

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

**Wednesday, August 13, 2025  
Location: Zoom**

Meeting called to order by Burnell Breaker at 7:02 pm

**Officers Present** - Burnell Breaker (Superintendent) \*, Robert Niedermann (Asst-Superintendent) \*, Dennis Janssen (Asst Paymaster) \*; David Rohr (Secretary, Chief Clerk) \*, Cindy M (Owl Car) & David Mielke (Director At Large) (Train School) \*; Tim Koch (Director At Large) \*

**Chairs Present** - Mike Slater \*

**Guests** - None

\* = attended via zoom

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

**Minutes:** No changes needed from the April meeting minutes, Tim K motioned, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob N, approved.

**Paymaster Report:** No changes noted from the April report, Do we renew Quick Books, or use a different program? Dennis to research. Tech Soup does have discount plans.  
A bill from Rally for new plaques is coming, that Bob N ordered.  
West Bend Director & Officer Insurance has been renewed.  
Bob N motioned, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave M, approved.

**Membership:** Gary Hendrickson – Submitted report  
August 2025 Membership Committee Report  
**WISE membership rolls**

July 2024	136	
June 2025	124	
July 2025	123	Down 13 or 10%

Notes: David Popp hasn't renewed (yet);  
Someone with my same initials just renewed yesterday.  
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(Is this Gary's way to be funny? Aka Gary H renewed???)

Respectfully submitted  
Gary Hendrickson

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

**AP Program:** Dave Poquette submitted report:  
Bryan Wickmann received an AP award for Scenery.  
Mark Willmering received the following awards:  
Golden Spike; Volunteer; Dispatcher; structure merit award.

**Layout Tours:** Dave M - still looking for places to visit. Will likely be before each month's clinics. We have a few to visit in Sept in Kenosha (Dave M & Rick)

**Owl Car:** August issue was sent, another good issue.  
Distributing 100 copies of the Owl Car Express to area hobby shops, Oconomowoc Club and New Berlin Library.

**Website:** No report - Jim Hebner not present

**Model RR Retreat:** Need to email the other divisions to broadcast the event.

Burnell to share the flyer to the other groups.

Mike S & Dave M still working on more clinics and more vendors.

**Train School:** Dave & Cindy - Need to reserve the dates for 2026 in Oct, Robert N to handle.

**Facebook:** No report - Mike Slater not present

### **Show Sale Schedule:**

Will sell at 5 of the 6 Lionel Club's swap dates on Oct 19, Nov 16, Dec 21, Jan 18 & Mar 15.

Will sell at West Bend's show on October 12 at Washington County Fair Park, with Tim running this event, if tables are available.

### **Old Business**

- **Zieger Estate** - Nothing new to report.
- **Trainfest 2025** – November 1 & 2, downtown Baird Center. NMRA booth will include WISE & SCWD. We will need help to man the booth. Hotel deals are sent. Still waiting on parking plans. Future dates are Nov 7 & 8, 2026 & Nov 13 & 14, 2028.
- **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 – Need to confirm the depot, still waiting. Can seat 40 > 45. Could get folks from WLD.
  - 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.
- **2026 election** – Tim K's position would be on the ballot in spring. Is this correct?

### **New Business:**

- More trains donations from donations dropped off at the Lionel Club
- Rolf Plachter's Midwest Lines is coming to the end. Last Open House is planned for August 24 from 12 > 4 pm. Will send email and post on Facebook. His son Rick will be donating it to WISE Div. We will need help in dismantling in the future.
- Burnell was presented the "NMRA President Award" at the 90<sup>th</sup> Convention in Novi MI last month. Michael Hirvela accepted for Burnell, and presented it to Burnell July 26. Well deserved! Last year, Dave Nelson received this award.
- Dave Nelson suggested in his report, to just have a general contest, if not enough entries are present.
- Dave M & Burnell was at Jim McGeever's layout work session. Jim has 20+ boxes of magazines to donate. Need more help. He is located on Kenosha/Racine County line.

### **Next Meeting:**

Next BOD meeting is Wednesday, September 10, via zoom.

After that, will be Wednesday, Oct 8.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm. Motioned by Robert N, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim K, approved.

Respectfully submitted by David A. Rohr, Chief Clerk.