



LOS ANGELES DIVISION BUSINESS MEETING

Meeting held On-Line via Go to Meeting App

Date: August 13, 2020, 8:00 P.M.

ATTENDING:

<u>Superintendent</u>	Vic Cavalli	<u>Clerk Paymaster/Achievement</u>	James Keena
<u>Director</u>	Mona Raymer	<u>Webmaster/Editor</u>	Tim Johnson
<u>Member Aide</u>		<u>Graphics</u>	
<u>Membership Recruitment</u>		<u>Membership Retention</u>	Vic Cavalli
<u>Non-Rails</u>	Edna Keena	<u>Assistant Non-Rails</u>	
<u>PSR Vice President</u>	Pat Raymer	<u>Facebook</u>	Kevin Spady
<u>Others Present</u>	Ron Westlund		Mike O'Brian

Call to Order

Superintendent Vic Cavalli called the L. A. Division Advisory Board meeting to order at 8:00 P.M.

Approval of Minutes

The meeting minutes of the July 9, 2020 were approved unanimously.

Financial Report

The Division currently has the following funds:

Checking	\$5,881.62
<u>Savings</u>	<u>\$5,102.98</u>
Total	\$10,984.60

Final Financial report is being prepared for the Van Nuys Local 2020 Convention that we had to cancel because of COVID-19 restrictions. At this point due to transfers of registrations to the Cajon Division Orange Blossom Special 2021 Convention and issuing of refunds, the L. A. Division lost \$5,607.18 in the planning of the 2020 Convention.

Elections

Currently elections are being held for the PSR President and Vice-President positions. Ballots have been sent out to all PSR membership and voting will closing on Saturday, August 15. 2020.

NEW BUSINESS

Los Angeles Coupler

Tim Johnson requested assistance is preparing L. A. Division Coupler. He stated that he needs someone to convert the PDF's into JPEG's so that they can be sent out via MailChimp. Kevin Spady indicated that he is willing to assist. Tim Johnson also stressed that articles be proofread by their authors prior to submitting to reduce multiple grammar and spelling corrections.

OLD BUSINESS

Division Virtual Media

It appears that more events such as NMRA, Cajon Division, San Diego Division and Private individuals are being done virtually utilizing the Zoom Application instead of Go-To-Meeting Application. It was decided that the Zoom Application be use for the Los Angeles Division virtual media platform. Kevin Spady stated that he will renew his Zoom Account License and donate the monthly \$15.00 cost to the Division. He will be the co-moderator along with Scott Sackett.

Invites to L. A. Division Zoom meetings, clinics and layout tours will be done via email outlook calendar messages to L.A Division membership. The log in number would be consistent for all Zoom virtual meetings. Kevin Spady will advise the Board once the Zoom account is setup.

Buddy System Program

Other Divisions have settled upon an interest based program instead of one-on-one. Members interested in certain subjects would be directed to a small group Zoom meeting for discussion, guidance and tutoring. It is hoped that this would increase L. A. Division membership participation and retention of membership. Pat Raymer stated these types of programs are best handled at the Division level and don't wait for the Region to develop a program.

Members Interest Survey

Kevin Spady will look into preparing a survey of membership utilizing the PSR Survey Monkey application. He will contact Dan Moran regarding how many questions and the number of surveys that can be sent out for no fee. He will develop questions to determine how comfortable members are in accessing virtual meetings and what type of content they would like to see.

Storage Unit for Division Supplies

Vic Cavalli did continued to research possible locations for storage of L. A. Division supplies that are currently kept as various members' homes. The ongoing cost of a storage unit is a major issue. The least expense storage units found are located in the areas of Santa Fe Springs, Norwalk and Cerritos. Rental costs range from \$804.00 to \$1,020 annually.

This item was given to the Financial Committee for further review regarding the impact of the ongoing annual cost for renting a storage unit versus Division income by the Advisory Board.

COVID-19 Event Standards

Vic Cavalli will report on this at the next meeting.

Cajon Division is still working toward having a fall event in Buena Park in October and a Boulder City, NV event in November. They are looking to expand the event to include the Board Meeting, Membership Meeting, Elections and a get together meal. The PSR Board has been holding virtual meetings. Pat Raymer and Mona Raymer indicated that they would not attend the PSR Board Meeting in person, but would continue accessing the meeting online.

James Keena reported that Jeff Smith of RailMaster Hobbies indicated that he is still planning on hosting the Los Angeles Area Prototype Modelers Meet on Saturday, October 3, 2020. The event will be at the same church in Bellflower provided that the County would allow the gathering. At this time physical distancing and face masks would be required. RailMaster Hobbies is the main sponsor of the event with the L. A. Division being a co-sponsored for NMRA insurance purposes.

The South Coast Botanical Gardens Los Angeles Division Frosty Fright Modular Meet is still tentatively planned for the weekend of December 5 & 6, 2020. The September meeting would be our go/no go date as to whether to move forward in planning the Frosty Freight.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting will be Thursday, September 10, 2020 at 8:00 P.M. via “Go to Meeting Application.” Join meeting code: 756 914 537.

Motion to Adjourn

Meeting Adjourned at 9:13 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted by

James L. Keena
Los Angeles Division
Chief Clerk Paymaster