L.A. Division Advisory Board Minutes
October 11, 2026, 7:00 pm (via Zoom)

Call to Order – 7:00 pm
Roll Call / Quorum – Nick Lisica

Pat Raymer, *Director*	Chuck Fisher
Jeff Smith, *Superintendent*	John McGreevy
Nick Lisica, *Chief Clerk*	Vic Cavalli
~~Kevin Spady, *Paymaster*~~	

LA Division Officers in Bold

1. Call to Order

- Welcome
- Roll Call / Quorum – Nick Lisica

2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Review August 8 meeting notes
- Corrections or additions
- Motion to approve made by Vic, seconded by Pat, all approved

3. Treasurer's Report

- Current financial status
  - No report given
- Status of previously approved investment of up to $10,000
- Questions

4. Membership Report

Membership Rollup – October 1, 2026

- **193 Division members**
- Previous count: 205 – decrease of 13
- Request submitted to remove three deceased Life Members
- NMRA annual dues reduced from $85 to $50

Membership Recruitment and Retention

- New membership opportunities
  - Simi Valley swap meet, Ron Varnell's Nov. 11 open house
- Long Beach, Ventura County, Claremount, and County Line Crew small groups

5. Activity Reports

- Clinics / Programs
- Upcoming Layout Tours / Open Houses
  - Cal. Southern, Glendale, Ron Varnell
- L.A. Coupler / Website – Mark Fischer
  - No report given
- Sand House Chat

    - 10 – 13 regular participants
    - Updated link was sent out
- L.A. Area Prototype Modelers Show – Jeff Smith
    - 55 attendees, 3 clinics
    - Future opportunities
- Cajon Summit 10/24
    - Riverside City College
- Ganahl Lumber Tour 12/19

6. Old Business (15 minutes)

A. *2028 PSR Convention*

- Convention Chairperson – Frank Kenny, Pat Raymer Co-Chair
    - Revised Convention Contract was sent out by the Region. The Region will provide an interest free loan of $2,000 to the Divisions for the PSR Convention. It covers repayment in the case of a profit or loss.

B. *Division Polo Shirts*

- Jeff Smith will provide final color options to the BOD for final selection
- Names will not be embroidered
- Initial $200 to be provided by National, much be completed by the end of 2026

C. *Division By-Laws and Paymaster Position*

- By-Laws still not posted on Division website
- Request obtaining Pay Master reports prior to the meetings

D. *Division Investment*

- Follow-up on previously authorized investment, if not covered in Treasurer's Report

7. Director's Report – Pat Raymer

- Visited a site in Temple City for a potential mini convention meeting location (similar to Spring Rail)
    - $17.63 per person based on a total count of 35, including food, for the small space ($617 total)
    - $19.82 per person based on a total count of 35, including food, for the larger space ($693 total)
    - Targeting an entry cost of $20/pp
    - Pat and Nick to draft an email to the Division requesting other potential locations
- Regional Convention planning and policy updates
    - Referenced above
- Visited the LA Division storage unit in September
    - Estimate $700 worth of product/supplies

8. New Business

A. *2027 Membership Banquet*

- **Date:** March 13, 2027
- **Location:** Frantone's Restaurant – Cerritos, CA
- **Guest Speaker:** Seeking a speaker

- Planning update

B. *Achievement Program*

Rebranded Contest Room to “Celebration of Models”. Judges are now “evaluators”

- Vacant Division AP Chair position
- Chuck Fisher and Gary Butts – judging assistants
- Potential AP Chair candidates

C. *Other New Business*

9. Member Comments / Announcements (3 minutes)

- Upcoming model railroad events
- Club announcements
- Brief member comments

10. Next Meeting & Adjournment (2 minutes)

- Next meeting date Nov 8, 2026, 7pm
- Review action items and assignments
- Adjournment 7:45pm