

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

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Sunday, May 6, 2007

University Inn & Conference Center, 611 Ocean St., Santa Cruz, Calif.
PCR Convention "Suntan Special 2007"

MINUTES

•• *These minutes are subject to change until approved by the Board of Directors* ••

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 AM, by President L.E. "Gene" Mayer.

A. Quorum Verification. Secretary Rich Kolm verified that a quorum was present. The sign-in sheets listed 78 PCR members.

B. Officers' Comments.

1. President Mayer announced that Ron Plies was elected President and Pat LaTorres was elected Vice-President.

2. Vice-President Dave Connery summarized his recommendations for things that PCR could be doing to better prepare for the future direction of the organization.

3. Treasurer Larry Altbaum. In the Treasurer's absence, Vice-President Connery summarized PCR's financial status and budget. The Region is financially healthy considering expenses, income, and assets.

4. Secretary Kolm described the highlights of the May 2 Board of Directors meeting.

C. NMRA Directors' Comments. None.

D. Member comments. There was a lively discussion about new directions for PCR. This ties in with Vice-President Dave Connery's earlier recommendations and follows the discussion at the Board meeting on May 2. It was generally agreed that there is a need to better coordinate the activities of the several Divisions in the Region, to develop more of a partnership between the Region and the Divisions, and to consider new approaches that accommodate members' changing interests and thus generate more participation in Division activities.

E. Unfinished Business. None.

F. New Business.

1. President Ron Plies and Vice-President Pat LaTorres took office. President Plies recognized Gene Mayer's service to the organization and presented him the Past President's Pin.

2. Treasurer Larry Altbaum and Secretary Rich Kolm (appointed by the President) will continue in office.

G. Conventions

1. Comments regarding this convention. Kevin Hurley, Chairperson, talked about this Convention and its success.

2. 2008 PCR Convention in Fresno, "Sierra Memories 2008." John Houlihan, Chairperson, summarized what the convention will offer. He said the really-early registration fare has been extended to May 31.

3. Future conventions. Dennis Stokely, Manager of the Convention Dept., said they are working on the 2009 convention and there is a possibility it will be in Fremont in mid-April. It's difficult trying to find a reasonable place for the 2010 convention in Redwood Empire Division so they may have to locate it elsewhere in the Bay Area. A joint convention with PNR or PSR in 2011 is a consideration because the NMRA convention will be hosted in Sacramento.

H. Announcements.

1. Next Business Meeting will be at the 2008 PCR Convention in Fresno.

I. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 AM by President Plies.

Respectfully submitted,



Rich Kolm
PCR Secretary