

Midwest Region, NMRA Preliminary Meeting Minutes

Meeting Details:

- Date: May 2, 2026
- Time: 10:00
- Location: Zoom
- Attendees: John Coy, Jan Burnside, Phillip Burnside, Bob McGeever, Larry Nelson, Bob Wundrock, David Mashino, Ron Johnson, John Poray, Art Dawson, Jr., Bob Landwehr, Jim Landwehr, Gary Baker, Daniel Banks, Michael Hirvela, Marty Hendrickx, Greg Bueltmann, Thomas Ose, Jim Osborn, Alex Schneider, Eric Smith, Dave Down, Jim Marciniak, John Schaffer, Rich Hoker
- Absent: Robert Perry, Prescilla Roderick, Burnell Breaker, Paul Hillmer, Mike Lehman, Denis Zamirowski, David Leider, Rod Weinschenk
- Facilitator: Jim Osborn

Agenda:

- Call to order by John Coy and he welcomed the new Board members and thanked past Board members. John then asked to address an item out of order, due to time conflicts.
- **Bob Wundrock:** He explained his proposed changes to Clinic procedures. Asked to provide a list of the Clinic Chairs for searching and scheduling clinics from other divisions. At present, the language is not workable and as the Zoom clinic library grows it will be a problem. Need to improve the sharing and information process. There were no questions.
- Roll Call by Jan Burnside (via Zoom list)
- Minutes from Meeting of November 8, 2025, introduced by Jan Burnside and moved to approve. No discussion. Motion passed.

Reports:

- **Officer Reports:** John Coy asked for any comments on the Reports. Jan Burnside moved that all reports be accepted as is with the exception of the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Phillip Burnside. No objections. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Director at Large reports:** Motion to approve all of the Director at Large reports. Alex wanted to express his concerns about getting judges (from his report). Dan Banks related that Ray Pershing is working on this issue. Otherwise, no other comments or objections. Reports accepted.
- **Division Director reports** Motion to approve all of the Division Director reports by Alex S Schneider. Dan Banks seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business:

- **Insurance:** Bob Perry not available, so tabled.

New Business:

- **Election: Results – Approval:** Alex Schneider moved to approve. Phillip Burnside seconded. No opposition. Motion passed.
- **Election: Results – Installation of New Officers:** Formally installed by John Coy welcomed new members by name and thanked the election committee individually.
- **Election: Results – Ballot Destruction:** Phillip Burnside moved to destroy the ballots. John Poray seconded. No objections. Motion passed.
- **Request from WISE for reimbursement of Train School expenses:** \$313. 08. John Poray moved to approve. Phillip Burnside seconded. No opposition or objections. Motion passed.
- **Changes to Article IV – clerical revision:** Bob Wundrock; change name to “Clinic Information Interchange.” Change to “responsible for compiling, disseminating list of current Division clinic chairs and available clinicians in September of each year.” Alex Schneider moved to approve. Dan Banks seconded. No opposition. Motion passed.
- **Changes to Nominating Policy and Procedure:** Jim Osborn noted that current policy is over 20 years old and refers to an “executive handbook” that no longer exists. Problems arose during last election. He lifted the words and reorganized the documents to update and removed references to snail mail. Formally added self-nomination. Included bio links with limits to about 250 words and added a timeline of events. Bob McGeever moved to approve. Gary Baker seconded. No opposition or objections. Eric Smith suggested change to photo requirements since no printing is involved. Motion passed and approved with suggested change.

Post – Agenda Discussion:

- **MWR Convention 2027:** John Coy announced MWR Convention 2027. Dan Banks presented info and asked for guidance and feedback. He presented charts based on use of the Carmel IN library along with the related facilities in the area. Fee waived because the MWR is non-profit. He suggested setting fees to show profit to the Region. The Community rooms can be split. On-site coffee bar and various technical benefits, i.e., 3d printing labs and AV capability and it also has plenty of rooms for casual meetings. It has elevators and a covered parking garage. There is plenty of meeting room space and flexibility. There are blackout dates in June and July along with other limitations as to activities. Dan suggested a partnership of sorts to benefit both parties to entice the library to work with us as to admission restriction. Discussion followed regarding food and means of other possibilities like churches, arrangements with local hotels, parking, space for models, and other considerations.

Announcements:

- **NMRA Convention 2029:** Possibly in Indianapolis, at Gordy Robinson’s request. Dan Banks, Eric Smith, and John Poray (chair) are unofficially the leadership for this event. It would be much like *IndyJunction* in 2022. John Poray related that they are putting a bid together. We need more information from National. 1,100 folks are signed up for Chattanooga to date, which is still in the early stages at this point. National signs the contracts and gives the final approval so the Region has no risks. This would be about double the size of *IndyJunction*. The first step was to get 60 volunteers, and that has been accomplished in only 48 hours with many volunteers from other Divisions outside the CID. John Coy asked that the Regional board support this and, if this event

occurs, moved that John Poray be the chairperson for that event. Phillip Burnside seconded the motion. No objections. Motion passed.

- **Upcoming election of President, Vice President, and 3 DALs during December-January:** We need to know those names at the next Meeting. Jim Osborn suggested the end of September because of the clerical work involved. Nominations are officially open. Jim asked whether anyone has been in contact with Precilla Roderick. Eric Smith said he recently heard from her regarding CID business. Jim Osborn has sent numerous emails. Precilla Roderick is no longer a Director-at-Large, but she is still Chair of the Nominating Committee; it is a four-year term. John Coy will reach out to her.
- **After meeting comment:** Mike Hirvela asked that the Treasurer's Report be presented in the more traditional P&L format. Phillip Burnside stated that he would do so in the future.

Next Meeting:

Date: November 14, 2026

Time: 10 EDT

Location: Zoom

Adjournment:

Adjourned at 10:59 am