

THE 2026 CANDIDATES FOR THE POTOMAC DIVISION BOARD OF DIRECTORS & VOTING INFORMATION

The Nominations & Elections Committee of Mark Gionet (Chair), Paul Hutchins, and Brian Sheron MMR, has submitted the following candidates for the positions of Assistant Superintendent and Paymaster on the Potomac Division Board of Directors. We thank these members for their willingness to serve on the Board.



JERRY STANLEY, CANDIDATE FOR ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

I have 45 years of managing large construction projects from 70-million dollar down to one million-dollar projects. In that position I helped write contract documents, developed scopes of work, developed schedules and plans. I built budgets, coordinated with engineers, architects and owners. I also ran day-to-day operations, solving problems, and ensuring the projects were delivered on time and within budget.

Over the time I was Potomac Division Paymaster, I also developed and held Hobby Barn clinics; assisted in the James River and Potomac division joint meets, and helped find clinicians for other clinics in addition to being the Paymaster.

I'm looking forward to continuing to work with the Board and membership to help grow the Division. I'd like to create more of an outreach program to increase awareness of the Division. I've helped organize the Division's representation at the Timonium and Greenburg Train shows. Both events did result in meeting folks who became new members. I'd like to continue this work with local churches and other family-oriented organizations to connect with potential members.

I believe my work as a Project Manager and the years of volunteering as the Potomac Division Paymaster and other roles within the Division make me more than prepared to be the Assistant Superintendent.

I would greatly appreciate your vote for the Assistant Superintendent Position.



GARY MASON, CANDIDATE FOR PAYMASTER

I moved to Arlington, Virginia, in 1999 and as an NMRA member, began attending Potomac Division MiniCons and member open houses. I retired from the National Park Service after more than four decades working in national parks as a ranger, and ultimately in the Washington, DC, headquarters as Budget & Finance Officer for the Natural Resources directorate.

Born and raised in a small town in northern California served by the Northwestern Pacific Railroad (NWP), I spent many an hour watching and photographing its operations. My love of model trains began with my father's O27 Lionel setup at Christmas, a gift of an HO train set at age 10, and completion (with assistance) of my first 4'x8' layout by age 13. Active modeling went on hiatus over the years, but I built two modest freelance layouts by 1994 when my house in Mississippi burned in a fire. I shared my lessons learned with the late Marshall Abrams for his clinic on insuring your model railroad. A few years later, working in DC, I undertook planning and acquisition of items for a new, larger prototypical layout based on a portion of the NWP. In retirement (seven years ago) I've built a detached train room and am in the process of completing 1:1 track plans to proceed with construction.

For several years, I have volunteered as the financial officer of a small HOA on Virginia's Northern Neck where I have a small cottage. Most recently, I assisted the Division's Board with input on incorporating in Virginia and securing IRS tax-exempt status. It would be a privilege to serve the members of the Potomac Division as part of a hobby that has been a life-long source of learning and pleasure.



KEN WILSON, CANDIDATE FOR PAYMASTER

I'm seeking election for the position of Paymaster. I am currently serving as the Assistant Superintendent and have been in that position since April 2023. I'm interested in moving to the role of Paymaster since the Potomac Division is currently undergoing significant changes regarding our finances. We are now incorporated and have been designated a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization.

With that new status, we can solicit donations, both in cash and items that can be resold. I'm anticipating an increase in the frequency of the need to make deposits

to our account. Fortunately, I'm in a position now where I can provide a short turnaround time for any banking needs since I am retired and live just a mile from a branch of the Division's bank. Some improvements in service to the membership have been discussed by the Board of Directors that include establishing a method for receiving cashless payments for registrations or sale of donated items. I've had prior experience managing finances when I served as the box office manager for a performing arts center. Changes have been made since that time, but the basic principles have stayed the same. I would be extremely grateful to receive your vote.