



LOS ANGELES DIVISION BUSINESS MEETING

Meeting held On-Line via Zoom Application

Date: February 20, 2021, 1:00 P.M.

ATTENDING:

<u>Superintendent</u>	Vic Cavalli	<u>Clerk Paymaster/Achievement</u>	James Keena
<u>Director</u>	Mona Raymer	<u>Webmaster</u>	
<u>Member Aide</u>	Lloyd Lehrer	<u>Graphics</u>	Scott Sackett
<u>Membership Recruitment</u>		<u>Membership Retention</u>	Vic Cavalli
<u>Non-Rails</u>		<u>Assistant Non-Rails</u>	
<u>PSR President</u>	Pat Raymer	<u>Facebook</u>	Kevin Spady
<u>Buddy System</u>	Mike O'Brian	<u>Communication Coordinator</u>	
<u>Others Present</u>	Mike Knox, David Wright, Tom Clabaugh, Jim Baker, Jeff Traintime, Richard Burch, Charlie Heppeir, Chuck Fisher		

Call to Order

Superintendent Vic Cavalli called the LA Division Annual Membership meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. indicating that we had a quorum of 10% of the Divisions membership signed on to the Zoom meeting.

Show & Tell

Various members shared what they are working on from freight cars, scenery, buildings to turntables. Kevin Spady presented a short PowerPoint clinic on the making of trees and water effects.

Welcome from the PSR President

Pat Raymer, PSR President welcomed and thanked the members that signed onto this online Zoom Annual Membership meeting for the Los Angeles Division. He explained that the PSR is obtaining 501-C3 non-profit status with both California and the IRS. This will require revising our bylaws to be in agreement with 501-C3 requirements.

Also, that the Arizona Division is requesting National permission to form their own Region separate from the PSR. This is currently be reviewed and voted on by National.

Overall, there is a downward trend in membership due to various reasons. For the future of the NMRA, think of yourselves as ambassadors for the NMRA. If every person gets one friend to join the NMRA we could double our membership.

Directors Report

Mona Raymer, LA Division Director reported that the PSR non-profit 501-C3 status will cover all of the PSR Divisions.

In a sad note, she reported the Mike DeGhetto, owner of Alpine Division Scale Models recently passed away.

The Cajon Division is still moving forward with plans on hold our Regional Convention in Irvine this coming September. San Diego Division hold virtual meetings monthly via Zoom. The LA Division has a Zoom account is holding a show and tell meetings every other month. The Zoom application has brought a lot of us together in another way of interacting with each other. It is not the same as attending an actual event or convention, but it is less expensive better way to share with those that have difficulty traveling long distances.

Superintendent Report

Vic Cavalli, LA Division Superintendent stated that he would like to see more layout tours and how to do clinics as part of the Division Zoom meetings. He stated that we may have loss events and conventions due to the COVID-19 restrictions, but the good side we found Zoom. The Division would like your feedback, if you like what we are doing, let us know. The Division is looking to revise and update its website in the near future.

Financial Report

James Keena, Chief Clerk Paymaster reported that the Division currently has the following funds:

Checking	\$9,198.58
<u>Savings</u>	<u>\$5,103.25</u>
Total	\$14,301.83

Jeff Smith of RailMaster Hobbies in Bellflower graciously donated a \$25.00 Gift Certificate to be handed out at the end of our online Zoom Annual Membership Meeting.

James Keena also mentioned that he is the Divisions Contest and Achievement Chair and is starting a series of articles in the LA Coupler on the NMRA Achievement Program (AP). The first article will be on obtaining your Golden Spike for your home layout. Include in the article is the application form outlining the simple requirements to earn your Golden Spike. This is one of the easiest AP Certificates to earn. In addition to the Certificate, you will receive a Golden Spike plaque and a Golden Spike lapel pin.

Membership

Vic Cavalli introduced Lloyd Lehrer and Mike O'Brien of the LA Division Buddy System. Lloyd Lehrer stated if you have any questions, just ask it. We are not strangers; we share a common hobby in the Region and Division.

Mike O'Brien said that we will try and connect new members with existing members with similar interests.

Communication

Vic Cavalli reported that the LA Division communicates with membership in various ways, which includes Facebook, LA Coupler, Mail Chimp email notices, Zoom online meetings and physical meeting at events and Conventions. Nick Lisica oversees the editing of the LA Coupler and he can always use more articles, stories and photos.

We can always use more volunteers. If you give of yourself, you will receive back 10-fold. Model Railroading is people. Share, become part of the comradery.

Questions, Answers and Announcements

A good source of information is Bob Chaparro's Group IO Model Railroads of Southern California.

The San Diego Division holds their Zoom meeting on Sundays.

The Southern California Railway Museum in Perris will hold their outdoor swap meet on Saturday, March 6, 2021.

The Cajon Division will hold an outdoor meet at the Messiah Lutheran Church in Buena Park on Saturday, April 17, 2021.

Door Prize Drawing

For the Gift Certificate drawing, Kevin Spady kept a record of those that sign-on to Division's Zoom account to attend today's meeting. He randomly drew the winning name of David Wright. The Gift Certificate will be mailed to him.

Next Meeting

The next regular Advisory Board meeting will be Thursday, March 11, 2021 at 8:00 P.M. via "Zoom Application." Join meeting code: 839 6317 119 Passcode: 248175

Motion to Adjourn

Meeting Adjourned at 1:45 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted by

James L. Keena
Chief Clerk Paymaster
LA Division, PSR, NMRA