

2025 Election Process

The Potomac Division Board of Directors has established procedures for the 2025 Board of Directors Elections. In 2025, the Division's current bylaws provide for three of the Board of Directors positions to be open to election. These three positions are:

Division Superintendent, Senior Assistant Superintendent, and Clerk

The following individuals are the Nominations Committee for the 2025 elections: Mark Gionet (Chair), Paul Hutchins, and Brian Sheron. These members are available to answer any questions concerning the duties and activities associated with service on the Board. The following are email addresses for the committee members:

1. Mark Gionet - mgionet@lsginc.com
2. Brian Sheron, MMR - bwsheron@me.com
3. Paul Hutchins - FF3HUTCH@AOL.COM

Members interested in running for office in the 2025 elections are required by the Division bylaws to notify the Nominations Committee by email, no later than midnight, February 8, 2025, and supply them with a picture, a biography not to exceed 200 words, and a statement about why they are running for a position.

Candidates should send their information to all Committee members.

The election will take place in April 2025. Ballots will be sent to members for whom the Division lacks email addresses, voting by everyone else will be done using electronic ballots. This provides great convenience for all and a significant cost savings for your Division.

Important dates concerning the 2025 election process are as follows:

- **February 8, 2025 (Midnight)** - Deadline for candidates to notify the Nominations Committee of their intent to run for office and provide a current picture, biography, and statement as to why they are running for office.
- **April 1, 2025** - the Potomac Flyer and emails from the Division will provide a list of candidates for office for the membership to be considered. Mailed ballots to those members without email addresses on record will be mailed out.
- **April 12, 2025** - eVoting will commence
- **April 19, 2025** - eVoting will conclude, deadline for receipt of mailed ballots by the Nominations Committee.
- **April 26, 2025** - Candidates will be notified of election results.
- **May 20, 2025** - The new Board of Directors will meet. The new Board of Directors will be announced to the membership by posting on the Division's [Groups.io](https://groups.io), on the Division's website, and in emails from the Division sent to the membership. The new Board of Directors will be announced to the membership in the next available issue of the Potomac Flyer.



Ernie Little, MMR, Candidate for Superintendent

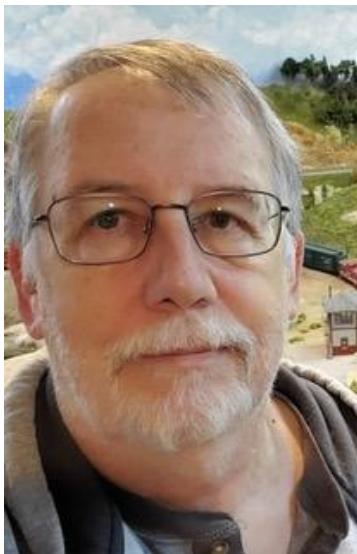
I have served as Superintendent since June 2023 and prior to that served the Division Board of Directors in the Assistant Superintendent and layout coordinator positions.

While serving as your Superintendent, I have had the opportunity to continue working in the many administrative and operational facets of the Division and Region. I have also continued to function as webmaster for the Division's website, facilitated the Division's virtual clinics, managed the Division's membership list, and managed the Division's YouTube channel.

These opportunities have allowed me to meet fellow NMRA members and afforded opportunities for me to hear and discuss their concerns about model railroading in today's world and the challenges it faces.

As a Master Model Railroader, I have also experienced the AP process and want to see more of our members achieve MMR status.

I am running for Superintendent again as I feel our division is vibrant and alive with activities offered to the membership to be involved and improve their model railroading knowledge and skills and want this to continue. Being a retired Battalion Fire Chief, I possess the management knowledge and skills that can be used to lead the Division and be successful. I look forward to our division continuing to be strong should I be re-elected to serve as Superintendent.



Greg Cassidy, Candidate for Senior Assistant Superintendent

After only a couple years of model railroading as a child, I was re-introduced to model trains once my son showed an interest in them in the early 1990s. I built a medium-size HO layout representing the Western Maryland Railroad that is always getting updates. After constructing that, I found building structures in all scales was the most enjoyable part of the hobby to me.

I'm currently Secretary of the Rockville Model Railroad Society and have held every officer position except for Treasurer over my 30-year time with the club. I joined the NMRA in 1992 and belonged to the Dixie Division before it changed to the Potomac Division. I've written several articles for NMRA publications as well as others while achieving my Author AP Certificate along with Master Builder-Structures AP and am currently working towards several others. I'm also a frequent contributor to the weekly New Tracks

Modeling online show.

If elected as Senior Assistant Superintendent, I look forward to finding ways of increasing the participation of members on both sides of the river in meetings and layout tours; and finding ways to engage more youth in model railroading.



Lee Stoermer, Candidate for Clerk

I am seeking re-election as Potomac Division Clerk.

Like many, I got my start as a model railroader as a kid, introduced by a friend who had a layout with his dad. On relocating to Virginia from Arizona in 2017 where I had been involved with the AZ Division, I became active with the Potomac Division. I assisted with portions of Division meets, went to open houses and wrote articles for *The Flyer*, then began sitting in on Board meetings. When the Clerk position became available in early 2022, I was asked to fill the

position, which I accepted.

Since then, I've participated in meetings fulfilling the Clerk duties. My involvement with the Board has been enjoyable and I am encouraged by the progress in increasing outreach and participation.

Currently I am modeling the Western Maryland and Northern Central Railroads in HO scale. I have received the NMRA Golden Spike Award and the NMRA President's Award twice for volunteer efforts. I am the program manager for the NMRA 100% Clubs and was NMRA Arizona Division Member of the Year in 2015. I have earned the Achievement Program Volunteer certificate and am working on additional AP projects.

My goals for the future include growth of the organization, continued outreach efforts and boosting member participation in clinics. I ask for your vote. Thanks!