

**Board of Directors Meeting Meeting Minutes**  
**Potomac Division, MER, NMRA**  
**7:30 PM, February 17,2026**

1. **Call to Order** Attending: E Little, G Cassidy, J Stanley, K Wilson, M Brechbiel, A Belida, L Stoermer.
2. **Adoption of the Agenda-** approved as presented.
3. **Approval of Minutes of Past Meeting**
  - a. Minutes from prior meeting: January 2026 approved.
4. **Superintendent's Report (Ernie Little)**
  - a. **2026 Event Planning update**
    - i. Working on joint meet with Chesapeake Division in November, Ches has agreed to hold a joint event in November, specific date to be arranged along with a site soon. Plans for clinics and possible layout tours are in progress once site arranged.
  - b. **Web Master Report:** Updates completed. Martin had been charged for an item that has been corrected and he reports that it was refunded to him from the vendor (Ionis)
  - c. **AP manager opening:** no takers from the message sent out, Ernie said we will need to start asking members more directly.
  - d. **Region Superintendent's meeting of February 5<sup>th</sup>.** Email from Ernie was shared, covered topics from the meeting. Discussion about MER and overall
  - e. **Discussion of need for PayPal or similar account and a division charge card.**  
Lee will work with Ernie about having information on this by next meeting.
  - f. **Potomac Module Crew:** emailed Ernie recently, they are in progress for becoming a NMRA 100% club, which clarifies their use of National and Division literature/logos.
  - g. **Update on the April AP clinic on April 12<sup>th</sup>.**
  - h. **Nominations:** Ernie reports there are persons slated for the upcoming election open positions at this time, shall be reviewed in May's meeting.
5. **Senior Asst. Superintendent's Report (Greg Cassidy)**
  - a. **Layout survey (Greg Cassidy)**

- i. Greg reports that he has several layouts that are open and being made available to upcoming meets in the Maryland area.

**b. Bylaw amendments (Greg Cassidy)**

- i. Amendments are ready for distribution and will be posted in the April edition of the Flyer as well as the website. Will be voted on at the May meeting.

**c. AP Clinic series:** Greg spoke about the upcoming series of AP clinics.

Discussion about also recording those presented in person. We will need to source a member to assist with the in-person clinic recordings, so they are suitable for posting on the Division website. Alex suggested that someone to contact Todd Herman about helping with this as he has experience with similar. NMRA President Robinson made note of this and discussed with Ernie about promoting this in the NMRA turntable.

**6. Flyer Editor/Publisher Report (Alex Belida)**

From Alex: The March 1<sup>st</sup> Newsbrief is basically finished. It leads on the coming AP clinics, notes the upcoming Board elections and Bylaw amendments and those are spelled out in full on a second page.

The April-May Flyer is already filling up. It will include the candidates for the Board plus another reminder about the Bylaw amendments, this issue will be centered around the AP with articles on why folks should do it, the clinic schedule, the AP categories and how you can get credit for work on someone else's layout. Martin has also promised a piece. Moving on then with the next Flyer...Our industries challenge will begin with a photo essay by Mat Thompson on railworthy industries. Martin Brechbiel has another structure to build. Jim Allen also builds a plastics plant, and Tim Tilson puts his kayaking skills to work to discuss river currents if you add water to your layout.

**7. Asst. Superintendent's Report (Ken Wilson)**

- a. Layout tours for Loudoun County are set for March 7 from 1-4pm  
Four layouts are on the agenda.

**8. Paymaster's Report (Jerry Stanley)**

- a. See Jerry's report sent via email with bank statement.

**9. AP Coord. (Martin Brechbiel)**

- a. Martin reports there are a few in progress.

**10. Old/Unfinished Business**

- a. Membership notification policy for expirations. (Ernie Little) – no comments received since last meeting. Will put into place as policy.
- b. Revision to PD policies document (Ernie Little) – no comments received since last meeting. See note previous regarding the May general membership meeting for vote.
- c. Receiving and disposition of donated items discussion: to be further developed, including storage and disposition of items.
- d. Abrams award update: Candidate(s) have been presented and is posted on the website.

### **11. New Business**

- a. Jerry reviewed the Pizza box project he is working with at the Battlefield church.
- b. Jerry has a person he knows that he is working with about videoing layouts to post.
- c. Agreed to the new format logo that Lee marked up a sketch and present to National.

### **12. Good of the Order**

- a. Concerns/Questions. none
- b. Date, Time, and Place of next BOD meeting March 17, 2026, 7:30 PM. Online via Zoom.

### **13. Adjournment at 8:55pm**