

**Wisconsin Southeastern Division (WISE) of the NMRA  
Board of Directors Meeting**

**Wednesday, April 9, 2025**

**Location: Lionel Railroad Club & Zoom (everyone was on zoom)**

Meeting called to order by Burnell Breaker at 7:04 pm

**Officers Present** - Burnell Breaker (Superintendent) \*, Robert Niedermann (Asst-Superintendent) \*, David Rohr (Secretary, Chief Clerk) \*, Dennis Janssen (Asst Paymaster) \* left 7:27 pm; Cindy M & David Mielke (Director At Large) (Train School) Joined @ 7:30 pm \*; Tim Koch (Director At Large) \*, joined @ 8:04 pm (Just after the meeting ended)

**Chairs Present** - Gary Hendrickson (Membership) \* left 7:43 pm \*

**Guests** - None

\* = attended via zoom

**Officers Not present** - Paymaster – open position

**Minutes:** No changes needed from the March meeting minutes, approved.

**Paymaster Report:** No changes noted from the March report, approved.

**Membership:** Gary Hendrickson – Submitted report  
“ April 2025 Membership Committee Report

Our March 2025 Division Data report shows 121 current division members, same as last month.

Annual Membership Status

MONTH DIVISION MEMBERSHIP / March 2025 = 121 / March 2024 = 136 / March 2023 = 139

Membership Status Per Month

MONTH DIVISION MEMBERSHIP

March 2024 = 136  
May 2024 = 133  
June 2024 = 132  
July 2024 = 136  
August 2024 = 132  
Sept 2024 = 134  
Oct 2024 = 132  
Nov 2024 = 130  
Dec 2024 = 125  
Jan 2025 = 125  
Feb 2025 = 121  
March 2025 = 121

We're in trouble here. We are losing ground surprisingly rapidly since last November.

I have not heard from NMRA Engagement Director Lucy Dormont about the status of our membership video project since approx. last October. I understand that she has been ill and in the hospital in the recent past.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gary Hendrickson, Membership Committee Chair”

**Clinics:** Meet's clinics will resume in fall.

**AP Program:** No report – Dave P not present

**Layout Tours:** Meet's Layouts will likely be before each month's clinics.  
No report – Dave M not present until after this was discussed.

- Owl Car:** April issue was sent, another good issue. Do we do a May issue??  
Send out the March BOD & Annual meeting minutes. Then in August.
- Website:** No report - Jim Hebner not present
- Train School:** Dave & Cindy - Need to reserve the dates for 2026 in Oct, Robert N to handle.
- Model RR Retreat:** Need a flyer, besides "save the date"
- Facebook:** No report - Mike Slater not present
- Show Sale Schedule:** April 13 – Metro Club Swap – Cedarburg - Burnell can't attend, and Tim is busy. Next event will be October 12 swap at Washington County Fair Park
- March 22 Meet:** Recap – Everything went well.

### Old Business

- **Zieger Estate** - Nothing new to report.
- **Trainfest 2025** – November 1 & 2, downtown Baird Center. Press release & website
- **\$200 matching funds program.** Will have to think what we can use it for in 2025/26. Possibly use for the pizza after train school, or a donation to the New Berlin Library, or modelers retreat donation to Kenosha Church.
- **2025-2026 Meet schedule** –
  - Sept 13 Modelers Retreat – Kenosha
  - Oct 18 – NB Library
  - Nov 1 & 2 – Trainfest – Baird Center
  - Jan 10, 2026 – NB Library – Train School
  - Feb 21 & 22 – Mad City Train Show
  - March 21 – Slinger Depot, and his church in Hartford. Church would like a \$70 donation for the room and \$20 / 25 for the sound system. Need to confirm the Depot.
  - April 18 – NB Library - Annual Meeting & election results
  - Need to investigate a CNW convention joint meet in `26/`27.
- **John Hagen donation** – Nothing new to report.
- **Boy Scouts Merit Badge** – We never officially approved this donation in March - \$250 to support the PAC (Potawatomi Area Council – Waukesha office) summer camp Long Lake. Robert N motioned, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave M, approved. We used part of the "scholarship fund" to fund this.

### New Business:

- Bob Sherman has old financial reports & 990's. What do we want to save? All pertinent 990's are available online via IRS or Guide Star. No need to save any old paperwork. Keep up to 7 years.
- New Berlin Library schedule for 2026 needs to be reserved in Oct. Robert N will handle.
- Dave M asked about a Picnic – possibly at IRM or Marshall, or ??
- Donation form letter was created. Working on getting this finalized.

### Next Meeting:

Next BOD meeting is Wednesday, May 14. This is the day before Burnell heads to Door County. Do we even need a meeting in May? It was agreed to not meet in May. Instead meet in late July or August, we can meet on Zoom. Unless more news is learned about help for Trainfest, then we could meet earlier.

After that, will be Wednesday, Sept 10.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm. Then Tim joined, a quick debrief. Finished at 8:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted by David A. Rohr, Chief Clerk.