

POTOMAC DIVISION NEWSBRIEF



MARCH 2026

NMRA

WHAT'S COMING UP?

Mar. 7, 1PM-4PM **Layout Tours**, Loudoun County, VA.
(Watch for details)

Mar. 14, 10AM, **Hobby Barn**
Clinic: Operational Signal Usage, Clinician: Bryan Kidd

Mar. 15, 3PM, **Virtual**: Grand Western Railroad from 1940 to the end of Narrow Gauge, Clinician: Ed Koehler

Apr. 11, 10AM, **Hobby Barn**
Clinic: Setting Up a Signaling System, Clinician: Bryan Kidd

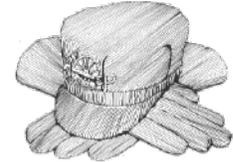


WHAT'S COMING IN APRIL-MAY FLYER?

AP Special Issue, plus our Challenge is for industries. You have until **March 5th** to send your photos and a brief description to Potomac-Flyer@potomac-nmra.org Our Meet the Member is Bob Rodriguez MMR. Martin Brechbiel MMR builds a store and Jim Allen builds a plastics plant.

THE AP CLINICS ARE COMING

The Potomac Division has a scheduled a series of in-person and virtual clinics in the coming months on the NMRA Achievement Program and all of its categories. You won't want to miss these sessions so add them to your calendar now. Here are the first three:



April 12, 3PM **Virtual**: Intro to the NMRA Achievement Program

May 17, 3PM **Virtual**: Golden Spike and AP Paperwork

May 23 **Annual Meeting, In-Person**: AP Structures and Scenery, Dranesville Community Ctr.

KUDOS

Bernard Kempinski, Lance Mindheim and Mat Thompson all have articles in *Model Railroad Planning 2026*.

BOARD ELECTION VOTE COMING SOON

April 1, 2026 - *The Flyer* and emails from the Division will list candidates for Assistant Superintendent and Paymaster for the membership to consider. Ballots will be mailed to members without email addresses. E-Voting will commence April 12.

BYLAWS AMENDMENT VOTE

At the Annual Meeting May 23, you'll vote on proposed changes to our Bylaws. See the next page for details.





PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE POTOMAC DIVISION BYLAWS

Members will be asked to vote on the changes in **RED** at our annual meeting, tentatively scheduled for May 23, 2026. Please review. The full text of the Bylaws can be seen on our [website at this link](#).

Changes in **RED**

AMENDMENTS

1. Article I, Section 3 - Boundaries of the Division were amended to add seven counties (Lancaster, Northumberland, Page, Richmond, Shenandoah, Warren, and Westmoreland) to coordinate with National and Mid-Eastern Region NMRA division boundary changes made on October 21, 2023, at the 2023 MER Convention.
2. Article I, Section 1 - As a result of corporation status the name of the organization was changed to Potomac Division National Model Railroad Association on 09/25/2025.
3. Article I, Section 1 - The Division became a non-profit 501(c)(3) on 12/19/2025.
4. Article IV, Section 1 - Aligned the election process with changes taken place with the adoption of electronic voting in 2021. The election results compiled by the Nomination Committee and presented to the membership at the annual meeting. (date of adoption of amendment)

Article I

Name, Purpose, and Boundaries

Section 1 - Name

This organization shall be known as the **Potomac Division National Model Railroad Association** (the "Division") and is **established as a Virginia incorporated non-profit 501(c)(3) Division** of the Mid-Eastern Region (MER) of the National Model Railroad Association, Inc. (NMRA). **The MER is a not-for-profit corporation in the State of Maryland. The Division is established under the provisions of the Bylaws of the MER and the Regulations of the NMRA. If a conflict should develop between these Bylaws and the Bylaws of the MER and/or the NMRA Regulations, the Bylaws of the MER or the NMRA Regulations shall govern.**

Article VI

Nominations, Ballots, and Elections

Section 1 - Nominations and Elections

All members eligible to vote may vote either by an electronic voting system, if available, or if lacking e-mail on record, by a mailed ballot. Members voting by mail must have their selections of Officers clearly indicated and received no later than two (2) days prior to the Annual Meeting. Members using the mail must include their name and NMRA Membership number. No proxy votes will be accepted for the election of Board members. Mailed ballots will be reasonably designed to deter fraudulent duplication.

