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74.		Immediate Past President
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82.	X	Division Assignment for Zip Code 53190
83.	X	Addition of <i>Constant Contact</i> to Web Toolkit
84.	X	Draft 2012 Election article for Summer 2011 Issue of the <i>Waybill</i>

Item 1

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

President Bill Litkenhous called the meeting to order at 10:00 am at the Radisson Hotel in Madison, Wisconsin. The agenda for the meeting is at Item 2. Nineteen of the 31 people attending the meeting in person or by proxy were voting members of the Board of Directors, which constituted a quorum. Dave Thornton, NMRA Vice President of Administration, was one of the guests. See Item 3 for a list of attendees who signed in. There were a few individuals, not included in the headcount, who did not sign in.

Bill thanked everyone present for attending the meeting. He particularly thanked Paul Mangan and the South Central Wisconsin Division for hosting Badgerland Express 2011, the Region's Spring 2011 Convention.

On motion by Gary Children, seconded by Paul Mangan, the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on October 3, 2010 were unanimously approved as written.

Reports

The following reports are attached:

- Audit Committee (Item 21)
- Clinic Clearinghouse Committee (Item 22)
- Model Contest Subcommittee (Item 24)
- Election Committee (Item 28)
- Internet Committee (Item 30)
- Membership Committee (Item 32)
- Nominating Committee (Item 33)
- Director-at-Large/Mike Hurlburt (Item 42)
- Director-at-Large/Jim Osborn (Item 43)
- Director-at-Large/Barb Rothwell (Item 44)
- Division Director/Central Indiana (Item 51)
- Division Director/Illinois Terminal (Item 54)
- Division Director/Illinois Valley (Item 55)
- Division Director/South Central Wisconsin (Item 58)
- Division Director/Winnebagoland (Item 59)
- Division Director/Wisconsin Southeastern (Item 60)
- Secretary (Item 71)
- Treasurer (Item 72)

Richard Sweet said that he would begin the audit of the 2010 financial statements shortly and would report the results at the Fall 2011 meeting of the Board.

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

Dave Poquette reported that 53 items were sold in the auction. Gross proceeds were \$484.00, the Region's commission was \$72.60 and net proceeds to the sellers were \$411.40. Dave said that he was resigning as Chairman of the Auction Subcommittee. However, he will help his replacement with the auction at the Spring 2012 Convention. At Michael Shockley's request Dave described his activities at a convention. Mike said that he would assist Dave with the auction at the Spring 2012 Convention. Auction Subcommittee Policies & Procedures are linked to the Region website's *Secretary's Page*.

Linda Sukup introduced Joe Russ, who is the new Superintendent of the Wisconsin Southeastern Division.

Paul Mangan reported that Mike Vivion is the new Superintendent of the South Central Wisconsin Division.

Jim Osborn said that the Fox Valley Division's High Wheeler show the first weekend in March had record attendance of about 4,500, including 1,350 children. He said Fox Valley had changed its marketing of the show in order to attract more children. Jim also noted that after the merger with the North Shore & Western Division last fall, attendance at Division meets has increased to 50-60 from 20-30.

John Mann reported that the Rock River Valley Division had a successful show and sale the last weekend in March. Young engineers attending the show received 185 Athearn boxcar kits. John asked about reimbursement from the Youth Fund. Capt. Al Nelson advised John that RRVD should contact him about possible reimbursement from the Fund.

Gary Children commented on Division efforts to publicize their train shows.

Bill Litkenhous said there has been no Regional Advisory Council activity since the Fall 2010 Board meeting.

Bert Lattan asked Board participants, who did not submit reports before the meeting, to e-mail them to mwrsecy@comcast.net no later than Monday, April 25, 2011. He said he expected to publish updated lists of Region and Division key personnel on or about May 16, 2011. He asked Division Superintendents to report any changes in Division officers (Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Chief Clerk or Paymaster) before the 16th.

Bert noted that the Region has received 1,000+ e-mail addresses from NMRA members resident in the Region. While this number represents about 60% of the Region membership, Bert believes that we should be able to increase this number significantly. He asked Division Superintendents to encourage members to subscribe to electronic delivery. The subscription process is very easy. All a member needs to do is go to the Region website's *Waybill* page, click on *subscribe here*, fill in the e-mail form that opens and send the e-mail.

Bryan Lemonds commented on his report. See Item 72.

Revenues and expenses for the twelve months ended December 31, 2010 were:

	12/31/10
Revenues	\$7,065.04
Expenses	<u>4,279.89</u>
Net Income	<u>\$2,785.15</u>

Assets and liabilities as of December 31, 2010 were:

	12/31/10
Assets	
Certificates of Deposit	\$23,700.44
Checking Accounts	<u>15,280.20</u>
Total	<u>\$38,980.64</u>
Liabilities & Equity	
Liabilities	\$ 7,295.62
Equity	<u>31,685.02</u>
Total	<u>\$38,980.64</u>

Revenues and expenses for the three months ended March 31, 2011 were:

	3/31/11
Revenues	\$2,580.78
Expenses	<u>1,044.29</u>
Net Income	<u>\$1,536.49</u>

Assets and liabilities as of March 31, 2011 were:

	3/31/11
Assets	
Certificates of Deposit	\$23,952.39
Checking Accounts	<u>16,564.74</u>
Total	<u>\$40,517.13</u>
Liabilities & Equity	
Liabilities	\$ 7,295.62
Equity	<u>33,221.51</u>
Total	<u>\$40,517.13</u>

Bryan reminded Division Superintendents that whenever a Division's Paymaster changes, he needs to know the name, address, telephone number and e-mail address of the new Paymaster so that the Division's share of the NMRA dues rebate is sent to the correct individual.

On motion by Allen Byrne, seconded by Gary Children, the Treasurer's Report was unanimously accepted subject to audit.

Old Business

Paul Mangan reported preliminary results for Badgerland Express 2011. There were 109 registrations. A total of 30 clinics were presented, 23 rail clinics and seven non-rail clinics. There were 27 layouts open for viewing and operating sessions were held at three layouts. When final figures are compiled, Paul expects the convention will make a small profit.

Mike Yurjec presented the Illinois Valley Division bid for the 2012 Spring Convention. Because all of the hotels in Springfield, Illinois are booked for State of Illinois activities in April 2012, Rail Splitter 2012 will be held on Friday, Saturday & Sunday, March 9, 10 & 11 at the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel in downtown Springfield. On motion by Chris Roeben, seconded by Gary Children, the IVD bid was accepted.

Steve Studley presented the Central Indiana Division bid for the 2013 Spring Convention. See Item 81. The convention probably will be held the third weekend in April on Friday, Saturday & Sunday, April 19, 20 & 21, 2013. The probable hotel is the Marriott Indianapolis East Hotel. On motion by Gary Children, seconded by Ingrid Drozdak, the CID bid was accepted.

Bill Litkenhous commented on the status of Scott County Indiana. At its April 25, 2010 meeting the Board adopted the following resolution:

“Whereas Bill Litkenhous plans to move to Scott County, Indiana (Zip Codes 47102, 47138, 47141, 47147, 47170 & 47177),

Whereas Scott County, Indiana is currently assigned to the Mid-Central Region,

Whereas Bill Litkenhous wants to remain in the Midwest Region, and

Whereas Scott County, Indiana borders the Midwest Region,

Be it resolved that subject to necessary approvals by the Mid-Central Region and the National Model Railroad Association, the Midwest Region will accept Scott County, Indiana as a part of its Central Indiana Division.”

Bill said that consideration of his petition to transfer Scott County, Indiana to the Midwest Region is still pending approval or disapproval by the Mid-Central Region. He expects the Mid-Central Region to consider his petition on April 30, 2011. He further expects to submit his petition, the Midwest Region acceptance of Scott County, Indiana and whatever the Mid-Central Region decides to the NMRA Board this summer. Since 100% of the NMRA members residing in Scott County, Indiana have petitioned for this change, under the NMRA Regulations the change should be approved by the NMRA Board irrespective of the Mid-Central Region decision.

New Business

On motion by Jim Wise, seconded by Gary Children, the Board authorized Don Cook to destroy the ballots from the 2011 election.

On motion by Gary Children, seconded by Paul Mangan, the Board confirmed the appointment of Barb Rothwell as Chairman of the Nominating Committee.

Bert Lattan noted that the Region needs a volunteer to replace Reid Kahrs as a member of the Nominating Committee. Because the Bylaws require the three members of the Nominating Committee to be from different Divisions, the volunteer cannot be from the Fox Valley Division or the South Central Wisconsin Division since Dave Johnson and Barb Rothwell are from those Divisions, respectively..

Bert Lattan discussed the 2012 election. We will elect four Directors-At-Large. Bert reviewed the application and petition processes for getting on the ballot. He said that the material at Item 84 would be completed and published in the Summer 2011 issue of the *Waybill* and on the Region website.

Bert Lattan reviewed Item 82 regarding the Division assignment for Zip Code 53190. Following discussion, on motion by Paul Mangan, seconded by Gary Children, the Board reassigned Zip Code 53190 to the South Central Wisconsin Division. Ron Scharping will notify NMRA headquarters of the change and Bert Lattan will notify the two members that are affected by the change.

Bert Lattan said that as a result of the Zip Code 53190 matter and other feedback he has received, some members clearly do not understand their Region and Division assignment. He further said that adding a Zip Code table to the *Divisions* page of the Region website might help a member look up his or her Division assignment. Michael Shockley asked how a member might otherwise know his or her Division assignment. Bert responded that the code 28nn on an individual's membership card indicates that the member resides in the Midwest Region, the 28. The nn designates the Division. The Division codes are on the *Divisions* page of the Region website. Bert will work with Ron Scharping and Jim Osborn to add a Zip Code lookup table to the *Divisions* page of the Region website.

Dave Thornton noted that the NMRA needs a new membership database. He visualizes a database that would immediately report new members to the NMRA, the member's Region and the member's Division no matter where a member joined. In response to a suggestion by Bert Lattan that the NMRA should switch to geographic data to assign members to Regions and Divisions, Dave said that a change from Zip Codes was not likely.

Jim Osborn discussed the proposed addition of the *Constant Contact* e-mail service to the Region's web toolkit and the proposed amendment to the existing web services agreement between the Region and the Fox Valley Division. See Item 83. In response to a question from Bryan Lemonds, Jim said that the cost per year currently is a total of \$312.00 to be shared equally by MWR and FVD. Following discussion, on motion by Jim Osborn, seconded by Gary Children, the Board approved the amendment to the existing agreement.

Installation of New Officers and Directors-at-Large

Bill Litkenhous congratulated the winners of the recent election:

President Bill Litkenhous, Central Indiana Division (2nd Term)
Vice President Paul Mangan, South Central Wisconsin Division (2nd Term)
Directors-at-Large:
Jim Allen, Fox Valley Division (1st Term)
Fred Henize, DuPage Division (1st Term)
David Leider, Fox Valley Division (1st Term)

Additional New Business

The Board discussed a date and place for the Fall 2011 meeting of the Board. On motion by Paul Mangan, seconded by Steve Studley, the Board tentatively decided on Saturday, September 10, 2011 in Lafayette, Indiana. CID will be the host. Steve Studley will apprise Bert Lattan of the final arrangements for the meeting as soon as possible.

Jim Osborn discussed a \$250.00 donation to the NMRA Diamond Club. Donations to the Diamond Club are used to fund the conversion of Kalmbach Memorial Library materials to a digital format for online access. Following discussion, on motion by Jim Osborn, seconded by Fred Henize, the Board approved a \$250.00 donation to the NMRA Diamond Club.

Gary Children said that dates have been set for Trainfest 2011. They are Saturday & Sunday, November 12 & 13, 2011.

Adjournment

On motion by Jim Allen, seconded by John Mann, the meeting was adjourned at 11:22 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Bert Lattan
Secretary

Item 2

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Agenda

Item

Responsibility

Call to order Bill Litkenhous
Minutes of last meeting Bill Litkenhous

Reports

Committees

Audit	Richard Sweet
Election	Don Cook
Other	Bill Litkenhous
Directors-at-Large	Bill Litkenhous
Division Directors	Bill Litkenhous
Regional Advisory Council Representative	Bill Litkenhous
Secretary	Bert Lattan
Treasurer	Bryan Lemonds
Immediate Past President	Gary Children
President	Bill Litkenhous

Old Business

2011 Spring Convention Preliminary Report	Paul Mangan
2012 Spring Convention Bid (IVD)	Mike Yurcec
2013 Spring Convention Bid (CID)	Steve Studley
Status of Scott County, Indiana	Bill Litkenhous
Other	Bill Litkenhous

New Business

Destruction of 2011 Ballots	Don Cook
Appointment of Barb Rothwell as Nominating Committee Chair	Bill Litkenhous
Nominations for Four Directors-at-Large for the 2012-2014 Term	Barb Rothwell
Division Assignment for Zip Code 53190	Bert Lattan
Zip Code vs. Geographic Definition of Divisions	Bert Lattan
Addition of <i>Constant Contact</i> to Web Toolkit	Jim Osborn

Installation of New Officers and Directors-at-Large

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 17, 2011**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	
Jim Allen	Director-at-Large/2011	X	
Chris Roeben	Director-at-Large/2011	X	
Jim Wise	Director-at-Large/2011	X	
Ingrid Drozdak	Director-at-Large/2012	X	
Mike Hurlburt	Director-at-Large/2012	X	
Jim Osborn	Director-at-Large/2012	X	
Barb Rothwell	Director-at-Large/2012	X	
Steve Studley	Division Director/Central Indiana	X	
Keith Lipske	Division Director/DuPage		
Walter Radtke	Division Director/Fox Valley		
Mike Lehman	Division Director/ Illinois Terminal		X
Michael Shockley	Division Director/Illinois Valley	X	
Jim Six	Division Director/Michiana		
John Mann	Division Director/Rock River Valley	X	
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	
Richard Sweet	Audit Committee Chairman	X	
Reid Kahrs	Convention Committee Chairman		
Dave Poquette	Auction Subcommittee Chairman	X	
Sean Lamb	Model Contest Subcommittee Chairman		
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	
Dave Johnson	Nominating Committee Member	X	
David Leider	Publications Committee Chairman	X	
Capt. Al Nelson	Youth Committee Chair	X	
Allen Byrne	Proxy for Mike Lehman	X	
Fred Henize	Director-at-Large Elect	X	
Joe Russ	Wisconsin Southeastern Division Superintendent Elect	X	
Dave Thornton	NMRA Vice President of Administration	X	
Mike Yurgec	Illinois Valley Division Trainmaster District 5	X	
Several observers did not sign in.			

Item 21

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To: Board of Directors
From: Richard Sweet
Date: April 7, 2011
Subject: Audit Committee Report

Activities Since Last Board Meeting

There has been no activity since the last board meeting.

Planned Activities

The audit of the 2010 bank transactions will begin soon after the April 17th board meeting.

Item 22 & 42

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To: Board of Directors

From: Michael Hurlburt

Date: April 17, 2011

Subject: Clinic Clearing House Report and DAL Report

Activities Since Last Board Meeting

Still promoting the NMRA

Planned Activities

Work on my layout and stay current with NMRA needs.

Item 24**Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, April 17, 2011**

To: Board of Directors

From: Sean Lamb

Date: April 19, 2011

Subject: Model contest committee report

Results of the 2011 MWR model contest are as follows:

Five model builders brought in fourteen entries. One entry was disqualified because it wasn't a model. Of the thirteen remaining entries, seven earned merit awards.

Category	Award	Modeler	Description
Steam locomotive, master	1 st place	Jim Allen	On3 Beyer-Garratt
Diesel locomotive, master	1 st place	Jim Allen	ATSF TR4
Diesel locomotive, novice	1 st place	Michael Shockley	N&W 506
Diesel locomotive, novice	2 nd place	Michael Shockley	CSX 7892
Non-revenue, master	1 st place	Jim Allen	On3 air compressor car
Passenger car, master	1 st place	Tyrone Johnsen	GN 2 nd class coach
Structures, off-line, master	1 st place	James Wise	Whiley's Warehouse
Structures, off-line, master	2 nd place	James Wise	Ezra Cooper's Garage
Structures, off-line, novice	1 st place	Dave Casey	Humbird Cheese
Structures, off-line, novice	2 nd place	Dave Casey	Ogden's Bookstore
Structures, on-line, novice	1 st place	Michael Shockley	Coal sorter
Display, off-line, master	1 st place	James Wise	Wise Meat Packing
Display, off-line, novice	1 st place	Dave Casey	Rock Springs Bank
President's Award		James Wise	Wise Meat Packing
Moskal Award		Jim Allen	On3 Beyer-Garratt
Best of Show, Novice		Dave Casey	Rock Springs Bank
Best of Show, Master		Tyrone Johnsen	GN 2 nd class coach
Best of Show		Jim Allen	On3 Beyer-Garratt

This year we had open judging of models as entries arrived in the contest room. This helped ensure that the contest judges were able to fairly judge all of the models and that we were able to complete the full score tabulations before the banquet. I had hoped that the modelers who brought entries to be judged would also be able to listen in on the judging discussions as a way to learn where to improve their models for the next contest. I know of one modeler who was able

to listen to his model judging and the feedback that I received from this was positive. There were a total of four model contest judges: Sean Lamb (co-chairman), Chris Roeben (co-chairman), Gary Children (past chairman) and James Wise MMR. To avoid conflicts of interest, James Wise excused himself from judging his own models and Gary Children excused himself from judging three models where he knew the models and the modeler. Every model was judged by at least two judges and many scores were reviewed after judging by other judges to ensure fairness.

There was some confusion among entrants during the convention and potential entrants before the convention as well as among judges at the convention about the exact meaning of some of the contest categories and the potential awards that would be presented. The confusion was addressed and resolved before the contest ended. During the judging, the judges were not able to make notes with comments for the modelers to follow in order to improve their work for the next contest. The comments were collected after the convention. Judges were available at the close of the contest for individual consultations with modelers. I took photos of most of the models that were entered into the contest; I did not photograph three entries because they were entered at the end of the entry period and I was not able to return to photograph them before they were picked up. After the judging was complete, I retained the score sheets so that photocopies could be made and the copies could be sent along for merit award processing. Unfortunately, the copies weren't available until Sunday; the score sheets and judges' comments will be mailed to the modelers.

There are a number of areas in which the contest can be improved for the next convention. Recommendations that include new capital expenditure are:

- ⤴ Acquire a scanner/printer device for use at MWR model contest meets.
- ⤴ Acquire an Ott Lite or a similar neutral-color portable light source to use while judging models.
- ⤴ Acquire one or more Optivisors for use while judging models.
- ⤴ Replace the current model contest paperwork storage box with a lighter and potentially smaller box (optionally, the new container could have wheels integrated into the box but a separate small dolly could also be acquired to transport all the materials). The current box could be retained as a storage location for archived paperwork from past model contests, which is part of its usage right now.
- ⤴ Acquire a digital audio recorder to record the audio from judging models so that the audio can be made available to the modelers after the convention.

Recommendations that do not necessarily incur additional costs are:

- ⤴ Ensure that the location of the contest room and times that the contest room are open are published in the convention program book.
- ⤴ Coordinate with the region president and/or vice president on a schedule for selecting the President's Award model and for signing all necessary paperwork.
- ⤴ Publish a complete list of all possible model contest categories and awards.
- ⤴ Ensure that the contest entry forms and judging criteria are easily accessible to MWR members.
- ⤴ Recruit a volunteer to prepare notes for the judges' feedback to the modeler.
- ⤴ Formalize and publish a limit for the number of models that an individual modeler can enter in the model contest as a whole as well as in each category.
- ⤴ Publish a challenge each year to modelers that can be completed as a modeling project that will then be judged at the next convention. Make a new award for the best model (based on AP points) that meets the modeling challenge for the year.

- ⤴ Update the existing model contest clinic (as created by Chris Roeben) to include more details about the model contest categories as well as how to complete the paperwork necessary for entering the contest. Then present this updated clinic to as many divisions as possible.
- ⤴ Solicit feedback from the region membership at large for further suggestions to improve the contest policies and procedures.
- ⤴ Maintain a professional attitude toward the models and modelers' achievements during judging and awards presentations.

I will complete the judges' feedback notes and mail them and the score sheets to the modelers by mid-May 2011 (my goal is to complete this task by May 1). I will be retouching my photographs of the model contest entries and will submit copies of them by the end of May 2011 for publication in the next Waybill.

Over the summer I will be working on an article for the Waybill discussing the model contest categories and potential awards. I plan to also include in this article a somewhat open-ended modeling challenge for judging at next year's convention. Several years ago, a challenge to build a model of Bagby water tower on the Yosemite Valley Railroad was published and several modelers were able to complete the challenge. My goal is to have the article completed by July 2011 so it can be included in the Fall Waybill. I have also solicited feedback (and received some) from this year's contest entrants for their opinions on the contest this year.

For the recommendations listed above that include capital expenditures, I will research potential costs over the summer and I plan to submit estimates at the Fall 2011 board meeting.

I will also be working on updating the model contest clinic over the summer as noted in the recommendations above and will create a presentation from it that can be added to the region website for download by modelers. I am planning to write the downloadable presentation such that it will walk the modeler through the entire process of getting a model ready for the contest, preparing the paperwork, entering the model and then receiving the judges' feedback. My goal is to complete this task by December 2011.

Other tasks that I will be performing over the summer include taking a complete inventory of all model contest ribbons, plaques and paperwork so we know what to order for the next convention.

If there are any region members who would like to help with any of the writing tasks, I will be saving the in-progress documents to my Dropbox folder which can easily be shared as needed.

Item 28

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To: Board of Directors

From: Don Cook

Date: March 13, 2011

Subject: Election Committee Report

The results of the election were:

For President:	Bill Litkenhous	81 Votes
	Write-In	1
For Vice President:	Paul Mangan	82 Votes
For Director-at-Large:	Jim Allen	78 Votes
	Fred Henize	75
	David Leider	76
	Write-In	1

The winners of the election were:

For President:	Bill Litkenhous
For Vice President:	Paul Mangan
For Director-at-Large:	Jim Allen
	Fred Henize
	David Leider

The ballots were counted on March 13th by Election Committee members Don Cook and Bert Lattan. A total of 89 ballots were submitted. There were 82 valid ballots and seven invalid ballots.

Item 30

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To: Board of Directors
From: Jim Osborn, DAL
Date: April 1, 2011
Subject: Internet Committee Report

Activities Since Last Board Meeting

- 1) Made timely updates to the MWR web site per requests from National & 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) Assisted with several miscellaneous Division web site issue and updates.
- 5) Re-established web site viewing & statistical counting of visitors.

Planned Activities

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

Item 32**Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, April 17, 2011**

To: Board of Directors

From: Ron Scharping

Date: April 2, 2011

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*. Established my home address as return address for the *Waybill*. Established and managed "postage due" account with Post Office to facilitate handling of undeliverable *Waybills*.

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)	NMRA Total (3/31/10)	Region Total (3/31/10)	NMRA Total (8/31/10)	Region Total (8/31/10)
01	289	130	297	121	308	127	389	127
02	144	37	149	42	149	45	156	46
03	163	66	159	64	157	56	204	57
04	149	50	142	44	0	0	0	0
05	93	38	93	36	86	34	85	32
06	242	93	253	85	237	81	250	87
07	33	13	35	12	30	11	29	9
08	116	44	115	46	112	45	119	46
09	152	58	160	63	149	52	165	47
10	96	31	107	35	111	44	127	40
11	199	86	193	85	235	93	252	99
15					93	34	97	31
Out of Region	54	54	57	52	45	45	47	47
Grand Total	1730	700	1760	685	1712	667	1920	668

Region Membership Data – Con't

Division	NMRA Total (3/31/11)	Region Total (3/31/11)
01	298	114
02	154	44
03	179	57
05	100	31
06	236	82
07	32	10
09	262	87
10	111	37
11	240	88
15	90	29
Out of Region	47	47
Grand Total	1749	626

Item 33 & 44

Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, April 17, 2011

To: Board of Directors

From: Barb Rothwell

Date: April 2, 2011

Subject: Director at Large Report/Chairman of the Nominating Committee

Activities Since Last Board Meeting

Registrar for MWR 2011 Regional Convention

Planned Activities

1. Surviving the convention.
2. Finding candidates for open MWR vacancies.

Item 43

Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, April 17, 2011

To: Board of Directors
From: Jim Osborn, DAL
Date: April 1, 2011
Subject: Director at Large Report

Activities Since Last Board Meeting

- 1) Assisted the *Waybill* editor with miscellaneous publishing tasks.

Planned Activities

- 1) Continue with miscellaneous assistance to the *Waybill* editor.

Item 51

Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, April 17, 2011

To: Board of Directors

From: Steve Studley – CID Superintendent

Date: April 10, 2011

Subject: Central Indiana Division Report

Activities Since Last Board Meeting

CIRROPS Operations Weekend, October 8-10, 2010

The second Ops weekend included registrations for 47, but only 37 attendees actually made it to the sessions. Lower than expected attendance was attributed to several factors: other ops weekends either on the same date or in very close time to this weekend, the economy may also have kept some operators at home. Unfortunately, GTE chose to visit Indianapolis this same weekend. Their visit was announced after we had already publicized CIRROPS. This weekend is sponsored by the CID in conjunction with CIRROPS (Central Indiana Railroad Operations).

Great Train Expo, Indiana State Fairgrounds, October 9 – 10

As noted above, GTE visited Indianapolis on the same weekend as the CIRROPS weekend. Because of that, several of our Board members, who usually help man the CID booth at the show, were busy either having their layouts open or were helping other Board members with their visitors. There were volunteers who were either new to the booth or hadn't been there for some time. There were plenty of demonstrations in the CID booth during the two days. These demonstrations caused many of the attendees to stay for awhile and ask questions. It turned out to be a very good weekend.

CID/Danville, IN Train Show, October 16, 2010

Once again, the Board voted to keep this show FREE to the public. There was a full complement of vendors who seemed happy with their sales for the day. The CID was happy with the number of people who visited the show. It is apparent that many families enjoy being able to visit a model railroad show at no cost. They did get to visit many operating layouts, do business with the vendors and were able to buy something to eat. Two clinics were presented during the show. Once again, a local hobby shop provided a door prize.

Carmel Library Train Show, November 6, 2010

As a kick-off for Model Railroad Month, we attend this one day show at a library on the north side of Indianapolis. This continues to be very well visited with many families visiting the operating layouts and circus/railroad model displays. There are no sales at this event, but it does bring in extra people to the library. The attendees who visit this show are not necessarily model railroaders, like the attendees at a GTE. Perhaps the displays do spur some to take up model railroading as a hobby.

Naptown and White River Train Show and Meet, Indianapolis, December 11

This is not a CID sponsored meet, but we do display the CID booth and answer questions about the NMRA and general model railroad subjects. N&WR has approximately 350 attendees at their meet. While not as large as a GTE meet, we do consider this meet an important way to be in the public eye.

Great Train Expo, Indiana State Fairgrounds, January 8 – 9, 2011

The second visit to Indianapolis during the model railroading season went as well as the first one. The CID asked for and were able to man a bit more space during this weekend than we had in October. A new, simple switching layout allowed the boys and girls, of all ages, the opportunity to try their hand at switching cars from a yard. There were also many demonstrations that kept people coming to the booth.

Noblesville Meet and Annual Auction, January 30

The Noblesville Meet and Annual Auction once again proved to be the CID meet with the largest attendance. The meet and auction provide most of the money needed to sponsor the other two shows during the year. Once again, we had a full house of vendors and operating layouts, with several vendors on a wait list. Food service was available and there were two clinics presented.

Muncie Model Train Show, Muncie, IN, February 26

Like the Naptown show, this show is not a CID-sponsored activity. However, we do have the CID booth on display. People attending the show are able to get their model railroad and NMRA questions answered and pickup handouts with NMRA information.

Naptown and White River Train Show and Meet, Indianapolis, March 5

The CID booth was once again manned at this show. We have noticed that there aren't that many people who visit the booth as they do at many of our other activities. We are thinking about having active demonstrations at future shows, much as we have at GTE.

Martinsville Train Show and Annual Membership meeting, Martinsville, IN, April 9

This was the first time for the spring show to be held in Martinsville. For the last 14 years this show has been held at Bedford, IN. The Bedford show had seen declining attendance for the last several years. We decided to move the location of this show to try to a location nearer the large population center of Indianapolis. The paid attendance was 247, with many children also attending. The location is not as large as our other two venues, but we were able to fill the hall to capacity and had a waitlist for vendors. Once again, there were many operating layouts for viewing. We have learned that this is very important for many families who come to see the trains as much, if not more, than they come to visit the vendors.

Planned Activities

Spring Layout Tour, Lafayette, IN, May 21

The annual spring layout tour is still in the planning stages. The early plans included four layouts, but several of the owners had to cancel. The process continues to find available layout owners who are able to have their layouts open for the tour. The CID Board has set a guideline that all layout owners be NMRA members, and this can be a problem at times. These tours usually see about 50 – 60 CID members who participate in the tour.

Brownsburg Library Show, Brownsburg, IN, June 11

This is the second year for this show held at the library in Brownsburg. The show is sponsored by the library, not the CID. The CID does help in seeking operating layouts to come to the show. The setup will be moved to a different room this year. There is still enough room for a similar number of layouts as last year. The library will be publicizing this more this year than they did last year. We are hoping more publicity and being the second year will increase the attendance.

CID/CIRROPS OPS Educational Opportunity, September

CID is sponsoring, along with CIRROPS, a day for railroad operations education. CIRROPS weekends are fairly high energy operations that are perhaps not appropriate for some first-time operators. It was decided to provide a free-to-all (not free-for-all), single, short session with help from experienced operators. The hope is to have separate sessions at locations around the Indianapolis area. That way, the attendee could choose the session near their home. Plans are still being finalized.

GTE, Indiana State Fairgrounds, Indianapolis, IN, September 24 – 25

GTE has moved their visit back to September. The second visit will be in December. This change is based on the possible visit by World's Greatest Hobby sometime after the first of the year. The CID will request a booth area similar to what we had in January. We will ask members to not only man the booth, but to also help with the demonstrations that seem to be so popular with the paying public.

Item 54**Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, April 18, 2011**

To: Board of Directors
From: Mike Lehman
Date: April 9, 2011
Subject: Illinois Terminal Division Report

Activities Since Last Board Meeting

Illinois Terminal Division continues to meet regularly (monthly). Generally, this involves a round-robin meeting location at a member's home and food, followed by layout visit/operation of the host layout. Generally, these meetings take place in Urbana, but we've also met in Monticello (near the west border of the division.) Attendance varies, but there has been a recent trend in increasing attendance at these meetings, which is good.

The Lincoln Square Train Show has been discontinued. Consideration will be given to some sort of NMRA event as a replacement, but timing, venue and format have yet to be determined.

Planned Activities

ITD re-nominated the same slate of officers after notices to membership yielded no new candidates and will hold its annual election at the upcoming May meeting. We now have layouts in various states of operations, so will use this to involve members more actively in the NMRA.

Meetings are suspended for the summer, as has been our tradition, picking back up in September. We may have a summer activity and will be considering a non-NMRA operating session beyond the NMRA meetings to bring in public to expose them to NMRA members so that they may get interested in formal NMRA activity.

Item 55

Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, April 17, 2011

To: Board of Directors

From: Michael Shockley, Superintendent Illinois Valley Division

Date: April 16, 2011

Subject: Activities Report

Activities Since Last Board Meeting

3 meets—Bloomington, IL; Springfield, IL; Peoria, IL (with elections)

Elected two new officers—Asst Superintendent Minton Dings and
Paymaster Barb Smith

Re-elected three Trainmasters—Jack Andrews, Ed Brown, Mike Yurjec

Meets had multiple clinics (some first timers) and multiple local layout tours

New hobby store in IL (south of Peoria)—owner came to Peoria meet

Planned Activities

Meets in Mendota, IL; Galesburg, IL

Tour of Ray Tutaj built layouts in Mendota train station and Cherry Mine Disaster
in Mendota Library

Item 58

Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, April 17, 2011

To: Board of Directors

From: Paul Mangan
Superintendent
S.C.W.D.

Date: April 01, 2011

Subject: South Central Wisconsin Division Report

Activities Since Last Board Meeting

2010

November 7th Regular monthly meeting.

December 4th Regular monthly meeting

2011

January 9th Annual SCWD Rail School. The SCWD opens its doors to the public to inform and educate the community about the hobby of model railroading and railroading in general. Mini clinics and displays are put on by division members. Forty Five division members welcomed the sixty five visitors.

February 6th Regular monthly meeting

February 19th & 20th Our 44th annual SCWD Mad City Model Railroad Show and Sale was held at the Aliant Energy Center in Madison with total attendance over 9100.

March 6th Regular monthly meeting

April 3rd Annual SCWD business meeting. New officers and board members were elected. Mike Vivion was elected to Superintendent. Mike's term begins after the April SCWD Board meeting. Other officers will begin their terms after that meeting as well. Names will be sent in a separate communication.

Planned Activities

May 1st Annual combined meet with the Rock River Valley Division. This year the SCWD travels to Rockford for the meet.

May 14th SCWD Spring banquet and awards night.

July 9th Summer Picnic

September 11th New 2011-2012 season begins.

Item 59

Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, April 17, 2011

To: Board of Directors

From: Mark Preussler, MMR WinnebagoLand Division Superintendent/Director

Date: March 16, 2011

Subject: WinnebagoLand Division Report

Activities Since Last Board Meeting. The WLD held a successful Fall Meet last October and continued with our annual Operating Session last November. We have had a sizeable increase in membership during 2010. While some can be contributed to the NMRA National in our neighboring division, we have had many renewals and more RailPass memberships processed as well.

Planned Activities: We once again will co-sponsor the annual Titledown Train Show in Green Bay during the weekend of April 30th. This is our best opportunity to work with the public since they are drawn to the show for dealers and bigger displays. We use TTS as our outlet to the general public. On May 14th we are holding our Spring Meeting of The Membership and Model Railroad Symposium in Neenah, WI. I would invite all to attend. We have 17 clinics planned at the all day event and it also includes a luncheon and evening layout tours. Our host group is the Soo Line Historical and Technical Society. It is my goal to team up with similar groups in the future. Please see all information at our website www.wld-nmra.org

Our Fall Meet will be held in Sheboygan WI on Oct. 1st and will again be a joint effort with several prototype societies joining in. Final details are forthcoming. Finally, our Operating Session is planned for November 5th in Waupaca, WI. There will be several large layouts open for operating and capacity should not be a problem. Our OP Sessions are open to all for the goal of learning about this part of our hobby. I encourage MWR members to attend.

Item 60

Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, April 17, 2011

To: Board of Directors

From: Linda Sukup, WISE Division Superintendent

Date: April 11, 2011

Subject: WISE Division Report

Activities Since Last Board Meeting

The WISE Division sponsored another extremely successful Trainfest with the largest crowd to date. The 2011 Trainfest will be November 12 and 13. This will be our 40th year, and Executive Director John Tews' 20th year at the helm. At this year's event, we are starting a two day pass in celebration of our 40th year.

The WISE Division website has undergone a complete redesign. The website is new and interactive, which includes a new event calendar. This calendar not only previews the WISE Division activities, but includes Trainfest and local area club events. The newly designed website hosts copies of the WISE Division newsletter. Clinic handouts are also available from the website.

We are in the process of turning over our video library to DVD's. There are a few videos that we have kept in the collection.

We updated our by-laws to more modern standards, to include electronic communications. We now have newly enhanced financial rules to insure good solid controls on the Division funds, which now require multiple signatures for large checks and multiple signatures for all financial accounts.

We have newly designed, attractive BEST of SHOW and First Place awards for the Popular Vote contests held at the monthly meets with the continuation of the hobby shop gift certificates.

There has been an increased participation in the Youth Group.

We held our Annual Meeting and election on April 10. This will be my last Regional Board meeting. My opponent, Joe Russ is now the new Superintendent of the WISE Division.

Planned Activities

We are planning to continue the above activities.

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Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, April 17, 2011

To: Board of Directors

From: Bert Lattan

Date: April 11, 2011

Subject: Secretary's Report

Activities Since Last Board Meeting

- Prepared and distributed minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on October 3, 2010.
- Prepared and distributed an agenda for the Annual Meeting of Members to be held on April 16, 2011.
- Prepared and distributed an agenda for the Board of Directors meeting to be held on April 17, 2011.
- Supported electronic delivery of the *Waybill*.
- Maintained the Secretary's Page.
- Maintained lists of key personnel.

Planned Activities

- Prepare and distribute minutes of the Annual Meeting of Members to be held on April 16, 2011.
- Prepare and distribute minutes of the Board of Directors meeting to be held on April 17, 2011.
- 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*. **Please encourage your members to subscribe to electronic delivery of the Waybill using the link at <http://www.mwr-nmra.org/region/waybill/waybill.html>.** Members can also update their e-mail and postal addresses from this webpage.
- Maintain the Secretary's Page.
- Maintain lists of key personnel. One list includes Region Officers, Directors-at-Large, Division Directors and Committee/Subcommittee Chairmen/Members. The other includes Division Superintendents, Assistant Superintendents, Chief Clerks and Paymasters. Please send additions, deletions and corrections to these lists to mwrsecy@comcast.net. I plan to publish new lists on or about May 1, 2011. **Also, Division Superintendents should establish procedures to ensure that Division Officers and Board members keep their NMRA memberships current. Expired memberships create difficulties when it is time for the Region to submit information for the annual insurance renewal, usually in the late summer or early fall.**

Item 72

Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, April 17, 2011

To: Board of Directors

From: Bryan Lemonds

Date: March 21, 2011

Subject: Treasurer's Report

Attached are the following financial statements:

- Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2010
- Profit & Loss January through December 2010
- Balance Sheet as of March 31, 2011
- Profit & Loss January through March 2011

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Cash Basis

Midwest Region NMRA
Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2010

	<u>Dec 31, 10</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Checking	
Money Market	3,374.14
Regions	11,906.06
Total Checking	<u>15,280.20</u>
Savings Accounts	
Regions CD 03.12.2012	4,871.39
Regions CD 06.13.2011	8,712.04
Regions CD 11.13.2010	10,117.01
Total Savings Accounts	<u>23,700.44</u>
Total Checking/Savings	<u>38,980.64</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>38,980.64</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>38,980.64</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Liabilities	
Moskal Award	165.20
Youth Program Fund	7,130.42
Total Liabilities	<u>7,295.62</u>
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>7,295.62</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>7,295.62</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>7,295.62</u>
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	16,823.62
Unrestrict (retained earnings)	12,076.25
Net Income	2,785.15
Total Equity	<u>31,685.02</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>38,980.64</u>

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Cash Basis

**Midwest Region NMRA
Profit & Loss
January through December 2010**

	<u>Jan - Dec 10</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
NMRA	
Revenue Sharing	3,380.00
Subscriptions	3,072.00
NMRA - Other	180.00
Total NMRA	<u>6,632.00</u>
Portfolio Income	
Interest Income	358.04
Total Portfolio Income	<u>358.04</u>
Waybill Revenue	
Advertising	75.00
Total Waybill Revenue	<u>75.00</u>
Total Income	<u>7,065.04</u>
Expense	
NMRA Rebate	
Rebate to Divisions	868.25
Total NMRA Rebate	<u>868.25</u>
Overhead Expenses	
Achievement Program	51.46
Membership Committee	83.53
President	151.45
Secretary	102.05
Treasurer	52.00
Web	62.85
Total Overhead Expenses	<u>503.34</u>
Region Expenses	
Postage	20.24
Total Region Expenses	<u>20.24</u>
Waybill	
Postage	667.93
Printing	2,220.13
Total Waybill	<u>2,888.06</u>
Total Expense	<u>4,279.89</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>2,785.15</u>
Net Income	<u><u>2,785.15</u></u>

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Cash Basis

Midwest Region NMRA
Balance Sheet
As of March 31, 2011

	<u>Mar 31, 11</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Checking	
Regions	16,564.74
Total Checking	<u>16,564.74</u>
Savings Accounts	
Regions CD 03.12.2012	4,881.06
Regions CD 06.13.2011	8,929.01
Regions CD 11.13.2010	10,142.32
Total Savings Accounts	<u>23,952.39</u>
Total Checking/Savings	<u>40,517.13</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>40,517.13</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>40,517.13</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Liabilities	
Moskal Award	165.20
Youth Program Fund	7,130.42
Total Liabilities	<u>7,295.62</u>
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>7,295.62</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>7,295.62</u>
Total Liabilities	7,295.62
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	16,823.62
Unrestrict (retained earnings)	14,861.40
Net Income	1,536.49
Total Equity	<u>33,221.51</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>40,517.13</u>

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Cash Basis

**Midwest Region NMRA
Profit & Loss
January through March 2011**

	<u>Jan - Mar 11</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
NMRA	
Revenue Sharing	1,728.00
Subscriptions	<u>600.00</u>
Total NMRA	2,328.00
Portfolio Income	
Interest Income	<u>252.78</u>
Total Portfolio Income	<u>252.78</u>
Total Income	2,580.78
Expense	
NMRA Rebate	
Rebate to Divisions	<u>446.50</u>
Total NMRA Rebate	446.50
Overhead Expenses	
Membership Committee	27.37
Treasurer	<u>12.00</u>
Total Overhead Expenses	39.37
Waybill	
Postage	193.71
Printing	<u>364.71</u>
Total Waybill	<u>558.42</u>
Total Expense	<u>1,044.29</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>1,536.49</u>
Net Income	<u><u>1,536.49</u></u>

Item 81

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2013 Spring Convention Information



2013 CID/Midwest Region Convention Planning

Highball to Indy!



The Central Indiana Division of the Midwest Region/NMRA has a history of providing exciting and successful Conventions through the years. Conventions have been hosted by the CID in 2007 at Muncie, Indiana and 2001 in Noblesville Indiana. Current CID members also participated in two conventions that were held in Anderson, Indiana.

Our resources include over 60 model train layouts in the CID area that can be viewed on our website at: <http://cid.railfan.net/layouts.html>
You may have seen some of our layouts just this year in national publications.

- Matt Hewitt with his layout in and on the Cover of Model Railroader October 2010.
- Jim Munns with the featured layout in Model Railroader April 2011 and in the Model Railroader online video at the Model Railroader website.
- Mike Duncan with his layout as the feature layout in the January 2011 Model Railroad Craftsman.
- Bob Lehnen in the most recent NMRA Magazine, April 2011.

Recently published layouts

Matt Hewitt's - Shadow Ridge



Jim Munns' – Chicago and North Western



Mike Duncan's – Milwaukee Road



Operating Sessions

Just last year, our Division helped to sponsor the CIRROPS Operate Till You Drop session which had 16 layouts hosting operators from all over the United States.

Featured layouts included:

Matt Lapin's – Central Indiana and Ohio RR



Steve Johnson's – Illinois Central



Tim Kerkhoff's - Union Pacific



Brian Lemond's – Utah Division D&RG



Prototype Tours

Tours currently proposed but not yet confirmed.

Indiana Railroad



Amtrak Repair Facility



Indiana Transportation Museum



Indianapolis Union Station



Our most likely convention facility under consideration is the

Marriot Indianapolis East located at 21st and Shadeland in Indianapolis
Phone: 317-322-3716 ext. 1168

The Indianapolis and National O Scale Convention has used this hotel several years.

This hotel has plenty of rooms, meeting rooms, banquet facilities and exhibition halls available for a Train Show.

Submitted: 4-6-2011 by Thomas Cain, CID Past Superintendent

Item 82

Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, April 17, 2011

Division Assignment for Zip Code 53190

Outside of the Chicago metropolitan area, the Region uses counties to define Division territory. Because the NMRA uses Zip Codes to assign members to Regions & Divisions and because Zip Codes do not necessarily conform to county geographical boundaries, a lookup table exists to match a member's Zip Code to a Division.

Some Zip Codes overlap the boundary between Divisions. In those cases the Zip Code is usually assigned to the county (Division) where the post office town is located. That is the case with Zip Code 53190. It covers part of Jefferson County, Wisconsin and part of Walworth County, Wisconsin. Jefferson County is assigned to the South Central Wisconsin Division. Walworth County is assigned to the Wisconsin Southeastern Division. Because Whitewater is the post office town for Zip Code 53190 and because it is located in Walworth County, Zip code 53190 is currently assigned to Walworth County and the Wisconsin Southeastern Division.

Member "A" lives in Jefferson County and Zip Code 53190. Member "A" wants to be assigned to the South Central Wisconsin Division. Member "A" has confirmed his Division preference in writing to the Secretary. Member "B" lives in Walworth County and Zip Code 53190. Member "B" has not responded to either a letter request regarding his Division preference or a subsequent follow-up by e-mail.

The Board should either confirm the continuing assignment of Zip Code 53190 to the Wisconsin Southeastern Division or reassign it to the South Central Wisconsin Division.

Item 83

Minutes, Meeting of Board of Directors, Midwest Region, NMRA, April 17, 2011

Addition of Constant Contact to Web Toolkit

Proposed Amendment to Memorandum of Understanding between the Fox Valley Division and the Midwest Region of the NMRA

Website Hosting and Email list Management Account Sharing Arrangement

Whereas:

- 1) The Fox Valley Division (FVD) of the Midwest Region (MWR), NMRA holds a basic "Value" level web hosting account in good standing with Apollo Web Hosting, Inc. (Apollo);
- 2) The MWR of the NMRA desires to publish a public web site;
- 3) Apollo recently changed its policy allowing its "Value" account customers to host up to 20 domains on one account;
- 4) For reasons of management efficiency, the FVD webmaster has agreed to manage the MWR web site on the condition that the site is hosted by the same company as the FVD;
- 5) The FVD agrees to maintain the a hosting account with Apollo (or a substitute vendor should the need arise) in good standing;
- 6) The combined MWR and FVD email, storage and bandwidth resource usage is currently less than 5% of the total allowed on a "Value" account with Apollo;

Added: 7) The FVD maintains a Constant Contact 500-2500 email contact list management account;

Added: 8) Both the FVD and the MWR desire to automate email list management for the purposes of publication notices, event promotion and general informational announcements.

Added: 9) Sharing these accounts would offer a monetary and logistics efficiency for both organizations.

Therefore:

The FVD will add the MWR domain to its basic account with Apollo.

Revised: The FVD and the MWR agree to equally share web hosting **and email list management** account fees. (Currently the total bi-annual fee for web hosting is \$167.04 and is subject to change by Apollo **and the Constant Contact account fee is \$312/year for a pre-pay non-profit, 500 – 2500 contact with full graphics account**). The web arrangement will begin with the December 11, 2007 billing anniversary. **The Email list arrangement will begin May 1, 2011**. All billing is considered pre-paid and not refundable.

The FVD Paymaster will invoice the MWR Treasurer for its share of the account fees after account settlement with Apollo **and Constant Contact**. MWR payment is due to the FVD within 30 days of the FVD invoice date.

The FVD & MWR are independently responsible for maintaining and directly paying their own domain registration fees.

Revised: Each party will be responsible for any fees associated with additional web site **or email resources** or features it desires to add to the account – including any grossly disproportional usage of the "Value" account resources. The FVD webmaster will determine the fair & reasonable allocation of resources as required.

Revised: The FVD and the MWR are solely responsible for the content on their own sites **and emails**. The FVD webmaster is the final arbiter of the content and format of material posted on the web sites as well as of the terms of this agreement (ultimately subject to the authority of the FVD & MWR boards of directors).

The FVD Webmaster and the MWR Secretary will manage the email account usage logistics.

This agreement may be altered or terminated in response to changing circumstances as required by agreement of the FVD webmaster, the FVD and MWR.

In agreement:

Bill Litkenhous, President, MWR (date)

Walter Radtke, Superintendent, FVD (date)

Jim Osborn, FVD & MWR Webmaster (date)

Bert Lattan, MWR Secretary (date)

Item 84

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Draft 2012 Election Article for Summer 2011 Issue of the *Waybill*

2012 Election

Petition Deadline Is Xxxx xx, 2011

Although the 2012 election is several months away, it is time to start the election cycle. In 2012 we will elect four (4) Directors-at-Large.

Jim Osborn from the Fox Valley Division, one of the four incumbent DALs, will complete his second two-year term in 2012 and under the Bylaws will not be eligible to run for another term in 2012. Thanks to Jim for his dedicated service. Ingrid Drozdak from the Fox Valley Division, Mike Hurlburt from the Wisconsin Southeastern Division and Barb Rothwell from the South Central Wisconsin Division will complete their first two-year terms in 2012 and will be eligible to run for another term.

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 Barb Rothwell from the South Central Wisconsin Division and Members Dave Johnson from the Fox Valley Division and Reid Kahrs from the Wisconsin Southeastern 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 Xxxx xx, 2011.

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 Xxxx xx, 2011. 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 Xxxx, Xxxx xx, 2011 in Xxxx, Xxxx.

Each candidate's biography/statement & photo and a ballot will be included in the Winter 2011 issue of the *Waybill*. The results of the election will be announced during the 2012 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. —*Barb Rothwell*