

ANNUAL Meeting minutes
Potomac Division, MER, NMRA
2:00 PM, 30 April 2023 via Zoom

1. Call to Order (Scheduled for **2:07 PM** EDT)
2. Adoption of the Agenda
3. Superintendent's Report (**Martin Brechbiel**)
 - a. Notes about upcoming conventions and meetings
 - i. June 10th with Chess
 1. Insurance coverage being applied for, looking for clinicians
 - ii. Oct MER Convention in Altoona
4. Senior Asst. Vice Superintendent's Report (**Alex Belida**)
 - a. Brief update about the flyer

From Alex- The Flyer has really thrived over the past year thanks to the contributions of our members--Especially for the various so-called Challenges we've had for things like motive power, cars, Scenery and the like. More than 50 different members have participated, some multiple times. But I'm always looking for modeling articles and volunteers to report and photograph clinics and open houses. I want to encourage you all to consider what you might contribute and earn Author Credits under the AP program. As a final plug, I want to see your mini scenes for the coming issue. I only have four so far and need at least a half dozen more so if you've got a scene on your layout with people or animals or just a neat setting, maybe a funny one, please send in a photo or two and brief description. Thanks.

5. Asst. Vice Superintendent's Report (**Ernie Little**)
 - a. Election process concluded, report later in meeting.
6. Paymaster's Report (**Jerry Stanley**)
 - a. update as to current balance and status by email and posted online in flyer
7. Clerk's Report (**Lee S.**)
 - a. Brief update
 - i. Roster/membership (by Ernie) 12 new members, dropped 10, over last 6 months, with continued accuracy work being done
8. AP Coord. (Mat Thompson)
 - a. Is resigning as he is moving out of area, Div should be looking for a replacement in near future.
9. Web Master (**Ernie Little**)
 - a. Updated recently. Significant work already done on refreshing
10. Social Media (**Bill Schultheiss**)
11. Old/Unfinished Business
 - a. Clinics & Layouts / Open Houses (**Jerry Stanley**)
 - i. Brief update – Clinics needed for June 10
 - ii. Layout Open House Coord. → Vacancy
12. New Business
 - a. Presentation of Award: Abrams Award, awarded to Jerry Stanley for his Division's efforts.

b. 2023 Elections

- i. Results announced.
- ii. 22 ballots sent by mail, 1 returned undeliverable, rest (around 250) by electronic, with 50+ members voting overall, 1 ballot uncompleted returned by member who voted online.
 1. Superintendent → Ernie Little, MMR
 2. Senior Assistant Superintendent → Alex Belida, MMR
 3. Clerk → Lee Stoermer
- iii. Vacancy created by election with a needed asst superintendent needed, to be appointed by incoming Board.

13. Good of the Order

- a. Presentation of Plaque to Martin for his years of Superintendent
- b. Nigel Philips: question as to why loss of members. 6 moving out of area, 3 for displeasure with Nat'l although not with Division, and still some issues with updates being done to roster by Nat'l due to data input. This was followed by several others discussing involvement with Scouts and Martin mentioned about the At Risk policy being implemented.
- c. Date, Time, and Place of next BOD meeting
 - i. May 16, 2023; via Zoom 7:30 pm

14. Adjournment