

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

**ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING  
Sunday, May 4, 2008  
Ramada University, 324 E. Shaw Ave., Fresno, Calif.  
PCR Convention “Sierra Memories 2008”**

**M I N U T E S**

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

**The meeting was called to order** at 8:55 AM, by President Ron Plies.

**A. Quorum Verification.** Secretary Rich Kolm verified that a quorum was present. The sign-in sheets listed 70 PCR members.

**B. Officers’ Comments.**

1. **President Plies** thanked the Chairperson and Committee for a very good convention.

2. **Vice-President Pat LaTorres** reiterated President Plies’ thank you.

3. **Treasurer Larry Altbaum.** Not present.

4. **Secretary Kolm** described the highlights of the April 30 Board of Directors meeting. This included the election of new Directors John Houlihan (Daylight Div.) and Rod Smith (Coast Div.) and the re-election of Directors Mary Moore-Campagna (Sierra Div.), Carol Alexander (Redwood Empire Div.), and Eric Minton (Hawaiian Div.).

**C. NMRA Directors’ Comments.** None.

**D. Member comments.** None.

**E. Unfinished Business.** None.

**F. New Business.** None.

**G. Conventions**

1. **Comments regarding this Convention.** Dennis Stokely, Manager of the Convention Department, commended John Houlihan, Convention Chairperson, and his Committee for a successful and enjoyable convention, with a thank you to the hotel for their support and cooperation.

2. **2009 PCR Convention in Fremont, “Rails Across the Bay 2009.”** Chuck Mitchell is the Chairperson and Coast Division is the host. Registrations are now being accepted as explained on the convention website. The convention hotel is the Marriott in Fremont.

3. **Future PCR conventions.** Manager Stokely summarized the status of upcoming conventions: For 2010, Sierra Division will host a convention in the Reno/Sparks area. For 2011, the Redwood Empire Division will do a downsized convention with only meeting space and no convention hotel. The NMRA Convention will be in Sacramento that year. For 2012, a

joint convention with Pacific Northwest Region is being considered, perhaps in the Medford, Oregon area.

#### **H. Announcements.**

**1. Next Annual Business Meeting** will be at the 2009 PCR Convention in Fremont. Details and agenda will be posted on the PCR website prior to the meeting.

#### **2. Other announcements.**

- Mary Moore-Campagna, Manager of the Non-Rail Department, extended a thank-you to those who donated their handmade afghans and quilts to a local group.

- There was a reminder about the Layout Design/Operations SIGs program at the NMRA Convention in Anaheim in July.

- Ed Liesse invited PCR members to the 2008 PNR Convention at Chilliwack, BC June 12th to 15th.

- Sierra Division is one of the five sponsors of International Railfair on November 8th and 9th at the Placer County Fairgrounds in Roseville. There is free admission and a Saturday night banquet for those who volunteer to work at the event.

**I. Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 AM by President Plies.

Respectfully submitted,



Rich Kolm  
PCR Secretary