

BOD Minutes
2006 Mid-Year Meeting
19-21 January 2006

*Secretary's note: a list of abbreviations used in these minutes is attached as Appendix A.
The full text of all non-administrative motions is attached as Appendix B.*

1. President Roberts called the meeting to order at 7:39pm, 19 Jan 06.
2. The roll was called. All were present except EDD Feeney.
3. MBOD-060101: ALWWD Koester moved that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as corrected. Motion passed on a voice vote.
4. MBOD-060102: PDD North moved inclusion of agenda motions A through N in the consent agenda. Motion passed on a voice vote.
5. MBOD-060103: PDD North moved that the Board go into executive session. Motion passed on a voice vote.
6. At 7:45pm the meeting was adjourned to 8:30am, 20 Jan 06.
7. The meeting was reconvened at 8:39am, 20 Jan 06. EDD Feeney was present.
8. ALNAD Getz provided a preliminary report from the Strategic Planning Committee. Major points are:
 - a. The full report is expected to be circulated to the committee for review by mid-February and submitted to the Board of Directors by the end of February.
 - b. The committee has identified a number of productive changes, which will be detailed in the full report.
 - c. The committee is recommending a special meeting of the Board of Directors, probably in April, to discuss strategic plans and prepare motions for the annual meeting in Philadelphia in June/July.
 - d. The committee will be recommending some structural changes in the Association, including renaming the Technical Department, shifting some responsibilities among departments, and redefining some responsibilities of the President and Vice President.
9. MBOD-060104: ALNAD Getz moved that a special meeting of the Board of Directors be held, at a time and place to be determined, for the purpose of making policy decisions regarding the implementation of strategic plans. Motion passed on a voice vote.

10. EDM Flock made the following additions and points of emphasis to his written report:
 - a. Ed Swain has been appointed to head the Junior Clinic Program (JCP). John Stevens has been appointed the Boy Scout Coordinator.
 - b. A basic clinic track will be held at the convention in Philadelphia. The idea is that a series of beginner-level clinics will be held on consecutive days at the same time and (preferably) in the same room.
 - c. EDM Flock is looking for an Assistant Manager for the department. He is also looking for a new Contest Chair, to replace Marty Vaughn who has expressed his desire to retire from the position.
 - d. A survey is being contemplated regarding contest rules and participation. More details will be forthcoming.
11. PDM DeYoung added to his written report:
 - a. The selection process for the *Scale Rails/NMRA Bulletin* contract was explained.
 - b. The change of focus for *Scale Rails* was explained.
 - c. Inconsistencies with department information were discussed.
 - d. PDD DeYoung expressed his opinion that all members should receive the magazine.
12. MTSDM Jordan added to his written report:
 - a. Model Railroading Basics is intended as an ongoing feature at conventions. This was to emphasize the information in EDM Flock's report.
 - b. Logistical and other issues regarding a second national train show were discussed.
 - c. It is intended that there be an industry roundtable meeting at the convention in Philadelphia. The meeting is intended to allow free and frank discussion among the various parties in the model railroading industry, and attendance will be by invitation only.
 - d. President Roberts commented that the convention registration fee for non-members is somewhat unclear. Discussion followed.
13. MSDM Wescott added the Department Manager's portion of her report.

- a. The previously-announced membership contest was suspended following the resignation of MAPDM Burman. Development efforts are starting afresh.
 - b. The department is putting together a contact book, to serve as a quick reference to Member Services staff at all levels of the organization.
 - c. An effort is underway to clean up the membership application.
14. The meeting was recessed at 9:59am.
15. The meeting was reconvened at 10:29am.
16. ADM Hendricks added to her report:
- a. The status of the data base project was explained in a supplement to the written report, which supplement was handed out to all meeting attendees.
 - b. The home office staff needs to be informed when regions collect dues for the NMRA.
 - c. Six regions still have not responded to requests for membership information. Until this input is received, the data base cannot be brought fully up to date.
 - d. Discussion followed regarding the use of region rebates.
 - e. A general discussion of the data base project followed. Salient points were:
 - (1) ADM Hendricks was asked if the monthly reports will include region subscription information. The answer is yes, as long as the information is provided to the home office.
 - (2) ADM Hendricks was asked what are the goals for region access to the data base. Updating out-of-area subscription area is the first priority, but programmers are lined up to provide the access. Access is anticipated by the end of the quarter.
 - (3) Secretary Liesse, who did much of the requirements analysis for the new data base structure, will make the logical design available to the Board. In addition, he will conduct a survey of commercially-available membership data bases.
17. ADM Hendricks presented the Kalmbach Memorial Library report.

- a. Since President Roberts' column on working with other societies appeared in *Scale Rails*, two historical societies have joined the Association.
 - b. Anyone wishing to reprint articles from the convention clinic book needs to obtain permission from the author. Contact the Library in this regard; the Library staff will either provide the author's contact information or forward the request, depending on the author's privacy preferences.
 - c. As a note of interest, the National Railroad Historical Society will be holding its 2007 convention in Chattanooga. We should investigate what we can do to work with them and provide support.
18. DDM Pollock emphasized some key points of his report:
- a. Roger Cason's contributions to the department report were stressed.
 - b. Fund raising needs to be a constant effort, rather than being a disjointed series of unrelated solicitations.
 - c. A member who was one of the driving forces behind the establishment of the Library has been hesitant to donate because the Library seems to be always on the edge of elimination.
 - d. If any development efforts are conducted in conjunction with the NMRA's upcoming 75th anniversary, they must be done in a unified fashion.
19. HDMCC Pollock announced that the donation of the Ambroid collection will be withheld until the museum is actually operational. The Elliott donation has been finalized, and logistics are now being considered.
20. HCC Pollock clarified some points regarding the Honors Committee. While the chair is known, the membership of the committee is kept secret in order to prevent lobbying. The Committee oversees the awarding of Honorary Life Memberships and Distinguished Service Awards. Department managers have sole responsibility for awarding Meritorious Service Awards, and the Pioneer Awards are given by Railroad Model Craftsman.
21. TDM Voss added to his report:
- a. A new sub-department, Intellectual Property, has been formed, with Stan Ames at its head.
 - b. Conformance & Inspection tests are applied across substantially identical products. For example, if a manufacturer changes the shell of a locomotive with no changes to the "under the hood" workings, a Conformance Warrant issued to the first product continues to be applied to the second. However, if changes to testable components are made, the Warrant is not carried over.

- c. A lengthy discussion followed regarding the writing of product reviews. Questions raised include who writes reviews, and whether it is the NMRA's business to review non-C&I issues.
22. At 12:00m the meeting was adjourned to 1:00pm.
23. The meeting was called to order at 1:23pm.
24. ICC North, along with his colleagues from the ABC (Australasia/British/Canada) areas, presented a status report.
- a. Since the international dues collection program was approved in Cincinnati, the Australasia Region has added more than 50 new members. Very few are subscribing to *Scale Rails*.
 - b. Membership in the British Region is increasing. As the region works on the basis of a single membership year beginning 1 April, exact numbers will be more readily available at that time.
 - c. Don Hillman is running the office for Canada. Response has been very positive, with many members returning to the NMRA from CARM (Canadian Association of Railroad Modelers). A memorandum of understanding between the two associations is in place.
 - d. The three areas need costs so they can offer the calendar to their members. The home office, in turn, needs to know how many will be needed in each area.
25. RACD Ferguson added to his report:
- a. A number of issues concerning cross-border regions have been resolved by Don Hillman.
 - b. The Board of Directors set a standard rate for the first year of a region publication subscription, but the membership application hasn't been updated due to the lack of a MAP Department Manager.
 - c. Some regions still fail to grasp the concept that they do not have assigned directors.
26. Treasurer Draper added some points to his report and then led a general discussion on NMRA finances.
- a. The computer project has cost \$21,070.83 through 17 January.

- b. As background for later business to be conducted at the meeting, the cost of inventory of Heritage and Living Legends Cars was shown.
 - c. The Junior Clinic Program cost \$6,400 at the 2005 convention.
 - d. Rebates of approximately \$14,000 will be due to the regions on 1 March.
 - e. Through 31 December, the Association is showing a net deficit of approximately \$21,000 for the year.
 - f. A table of annual CPI increases, and what the corresponding dues amounts would have been had dues been increased accordingly, was shown for the years 2001 through 2005 (2001 being the year the current dues structure was adopted).
27. The meeting was recessed at 2:46pm.
28. The meeting was reconvened at 3:07pm.
29. A petition regarding contest and Achievement Program scoring rules was presented to the Board of Directors. The Education Department will take the request under advisement and will explore the merits of making changes. EDD Flock, PDD North, and Secretary Liesse will meet to draft a formal response, which will be sent over PDD North's signature.
30. PDD DeYoung announced that White River Publications has accepted the offer to assume responsibility for producing *Scale Rails and the NMRA Bulletin* starting with the September issue.
31. Discussion was held on a number of topics raised by WDD deBlieck.
32. At 4:40pm the meeting was adjourned to 8:30am, 21 Jan 06.
33. The meeting was called to order at 8:42am, 21 Jan 06.
34. MBOD-060105: ALNAD Getz moved approval of the consent agenda. During discussion, agenda motions I, K, M, and N were removed from the consent agenda. The revised consent agenda passed on a voice vote. [Full text of the consent motions, numbered MBOD-060106 through MBOD-060115, can be found in Appendix B to these minutes.]
35. MBOD-060116: RACD Ferguson moved to modify the Regulations, Article IV, Section 2, Paragraph B, to (a) clean up wording and (b) bring consistency among various items throughout the Regulations. Motion passed on a voice vote.
36. MBOD-060117: RACD Ferguson moved to modify the Regulations, Article IV, Section 4, Paragraph B, to more clearly delineate the limitations on regions and

- divisions charging fees to out-of-area NMRA members. Motion passed on a voice vote.
37. MBOD-060118: RACD Ferguson moved to modify the Regulations, Article IV, Section 5, Paragraph A, to clarify members' region and division affiliations. Motion passed on a voice vote.
38. MBOD-060119: RACD Ferguson moved to modify the Regulations, Article IV, Section 5, Paragraph C, to remove references to region and division membership. Motion passed on a voice vote.
39. The meeting was recessed at 10:03am.
40. The meeting was reconvened at 10:23am.
41. Treasurer Draper announced that the budget meeting will be held in Phoenix 5-6 May. Attendees should plan to arrive on the 4th and depart on the 7th.
42. MBOD-060120: RACD Ferguson moved to modify the Regulations, Article IV, Section 1, to specify that dues remitted to the home office be in US Dollars. Motion passed on a voice vote.
43. MBOD-060121: RACD Ferguson moved to modify the Regulations, Article IV, Section 2, Paragraph C, to clarify that organizations holding NMRA membership are not eligible to hold office. Motion passed on a voice vote.
44. MBOD-060122: RACD Ferguson moved to modify the Regulations, Article IV, Section 1, Paragraph E, to delineate better the existing types of Life Membership. Motion passed on a voice vote.
45. MBOD-060123: RACD Ferguson moved a policy specifying the method of calculating rebates to the regions. The motion was remanded to the Policy Committee for further review and recommendation. RACD Ferguson will be included in this review process.
46. MBOD-060124: RACD Ferguson moved to modify the Regulations, Article IV, Section 4, Paragraph D, to simplify the process of calculating region rebates. Motion passed on a voice vote.
47. MBOD-060125: ALNAD Getz moved that the Technical Department be renamed and that use of the term "recommended practices" be discontinued.
48. MBOD-060126: PDD North moved to divide MBOD-060125. Motion passed on a voice vote. [The two portions of the divided motion are hereafter referred to as MBOD-060127 and MBOD-060128.]

49. MBOD-060127: ALNAD Getz moved that the Technical Department be renamed the Standards and Conformance Department. Motion passed on a voice vote.
50. MBOD-060128: ALNAD Getz moved that use of the term “recommended practices” be discontinued and that references to “recommended practices” become references to “standards.”
51. MBOD-060129: WDD deBlieck moved to table MBOD-060128. Motion passed on a voice vote.
52. MBOD-060130: ALNAD Getz moved that the Board authorize the discontinuance of the Junior Clinic Program at the national convention, effective July 2006 in Philadelphia. Motion passed on a show of hands.
53. It was noted that the cancellation of the Junior Clinic Program needs to be reported in *Scale Rails* immediately.
54. The meeting was recessed at 11:52am.
55. The meeting was reconvened at 1:10pm.
56. MBOD-060131: ALNAD Getz moved the creation of an “NMRA Fellow” award. Motion passed on a voice vote.
57. MBOD-060132: EDD Feeney moved to modify the Regulations, Article III, Section 25, Paragraph A3, to further restrict the offices an individual may hold simultaneously. Motion failed on a voice vote, with WDD deBlieck abstaining.
58. MBOD-060133: ALWW Koester moved that the proposed revision to Standards S-3.1 and S4.1 be published for membership review. Motion passed on a voice vote.
59. MBOD-060134: ALWW Koester moved that the proposed revisions to Recommended Practices RP-9.2.1 and RP-9.2.3 be approved.
60. MBOD-060135: WDD deBlieck moved to table MBOD-060134. Motion died for lack of a second.
61. MBOD-060134 passed on a voice vote.
62. MBOD-060136: ALWW Koester moved to establish an Information Technology Department, effective 1 Sep 06, and that a new Section 9 be inserted in the Regulations, Article VI to that effect. Motion passed on a voice vote.
63. MBOD-060137: ALWW Koester moved that the home office be authorized to advertise and dispose of excess inventory of Heritage Cars 13 and earlier, and Living Legends Cars 3 and earlier, in a manner to be determined by the program

- manager and approved by the Executive Committee. Motion passed on a voice vote.
64. MBOD-060138: WDD deBlieck moved that the Member Services Department be renamed the Membership Services and Promotions Department. Motion passed on a voice vote.
 65. MBOD-060139: ALNAD Getz moved that consignment merchandise will be accepted in the Company Store at the national convention only from NMRA regions, NMRA divisions, the current year host committee, and individuals participating in that year's convention as clinicians providing that the item being offered for sale is the subject of that clinic. Motion passed on a voice vote.
 66. MBOD-060140: ALNAD Getz moved that the budget be amended such that any unexpended funds for the Junior Clinic Program be redirected to the President's budget for use as needed. Motion passed on a voice vote.
 67. MBOD-060141: ALNAD Getz moved that the Regulations, Article IV, Section 5, Paragraph B be deleted. Motion passed on a voice vote. [Changes made earlier to Paragraph A rendered Paragraph B redundant.]
 68. MBOD-060142: CDD Thornton moved that the Achievement Program changes and additions recommended in the Education Department report be adopted. Motion passed on a voice vote.
 69. MBOD-060143: CDD Thornton moved that the Railpass Membership Program be extended one year, to end 31 Aug 07. Motion passed on a voice vote.
 70. MBOD-060144: CDD Thornton moved that the Board of Directors determine whether the Railpass Membership Program should be made permanent. Motion died for lack of a second.
 71. PDD North asked whether it would be beneficial to invite newly-elected directors to attend a Board of Directors meeting prior to taking office. It was recognized that the question is moot as generally are no meetings scheduled between the election and the start of the term of office.
 72. RBOD-060101: ALNAD Getz moved a resolution that the Standards and Conformance Department would develop Standard and Recommended Practices without regard to the prior existence of non-conforming products.
 73. MBOD-060145: ALNAD Getz moved to table RBOD-060101. Motion passed on a voice vote.
 74. There was a general discussion pertaining to coordination with other modeling groups.

75. PDD North was recognized for his 8 years' service on the Board.
76. Corrections required on various NMRA web site lists were noted.
77. ALNAD Getz announced that the special meeting of the Board (see item 9) would be held 10-13 March at a location to be determined in the San Francisco area.
78. MBOD-060146: ALNAD Getz moved that dues be increased to \$36 effective 1 June 2006. Motion passed on a voice vote.
79. The meeting was adjourned at 4:13pm in honor of Bill Becker, Robert Wescott, Howell Day, and Bill Jewett.

Appendix A

Abbreviations Used

ADD	Atlantic District Director
ADM	Administration Department Manager
ALNAD	At-Large North America Director
ALWWD	At-Large Worldwide Director
CAND	Canada Director
CDD	Central District Director
DDM	Development Department Manager
EDD	Eastern District Director
EDM	Education Department Manager
HCC	Honors Committee Chair
HDMCC	Howell Day Museum Committee Chair
ICC	International Committee Chair
MSDM	Member Services Department Manager
MTSDM	Meetings and Trade Shows Department Manager
PDD	Pacific District Director
PDM	Publications Department Manager
RACD	Regional Advisory Council Director
TDM	Technical Department Manager
WDD	Western District Director

Appendix B

Full Text of Motions

MBOD-060106

ALWWD Koester moved that the ballots from the 2005 election be destroyed.

MBOD-060107

RACD Ferguson moved that the Regulations, Article IV, Section 1, Paragraph A, be amended to read:

Regular Member: Any person interested in model railroading may become a [regular] member upon application to the Administration Department and payment of [the appropriate dues] ~~a sum~~ as set forth in the EHB. This [class of membership] includes full rights of membership plus basic communication (*NMRA Bulletin*).

Reading after changes:

Regular Member: Any person interested in model railroading may become a Regular Member upon application to the Administration Department and payment of the appropriate dues as set forth in the EHB. This class of membership includes full rights of membership plus basic communication (*NMRA Bulletin*).

MBOD-06108

RACD Ferguson moved that the Regulations, Article IV, Section 1, Paragraph B, be amended to read:

Sustaining Member: Any person, association, corporation, or other business organization interested in model railroading may become a Sustaining Member upon application to the Administration Department and payment of [the appropriate dues as set forth in the EHB. This class of membership includes full rights of membership. This class has no publication benefits.] ~~a minimum sum equal to two (2) times the annual dues for Member in addition to the costs of Subscription(s) added.~~

Reading after changes:

Sustaining Member: Any person, association, corporation, or other business organization interested in model railroading may become a Sustaining Member upon application to the Administration Department and payment of the appropriate dues as set forth in the EHB. This class of membership includes full rights of membership. This class has no publication benefits.

MBOD-010609

RACD Ferguson moved that the Regulations, Article IV, Section 1, Paragraph C, be amended to read:

Family Member: The spouse or minor child of any member in good standing may become a Family Member upon application to the Administration Department and payment of the [appropriate dues as] ~~the sum~~ set forth in the EHB. [This class has no publication benefits.]

Reading after changes:

Family Member: The spouse or minor child of any member in good standing may become a Family Member upon application to the Administration Department and payment of the appropriate dues as set forth in the EHB. This class has no publication benefits.

MBOD-010610

RACD Ferguson moved that the Regulations, Article IV, Section 1, Paragraph D be amended to read:

Student Member: Any person eighteen (18) years of age and under and interested in model railroading may become a Student Member upon application to the Administration Department and payment of the [appropriate dues as] ~~sum~~ set forth in the EHB. Additionally, any person between the ages of 19 (nineteen) and 25 (twenty-five), possessing a current valid student ID from an accredited institution, may also apply for Student Membership. ~~A photocopy of a current valid student ID must be provided with the application and each annual renewal to obtain and maintain this membership classification.~~ This class will include [a] subscription [to *Scale Rails and the NMRA Bulletin*] (s).

Reading after changes:

Student Member: Any person eighteen (18) years of age and under and interested in model railroading may become a Student Member upon application to the Administration Department and payment of the appropriate dues as set forth in the EHB. Additionally, any person between the ages of 19 (nineteen) and 25 (twenty-five), possessing a current valid student ID from an accredited institution, may also apply for Student Membership. This class will include a subscription to *Scale Rails and the NMRA Bulletin*.

MBOD-060111

RACD Ferguson moved that the Regulations, Article IV, Section 1, Paragraph F, be amended to read:

Patron Member: Any member, association, corporation, or other business organization interested in model railroading may become a Patron Member upon application to the Administration Department and payment of [the appropriate dues as] ~~that sum~~ set forth in the ~~Executive Handbook~~[B]. This class will include [a s]Subscription (~~s~~)^(s) to *Scale Rails and the NMRA Bulletin*].

Reading after changes:

Patron Member: Any member, association, corporation, or other business organization interested in model railroading may become a Patron Member upon application to the Administration Department and payment of the appropriate dues as set forth in the EHB. This class will include a subscription to *Scale Rails and the NMRA Bulletin* .

MBOD-060112

RACD Ferguson moved that the Regulations, Article IV, Section 1, Paragraph G, be amended to read:

Corporate Member: Any manufacturer, retailer, wholesaler, or other person engaged in the business of model railroading may become a Corporate Member of the NMRA upon application to the Administration Department and payment of the [appropriate dues as] ~~sum~~ set forth in the Executive Handbook. [This class will include a subscription to *Scale Rails and the NMRA Bulletin* .]

Reading after changes:

Corporate Member: Any manufacturer, retailer, wholesaler, or other person engaged in the business of model railroading may become a Corporate Member of the NMRA upon application to the Administration Department and payment of the appropriate dues as set forth in the Executive Handbook. This class will include a subscription to *Scale Rails and the NMRA Bulletin* .

MBOD-060113

RACD Ferguson moved that the Regulations, Article IV, Section 2, Paragraph A, be amended to read:

All the above membership classes, including Honorary Life Member, but excluding Family Members, shall include [basic] communications received from both the National and Regional level, the exact nature and form of which [National] communications is to be set forth in accordance with the Regulations and any policies adopted by the Board of Directors, in the Executive Handbook, provided further that Regional communications may vary depending upon the policies and [frequencies] adopted by the [each] Region.

Reading after changes:

All the above membership classes, including Honorary Life Member, but excluding Family Members, shall include basic communications from both the National and Regional level, the exact nature and form of National communications is to be set forth in accordance with these Regulations and any policies adopted by the Board of Directors, in the Executive Handbook, provided further that Regional communications may vary depending upon the policies and frequencies adopted by each Region.

MBOD-060114

RACD Ferguson moved that the Regulations, Article IV, Section 3 be amended to read:

Membership, other than the Life Membership categories, shall be on a yearly basis and shall expire on the last day of the month at the end of the term for which the dues were paid.

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MBOD-060115

RACD Ferguson moved that the Regulations, Article IV, Section 4, Paragraph E, be amended to read:

Such amount shall cover the region and division administration of all NMRA mandated programs and activities. Each region is responsible for transferring to each active division from the region's allocation of dues an amount which shall cover divisional administration of all NMRA mandated programs and activities[.], ~~with the allocation being made pursuant to guidelines approved by the Board of Directors.~~

Reading after changes:

Such amount shall cover the region and division administration of all NMRA mandated programs and activities. Each region is responsible for transferring to each active division from the region's allocation of dues an amount which shall cover divisional administration of all NRMA mandated programs and activities.

RACD Ferguson moved the following changes to the Regulations, Article IV, Section 2, Paragraph B:

Subparagraph 2: replace “through a region” with “through any region”, delete “both including and other than the region or division in whose territory the member resides”, and insert “or division” between “members of the region” and “in which the activity”.

Subparagraph 3: replace “Except for Family and Corporate membership” with “Except for Family Members; and Sustaining, Patron, and Corporate Members other than individuals”.

Subparagraph 4: replace “division from delivering” with “division delivering”, and replace “cost to those services” with “cost for those services”.

Subparagraph 5: insert “or if offered to the general public” after “NMRA members”, delete “if said merchandise or premiums are also offered to the general public”, insert “/divisions” between “regions” and “offer”, delete “said”, replace “said region” with “that region/division”, replace “if the region desires” with “if the region/division desires”, and delete “on the same terms”.

Subparagraph 6: replace “individual member and the Board” with “individual member. The board”.

Subparagraph 8: delete “should protect members by applying for liability insurance where that insurance is offered or applicable through the national organization”.

Subparagraph 10: delete “as an earned right, and one not required that regions establish through independent regional recognition”.

Reading after changes:

Each member in the above classes, including Honorary Life Member, shall have the right to:

1. Receive a membership card as proof of membership and the class of membership, and be listed in all rosters for their class of membership.
2. Participate in all NMRA activities, including those administered through any region or division, but subject to the payments of any user fees otherwise imposed upon members of the region or division in which the activity is occurring, and meeting any other

qualifications and conditions established by the region/division and/or NMRA.

3. Except for Family Members; and Sustaining, Patron, and Corporate Members other than individuals; vote and run for an elective office in any region or division of which the member is a resident, subject to meeting any qualifications and conditions established by the NMRA and, if applicable, by the region and/or division.
4. Participate in and benefit from programs at the national, regional, and divisional level. However, certain costs of said programs may vary depending upon location and practicability of delivering the program to individual members. Nothing prevents the Board of Directors and/or the region or division delivering said services or administering the program from charging a reasonable cost for those services where appropriate and where consistent with these Regulations and the Executive Handbook.
5. Obtain merchandise or premiums offered exclusively to NMRA members, or if offered to the general public, at a discounted cost. Insofar as regions/divisions offer merchandise or premiums, said merchandise shall be available to NMRA members in that region/division and, if the region/division desires, throughout the NMRA. The level of NMRA offering the premium or merchandise should be responsible for the administration of the program and collection of any monies and accounting as well as delivery of the merchandise or premium.
6. Participate in contests under the following conditions. At the national level, any NMRA member in good standing shall be able to enter the contest in person or by proxy. The procedures for said national contest shall be set forth in the Executive Handbook. Any cost for participating in the national contest should be borne by the individual member. The Board of Directors, through and with the Education Department, shall set uniform standards for judging NMRA national contests. Regions must also offer judging pursuant to said uniform standards provided that regions can also create non- NMRA judging rules, including but not limited to additional categories of the contest beyond those utilized by national. Upon request, the national contest rules must be applied to contest entries for a legitimate national purpose; if the purpose is to insure compliance with the Achievement Program, AP judging may be substituted by the region at its discretion. As for regional contests, a regional resident member can enter a regional contest by proxy or in person. Out-of-region NMRA members can enter only in person so as to prevent abuse of the

contest process by allowing multiple entries in various regions by proxy.

7. Have access to programs offered externally through NMRA but not administered by NMRA and, where offered, said program must be offered to all NMRA members otherwise qualifying for such programs. Nothing herein requires regional programs to conform to this provision.
8. Be protected by event liability insurance offered by national for qualifying NMRA events.
9. Have access as a member to the Kalmbach Memorial Library and the Howell Day Model Railroad Museum and such other facilities as may be operated by or in affiliation with the NMRA, which benefit may be fee based, as further delineated by the Board of Directors.
10. Be considered for and receive recognition through special awards or special certificates.
11. Petition and seek referendum of issues and decisions in accordance with the procedures and provisions that are set forth in these Regulations as adopted by the Board of Directors.

MBOD-060117

RACD Ferguson moved that the Regulations, Article IV, Section 4, Paragraph B, be replaced with the following:

A region or division may charge additional fees for services, including communications, to NMRA members residing outside the region or division boundaries. Such fees shall be limited to the additional actual costs associated with providing said services beyond the region or division boundaries.

MBOD-060118

RACD Ferguson moved that the Regulations, Article IV, Section 5, Paragraph A, be replaced with the following:

Every natural NMRA member, except Family Members, shall be a member of the region, if one exists, and of the division, if one exists, in which territory the member has an address of record.

MBOD-060119

RACD Ferguson moved that the Regulations, Article IV, Section 5, Paragraph C, be replaced with the following:

Each NMRA member may subscribe to region or division publications outside the territory in which the member resides. Out-of-territory subscribers of a region or division shall not be allowed to vote in either region or division elections, and shall not be allowed to run for region or division office.

MBOD-060120

RACD Ferguson moved that the Regulations, Article IV, Section 1, be replaced with the following:

All dues submitted to the Headquarters Office shall be paid in U.S. dollars in accordance with the schedule of dues adopted by the Board of Directors for each category of membership and published in the Executive Handbook (EHB). There shall be the following classes of membership for which the following rights and obligations apply:

MBOD-060121

RACD Ferguson moved that the Regulations, Article IV, Section 2, Paragraph C, be replaced with the following:

Each member who is a natural person, except those holding a Family Membership, shall have the privilege of seeking an elective office and holding elective or appointive office in the NMRA.

MBOD-060122

RACD Ferguson moved that the Regulations, Article IV, Section 1, Paragraph E, be replaced with the following:

Life Member: The classification of Life Member shall be categorized into the following sub-classifications:

1. **Honorary Life Member:** As recognition for meritorious service to the National Model Railroad Association, any person or organization may be elected as an Honorary Life Member by vote of a majority of the Board of Directors and shall not required to pay any additional dues. This includes full rights of membership plus a subscription to *Scale Rails and the NMRA Bulletin*.
2. **Non-Actuarial Life Member:** Any member who purchased an NMRA Life Membership prior to the implementation of the actuarial process for pricing the cost of Life Membership shall be a member of this class. This includes full rights of membership plus a subscription to *Scale Rails and the NMRA Bulletin*.
3. **Actuarial Life Member:** Any member who purchased an NMRA Life Membership after the implementation of the actuarial process for pricing the cost of Life Membership shall be a member of this class. This class includes full rights of membership plus a subscription to *Scale Rails and the NMRA Bulletin*.

MBOD-060123

RACD Ferguson moved that the rebate to the continental United States regions shall be calculated based on the number of NMRA members, by membership class, geographically located within the boundaries of each continental United States region. For those United States regions whose geographical boundaries cross international borders, the region rebate shall be calculated based on the number of qualifying NMRA members residing in the United States portions of those regions. The rebate shall be \$2.00 per Regular, Student, Patron, Corporate, and Sustaining Member, \$2.00 per Actuarial Life Member, and \$.50 per Non-Actuarial Life Member. No rebate shall be given for Family Members of the NMRA.

MBOD-060124

RACD Ferguson moved that the Regulations, Article IV, Section 4, Paragraph D, be replaced with the following:

The allocation of dues shall be made pursuant to guidelines approved by the Board. The Board shall adopt an amount of the total dues for each class of membership representing the share between the national and regional levels. The allocation of dues shall also take into account the number of rebate-qualified resident members within each region.

MBOD-060125

ALNAD Getz moved that the Technical Department be renamed the “Standards and Conformance Department,” that the use of the term “recommended practices” be discontinued, and that reference to “recommended practices” now mean “standards.”

MBOD-060127

ALNAD Getz moved that the Technical Department be renamed the “Standards and Conformance Department.”

MBOD-060128

ALNAD Getz moved that use of the term “recommended practice” be discontinued, and that references to “recommended practices” be replaced with references to “standards.”

MBOD-060130

ALNAD Getz moved that the Board authorize the discontinuance of the Junior Clinic Program (JCP) at the national convention, effective July 2006 in Philadelphia.

MBOD-060131

ALNAD Getz moved that as part of the Honors Committee responsibility the Regulations and the EHB be amended to allow creation of an “NMRA Fellow” award.

MBOD-060132

EDD Feeney moved that the Regulations, Article III, Section 25, Paragraph A, Subparagraph 3, be replaced with the following:

A national officer, a department manager, or the chair of a department committee, provided that any violations of this regulation that would exist upon its adoption would be allowed to continue until the end of the current term of said national officers or directors. At the end of the greatest of the current terms of said national officers and directors, the clause starting with “provided that” will be automatically stricken from the Regulation.

MBOD-060133

ALWWD Koester moved that the proposed revisions to Standard S-3.1 (“Trackwork Proto Scales”) and Standard S-4.1 (“Wheels Proto Scales”) be published for membership review.

MBOD-060134

ALWWD Koester moved that the proposed revisions to Recommended Practice RP-9.2.1 (“DCC Extended Packet Formats”) and Recommended Practice RP-9.2.3 (“DCC Service Mode”) be approved.

MBOD-060136

ALWWD Koester moved that effective 1 September 2006 the NMRA establish an Information Technology Department, and that the following be inserted into the Regulations as Article VI, Section 9:

The **Information Technology Department** shall consist of a manager and additional personnel as determined by the manager. The department is responsible for overseeing the technological operations of the Association and the home office, including both computing and communications technologies.

MBOD-060137

ALWWD Koester moved that the Headquarters Office be authorized to advertise and dispose of inventory of Heritage Cars 13 and earlier, and Living Legends Cars 3 and earlier, without restrictions, in a manner to be determined by the program manager and approved by the Executive Committee.

MBOD-060138

WDD deBlieck moved that the Member Services Department name be changed to the Membership Services and Promotion Department.

MBOD-060139

ALNAD Getz moved that consignment merchandise will be accepted in the Company Store only from the following: NMRA regions; NMRA divisions; the current year host committee; and individuals participating in that year's convention as clinicians, provided that the item being sold is the subject of that clinic.

MBOD-060140

ALNAD Getz moved that the budge be amended to redirect any unexpended funds for the Junior Clinic Program to the President's budget to be used as needed.

MBOD-060141

ALNAD Getz moved that the Regulations, Article IV, Section 5, Paragraph B be deleted.

CDD Thornton moved that the following changes to the Achievement Program, requested in the Education Department report, be adopted:

1. The revised **Author** requirements allow for Volunteer credits for additional presentation of a clinic after the first one is claimed for Author credit. The Volunteer requirements do not mention this option. The **Volunteer** requirements identify credits for open house and modular layout participation in NMRA events and BSA merit badge programs; however, the Record and Validation forms do not show these options. The “checklist” provided as a member service has not been updated to reflect changes in the requirements. The Volunteer requirements and forms, and the “checklist,” will be made internally consistent.
2. Clarification of “scratch building”: some members and judges have incorrectly interpreted “scratch built” as earning at least 13.5 out of the possible 15 points (90% of the available points). This is not consistent with the published Judging Guidelines (see below). There are actually two separate and somewhat independent determinations that must be made in assessing scratch building.

The first is the “yes/no” determination whether the model can be considered scratch built. A model is considered scratch built if at least 90% of the model’s pieces/parts (other than those specifically exempted) are fabricated by the modeler. This is a quantitative assessment based on numbers of pieces.

The second aspect is the scratch building score according to the schedule contained in the Judging Guidelines. The scoring matrix shows that a simple model that is completely scratch build can earn only 10 points. The scratch building score is a combination of quantitative extent and qualitative difficulty and complexity.

The appropriate changes and comments will be added to the Judging Guidelines and as notes in the requirements and Scoring Sheets.

3. The growth of DCC control systems confuses some members since the requirements were written in the context of DC and early command control systems. Only two sections in the **Model Railroad Engineer – Electrical** requirements (Section A, items #1 and #6) might be considered DC specific/limiting, and two minor additions will make them compatible with both DC and DCC type systems while maintaining the intent of the requirements. The appropriate changes will be made to the requirements and forms.

Item #1 calls for “five electrical blocks” – a necessity for C operation to meet the overall requirements for simultaneous and independent operation of two trains. DCC enables this, but separate blocks are generally used only for troubleshooting. The following change in item #1 recognizes both types of control and keeps the spirit of the requirement:

Item #1 – For convention DC wiring (non-command control), five electrical blocks that can be controlled independently. For command control wiring (DCC, TMCC, and others), sufficient gaps and switches to maintain polarity, phase if needed, and troubleshooting.

Item #6 calls for a power supply with voltmeters and ammeters. These are relevant in DC operation, but have limited application in DCC systems during operation. The following change will be made to reflect today’s control systems which already contain built-in safety features. With more and more locomotives being sold only as DCC ready, it is not as practical to measure performance with meters. A sentence will be added to the comments area to reflect the desirability of using meters to assess the performance of locomotives and to help in troubleshooting the layout.

Item #6 – One power supply with protective devices (short indicator and/or circuit breaker) to ensure safe operation.

MBOD-060143

CDD Thornton moved that the RailPass Membership Program be extended one year, to expire 31 August 2007.

MBOD-060144

CDD Thornton moved that the Board of Directors determine if the RailPass Membership Program should be made permanent.

MBOD-060146

ALNAD Getz moved that dues be increased to \$36/year effective 1 June 2006.

RBOD-060101

WHEREAS, one purpose of the NMRA is *to assemble, define, set up, investigate, publish, and encourage the use of Model Railroad Standards for better interchanges and operation of model railroad equipment; and*

WHEREAS, another purpose of the NMRA is *to promote closer understanding and cooperation among model railroad manufacturers, distributors, dealers, publishers, consumers, and the general public; and*

WHEREAS, the NMRA has established a set of Standards and Recommended Practices (RPs) publications that ensure interoperability of model railroad equipment for the benefit of the consumer; and

WHEREAS, several manufacturers have elected to develop products that do not conform to NMRA Standards and RPs; and

WHEREAS, these non-conforming products will severely limit the advancement of Standards and RPs if the NMRA is required to accommodate these non-conforming products in the Standards and RPs; and

WHEREAS, accommodating non-conforming products in the Standards and RPs discourages manufacturers of conforming products to continue their cooperation with the NMRA at considerable expense; and

WHEREAS, accommodating non-conforming products in the Standards and RPs will provide no incentive to the manufacturers of non-conforming products to change their products.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION THAT it is the policy of the NMRA to continue the development of Standards and Recommended Practices without regard for existing non-conforming products; and

The Standards and Conformance Department is directed to fulfill the policy stated above.