marion Brasher, MMR
Date: April 19, 2009
Subject: Illinois Valley Division Report

Activities Since Last Board Meeting

The IVD has held three successful meets since our last report. November 9, 2008 our meet was held in Pontiac, Illinois with an attendance of twenty-five. A tree making clinic was presented by Marion Brasher. Bill Zeter of Bloomington, Illinois opened his model railroad for viewing.

January 11, 2009 found the IVD in Springfield, Illinois with an attendance again in excess of twenty. A clinic by Chris Muslowski on the Ship It operating system was presented. Mike Shockley presented a clinic on hand laying of track. We viewed several model railroads in the area: (1) Springfield Model Railroad Club; (2) Walt Gebehart's Allegheny Northern, an extensive N-scale layout; and (3) the layout of Castle Trains.

Our annual meeting was held in Peoria on March 8, 2009 with twenty-six members present. John Stopa presented a clinic on the Rail Op operations program. Our layout tour included the River City Model Railroad Club of Pekin, Illinois and Roger Kujawa's Atlantic Great Western. We also had election of officers. Bill Fulton returns as Assistant Superintendent; John Stopa as the Paymaster. Trainmasters elected were Jack Andrews for District 1 and Mike Yurjec for District 5.

The car sale of LaSalle & Bureau County covered hopper cars was a sellout. We are currently promoting Division nametags for our membership.

Planned Activities

The next IVD meet will be on May 17, 2009 in Spring Valley, Illinois.

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Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, April 19, 2009

To: Board of Directors

From: Don Brindle, Superintendent – Rock River Valley Division of the NMRA

Date: April 19, 2009

Subject: Rock River Valley Division Activity Report – Nov. 2008 through April 2009

Activities Since Last Board Meeting

Meets

Dec. 2008 – Annual Garage Sale

Jan. 2009 – “Painted Backdrops 2.0” by Jim Baker and “Benchwork Pt 2” by Bill Kirchmeyer

Feb. 2009 – “Scratchbuilding Prototype Models” by John Drozdak and “Making Signs” by Ingrid Drozdak

Mar 2009 - “Livestock By Rail Operations and Equipment” by Jim McQueeny and “Early Modeling and Using HO to Model S Scale” by Gary Children

Apr. 2009 – Clinic TBD

May 2009 – Joint meet with SCWD

Shows

Nov. 2008 – Annual Model Train Show at Midway Village Museum

Mar 2009 – Annual Show and Sale at Jefferson HS.

Planned Activities

June Junket – Visiting several layouts in towns north of Rockford.

Meets

Sept – Clinics TBD

Oct – Clinics TBD

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To: Board of Directors

From: Paul Mangan, Superintendent, South Central Wisconsin Division

Date: April 6, 2009

Subject: South Central Wisconsin Division Report

Activities Since Last Board Meeting

- Nov 2nd November monthly Division meet.
- Dec. 7th The auction that is held every other year was held in place of the regular meeting with 55 members bidding on items of all types.
- Jan. 11th The SCWD opens up to the public for the purpose of informing and educating our guests on the hobby of model railroading and the history of railroading. 47 division members and 78 guests attended.
- Feb. 1st February monthly Division meet.
- Feb 21st & 22nd South Central Wisconsin Division 42nd annual Mad City Model Railroad Show and Sale. Attendance was up this year over last year with 9600+ attendees.
- Mar 1st March monthly Division meet.
- April 5th Our yearly division business meeting with membership to elect board members and officers. The results will be sent separately. The Club project "Bridging the gap" was due. Winners of the popular vote were recognized.

Planned Activities

- April 25th SCWD annual Spring banquet.
- May 3rd The SCWD travels to Rockford for a joint meet with the Rock River Valley Division.
- July 25th Summer picnic held in a Middleton park.
- Sept 13th 2009 – 2010 season begins. The SCWD meets the first Sunday of the month from September to May except for the January Rail School event that informs the public about railroads and the hobby of model railroading.

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Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, April 19, 2009

To: Board of Directors
From: Marvin Preussler- Winnebagoland Division Director
Date: April 13, 2009
Subject: Winnebagoland Division Report

Activities Since Last Board Meeting

May 9-11, 2008 Midwest Region Meet- Waupaca, WI
June 21, 2008- WLD Board Meeting- Waupaca, WI
Sept. 20, 2008- WLD Fall Meet, Iron River, MI
Nov. 1, 2008- WLD Annual Operating Session- Stevens Point, WI
Jan. 17, 2009- WLD Board Meeting, Stevens Point, WI
April 4, 2009- WLD Board Meeting- Larsen, WI

Planned Activities

April 25-26, 2009 Titledown Train Show, Green Bay, WI
May 2, 2009- WLD Annual Spring Meet- Neenah, WI
May 2, 2009- Election results, installation of officers- Neenah, WI
June 20, 2009- WLD Board Meeting- Waupaca, WI
Sept. 2009- WLD Annual Fall Meet- Stevens Point, WI
Nov. 7, 2009 WLD Annual Operating Session- Appleton, WI

Item 70**Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, April 19, 2009**

To: Board of Directors

From: Bert Lattan

Date: April 12, 2009

Subject: Regional Advisory Council Representative's Report

Activities Since Last Board Meeting

- Compiled the Midwest Region Report to the NMRA 2009 Mid-Year BOD Meeting and submitted it to the NMRA Secretary. A copy of the report is attached.
- There has been no activity on the Regional Advisory Council e-mail list since the last Board Meeting.

Planned Activities

- Transition Regional Advisory Council Representative responsibilities to Bill Litkenhous.

Midwest Region Report
NMRA 2009 Mid-Year BOD Meeting

I am submitting this report on behalf of Midwest Region President Gary Children.

Standards for Z and On30 Scales

While there are some standards for Z and On30 scales, they are not complete. Recommended Practices RP-20.1 (Weight) and RP-12.x (Turnout Dimensions) need to be updated for these two scales. Standards S-7 (Clearances) and S-8 (Radius and Track Centers) also need to be updated.

Bert Lattan
Midwest Region RAC
Representative & Secretary

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To: Board of Directors

From: Bert Lattan

Date: April 12, 2009

Subject: Secretary's Report

Activities Since Last Board Meeting

- Prepared and distributed minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on October 5, 2008.
- Prepared and distributed an agenda for the Annual Meeting of Members to be held on April 18, 2009.
- Prepared and distributed an agenda for the Board of Directors meeting to be held on April 19, 2009.
- Supported electronic delivery of the *Waybill*.
- Maintained the Secretary's Page.
- Maintained a list of key personnel.

Planned Activities

- Prepare and distribute minutes of the Annual Meeting of Members to be held on April 18, 2009.
- Prepare and distribute minutes of the Board of Directors meeting to be held on April 19, 2009.
- Prepare and distribute an agenda for the Board of Directors meeting to be held in the fall on a date to be determined.
- Support electronic delivery of the *Waybill*.
- Maintain the Secretary's Page.
- Maintain a list of key personnel. The list includes Region Officers, Directors-at-Large, Division Directors and Committee/Subcommittee Chairmen/Members. It also includes Division Superintendents, Assistant Superintendents, Chief Clerks and Paymasters. **Draft lists as of May 20, 2009 are attached. Please send additions, deletions and corrections to mwrsecy@mwr-nmra.org.** I expect to distribute these lists on or about May 20, 2009.

*******DRAFT*******

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Notes:

(1) Also Regional Advisory Council (RAC) Representative

(2) Also Alternate RAC Representative

(3) The Achievement Program Manager and the Education Coordinator are appointed by the NMRA Education Department.

(4) Committee and Convention Subcommittee Members appointed by the Region. Does not include Division appointments to the Clinic, Convention, Internet, Membership and Publications Committees.

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To: Board of Directors

From: Bryan Lemonds

Date: April 13, 2009

Subject: Treasurer's Report

Activities Since Last Board Meeting

I have brought the books in line with cash accounting. Life memberships and subscriptions in the liabilities section have been adjusted. The following financial statements are attached:

- Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2008
- Profit & Loss January through December 2008
- Balance Sheet as of March 31, 2009
- Profit & Loss January through March 2009

Completed IRS filing.

Planned Activities

Move the last CD to Regions Bank and look forward to 501(c)(3) determination.

Midwest Region NMRA
Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2008

	<u>Dec 31, 08</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Checking	
Guarantee Checking	38.25
Money Market	2,367.44
Regions	4,056.21
Total Checking	<u>6,461.90</u>
Savings Accounts	
Guaranty Bank CD	4,769.96
Regions CD 06.13.2011	8,098.77
Regions CD 09.13.2010	4,530.70
Regions CD 09.15.2009	9,707.81
Total Savings Accounts	<u>27,107.24</u>
Total Checking/Savings	<u>33,569.14</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>33,569.14</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>33,569.14</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Liabilities	
Moskal Award	165.20
Youth Program Fund	7,302.42
Total Liabilities	<u>7,467.62</u>
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>7,467.62</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>7,467.62</u>
Total Liabilities	7,467.62
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	16,823.62
Unrestrict (retained earnings)	5,717.44
Net Income	3,560.46
Total Equity	<u>26,101.52</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>33,569.14</u>

Midwest Region NMRA
Profit & Loss
January through December 2008

	<u>Jan - Dec 08</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Convention Income	
Auction	389.00
Registrations	986.84
Total Convention Income	<u>1,375.84</u>
NMRA	
Revenue Sharing	3,281.00
Subscriptions	4,471.76
Total NMRA	<u>7,752.76</u>
Portfolio Income	
Interest Income	719.51
Total Portfolio Income	<u>719.51</u>
Waybill Revenue	
Advertising	75.00
Total Waybill Revenue	<u>75.00</u>
Total Income	9,923.11
Expense	
Convention Expenses	
Auction Payouts	347.45
Awards	129.00
Committee	30.00
Judges	180.00
Total Convention Expenses	<u>686.45</u>
NMRA Rebate	
Rebate to Divisions	700.25
Total NMRA Rebate	<u>700.25</u>
Overhead Expenses	
Achievement Program	321.08
Board of Directors	62.17
Membership Committee	39.74
President	10.53
Treasurer	127.76
Web	118.47
Total Overhead Expenses	<u>679.75</u>
Reconciliation Discrepancies	0.10
Waybill	
Editor	202.50
Postage	600.00
Printing	3,493.60
Total Waybill	<u>4,296.10</u>
Total Expense	<u>6,362.65</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>3,560.46</u>
Net Income	<u><u>3,560.46</u></u>

Midwest Region NMRA
Balance Sheet
As of March 31, 2009

	<u>Mar 31, 09</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Checking	
Guarantee Checking	33.25
Money Market	3,367.44
Regions	4,340.19
Total Checking	<u>7,740.88</u>
Savings Accounts	
Guaranty Bank CD	4,769.96
Regions CD 06.13.2011	8,098.77
Regions CD 09.13.2010	4,677.87
Regions CD 09.15.2009	9,707.81
Total Savings Accounts	<u>27,254.41</u>
Total Checking/Savings	<u>34,995.29</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>34,995.29</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>34,995.29</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Liabilities	
Moskal Award	165.20
Youth Program Fund	7,302.42
Total Liabilities	<u>7,467.62</u>
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>7,467.62</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>7,467.62</u>
Total Liabilities	7,467.62
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	16,823.62
Unrestrict (retained earnings)	9,277.90
Net Income	1,426.15
Total Equity	<u>27,527.67</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>34,995.29</u>

Midwest Region NMRA
Profit & Loss
January through March 2009

	<u>Jan - Mar 09</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
NMRA	
Subscriptions	2,312.00
Total NMRA	<u>2,312.00</u>
Portfolio Income	
Interest Income	147.17
Total Portfolio Income	<u>147.17</u>
Total Income	2,459.17
Expense	
Convention Expenses	
Judges	15.00
Total Convention Expenses	15.00
Overhead Expenses	
Treasurer	-10.00
Total Overhead Expenses	-10.00
Region Expenses	
Postage	17.64
Total Region Expenses	17.64
Waybill	
Postage	200.00
Printing	810.38
Total Waybill	<u>1,010.38</u>
Total Expense	<u>1,033.02</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>1,426.15</u>
Net Income	<u><u>1,426.15</u></u>

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2010 Election

Petition Deadline Is July 30, 2009

Although the 2010 election is several months away, it is time to start the election cycle. In 2010 we will elect four (4) Directors-at-Large.

Sean Lamb from the South Central Wisconsin Division, Bob Lehn from the Central Indiana Division and Dave Poquette from the Wisconsin Southeastern Division, three of the four incumbent DALs, will complete their second two-year terms in 2010 and under the Bylaws will not be eligible to run for another term in 2010. We thank Sean, Bob and Dave for their dedicated service. Jim Osborn from the Fox Valley Division will complete his first two-year term and will be eligible to run for another term in 2010.

There are two ways that your name can be placed on the ballot. The first is by recommendation of the Nominating Committee and approval of the Board of Directors. To be considered by the Nominating Committee (Chairman Jim Spice from the North Shore & Western Division and Members Reid Kahrs from the Wisconsin Southeastern Division and Jim Osborn from the Fox Valley Division), you must submit a biography/candidate's statement of 200 words or less and a 2x2, passport-style photo to the Committee with a copy to the Region Secretary (Bert Lattan) as soon as possible, but no later than July 30, 2009.

The preferred method of delivery is electronic mail. (While e-mail is not required to serve on the Board, it is highly desirable since the Board conducts pre and post meeting activity by e-mail.) If you do not have e-mail, you may mail your bio/photo to Bert Lattan, who will convert it to an electronic format and send it to the Committee. Addresses and e-mail addresses for the Committee and the Secretary are on the Region website (www.mwr-nmra.org).

The second method is by petition signed by at least ten (10) current, resident NMRA members. The petition form is available on the Region website or it may be requested from Bert Lattan. Your petition must be accompanied by a biography/candidate's statement of 200 words or less and a 2x2, passport-style photo. It must be received by Bert Lattan no later than July 30, 2009. He will convert it to an electronic format and forward it to the Committee.

The Committee will submit its recommendations and the names of all resident members nominated by petition to the Board of Directors for review and approval during its next meeting, which will be held on Sunday, September 13, 2009 in Fitchburg, Wisconsin.

Each candidate's biography/statement & photo and a ballot will be included in the Winter 2009 issue of the *Waybill*. The results of the election will be announced during the 2010 Annual Meeting of Members.

If you have any questions about this process, please feel free to contact any member of the Committee or the Secretary. —*Jim Spice*

Item 82

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Resolution Re: Release of Kosciusko County, Indiana from the Midwest Region (Calumet Division) to the North Central Region (Division 3/Ft. Wayne)

Whereas the National Model Railroad Association has established the following procedures in Article VIII of its Regulations dated January 19, 2007 for changing regional boundaries:

9. *Established Regional boundaries may be changed as follows:*

A. Two-thirds of the Region members residing within a specified 3-digit Postal ZIP Code area and adjoining another Region must sign a petition to change their Region affiliation to the adjoining Region and submit said petition to the governing bodies of both Regions involved.

B. If the petition is approved, the Director or Directors representing both Regions will present to the Board of Directors, at its next regularly scheduled meeting, a motion to approve the Region boundary changes.

C. If the petition is not approved by either or both Regions, then the members may submit a petition signed by three-fourths of those members in the affected area to the Board of Directors for action. A two-thirds vote of the Board in favor of the petition is needed for approval.

D. All petitions must contain written signatures, printed name next to signature followed by NMRA number. Completed petitions must be sent to the NRMA Secretary for signature validation. Upon validation, the petition will be added to the Board of Directors agenda. Should the petition fail validation, it will be returned to the sender, and

Whereas Kosciusko County, Indiana, consisting of Zip Codes 46502, 46508, 46510, 46524, 46538, 46539, 46542, 46555, 46562, 46567, 46580, 46581, 46582, 46590, 46732, 46787, 46962 and 46982, is a “border” county between the Calumet Division of the Midwest Region and Division 3 (Ft. Wayne) of the North Central Region, and

Whereas seven (77.8%) of the nine NMRA members residing in Kosciusko County, Indiana have signed a petition (copy attached) in favor of affiliating with Division 3 (Ft. Wayne) of the North Central Region, it is therefore

Resolved, that the Midwest Region agrees to the transfer of Kosciusko County, Indiana, consisting of Zip Codes 46502, 46508, 46510, 46524, 46538, 46539, 46542, 46555, 46562, 46567, 46580, 46581, 46582, 46590, 46732, 46787, 46962 and 46982, from the Midwest Region to the North Central Region effective upon acceptance of Kosciusko County, Indiana by the North Central Region and approval of the transfer by the National Model Railroad Association Board of Directors.

PETITION TO THE NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION

A petition to reassign Kosciusko county, Indiana within the NMRA from the Midwest Region, Calumet Division (2804) to the North Central Region, Fort Wayne North East Hoosier Division 3(2303)

We the undersigned Kosciusko County, Indiana NMRA members of record as of 2/18/2009 cast our votes in favor of or opposed to, as evidenced below, regarding the proposal to re-assign Kosciusko county, Indiana, within the NMRA.

FROM the Midwest Region, Calumet Division (2804)

TO: the North Central Region, Fort Wayne North East Hoosier Division 3(2303)

NAME	Address	City	State	ZIP	CHECK ONE BOX		Signed	Dated
					Vote to MOVE	Vote to STAY		
George W Kelchner 09325800	1400 N Shagbark Dr	Warsaw	IN	46582-7247	X		George W. Kelchner	3/30/09 09325800 NMRA NUMBER
Paul Johnston 129668400	2087 E 8 Square Rd	Warsaw	IN	46582-9058	X		Paul Johnston	3/30/09 129668400
Max R Buell	8379 E. Wesley Ln	North Webster	IN	46555-9714				
Joseph P Berger 13771600	5132 N Bobwhite Dr	Warsaw	IN	46582-6531			Joseph P Berger	3/27/09 13771600
Kevin R Farrington 13906100	1068 N Antler Dr	Warsaw	IN	46582-7300	X		Kevin R. Farrington	3-27-09 13906100
Michael J Martin	2340 S Clover Ln	Warsaw	IN	46580-6416	X		Michael J Martin	3/26/09
Michael L Wheeler	9760 E Old Rd 30	Piercetown	IN	46562-9322				
Philip L Blais 11749200	4490 E 450 S	Warsaw	IN	46580-8611	X		Philip L Blais	3/26/09 11749200
Les R Harden	3107 E Old Road 30	Warsaw	IN	46582-5608	X		Les R Harden	3/26/09 L1714
9 total								

TO NCR
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Resolution Re: Regions Authorization of Corporation, Partnership, Association or Other Entity to Utilize Deposit or Fee-Based Services

Whereas the Midwest Region, NMRA has established bank accounts with Regions Financial Corporation, and

Whereas Regions has requested completion of the attached two-page form, it is therefore

Resolved, that the Midwest Region, NMRA hereby adopts the resolutions set forth in the attached form and authorizes the Secretary to certify the form.

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Resolution on Updating DCC Standards and Recommended Practices

Preamble

The Midwest Region Board of Directors offers this resolution in the spirit of encouraging improvements in DCC systems to better serve the NMRA membership and promote the hobby of model railroading. Although the DCC standards and recommended practices (hereafter referred to as the DCC standards) have been a great success in promoting and improving the hobby, the Midwest Region Board of Directors believes that the National Model Railroad Association (NMRA) should review, update and implement changes and additions to the DCC standards to reflect the advances in technology, the innovation of the manufacturers, and the creative uses of DCC developed by model railroaders.

Resolution

The Board of Directors of the Midwest Region requests that the NMRA

- *review* the existing DCC standards to reflect improved technology, innovation by manufacturers, and creative uses of DCC by model railroaders,
- *report* to the NMRA membership and other model railroading stakeholders its findings and recommendations,
- *update* the DCC standards in a timely fashion, and
- *strongly encourage* compliance with these standards.

Discussion

The objective of this resolution is to address what appears to be a widening compatibility gap between the current uses of DCC and the products created by manufacturers. The objective of this resolution is to have the components of a DCC layout operate better *as a system*. The components of a DCC layout include, but are not confined to, the DCC control system, the decoders (mobile and accessory), locomotives and rolling stock, track and switches, track and cab busses, signaling systems, and short protection/reverse loop boards.

The Board has made an informal survey of DCC compatibility issues reported by modelers using DCC systems. The following examples suggest that there is a growing issue of incompatibility among the components used in DCC layouts. The compatibility issue goes beyond the examples listed below; thus, the Board believes that the national organization should study the issue and find solutions that most stakeholders can accept.

- *Compatibility between decoders and locomotives:* Currently, manufacturers of plug-and-play locomotives have either a 2 x 4 (8-pin) or a 1 x 9 (9-pin) socket. The manufacturers should design one socket that accommodates all decoders. This change would simplify a user's decision to purchase a locomotive and decoder.
- *Require decoders to be compatible with the program track:* At the present time some decoders cannot be programmed from the program track unless the user purchases a program track booster. Decoder manufacturers should be required to meet the DCC standards for control systems.
- *Set standards to reduce or eliminate track buss and cab buss interference:* As model railroaders build larger layouts, the issue of track buss and/or cab buss interference has become a major problem for DCC users with large layouts. The NMRA should set new DCC standards to address this issue.
- *Establish recommended practices on product manuals and documentation:* Manufacturers of DCC systems should provide information in their product manuals about how customers may best use the manufacturer's products. For example, DCC control system manuals should contain information on how to reduce or eliminate track buss and/or cab buss interference. Should the manufacturer recommend additional hardware to reduce or eliminate track buss interference—for example, “snubbers”—the manufacturer should have these products available for purchase and provide information about how the model railroader can make these components. The model railroader then would have the choice of purchasing or making the component. Another example of how documentation on DCC products is incomplete concerns auxiliary products such as accessory decoders, reverse loop/short protection boards and signal systems. The manufacturer should be required to provide information about how to use its products with any DCC system that meets the NMRA DCC standards.

Item 85**Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, April 19, 2009****Appointments for the 2009 – 2011 Term**

Position	Current	Proposed
Regional Advisory Council Representative Alternate	Bert Lattan Gary Children	Bill Litkenhous Bert Lattan
Secretary	Bert Lattan	Bert Lattan
Treasurer	Bryan Lemonds	Bryan Lemonds
Audit	Richard Sweet	Richard Sweet
Clinic Clearing House	Mike Hurlburt	Mike Hurlburt
Convention	Reid Kahrs	Reid Kahrs
Model Contest	Sean Lamb Chris Roeben	Sean Lamb Chris Roeben
Photo Contest	Ingrid Drozdak	Ingrid Drozdak
Auction	Dave Poquette	Dave Poquette
Non-Rail	Diane Gallegos Bonnie Janke Lynn Jasch	Bonnie Janke Lynn Jasch
Election Chairman Member	Don Cook Bert Lattan	Don Cook Bert Lattan
Estate Counseling	Calvin Krasonya	Calvin Krasonya
Internet Chairman Member	Jim Osborn Bert Lattan	Jim Osborn Bert Lattan
Long Range Planning and Implementation	Dick Cecil	Gary Children
Membership	Ron Scharping	Ron Scharping
Nominating Chairman Member Member	Jim Spice Reid Kahrs Jim Osborn	Jim Spice Reid Kahrs Jim Osborn
Promotions and Special Projects	Vacant	Paul Mangan
Publications	David Leider	David Leider
Youth	Capt. Al Nelson	Capt. Al Nelson

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To: Board of Directors
From: Tim Schubert, Superintendent – DuPage Division
Date: April 16, 2009
Subject: Status of the 501c3 Application for the Region

Current Status

The application work completed by Bob Sherman has been reviewed by Bob Gornik of the law firm Favil, David, Berns & Associates of Northlake, IL.

The initial review was very favorable and did not find any errors. The application was reviewed by a tax lawyer in the firm and also resulted in a favorable review.

Next Steps

Provide updated financials for 2008 and submit the application and supporting documents.
Changes in leadership for the Region will be noted.

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To: Board of Directors

From: Paul Mangan

Date: April 19, 2009

Subject: 2011 Midwest Region Spring Convention

Convention Name: The Badger Express
Date: April 15, 16, 17 2011
Site: Radisson Hotel in Madison
Co-Chairs: Paul Mangan and Mike Vivion
Registrar: Barb Rothwell
Clinic Chair: Ned Ferguson
Layout Tour Chair: Bill Weber
Non-Rail Chair: Kathy Mangan
Operations Chair: Open
Banquet Chair: Open

In behalf of the South Central Wisconsin Division, I welcome one and all to The Badger Express.

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Midwest Region Youth Fund

Mission: To promote the interest and participation of youth in the model railroad hobby.

Enactment: Implementation shall be, but not limited to, the following activities.

1. Advisor instruction and guidance to:
 - a. Youth model railroad clubs.
 - b. Boy Scout merit badge.
 - c. Rail school activities.
 - d. Rail show "Make & Take" projects
(With the exception of a. & b. an adult must accompany each child.)

2. Financial support coverage of:
 - a. Kits required for projects @100%
 - b. Modeling materials required @ 100%
 - c. Miscellaneous supplies: glue etc. @ 100%
 - d. Tools required; knife, screwdriver, file etc. @ 50%

3. Method of payment:
 - a. Report of activity submitted with request for payment to Youth Fund Chairman for review and evaluation to include:
 - 1) Essay explanation of event date and location, project undertaken, public adult participation, youth participants, and sponsoring organization volunteers participating and hours expended.
 - 2) Detailed accounting of expenses for materials, kits, tools, awards, etc.
 - 3) General review statements from public participants.
 - 4) Supporting photographs, if available.
 - 5) Request for payment must be submitted at least 30 days prior to next Board of Directors meeting.
 - b. Payment will be limited to \$500.00 maximum per division per year.