



L.A. Division Advisory Board Minutes

February 13, 2025 7:00 pm (via Zoom)

Call to Order – 7:00 pm

Roll Call / Quorum – Nick Lisica

Vic Cavalli, Director	Chuck Fisher
Jeff Smith, Superintendent	Ron Varnell
Nick Lisica, Chief Clerk	John McGreevy
Kevin Spady, Paymaster	

LA Division Officers in **Bold**

MINUTES

1. Opening

- Welcome and introductions

2. Review of Previous Meeting

- Brief recap of decisions and actions from the last meeting

3. Layout Tours

- Descanso Gardens – Kevin has a contact – this needs to be chased down and organized
- Need additional home and club layouts to visit
- Ron Varnell

4. Club Directory Update

5. Upcoming Shows

- Discussion of upcoming shows
 - Bob Chaparro Burbank area layout tours February 15
 - Costa Mesa – Great Train Show, February 15, 16
 - Ventura – Great Train Show, March 8, 9
 - LA Div has a table reserved to promote the NMRA
 - San Luis Obispo – PCR Convention, March 26 – 30
 - Lomita – N Scale Meet May 31
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6. Treasurer's Report

- Report given via email -
 - \$15,738.42 current balance – no deposits, no debits

7. Membership Report

- 223 current members

8. Banquet for March

- Reservation made for 3/15/2025, 5pm – 9pm (meal at 6pm)
- \$25/person – need to prepay for 25 meals (\$650.) – Cash or checks to Railmaster Hobbies or Jeff Smith
- Guest Speaker – Joe Strapac, author of numerous Southern Pacific books
- Email blast will be sent to LA Division (first), Cajon Division (second distribution if RSVPs still available),
- PSR President to be invited and paid for.

9. Elections

- Director term will run out in September 2025 at the PSR Convention. Vic is not eligible to run for a third consecutive term.
- LA Division will run an election 2025Q4/2026Q1 to elect a new Superintendent, Chief Clerk, Paymaster to begin their term at the LA Div. Membership Banquet in 2026.

10. Other Items

- Open floor for any additional topics or concerns
- Sand House Chat – using the free Zoom app meetings are limited for 40 minutes
 - Jeff Smith will provide the LA Division Advisory Board mtg link to Vic for use on future Sand House Chats
 - Additional Sand House Chat ideas – filling out contest forms, MMR awards, etc. Ron Varnell has offered to assist with this

11. Closing

- Confirmation of next meeting date and time (March 13, 7:00 PM)
- Adjourned at 7:45 pm