



# **PACIFIC COAST REGION OF THE NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION**

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**April 20, 2016 Board Meeting**

### **Highlights**

The PCR Board of Directors met on April 20, 2016 at 1:00 PM at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Modesto, California.

The Coast Division held two successful meets since October. Attendance is in the range of 80-100 people. The auction has had 350-400 items, which covers their costs and provides additional income. Getting enough volunteers in the Division continues to be a challenge.

The Daylight Division held two meets since October. The November meet was held in at Gary Siegel's home in Santa Barbara. The meet included two clinics, a business meeting, lunch, auction, and an operating session on the Gary's layout. The winter meet was held at Hobbytown USA in Fresno. This meeting included two clinics, business meeting, auction, and two layout tours. The Division also hosted the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Layout Tour in December, with 9 home and club layouts open to the public.

The Redwood Empire Division (RED) held two meetings since October. The first meeting included show and tell of models that the attendees brought, as well as a presentation on 3D printing. The second meet was held at the Napa Valley Model Railroad Society. The meet included a discussion of the transition from DC to DCC recently made by the club, as well as an opportunity to run equipment on the club layout. RED is also assembling a committee to host the 2018 convention.

The Sierra Division had two meets since October. In October, the division met in Paradise at Mountain Mike's Pizza. The meet included a business meeting, a presentation on rail car interior lighting, lunch, and four layouts to tour. In February, the meeting was held at the First Christian Church in Sacramento. The meet included the election of Division officers, a clinic about modeling Placerville as a layout, lunch, a contest, and then a clinic of the U.S. Army Transport Corps in Germany circa WWII.

Total PCR membership as of March 31, 2016 was 978, compared to 1010 as of September 20, 2015.

Dave Grenier was re-elected as Director of the Daylight Division. The following were newly elected Directors: Frank Markovich, Coast Division; Steve Skold, RED; and Tom VanHorn, Sierra Division.

The Board approved Vic Cavalli's appointment as Audit Committee Chairperson.

The Board voted to change the Manual of Operation to change the Audit Committee from a select to a standing committee and allow the Audit Committee Chairperson to appoint 1-2 additional committee members as needed.

The Board voted to require the Convention Committee to provide refreshments to the committee members.

In order to enable superintendents to earn AP credits, there was consensus to allow them to become voting members of the Board. Before moving forward, the Board will consider research to determine if such a change is in compliance with California law.

The Board voted to eliminate the Hawaii Division and merge those members with the Coast Division.

The Southeast Region has begun using on-line voting. We may consider a similar implementation, depending upon the experience of the Southeast Region.

The 2017 PCR Convention will be held in Bakersfield at the DoubleTree by Hilton.

President Ed Merrin asked the Board to consider a proposed inventory form to establish a paper trail for equipment loaned out to the Divisions. No action was taken.

Rod Smith resigned as head hobo. He will need to be replaced.

Treasurer Michael Coen has resigned as Treasurer.

The next Board Meeting will be on Saturday, October 22, 2016, 2016 at 1 PM until 4PM at the Western Railway Museum, 5848 State Hwy 12, Suisun City.