

## List of Documents

### Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, September 13, 2009

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2.	X	Agenda
3.	X	Attendance
		Reports:
11.		Achievement Program Coordinator
12.		Education Department Coordinator
21.	X	Audit Committee
22.	X	Clinic Clearinghouse Committee
23.		Convention Committee
24.		Model Contest Subcommittee
25.		Photo Contest Subcommittee
26.		Auction Subcommittee
27.		Non-rail Subcommittee
28.		Election Committee
29.		Estate Counseling Committee
30.	X	Internet Committee
31.		Long Range Planning and Implementation Committee
32.	X	Membership Committee
33.	X	Nominating Committee
34.		Promotions and Special Projects Committee
35.	X	Publications Committee
36.	X	Youth Committee
41.		Director-at-Large/Sean Lamb
42.		Director-at-Large/Bob Lehnen
43.	X	Director-at-Large/Jim Osborn
44.		Director-at-Large/ Dave Poquette
45.		Director-at-Large/ Jim Allen
46.		Director-at-Large/Chris Roeben
47.		Director-at-Large/Jim Wise
51.		Division Director/Calumet
52.	X	Division Director/ Central Indiana
53.		Division Director/DuPage
54.	X	Division Director/ Fox Valley
55.		Division Director/Illinois Terminal
56.	X	Division Director/Illinois Valley
57.	X	Division Director/North Shore & Western
58.		Division Director/Rock River Valley
59.	X	Division Director/South Central Wisconsin
60.	X	Division Director/Winnebagoland
61.	X	Division Director/Wisconsin Southeastern
70.		Regional Advisory Council Representative
71.	X	Secretary
72.	X	Treasurer
73.		Vice President
74.		Immediate Past President
75.		President
81.	X	Jim Allen Biography
82.	X	Calumet Division Committee Report
83.	X	Bylaws Amendment Re: Kosciusko County
84.	X	Bylaws Amendment Re: Calumet, DuPage & Michiana Divisions
85.	X	Appointment of Michiana Division Officers
86.	X	Disposition of Calumet Division Treasury
87.	X	Public Facility Question
88.	X	Alternate Division Director
89.	X	CID 2010 Bedford Train Show (Includes 2010 Annual Meeting of Midwest Region Members)

## **Item 1**

### **Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, September 13, 2009**

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

President Bill Litkenhous called the meeting to order at 10:31 am at the Fitchburg Community Center in Fitchburg, Wisconsin. The agenda for the meeting is at Item 2. Seventeen of the 22 people attending the meeting in person or by proxy were voting members of the Board of Directors, which constituted a quorum. See Item 3 for a list of attendees.

On motion by Jim Spice, seconded by Gary Children, the minutes of the Board of Director's meeting held on April 19, 2009 were unanimously approved as written.

Bill advised the Board that he had appointed Jim Allen to fill the Director-at-Large vacancy that was created when Duke Yerman resigned due to his pending move out of the Region. See Item 81 for Jim's biography. On motion by Paul Mangan, seconded by Chris Roeben, the Board unanimously ratified Jim's appointment.

### Reports

The following reports are attached:

- Audit Committee (Item 21)
- Clinic Clearinghouse Committee (Item 22)
- Internet Committee (Item 30)
- Membership Committee (Item 32)
- Nominating Committee (Item 33)
- Publications Committee (Item 35)
- Youth Committee (Item 36)
- Director-at-Large/Jim Osborn (Item 43)
- Division Director/Central Indiana (Item 52)
- Division Director/Fox Valley (Item 54)
- Division Director/Illinois Valley (Item 56)
- Division Director/North Shore & Western (Item 57)
- Division Director/South Central Wisconsin (Item 59)
- Division Director/Winnebagoland (Item 60)
- Division Director/Wisconsin Southeastern (Item 61)
- Secretary (Item 71)
- Treasurer (Item 72)

Richard Sweet said that the audit for 2008 was complete with no discrepancies. See Item 21. On motion by Chris Roeben, seconded by Bob Lehnen, the Audit Committee report was unanimously accepted.

Jim Spice discussed the Nominating Committee report. See Item 33. On motion by Gary Children, seconded by Bob Lehen, the Board unanimously accepted the Nominating Committee report and slated the following candidates for election to the four Director-at-Large positions for the 2010-2012 term:

- Ingrid Drozdak, North Shore & Western Division
- Fred Henize, DuPage Division
- Mike Hurlburt, Wisconsin Southeastern Division
- David Leider, Fox Valley Division
- Jim Osborn, Fox Valley Division (Incumbent)
- Barb Rothwell, South Central Wisconsin Division

Linda Sukup distributed and discussed her report regarding the Wisconsin Southeastern Division. See Item 61. She also distributed a Trainfest pass and a two-sided Trainfest flyer. One side of the flyer provided general Trainfest information. The other side highlighted the Friday Product Showcase, a \$40.00 special event ticket that also covers Trainfest admission on Saturday and Sunday. Linda said that trainfest.com has information about purchasing these tickets.

Richard Sweet commented on Capt. Al Nelson's Youth Committee report. He said the Fox Valley Division did not become aware of David Crement's funding request until after it was submitted. Richard said that in his opinion all funding requests should be submitted by Divisions and not by individuals. The Board agreed. The Board also concluded that the intent of the Youth Fund Policy that was adopted on April 19, 2009 was to provide support for the Boy Scout *Railroading* Merit Badge. Accordingly, on motion by Bob Lehen, seconded by Jim Spice, subparagraph 1b of the policy was amended to read "Boy Scout Railroading Merit Badge."

Bill Litkenhous said there has been no Regional Advisory Council activity since the Spring 2009 Board meeting.

Bert Lattan asked Board participants, who did not submit reports before the meeting, to e-mail them to mwrsecy@mwr-nmra.org no later than Monday, September 21, 2009. Bert said that he was migrating Midwest Region business from mwrsecy@comcast.net to mwrsecy@mwr-nmra.org. He asked Board participants to ensure that their address books for Midwest Region Secretary were set to mwrsecy@mwr-nmra.org and that their spam filters, if any, allowed e-mail from that address.

Bryan Lemonds commented on his report. See Item 72. He said that the balance at Guarantee Bank represented outstanding checks. Because current interest rates are low, Bryan expects to transfer the balance in the CD maturing on September 15, 2009 to the Money Market account.

Revenues and expenses for the eight months ended August 31, 2009 were:

	8/31/09
Revenues	\$5,001.83
Expenses	3,082.89
Net Income	<u>\$1,918.94</u>

Assets and liabilities as of August 31, 2009 were:

	8/31/09
Assets	
Certificates of Deposit	\$22,967.07
Checking Accounts	12,371.51
Total	<u>\$35,338.58</u>
Liabilities & Equity	
Liabilities	\$ 7,295.62
Equity	28,042.96
Total	<u>\$35,338.58</u>

On motion by Jim Spice, seconded by Richard Sweet, the Treasurer's Report was unanimously accepted subject to audit.

Paul Mangan said that SCWD had initiated a program to meet people at local hobby shops, acquaint them with the NMRA and encourage them to join.

Gary Children thanked the Board for its support during his four-year tenure as President. He said he planned to remain active as the Immediate Past President.

#### Old Business

In Tim Schubert's absence there was no report on the status of the 501(c)(3) project.

Paul Mangan reviewed the recommendations of the Calumet Division Committee. See Item 82. On motion by Paul Mangan, seconded by Mike Vivion, the Board unanimously approved the Calumet Division Committee Report and authorized the destruction of the survey reply forms and other working papers accumulated by the Committee.

#### New Business

Bert Lattan discussed the Bylaws amendment at Item 83 regarding Kosciusko County, Indiana. He noted that the amendment was a formality since the Board, the North Central Region and the NMRA had all approved the transfer of Kosciusko County from the Midwest Region to the North Central Region. Accordingly, on motion by Linda Sukup, seconded by Sean Lamb, the Bylaws amendment was unanimously approved.

Bert Lattan discussed the Bylaws amendment at Item 84 regarding the dissolution of the Calumet Division, the establishment of the Michiana Division, the transfer of the Illinois counties in the former Calumet Division to the DuPage Division and the transfer of the Indiana & Michigan counties to the Michiana Division. Following discussion, on motion by Marion Brasher, seconded by Bryan Lemonds, the Bylaws amendment and related implementing actions were unanimously approved.

Bert Lattan reviewed the resolution at Item 85 regarding the appointment of organizing officers for the Michiana Division. Following discussion, on motion by Chris Roeben, seconded by Jim Wise, the resolution was unanimously adopted.

Bert Lattan reviewed the resolution at Item 86 regarding the disposition of the Calumet Division treasury. Following discussion, on motion by Bob Lehnen, seconded by Gary Children, the resolution and related implementing actions were unanimously adopted.

Jim Spice reviewed Item 87 regarding a potential conflict between NMRA policies and the policies of public facilities used by some Divisions that have “open meeting” requirements. The Board concluded that there was no conflict, but on motion by Richard Sweet, seconded by Sean Lamb, agreed that the issue and the Board’s conclusion should be submitted to the NMRA.

Bert Lattan reviewed Item 88 regarding the appointment by each Division of an Alternate Division Director. Following discussion, on motion by Paul Mangan, seconded by Gary Children, the proposal for an Alternate Division Director was unanimously approved.

### Announcements

Reid Kahrs said that the Hiawatha Club registration option for the 2010 75th Anniversary National Convention will be discontinued on September 30, 2009. For a \$375.00 fee the Hiawatha Club offers benefits beyond the \$175 primary registration fee including the earliest opportunity to reserve a room in the convention hotel and to receive information and first choice for all of the tours offered during the convention. The Hiawatha Club includes primary registration plus one ticket to the annual banquet, one additional food function, one regular-priced layout tour, one regular-priced prototype tour, a golf shirt, and a convention car.

Bill Litkenhous reviewed plans for the 2010 Annual Meeting of Members and the Spring 2010 Board of Directors Meeting. The Annual Meeting of Members will be held during the 13th Annual Model Railroad Train Show and Swap Meet in Bedford, Indiana on Saturday, April 24, 2010. The meeting will begin about 10:45 am. See Item 89 for more information. The Spring 2010 Board of Directors Meeting will be held in Bloomington, Indiana on Sunday, April 25, 2010 at a place and time to be announced. Bill said he intends to add one or two operating sessions to the schedule for the weekend.

### Adjournment

On motion by Jim Spice, seconded by Gary Children, the meeting was adjourned at 11:56 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Bert Lattan  
Secretary

## Item 2

### Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, September 13, 2009

#### Agenda

<u>Item</u>	<u>Responsibility</u>
Call to order	Bill Litkenhous
Minutes of last meeting	Bill Litkenhous

#### Appointments

Jim Allen as Director-at-Large (Item 81)	Bill Litkenhous
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#### Reports

Committees	
Audit	Richard Sweet
Nominating	Jim Spice
Other	Bill Litkenhous
Directors-at-Large	Bill Litkenhous
Division Directors	Bill Litkenhous
Regional Advisory Council Representative	Bill Litkenhous
Secretary	Bert Lattan
Treasurer	Bryan Lemonds
Vice President	Paul Mangan
Immediate Past President	Gary Children
President	Bill Litkenhous

#### Old Business

501(c)(3) Project	Tim Schubert
Nominations	Jim Spice
Calumet Division Committee Report (Item 82)	Paul Mangan
Other	Bill Litkenhous

#### New Business

Bylaws Amendment Re: Kosciusko County (Item 83)	Bert Lattan
Bylaws Amendment Re: Calumet, DuPage & Michiana Divisions (Item 84)	Bert Lattan
Appointment of Michiana Division Officers (Item 85)	Bert Lattan
Disposition of Calumet Division Treasury (Item 86)	Bert Lattan
Public Facility Question (Item 87)	Jim Spice
Other	Bill Litkenhous

#### Announcements

2010 Annual Meeting of Members: Date, Time & Place	Bill Litkenhous
April 24, 10:30 am, Bedford, Indiana	
Spring 2010 Board Meeting: Date, Time & Place	Bill Litkenhous
April 25, 10:30 am, Bloomington, Indiana	

Adjourn	Bill Litkenhous
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**Item 3****Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, September 13, 2009**Attendance

Name	Position/Term Expires/Division	Present	
		In Person	By Proxy
Bill Litkenhous	President/2011	X	
Paul Mangan	Vice President/2011	X	
Bert Lattan	Secretary	X	
Bryan Lemonds	Treasurer	X	
Gary Children	Immediate Past President	X	
Sean Lamb	Director-at-Large/2010	X	
Bob Lehnen	Director-at-Large/2010	X	
Jim Osborn	Director-at-Large/2010		X
Dave Poquette	Director-at-Large/2010		
Jim Allen	Director-at-Large/2011	X	
Chris Roeben	Director-at-Large/2011	X	
Jim Wise	Director-at-Large/2011	X	
Pat Mehegan	Division Director/Calumet		
Tom Cain	Division Director/Central Indiana		
Keith Lipske	Division Director/DuPage		
Richard Sweet	Division Director/Fox Valley	X	
Mike Lehman	Division Director/ Illinois Terminal		
Marion Brasher	Division Director/Illinois Valley	X	
Jim Six	Division Director/Michiana		
Jim Spice	Division Director/North Shore & Western	X	
John Mann	Division Director/Rock River Valley		
Mike Vivion	Division Director/South Central Wisconsin	X	
Mark Preussler	Division Director/Winnebagoland	X	
Linda Sukup	Division Director/Wisconsin Southeastern	X	
Marv Preussler	Achievement Program Coordinator	X	
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		
Calvin Krasonya	Estate Committee Chairman		
Ron Scharping	Membership Committee Chairman		
David Leider	Publications Committee Chairman	X	
Capt. Al Nelson	Youth Committee Chair		

**Item 21**

**Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, September 13, 2009**

To: Board of Directors  
From: Richard Sweet  
Date: September 6, 2009  
Subject: Audit Committee Report

Activities Since Last Board Meeting

I audited the bank transactions for the months of March, May, July, September and October. During the audit, there were some documents missing, and I had some questions. I contacted Bryan and he provided the missing documents and answered my questions. I found nothing wrong with the transactions that took place during the months audited and the supporting documents were all present.

Planned Activities

There are no activities planned.

**Item 22**

**Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, September 13, 2009**

To: Board of Directors  
From: Mike Hurlburt  
Date: September 13, 2009  
Subject: Clinic Clearing House Report

Activities Since Last Board Meeting

No requests for clinic information received.

Planned Activities

Maintain list of Division Clinic Chairpersons or contacts for ready reference.

### **Item 30**

#### **Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, September 13, 2009**

To: Board of Directors  
From: Jim Osborn, Chairman  
Date: September 1, 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) Posted current PDF versions of the *Waybill* on the web site.
- 4) Published Internet Committee Policy and Procedure document.
- 5) Assisted with several miscellaneous Division web site issues.

#### Planned Activities

- 1) 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.
- 2) Continue with the general management and maintenance of the MWR web site and internet activities as appropriate.
- 3) Continue to assist the Secretary with publishing electronic *Waybill* notices.

**Item 32****Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, September 13, 2009**

To: Board of Directors

From: Ron Scharping

Date: 8/28/2009

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

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	Region	NMRA	Region	NMRA	Region
	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total
	(8/31/08)	(8/31/08)	(3/31/09)	(3/31/09)	(7/31/09)	(7/31/09)
1	289	130	297	121	289	115
2	144	37	149	42	141	40
3	163	66	159	64	155	62
4	149	50	142	44	137	47
5	93	38	93	36	93	36
6	242	93	253	85	256	86
7	33	13	35	12	31	10
8	116	44	115	46	115	44
9	152	58	160	63	155	59
10	96	31	107	35	110	40
11	199	86	193	85	188	83
Out of Region	54	54	57	52	52	52
Grand Total	1730	700	1760	685	1722	674

**Item 33**

**Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, September 13, 2009**

To: Board of Directors  
From: Jim Spice, Reid Kahrs & Jim Osborn  
Date: September 9, 2009  
Subject: Nominating Committee Report

Activities Since Last Board Meeting

Searched for and obtained nominees for four Director-at-Large positions for the 2010 election (2010-2012 term).

These candidates are presented for approval of the Board:

Ingrid Drozdak, North Shore & Western Division  
Fred Henize, DuPage Division  
Mike Hurlburt, Wisconsin Southeastern Division  
David Leider, Fox Valley Division  
Jim Osborn, Fox Valley Division (Incumbent)  
Barb Rothwell, South Central Wisconsin Division

Bios and pictures are on file.

**Item 35**

**Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, September 13, 2009**

To: Board of Directors  
From: David Leider, MMR, *Waybill* Editor  
Date: September 14, 2009  
Subject: Publications Committee Report

Activities Since Last Board Meeting

The summer and fall 2009 issues of the *Waybill* were distributed via mail to those members who have a mail subscription and put on the Region website for all to see. The summer issue was 12 pages and fall was 8.

I have named Jim Osborn as my Associate Editor as he does the proofreading for me.

I have been in contact with several members who want to write continuing columns. One, Dave Nelson, was already featured in both issues.

I am going to help anyone who submits material to attain his or her author's certificate.

### **Item 36**

#### **Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, September 13, 2009**

To: Board of Directors  
From: Capt. Al Nelson  
Date: September 7, 2009  
Subject: Youth Fund Report/Request for Funds

#### Activities Since Last Board Meeting

1. I received a request for funds in the amount of \$500, from Mr. David Crement, for support of a Boy Scout Merit Badge program he is conducting. Mr. Crement's letter is attached.

The Merit Badge is titled "Model Design & Building" An extract of badge requirements is attached.

Upon review of the requirements I contacted Mr. Crement to get more information about the project, and a more detailed submission of expenses. I explained to him the purpose of the youth program is to promote interest in model railroading, and this model design, while incorporated into an existing model railroad, is a stretch of the requirements for funding. I then suggested he incorporate the Merit Badge requirements for the "Railroading" Merit Badge into his teaching sessions with his Boy Scout group to make this a double Merit Badge project, or , at some future meet, Region or Division, have the boys enter their models in the contest as off line structures.

As of this date, I have not received any further information from Mr. Crement and, consequently, must make recommendation to deny this request.

2. Received an informal request from Paul Mangan, South Central Wisconsin Division, for information on procedure for expense reimbursement for "Rail School Activities." I referred him to Midwest Region Youth Fund Policy, (Item 88, April 19, 2009, Board of Directors meeting) No further communications from Mr. Mangan

May 8, 2009

Capt. Albert Nelson  
1661 Atlanta Cir.  
Manitowac, WI 54220

Dear Mr. Nelson:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this grant proposal, seeking \$500 in funds in support of Boy Scout Troop 152's Model Design & Building merit badge program. This group of Scouts consists of 20 boys that have earned a minimum of the 1st class rank. The program will be broken down into two groups of 10 and seven sessions each starting on April 20 and concluding on August 22, 2009

As you know, Scouting is an exciting time for young boys to develop new skills and be exposed to new areas of interest. With the Model Design & Building merit badge program, I'm hoping to teach the boys about model railroading and all the different facets they may explore.

Specifically, the badge focuses on architectural model designs, following AP Structures requirements. These models will be 1/4 inch "O" scale models of the duplex miners homes located at Woodvale, PA on the East Broad Top narrow gauge railroad. The boys will fulfill their badge requirements in my model shop, which shares my multi-leveled On3 East Broad Top NG railroad layout ... see [www.Foxvalleydivision.org](http://www.Foxvalleydivision.org) to view photos of my railroad models on display. At the completion of the program, an age appropriate judging following the National Model Railroad Association's achievement program guidelines will be held. An award of completion certificate and merit badge will be presented at the next court of honor.

If you have any questions, please call me at (847) 551-9657 or email me at [On3@comcast.net](mailto:On3@comcast.net). I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

David Crement MMR

cc: Mr. Gary Children  
Midwest Region President

Mr. Richard Sweet  
Fox Valley Division Director

## **Model Design & Building Merit Badge**

Model making, the art of creating copies of objects that are either smaller or larger than the objects they represent, is not only an enjoyable and educational hobby: it is widely used in the professional world for such things as creating special effects for movies, developing plans for buildings, and designing automobiles and airplanes.

### **Requirements**

1. Study and understand the requirements for personal safety when using such model maker hand tools as knives, handsaws, vises, files, hammers, screwdrivers, hand drills and drill bits, pliers, and portable power tools, and when to use proper protective equipment such as goggles when grinding or drilling. Know what precautions to take when using flammable or hazardous products such as glue, epoxy, paint, and thinners. Discuss these with your counselor before you begin your model making project and tell why they are important.

2. Explain the uses for each of the following types of models: architectural, structural, process, mechanical, and industrial. Do research into the different types of materials that could be used in making these models.

3. With your counselor's advice, select a subject from requirement 4 for your model project (no kits). Prepare the necessary plans to the proper scale. Make a list of materials and a list of the required tools. This model should be your own original work. Tell why you selected this subject.

4. Do ONE of the following:

a. Make an architectural model. Build a model of a house to a scale of  $1/4" = 1'0"$  (50:1 metric). Discuss with your counselor the materials you intend to use, the amount of detail required, outside treatment (finish, shrubbery, walks, etc.), and color selections. After completing the model, present it to your counselor for approval.

b. Build a structural model. Construct a model showing corner construction of a wood frame building to a scale of  $1-1/2" = 1'0"$  (8:1 metric). All structures shown must be to scale. Cardboard or flat sheet wood stock may be used for sheeting or flooring on the model. Review with your counselor the problems you encountered in gathering the materials and supporting the structure. Be able to name the parts of the floor and wall frames, such as intermediate girder, joist, bridging, subfloor, sill, sole plate, stud, and rafter.

c. Make a process model. Build a model showing the plumbing system in your house. Show hot and cold water supply, all waste returns, and venting to a scale of  $3/4" = 1'0"$  (15:1 metric). Talk to your counselor about how to begin this model, and present the scale and the materials you will use. After completion, present the model to your counselor, and be prepared to discuss any problems you had building this model.

d. Complete a mechanical model. Build a model of a mechanical device that uses at least two of the six simple machines. After completing the model, present it to your counselor. Be prepared to discuss materials used, the machine's function, and any particular difficulty you might have encountered.

e. Make an industrial model. Build a model of an actual passenger-carrying vehicle to a scale of 1" = 1'0" or 1/2" = 1'0" (10:1 or 25:1 metric). Take the dimensions of the vehicle and record the important dimensions. Draw the top, front, rear, and sides of the vehicle to scale. From your plans, build a model of the vehicle and finish it in a craftsman-like manner. Discuss with your counselor the most difficult part of completing the model.

5. Build a special-effects model of a fantasy spacecraft that might appear in a Hollywood science-fiction movie. Determine an appropriate scale for your design--one that makes practical sense. Include a cockpit or control area, living space, storage unit, engineering spaces, and propulsion systems. As you plan and build your model, do the following:

1. Study aircraft, submarines, and naval ships for design ideas.
2. Arrange and assemble the parts.
3. Sketch your completed model.
4. Write a short essay in which you discuss your design, scale, and materials choices.

Describe how you engineered your model and discuss any difficulties you encountered and what you learned.

6. List at least six occupations in which model making is used and discuss with your counselor some career opportunities in this field.

**Item 43**

**Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, September 13, 2009**

To: Board of Directors  
From: Jim Osborn  
Date: September 1, 2009  
Subject: Director at Large Report

Activities Since Last Board Meeting

- 1) Assisted the *Waybill* editor with miscellaneous publishing tasks.
- 2) Completed 1 additional layout tour article for *Scale Rails*.
- 3) Published a 5 page NMRA 75 Layout Tour article in *Scale Rails* on Don Cook's Layout.
- 4) Provided NMRA 75 web site photos for several Illinois tour layouts.
- 5) Assisted with Nominating Committee activities.

Planned Activities

- 1) Continue with article assistance for the *Waybill*
- 2) Expect to publish 2 additional Layout Tour articles

## **Item 52**

### **Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, September 13, 2009**

To: Board of Directors

From: Thomas Cain – CID Superintendent

Date: September 19, 2009

Subject: Central Indiana Division Report

#### Activities Since Last Board Meeting

##### **Bedford Train Show, April 25, 2009**

This is our second time to have this train show to be held at this location in the springtime. Attendance was similar to that of the previous year. This included dealer tables, portable layouts, clinics, model judging, and the annual meeting.

##### **Spring Layout Tour, May 2, 2009**

This Layout Tour included some excellent layouts but May 2, 2009 turned out to be the prettiest day in Spring yet and attendance to the tour was pretty disappointing. Planning for layout tours was discussed in the next Board Meeting after the tour and it was agreed that we were just the victim of good weather as the quality of layouts, publicity, and everything else was the same as has been done before.

#### Planned Activities

##### **Great Train Expo September (2009) and January (2010)**

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.

In the September 2009 GTE Train Show, later this month, the CID Board and other volunteers will build a 4 foot by 8 foot demonstration layout that will be given to a local adult with a developmental disability who attends a local Adult Program for people with disabilities. This is a joint project with the Central Indiana Division /NMRA and the Noble of Indiana “Dream Team.” The recipient of the layout lives in a group home and does not have the resources to build his own layout, but he has a passion for trains equal to many other adult model railroaders.

##### **CID/Danville, IN Train Show, October 17, 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 who live

nearby and they are committed to work on publicity and promotion of this event. We will have portable train layouts, clinics, model judging, and dealer tables at this Train Show. We had to move the date one time on this show recently as we discovered that the Great Train Expo scheduled themselves on the same date that we were scheduled. We have more dealers scheduled than ever before at this location and we are hoping that the extra efforts in publicity will result in increased attendance.

### **CID/Carmel Public Library Train Show, November 7, 2009**

This will be our 6<sup>th</sup> 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 is our second opportunity to utilize a new contact with a group that specializes in model train displays of Circus Trains. This is a free event.

### **Fall Layout Tour**

This layout tour will be scheduled in the Kokomo, Indiana area with one layout located near Atlanta, Indiana as well. There are 6 layouts scheduled with three scales HO, O, and Garden represented. Five of the six layouts use DCC control.

### **CID/Noblesville, IN Train Show, January 31, 2010**

This is our biggest Train Show and Swap Meet of the year and it continues to be very popular. Last year we had 114 dealer tables and over 500 people in attendance. We will 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 subscription free Division.

## **Item 54**

### **Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, September 13, 2009**

To: Board of Directors

From: Richard Sweet, Superintendent

Date: September 6, 2009

Subject: Fox Valley Division Report

#### Activities Since Last Board Meeting

- Apr. 26, 2009, monthly division meeting with a clinic on Decoder Pro and a train related photo contest.
- May 17, 2009, monthly division meeting with a clinic on the history of the Illinois Railway Museum and a rolling stock contest.

#### Planned Activities

- Sep. 20, 2009, monthly division meeting with a clinic on scratch building and a contest on locomotive consists.
- Oct. 11, 2009, trip to the Pullman Museum.
- Nov. 22, 2009, monthly division meeting with Operation Lifesaver and a contest on interiors, cars or buildings.
- Dec. 13, 2009, monthly division meeting with a clinic on steel stud construction and a contest on caboose trains.
- Jan. 17, 2010, an operating session.
- Feb. 28, 2010, a joint division meeting with the NS&W.
- Mar. 5-7, 2010, High Wheeler '10 annual model railroad show.
- Apr. 18, 2010, monthly division meeting with a clinic on DCC and a contest on structures.

## **Item 56**

### **Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, September 13, 2009**

To: Board of Directors  
From: Marion Brasher, IVD Superintendent  
Date: September 13, 2009  
Subject: Illinois Valley Division Report

#### Activities Since Last Board Meeting

The only activity of the IVD was our May 17th meet at Spring Valley, Illinois. Attendance was 21. We had competition with several graduations.

The clinic program was a round-robin type. Jack Andrews decaled several cars. Barb Smith's clinic was on making trees from Teasel weed. Scott Willoughby covered building switches using jigs. Marion Brasher's clinic was on adding weathering detail to covered hopper cars.

Layout visitations included Marion's Rock Island Oklahoma Division, Car Sennett's Milwaukee/Soo Line and the Mendota Railroad Museum.

We have lost two members due to non-renewal and took on one new member.

#### Planned Activities

Our next activity will be a meet in Rock Island, Illinois on October 4th at the Butterworth Center. Clinics are to be mounting Tortoise switch machines and the art of kitbashing buildings. We will have two or three layouts open for visitation.

**Item 57**

**Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, September 13, 2009**

To: Board of Directors  
From: Jim Spice  
Date: September 9, 2009  
Subject: North Shore & Western Division Report

Activities Since Last Board Meeting

No scheduled activities during the summer months

Planned Activities

We have secured the Glenview Public Library (Maynard Room) for our monthly meets. Our normal meeting consists of a short business meeting followed by a coffee break, model contest popular vote and a clinic. The meetings are scheduled to start at 1:30pm. The Library is located at 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, IL. The 2009-2010 dates are as follows:

<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
September 27	January 24
October 11*	February 28**
November 22	March 28
December 12-13	April 25
	May 23

\* Joint meet with the Fox Valley Division. Field trip to the Pullman Museum. Details are on the Fox Valley website at <http://www.foxvalleydivision.org/>

\*\* Joint meet with Fox Valley at North Shore & Western.

Our December meet is an open house at the Library where we set up our Division modular railroad for two days and invite the public to come in and experience modular model railroading and operation. Times are consistent with Library hours.

Our website at <http://home.comcast.net/~nswnmra/> has information about our modular railroad and information about clinics and contests.

**Item 59**

**Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, September 13, 2009**

To: Board of Directors

From: Paul Mangan  
Superintendent SCWD

Date: August 31, 2009

Subject: South Central Wisconsin Division Report

Activities Since Last Board Meeting

- April 25<sup>th</sup> : The S C W D held our annual spring banquet and awards night at the West Side Club. Sixty eight members and guests were in attendance. A new award “the Hank Brown Continuing Service Award” was presented to long time member Donn Swinton.
- May 4<sup>th</sup> : The last division meet of our season is a combined meet with the Rock River Valley Division. This year RRVD hosted the meet in Rockford. Twenty two members made the trip and had a great day with our friends in the RRVD.
- July 25<sup>th</sup> : Annual summer picnic held in Middleton with fifty six members attending.

Planned Activities

- September 13<sup>th</sup> : First meeting of the season. The S C W D meets on the first Sunday of the month from September through May except for January 10<sup>th</sup> being our annual Rail School. Also the April meet will be the second Sunday (the 11<sup>th</sup> ) because of Easter.
- January 10<sup>th</sup> : Rail School
- February 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> : Mad City Rail Show and Sale.

**Item 60**

**Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, September 13, 2009**

To: Board of Directors

From: Mark Preussler, Superintendent WinnebagoLand Division

Date: September 1, 2009

Subject: WinnebagoLand Division Report to MWR BOD

Activities Since Last Board Meeting:

The WLD held its Spring Meet on May 2nd 2009 in Neenah, WI. During the meeting our new officers were appointed and the work to revitalize the division began. We are pursuing this on many fronts including a new website and webmaster, Mary Eiden, moving our newsletter, *The WinnebagoLand Whistle* exclusively to an electronic version eliminating the printed version, and we are planning to become much more visible in our local hobby shops and communities via increasing our meeting schedule with seminars and clinics for members and the G.P., informational packets or brochures for hobby shops and clubs, and much more direct contact with our current members. This project is headed up by Mr. James Cruthers, our Chief Clerk and head of the newly formed Membership and Promotions committee in the WLD.

Planned Activities

WLD Fall Meet "Point To Plover" being held on September 26th in Plover WI.

WLD Operating Session to be held in Appleton WI on November 7th. This event is open to all modelers interested in learning about operations.

## **Item 61**

### **Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, September 13, 2009**

To: Board of Directors

From: Linda Sukup, WISE Division Superintendent

Date: September 13, 2009

Subject: Wisconsin Southeastern Division Report

I am the newly elected Superintendent of the Wisconsin Southeastern Division. My name is Linda Sukup.

The Board of Directors meets once a month to discuss business and upcoming events that are planned.

The Division meets once a month with clinics and layout tours. We meet at the Best Western in Milwaukee with our October meet in Burlington and our February meet at the Country Springs Hotel in Waukesha.

We are very proud of our Youth Group. The Youth Group will have their September and October meets coincide with the WISE Division meets. The group is growing.

The WISE Division has a rail event every year for WISE Division members and their families. This year the event took place August 9 and had approximately eighty people attend.

Trainfest is right around the corner. I am very excited to be the Superintendent this year. Trainfest is the premier train show in the United States. The Trainfest Director, John Tews, and the Trainfest Committee are working very hard to make this year's Trainfest better than last year where we set a record attendance.

Last year we had a Friday Night Showcase. With the purchase of a special ticket, the patrons could come into Trainfest on Friday from 4:30 -8:00 pm to visit with the manufacturers that come to Trainfest. These people along with the manufacturers and the people setting up layouts and displays are served dinner. It was very successful last year and will be repeated again this year.

Early Bird Tickets went on sale from June 2 –August 29. These tickets were distributed to five hobby shops in Milwaukee, along with Enginehouse Services in Green Bay and Madison Hobby Shop in Madison. This was unadvertised. Then the Advance Tickets were distributed. We have been doing the Advance tickets for a number of years and people generally wait until the last minute to get the tickets.

Children will be charged for the first time. BUT by going on-line to the Trainfest ([www.trainfest.com](http://www.trainfest.com)) website, a coupon can be printed out that will allow children in free up to three children per coupon. There are coupons for Trainfest Adult tickets. The price of the Adult Trainfest Ticket is \$12.00. Children are charged \$2.00.

So we have a very busy year ahead of us.

## Item 71

### Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, September 13, 2009

To: Board of Directors  
From: Bert Lattan  
Date: September 8, 2009  
Subject: Secretary's Report

#### Activities Since Last Board Meeting

- Prepared and distributed minutes of the Annual Meeting of Members held on April 18, 2009.
- Prepared and distributed minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on April 19, 2009.
- Prepared and distributed an agenda for the Board of Directors meeting to be held on September 13, 2009.
- Served as a member and secretary of the Calumet Division Committee.
- Coordinated submission of Region and Division Certification of Membership forms required by the NMRA.
- 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 Board of Directors meeting to be held on September 13, 2009.
- Prepare and distribute an agenda for the Annual Meeting of Members to be held on April 24, 2010.
- Prepare and distribute an agenda for the Board of Directors meeting to be held on April 25, 2010.
- 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. Please send additions, deletions and corrections to [mwrsecy@mwr-nmra.org](mailto:mwrsecy@mwr-nmra.org).

I have been trying for several months to get all e-mail for the Midwest Region Secretary directed to [mwrsecy@mwr-nmra.org](mailto:mwrsecy@mwr-nmra.org). But I still get e-mail at [mwrsecy@comcast.net](mailto:mwrsecy@comcast.net). **Please ensure that your address book entry for Midwest Region Secretary uses [mwrsecy@mwr-nmra.org](mailto:mwrsecy@mwr-nmra.org).**

**Item 72**

**Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, September 13, 2009**

To: Board of Directors

From: Bryan Lemonds

Date: September 1, 2009

Subject: Treasurer's Report

Attached are the following financial statements:

- Balance Sheet as of August 31, 2009
- Profit & Loss January through August 2009

**Midwest Region NMRA**  
**Balance Sheet**  
*(Cash Basis)*  
**As of August 31, 2009**

<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Checking/Savings</b>	
<b>Checking</b>	
Guarantee Checking	57.00
Money Market	3,366.30
Regions	8,948.21
<b>Total Checking</b>	<u>12,371.51</u>
<b>Savings Accounts</b>	
Regions CD 06.13.2011	8,297.13
Regions CD 09.13.2010	4,709.13
Regions CD 09.15.2009	9,960.81
<b>Total Savings Accounts</b>	<u>22,967.07</u>
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<u>35,338.58</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>35,338.58</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>35,338.58</u>
 <b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
<b>Other Current Liabilities</b>	
Moskal Award	165.20
Youth Program Fund	7,130.42
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	<u>7,295.62</u>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<u>7,295.62</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>7,295.62</u>
<b>Equity</b>	
Opening Balance Equity	16,823.62
Unrestricted (Retained Earnings)	9,300.40
Net Income	1,918.94
<b>Total Equity</b>	<u>28,042.96</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u>35,338.58</u>

**Midwest Region NMRA**  
**Profit & Loss**  
*(Cash Basis)*  
**January through August 2009**

Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Convention Income	
Auction	459.55
Total Convention Income	<u>459.55</u>
Portfolio Income	
Interest Income	682.28
Total Portfolio Income	<u>682.28</u>
NMRA	
Revenue Sharing	1,622.00
Subscriptions	2,238.00
Total NMRA	<u>3,860.00</u>
Total Income	<u>5,001.83</u>
Expense	
Region Expenses	
Postage	122.76
Total Region Expenses	<u>122.76</u>
Overhead Expenses	
Treasurer	-5.00
Achievement Program	107.22
Membership Committee	167.36
Total Overhead Expenses	<u>269.58</u>
NMRA Rebate	
Rebate to Divisions	380.00
Total NMRA Rebate	<u>380.00</u>
Convention Expenses	
Judges	65.00
Awards	188.25
Auction Payouts	397.00
Total Convention Expenses	<u>650.25</u>
Waybill	
Postage	322.40
Printing	1,337.90
Total Waybill	<u>1,660.30</u>
Total Expense	<u>3,082.89</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>1,918.94</u>
Net Income	<u>1,918.94</u>

## **Item 81**

### **Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, September 13, 2009**

#### Jim Allen Biography

I have been involved in model railroading on and off for more than 50 years. It started with a battery-operated tinplate set, progressed to American Flyer and settled with HO with a dabbling in On3 and G.

My career path as an Industrial Designer has allowed me to not only work in corporate and consulting offices but to also run my own freelance business. I have been involved in the designs of everything from small consumer products to heavy earth moving equipment. As a freelance designer I have been able to combine my passions for design and model railroading. Alco Models, McKeen Models, Overland, Walthers, Circuitron, Magnuson Models, and GCLaser are just a few of the companies in the Model Railroad Industry that I have done design, drafting, pattern work, model building and diorama design and construction.

As a NMRA member I have participated in and placed in a number of National and Regional Convention model contests. I have achieved an AP Certificate for Model Railroad Author and Master Builder – Motive Power. Articles that I have authored have appeared in Model Railroader, Railroad Model Craftsman and Mainline Modeler.

My wife and I retired in 2008 and I now have the time to start building the model railroad that I have been planning for the past 6 years. The 13'x19' layout will be a Chicago based theme concentrating on IC and CSS&SB operations. Of course this all depends on the length of my wife's honey-do list. My other interests include restoring a 1956 Penn Yan 14' cedar strip runabout, architectural photography, and researching heavy industry.

## Item 82

Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, September 13, 2009

### **Calumet Division Committee Report**

This report consists of nine parts:

- Executive Summary
- Survey Letter and Form
- Summary of Replies
- Member Comments by County
- Letter from a Member
- Lake County Follow-up Letter
- Analysis of Replies
- Committee Recommendations
- Map of Current CalDiv Counties

### **Executive Summary**

**Survey Process.** The Calumet Division Committee sent the accompanying letter and survey form to the 131 members of CalDiv as of April 30, 2009. Two of the 131 members were reported as deceased. Of the remaining 129 members, 53 replied, a 40% response rate. The 53 replies included 26 written comments. The comments are included in this report under “Member Comments by County.”

**Survey Results.** When respondent first choices by state are considered, respondents prefer transferring the Illinois counties in CalDiv to the DuPage Division and the Indiana counties to the Central Indiana Division. The results for Berrien County, Michigan are inconclusive. During the survey process the Committee became aware of a proposal to create a Michiana Division from northern Indiana and southwestern Michigan counties. For many members the Michiana Division would offer an opportunity for participation in NMRA activities closer to their homes. Because the survey results were not definitive for Lake County, Indiana, the Committee re-surveyed the members living in that county. The members responding to the follow-up survey preferred affiliation with the Michiana Division. Two respondents asked about the disposition of the CalDiv treasury.

### **Committee Recommendations**

1. Transfer the Illinois counties in CalDiv, consisting of part of Cook County, part of Will County, Kankakee County, Iroquois County and Ford County to the DuPage Division.
2. Transfer Elkhart, Fulton, Jasper, Lake, LaPorte, Marshall, Newton, Porter, Pulaski, St. Joseph and Starke Counties in Indiana and Berrien County, Michigan to a new Michiana Division.
3. Upon receipt by the Region of the CalDiv treasury, transfer the funds on a per member basis to the gaining Divisions.

## Survey Letter and Form

**Midwest Region, NMRA  
Calumet Division Committee  
C/o Bert Lattan  
145 Heathrow Court  
Lake Bluff, IL 60044**

May 17, 2009

{First Name} {Last Name}  
{Street Address}  
{City, State, Zip}

Dear {First Name},

As you may know, you are resident in the Calumet Division of the Midwest Region. In recent years, despite the efforts of the current leadership, the Division has become inactive and the current leadership has been unable to recruit new members to the leadership team.

At the April 19, 2009 meeting of the Region's Board of Directors, the current Division leadership recommended dissolving the Calumet Division and assigning members who are resident in Illinois counties to the DuPage Division and members who are resident in Indiana counties to the Central Indiana Division. In addition to these divisions, the Calumet Division also borders the Illinois Terminal Division, the Illinois Valley Division and the North Shore & Western Division.

As a result, the Region's Board appointed a committee to review the status of the Calumet Division and to make recommendations to the Board regarding the continuation or dissolution of the Division. The committee consists of Paul Mangan (Chairman), South Central Wisconsin Division; Bob Lehen, Central Indiana Division; Ron Scharping, DuPage Division, Allen Byrne, Illinois Terminal Division; Marion Brasher, Illinois Valley Division; and Bert Lattan, North Shore & Western Division.

Before making a recommendation to the Board, the Committee wants to get feedback from the affected members. Accordingly, **please complete and return the attached survey as soon as possible, but no later than June 30, 2009.** Please return the survey in the enclosed, stamped, addressed envelope to Calumet Division Committee, C/o Bert Lattan, 145 Heathrow Ct, Lake Bluff, IL 60044-1922. Thanks!

For information about the five divisions adjoining the Calumet Division, please visit the "Divisions" page (<http://www.mwr-nmra.org/divisions/divisionindex.html>) at the Region website. If you have comments about the future of the Calumet Division beyond the survey, please feel free to enclose them with your survey or to e-mail them to [mwrsecy@mwr-nmra.org](mailto:mwrsecy@mwr-nmra.org). Please use "Calumet Division Survey" as the subject of your e-mail and include your name and

Zip code with your comments so that the Committee can understand how your location affects your views.

Thank you,

Calumet Division Committee

Paul Mangan, Chairman

Bert Lattan, Secretary

Marion Brasher, Member

Allen Byrne, Member

Bob Lehnen, Member

Ron Scharping, Member

{First Name} {Last Name} {Zip Code}

**Survey of Calumet Division Member Preferences**

*Please mark your first preference with a "1," your second preference with a "2," etc.*

\_\_\_\_\_ Reactivate the Calumet Division; I am willing to serve as an officer, board member, or committee chairman.

\_\_\_\_\_ Affiliate with the Central Indiana Division

\_\_\_\_\_ Affiliate with the Du Page Division

\_\_\_\_\_ Affiliate with the Illinois Terminal Division

\_\_\_\_\_ Affiliate with the Illinois Valley Division

\_\_\_\_\_ Affiliate with the North Shore & Western Division

\_\_\_\_\_ Other (Describe) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Please return this survey in the enclosed, stamped, addressed envelope to Calumet Division Committee, C/o Bert Lattan, 145 Heathrow Ct, Lake Bluff, Illinois 60044-1922. Thanks!

## **Summary of Replies**

*(Note: Counties are listed north to south and west to east. Some choices do not make geographic sense.)*

<u>State/County</u>	<u>First Choices</u>								
	<u>Sent</u>	<u>Recd</u>	<u>CAL</u>	<u>CID</u>	<u>DUP</u>	<u>ITD</u>	<u>IVD</u>	<u>NSW</u>	<u>Other</u>
<b>Illinois</b>									
Cook	40	17	1	1	10	1	0	1	3
Will	11	4	0	1	3	0	0	0	0
Kankakee	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Iroquois	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ford	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<u>57</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>
<b>Indiana</b>									
Lake	19	11	1	4	4	0	0	0	2
Newton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Porter	12	7	0	5	1	0	0	0	1
Jasper	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LaPorte	6	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
Starke	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pulaski	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
St. Joseph	16	5	0	3	0	0	0	1	1
Marshall	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fulton	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Elkhart	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<u>62</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>
<b>Michigan</b>									
Berrien	10	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	1
	<u>10</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>
<b>Totals</b>	<u>129</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>9</u>

## Member Comments by County

<u>County</u>	<u>Sent</u>	<u>Recd</u>	<u>CAL</u>	<u>CID</u>	<u>DUP</u>	<u>ITD</u>	<u>IVD</u>	<u>NSW</u>	<u>Other</u>
<b>Cook</b>	40	17	1	1	10	1	0	1	3

None of these. First, I'm sorry about the things happening in this Division or Region. I've been in the NMRA for ten years and have found very little support or happiness with the ones I have encountered. I just recently latched on to some guys in the past two and a half years who I think are very self-centered. Second, I have my own layout and I fought with myself electricly to solve my problems. As for staying in the NMRA, I'm very, very undecided. Right now I do not want to leave the NMRA, but I don't really know yet. Thanks for reading my letter.

I would like to withdraw my membership.

I would like to know if the Division can be restarted at a different time. At this time I cannot be an officer but may be able to help out on a limited basis to keep the Division going. (Otherwise) I would go to the DuPage Division. In the letter there was nothing said of what will become of the assets of the Division.

Division closest to me.

It's easier to get to Indiana and the gas is cheaper.

Since I was not familiar with the locations of the listed divisions, I had to look up the info at NMRA. That map would have been helpful in this space. I have not been active, but have just recently begun a 5x10 HO layout. I hope this situation comes to a good conclusion whichever way it goes. Thanks for the opportunity to vote.

<u>State/County</u>	<u>Sent</u>	<u>Recd</u>	<u>CAL</u>	<u>CID</u>	<u>DUP</u>	<u>ITD</u>	<u>IVD</u>	<u>NSW</u>	<u>Other</u>
<b>Will</b>	11	4	0	1	3	0	0	0	0

Since I live on State Line Road, I guess it's as good a choice as any (CID).

DUP (or IVD). I am the last elected Assistant Superintendent for this Division. I would prefer to be with the Division that includes Joliet and New Lenox. Jim Suhs and I are sitting on a CalDiv treasury of approximately \$1100.

<u>State/County</u>	<u>Sent</u>	<u>Recd</u>	<u>CAL</u>	<u>CID</u>	<u>DUP</u>	<u>ITD</u>	<u>IVD</u>	<u>NSW</u>	<u>Other</u>
<b>Kankakee</b>	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

Combine all the above into one. You will save time and money.

<u>State/County</u>	<u>Sent</u>	<u>Recd</u>	<u>CAL</u>	<u>CID</u>	<u>DUP</u>	<u>ITD</u>	<u>IVD</u>	<u>NSW</u>	<u>Other</u>
<b>Lake</b>	19	11	1	4	4	0	0	0	2

See letter on page 40.

I think certain Indiana counties (Lake, Porter, Newton, Jasper) should be in the DuPage Division. Closest to Chicago. Central Indiana too far to travel for activities.

Since I was the 1st CalDiv Supt some 40+ years ago, my real preference Cent Ind affiliation.

I don't know that CalDiv members will be any more active even if we are affiliated with another Division. Although I am a long-time NMRA member and probably always will be, I am a member of a round robin group where the emphasis is on realistic operation. I have been with this group for over 35 years and it is where my interest lies. I'm also a member of the OpSig and attend many Op weekends around the country. Also I'm in the beginning stages of constructing my own layout. This is where my interest lies and why I've never been active with the Cal Division.

None are close to me, so I have no preference.

I live in NW Indiana, which is part of the Chicago metro area, and only loosely connected to central Indiana

Not interested. Thanks.

<u>State/County</u>	<u>Sent</u>	<u>Recd</u>	<u>CAL</u>	<u>CID</u>	<u>DUP</u>	<u>ITD</u>	<u>IVD</u>	<u>NSW</u>	<u>Other</u>
<b>Porter</b>	12	7	0	5	1	0	0	0	1

Hi, just a comment. I am currently inactive in HO. I am active in O tinline & G (1:20.3 scale) in the garden.

(CID) or the most viable solution and convenient for us Indiana members,

Create a new Michiana Division along the lines described by Jim Six.

<u>State/County</u>	<u>Sent</u>	<u>Recd</u>	<u>CAL</u>	<u>CID</u>	<u>DUP</u>	<u>ITD</u>	<u>IVD</u>	<u>NSW</u>	<u>Other</u>
<b>LaPorte</b>	6	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	0

I am sorry to hear about the choices facing the Calumet Division. Since I joined the NMRA several years ago, it has always been my intention to help out someday. Unfortunately, like a lot of people, work has to come first. But, now I find myself with an off day each week—Sunday, where I would be able to volunteer and generally help out. For the last couple of months, I have been helping out with scanning the archives if the Monon RRHTS though. To do this I have to schedule a vacation day, which cuts into my overtime pay that is desperately needed at this time. If there is anything I can do to help out on a Sunday, please e-mail...or call...

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<b>St. Joseph</b>	16	5	0	3	0	0	0	1	1

Far north Indiana should affiliate with Michigan division.

The last time that I could attend a Division meet was in 1982, to be exact 9-19-82 at Walkerton, IN. This end of the Division, South Bend, has been left out since that time. Perhaps "Calumet"

was right for a Division based around the lake. All of your choices mean more driving for me. I am glad you asked for a survey as it seems all of us have lost touch over the years.

Best chance of actually participating.

<u>County</u>	<u>Sent</u>	<u>Recd</u>	<u>CAL</u>	<u>CID</u>	<u>DUP</u>	<u>ITD</u>	<u>IVD</u>	<u>NSW</u>	Other
<b>Fulton</b>	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0

Hi. Sorry to learn about the dissolution of the Calumet Division. I moved from Cherokee, Iowa in July of 06 to my address now to take care of my dad, who's in bad health. So due to the latest financial mess and early retirement with little benefits, I haven't been able to help out the Calumet Division like I helped out the Prairie Lakes Division of the Thousand Lakes Region. My dad has no interest in railroading or model railroading and says "waste of money." I help out with the Fulton County Model Railroad Club and Winamac Depot-Pulaski County Historical Society. I wish I could do more, but limited on money and time. Hope they get better. The NMRA is a great organization. People bitch about the dues, but does a lot of good and you meet great people.

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<b>Berrien</b>	10	3						2	1

Sorry I haven't been active in the division. It's a lot of driving for a couple of hours-long meeting. I'd probably do better when I could combine the meeting with a trip to Chicago.

Michigan?

## Letter from a Member

June 17, 2009

Calumet Division Committee

As a member of the Calumet Division for the past 10 years I would like to give this committee some insight to the division. For some unexplained reason the apathy level of the membership is very high. When I first joined the NMRA back in 1999 and started to attend division meetings there were less than 11 members at any given meeting out of nearly 200 division members. This is less than 10% of the total membership. I became active and was the editor of the division's news letter. One thing I found was that trying to motivate the members was near impossible. Receiving ballots for an election were like pulling teeth. Once the then president resigned and new elections were held I was replaced as editor of the newsletter but never told of that change. The monthly meetings when private in one of the board members house and nobody heard anything about activities or the division. I would like to know what efforts have been put forward by the current leadership. I have not received one item in the last 5 years from the Calumet division. Yes a Yahoo group was created but when was it last updated or any use it. I used it at first and I publicized information about events for the local club I belong to. As result of this activity not one member of the officers, board or committees of the division would show up at any of our club activities. So yes APATHY is the biggest problem in the Calumet Division from top to bottom. Or is it I am better than you?

The big issue for the Calumet Division is to get some new blood in the office holders and present to the membership how an NMRA division should be run and what they as members can get from the division. That is why my first choice was to reactivate the Calumet Division and why I offered my time to serve the division. I would recommend that if enough people respond to reactivate this division that the Committee provides each of them contact information so that they can start the process of reviving this division. An added thought might be to rename the division if it is revived.

The option of dividing members up does present other problems. For my case I live in northwest Indiana just 35 FEET from the Illinois/Indiana state line and 40 miles south of downtown Chicago. My option is become a member of Central Indiana Division, which would create a division from Northwest Indiana to the Kentucky/Tennessee border, driving time from north to south of over 8 hours. If all meetings were held in Central Indiana that would mean that you are asking members to drive up to 4 hours in the winter months to attend meetings. If we can't get people to drive a couple of hours now how will this improve for members of the current Calumet Division? If you tried to accommodate members at either extreme of the division now drive time is a day in each direction. Clearly, think out the results of what happens to the current Calumet Division Members. If any member of the committee needs further information please feel free to contact me at ... or e-mail me at ...

## Lake County Follow-up Letter

**Midwest Region, NMRA  
Calumet Division Committee  
C/o Bert Lattan  
145 Heathrow Court  
Lake Bluff, IL 60044**

July 28, 2009

{First Name} {Last Name}  
{Street Address}  
{City, State, Zip}

Dear {First Name},

We were very pleased to receive replies to our recent survey of member preferences from about 60% of the CalDiv members residing in Lake County, Indiana. Members expressing a preference for a new division affiliation were equally split between the DuPage Division and the Central Indiana Division.

Subsequent to the mailing of our survey, a proposal has been put forth for the creation of a Michiana Division. This proposed division is described on the next page. The division would serve parts of northern Indiana and southwestern Michigan. For many members it would offer an opportunity for participation in NMRA activities closer to their homes.

Before making a recommendation to the Midwest Region Board of Directors regarding the affiliation of Lake County, Indiana the Committee wants to get further feedback from the affected members. The Committee's question is which Division will work best for Lake County, Indiana members: the DuPage Division that meets in Downers Grove, Illinois or the Michiana Division that is expected to meet in South Bend, Indiana.

**Please complete and return the attached form as soon as possible, but no later than August 20, 2009.** Please return the form in the enclosed, stamped, addressed envelope to Calumet Division Committee, C/o Bert Lattan, 145 Heathrow Ct, Lake Bluff, IL 60044-1922. **We would very much like to hear from each member residing in Lake County!**

Thank you,

Calumet Division Committee

## Michiana – A New Division

Several longtime model railroaders in northern Indiana are working to create a new Michiana Division based on part of the inactive Calumet Division. The new Michiana Division will be part of the Midwest Region (MWR) of the NMRA. Jim Six, Chris Thompson, Mark Plank and Tom Johnson, among others have stepped up and committed to make this happen. They aim to pave a new path to the future for model railroaders of Porter, LaPorte, Starke, St. Joseph, Marshall, Elkhart, Jasper, Pulaski and Fulton counties in Indiana along with Berrien county in Michigan.

Jim states, “We are not interested in status quo, politics, or boring monthly meetings. Instead we will host regular workshops, clinics, presentations by popular model railroaders, layout tours and operating sessions, layout work sessions, and more. The goals and objectives are to share, motivate, inspire, teach, learn, entertain, promote, spread our wonderful hobby and most importantly have fun. Borrowing from the old Model Railroader magazine slogan, *Model Railroading is Fun!* We aim to put fun into the NMRA MWR Michiana Division.”

The monthly “gathering” (versus meeting) will be about building model railroads including kitbashing and building structures, installing scenery, building benchwork, wiring, painting, detailing, weathering, creating backdrops – particularly photo backdrops, how to photograph model railroads, digital photo editing, programming DCC decoders and sound decoders, prototypical layout operation, how to do simple research for better modeling, and much more. Jim believes that the Michiana Division will become a model division for the rest of the NMRA to emulate!

Jim already has the Michiana Division's primary communication tool up and running. It is a Yahoo group where members send a message to the group address and the message is automatically and almost instantly relayed to all members. You can join by sending a message to this email address: [NMRA\\_Michiana\\_Division-subscribe@yahoo.com](mailto:NMRA_Michiana_Division-subscribe@yahoo.com). NMRA members of other divisions are welcome to join. This Yahoo group will be open for discussion of all division business, sharing modeling information and photos and other division and hobby related topics. There will also be a Michiana Division web page. A periodic division e-magazine is also planned. The goal is to take full advantage of available digital technology and use it to attract younger people who will someday replace us all.

For more information contact Jim Six at [jamesix@bnin.net](mailto:jamesix@bnin.net) or call (574) 343-4998 from 6PM to 10PM Eastern Time.

*Note: The Midwest Region Board of Directors is expected to create the Michiana Division and name Jim Six as Superintendent at its meeting in Fitchburg, Wisconsin on September 13, 2009.*

{First Name} {Last Name} {Zip Code}

**Lake County, Indiana Member Preference**

*I prefer to be a member of the (check one):*

\_\_\_\_\_ DuPage Division

\_\_\_\_\_ Michiana Division

Please return this form in the enclosed, stamped, addressed envelope to Calumet Division Committee, C/o Bert Lattan, 145 Heathrow Ct, Lake Bluff, Illinois 60044-1922. Thanks!

**Summary of Replies**

	No.	%
Members preferring the DuPage Division	3	25
Members preferring the Michiana Division	7	58
Members stating no preference	<u>2</u>	<u>17</u>
Total replies	12	100

## **Analysis of Replies**

The replies clearly demonstrate that successfully reactivating the Calumet Division in its current configuration is very unlikely. Only three of the 53 respondents favored this option.

When only state totals are considered, respondents prefer transferring the Illinois counties in CalDiv to the DuPage Division and the Indiana counties to the Central Indiana Division. The results for Berrien County, Michigan are inconclusive. Thirteen of 22 Illinois respondents selected DuPage. Sixteen of 28 Indiana respondents selected Central Indiana.

Shortly after the survey was mailed, the Committee became aware of the Michiana Division proposal developed by Jim Six. See page 11. Jim lives in Millersburg, Indiana, which is southeast of South Bend, Indiana. South Bend will probably be the meeting location for the proposed division. One respondent from Porter County, Indiana specifically mentioned this proposal. A respondent from St. Joseph County, Indiana and another respondent from Berrien County, Michigan mentioned affiliating with "Michigan." Following discussion with Jim Six, all of the CalDiv Indiana counties, with the possible exception of Lake and Newton, and Berrien County, Michigan would form the Michiana Division. For many members creating the Michiana Division would offer an opportunity for participation in NMRA activities closer to their homes.

As a few respondents point out Lake County, Indiana has a closer relationship with the Chicago metropolitan area than with other parts of the state. Setting aside the one "Calumet" first choice and the two "Other" first choices (which do not express a preference), the respondents are equally split between DuPage and Central Indiana. In view of the Michiana Division proposal, the Committee re-surveyed the Lake County, Indiana members to determine their preference between DuPage and Michiana. The members responding to our follow-up preferred the Michiana Division. See page 43.

The comments include two statements regarding the CalDiv treasury. Section 7 of Article V of the Region Bylaws provides in part that "Any assets of an inactive Division will be disposed of in accordance with the Division's organizational documents. If no provision has been made for the disposition of such assets, they will be converted to cash, remitted to the Treasurer and added to the general funds of the Region." The Calumet Division organizational documents on file with the Region Secretary as required by Section 2 of Article V of the Region Bylaws do not include a provision for disposition of Division assets. In the recent past the treasury of an inactive division was remitted to the Region and subsequently transferred to the division that absorbed the inactive division.

## **Committee Recommendations**

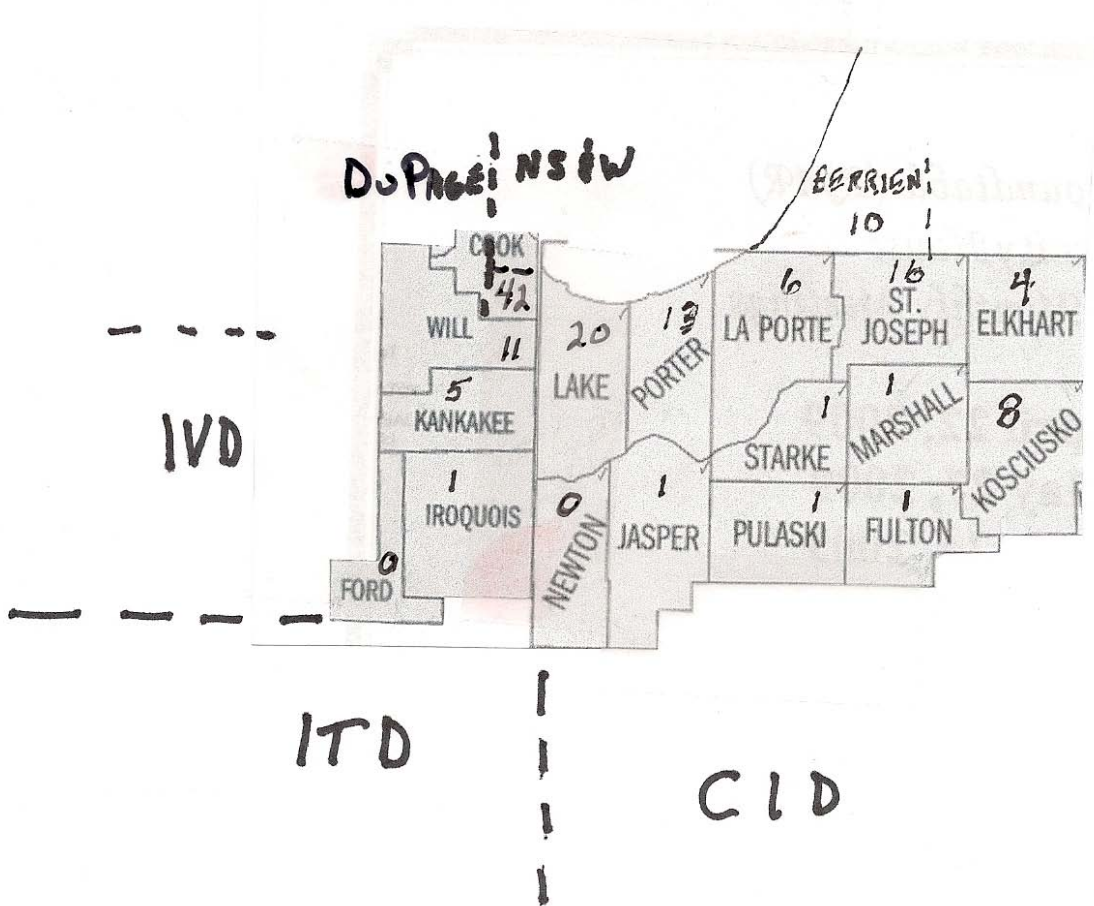
1. Transfer the Illinois counties in CalDiv, consisting of part of Cook County, part of Will County, Kankakee County, Iroquois County and Ford County to the DuPage Division.
2. Transfer Elkhart, Fulton, Jasper, Lake, LaPorte, Marshall, Newton, Porter, Pulaski, St. Joseph and Starke Counties in Indiana and Berrien County, Michigan to a new Michiana Division.
3. Upon receipt by the Region of the CalDiv treasury, transfer the funds on a per member basis to the gaining Divisions.

### Calumet Division Committee

Paul Mangan, Chairman  
Bert Lattan, Secretary  
Marion Brasher, Member  
Allen Byrne, Member  
Bob Lehnen, Member  
Ron Scharping, Member

## Map of Current CalDiv Counties

(Note: The headcounts on this map total 141. The survey was based on later data and was sent to 131 members. The mailing excluded the eight members in Kosciusko County, a former member in Cook County and a former member in Porter County. The Summary of Replies excludes two deceased members: one from Cook County and one from Lake County.)



**Item 83**

**Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, September 13, 2009**

Amendment of Bylaws Regarding Kosciusko County

*(Note: This amendment is for the record.)*

Whereas the Board approved a petition for transfer of Kosciusko County, Indiana from the Midwest Region to the North Central Region on April 19, 2009, and

Whereas the North Central Region and the NMRA subsequently approved the transfer, it is

Resolved that Section 1 of Article V of the Bylaws is changed as follows:

*Subsection d currently reads*

d. Calumet (CAL) – 2804

Includes the following counties in the State of Illinois: Cook (south of Roosevelt Road and east of Austin Boulevard or the southward extension of Austin Boulevard to Interstate Highway 55 and south of Interstate Highway 55 and east of US Route 45), Ford, Iroquois, Kankakee, and Will (east of US Route 45).

Includes the following counties in the State of Indiana: Elkhart, Fulton, Jasper, Kosciusko, Lake, La Porte, Marshall, Newton, Porter, Pulaski, Saint Joseph, and Starke.

Includes the following county in the State of Michigan: Berrien.

*Subsection d is amended to read*

d. Calumet (CAL) – 2804

Includes the following counties in the State of Illinois: Cook (south of Roosevelt Road and east of Austin Boulevard or the southward extension of Austin Boulevard to Interstate Highway 55 and south of Interstate Highway 55 and east of US Route 45), Ford, Iroquois, Kankakee, and Will (east of US Route 45).

Includes the following counties in the State of Indiana: Elkhart, Fulton, Jasper, Lake, La Porte, Marshall, Newton, Porter, Pulaski, Saint Joseph, and Starke.

Includes the following county in the State of Michigan: Berrien.

**Item 84**

**Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, September 13, 2009**

Amendment of Bylaws Regarding the Calumet, DuPage and Michiana Divisions

*(Note: This amendment establishes the Michiana Division, transfers Calumet Division territory to the DuPage and Michiana Divisions and dissolves the Calumet Division.)*

Whereas the Calumet Division is inactive, and

Whereas the Calumet Division Committee has recommended establishment of the Michiana Division and transfer of Calumet Division territory to the DuPage and Michiana Divisions, it is

Resolved that Section 1 of Article V of the Bylaws is changed as follows:

*Subsection d as amended by Item 83 and subsection k currently read*

d. Calumet (CAL) – 2804

Includes the following counties in the State of Illinois: Cook (south of Roosevelt Road and east of Austin Boulevard or the southward extension of Austin Boulevard to Interstate Highway 55 and south of Interstate Highway 55 and east of US Route 45), Ford, Iroquois, Kankakee, and Will (east of US Route 45).

Includes the following counties in the State of Indiana: Elkhart, Fulton, Jasper, Lake, La Porte, Marshall, Newton, Porter, Pulaski, Saint Joseph, and Starke.

Includes the following county in the State of Michigan: Berrien.

k. DuPage (DUP) – 2811

Includes the following counties in the State of Illinois: Cook not otherwise included in Calumet, Fox Valley and North Shore & Western, DuPage, Kane (south of the westward extension of the Cook-DuPage county line), Kendall, and Will (west of US Route 45).

*Subsections d and k are amended to read and Subsection l is added*

d. (Removed)

k. DuPage (DUP) – 2811

Includes the following counties in the State of Illinois: Cook not otherwise included in Fox Valley and North Shore & Western, DuPage, Ford, Iroquois, Kankakee, Kane (south of the westward extension of the Cook-DuPage county line), Kendall, and Will.

1. Michiana (MD) – 2815

Includes the following counties in the State of Indiana: Elkhart, Fulton, Jasper, Lake, La Porte, Marshall, Newton, Porter, Pulaski, Saint Joseph, and Starke.

Includes the following county in the State of Michigan: Berrien.

Further resolved that the Membership Committee Chairman is directed to effect these changes with the NMRA headquarters office.

Further resolved that in republishing the Bylaws as required by Section 3 of Article X the Secretary is directed to re-letter the subsections of Section 1 of Article V to reflect these changes.

**Item 85**

**Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, September 13, 2009**

Appointment of Michiana Division Officers

Whereas pursuant to Item 84 the Board has established the Michiana Division, and

Whereas the Division requires organizing officials to serve until such time as Division organizational documents are adopted by the membership and officers are elected by the membership, it is

Resolved that the following NMRA members are appointed to the indicated offices:

Superintendent

Jim Six  
67600 Alesha Way  
Millersburg, IN 46543  
(574) 343-4998  
jamessix@bnin.net

Assistant Superintendent

Chris Thompson  
1617 Caroline St  
South Bend, IN 46613  
(574) 514-6390  
bigdaddycj67@sbcglobal.net

Chief Clerk and Paymaster

Mark Plank  
16385 County Road 56  
Syracuse, IN 46567  
(574) 528-1541  
mark.plank@gmail.com

**Item 86**

**Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, September 13, 2009**

Disposition of the Calumet Division Treasury

Whereas Section 7 of Article V of the Bylaws provides in part that “Any assets of an inactive Division will be disposed of in accordance with the Division’s organizational documents. If no provision has been made for the disposition of such assets, they will be converted to cash, remitted to the Treasurer and added to the general funds of the Region,” and

Whereas the Calumet Division organizational documents on file with the Secretary as required by Section 2 of Article V of the Bylaws do not include a provision for disposition of Division assets, it is

Resolved that the Calumet Division Paymaster is directed to remit the Calumet Division treasury to the Region Treasurer,

Further resolved that the Region Membership Committee Chairman is directed to calculate factors for allocation of the Calumet Division treasury between the DuPage and Michiana Divisions based on the number of members transferred to those Divisions, and

Further resolved that the Region Treasurer is directed to apply the allocation factors to the funds received from the Calumet Division Paymaster and to remit the appropriate amounts to the Paymasters of the DuPage and Michiana Divisions.

## **Item 87**

### **Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, September 13, 2009**

#### Public Facility Question

The memorandum from Robert J. Amsler, Jr. dated July 30, 2009 regarding NMRA membership and insurance raises a question about how NMRA policies affect Divisions and Regions that meet in public facilities such as community centers, libraries and schools. The public entities operating these facilities are usually created by state or local law. Many of these public entities have policies requiring organizations using their facilities to open their meetings to the public.

NMRA entities use public facilities because they are made available to local organizations at low or no cost. Without use of these low or no cost facilities some NMRA entities would not be able to meet because they cannot afford to rent commercial facilities or public facilities that charge a market rental. In many instances there is clearly no conflict between NMRA and public facility policies. After members of the public attend two or three meets, they either join the NMRA or stop attending meets.

However, a few individuals may decide not to join the NMRA but continue to attend meets under the public access policies of the public facility. Do these individuals create a conflict with NMRA policies? The third full sentence at the top of page 3 of the Amsler memo seems to answer that question "No." It states that: "Events open to the public do not void the insurance coverage either." Is "No" the correct interpretation of the Amsler memo in this instance?

## **Item 88**

### **Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, September 13, 2009**

#### Alternate Division Director

##### *A Proposal by Bert Lattan*

The recent NMRA requirement for preparation and submission of Region and Division Certification of Membership forms disclosed a weakness in both NMRA and Midwest Region communication processes. The NMRA relies solely on e-mail communication of its requirements to the Region President. The Midwest Region relies solely on e-mail communication of its requirements to each Division Director, usually the Division Superintendent.

If the NMRA or the Midwest Region uses an incorrect e-mail address or the individual addressed is unable to timely receive e-mail, open an e-mail attachment, etc, the communication will not be answered or an answer will be delayed. I have recommended to the NMRA that each Region appoint an alternate recipient, probably the Vice President or the Secretary, to receive e-mail communications like the communication on the Region and Division Certification of Membership forms. This should help to ensure a timely response to NMRA requests.

Regarding Region e-mail communications with Divisions, I recommend that the Board adopt the following resolutions:

Resolved, that each Division in the Midwest Region shall appoint an Alternate Division Director to receive copies of all e-mail communications from the Region to its Divisions. Further resolved, that each Division shall promptly report the name and e-mail address of its Alternate to the Region Secretary by e-mail to [mwrsecy@mwr-nmra.org](mailto:mwrsecy@mwr-nmra.org).

**Item 89**

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**BEDFORD KIWANIS CLUB**  
AND THE  
**CENTRAL INDIANA DIVISION**  
OF THE  
NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION



**ANNOUNCE THE**  
**13th ANNUAL MODEL RAILROAD TRAIN SHOW AND SWAP MEET**

**Date & Time:** April 24, 2010 from 10:00 AM TO 3:00 PM

**Location:** Bedford National Guard Armory  
2020 19th Street, Bedford, Indiana

**Admission:** \$5.00 per person. Children 12 and Under Free When Accompanied by a Paying Adult

**Layouts:** Operating HO, N and Z Scale

**Contests:** Model, Photo, Favorite Train, Favorite MOW Vehicle  
Entries due by 12:00 Noon

**Clinics:** Times: 11:15 to 1:15 KIT (Kids In Trains)

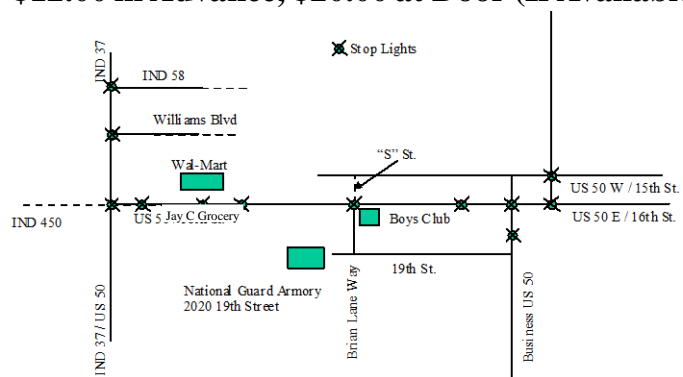
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1:00 PM To be announced

**Dealers:** Over 50 Tables of Trains

Tables: \$12.00 in Advance, \$20.00 at Door (If Available)

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**C.I.D. Annual Meeting will be held at 10:30 AM**  
**Midwest Region Annual Meeting will be held at 10:45 AM**