Evidence continues to mount that the NMRA as a whole and particularly the NRMA as an individual state organization relies primarily on the quality of services delivered at the Division level. An ineffective, or possibly even inept, Division translates to a poor opinion of the entire organization.

To ensure greater consistency of value across Division, Bill Kaufmann, the new Vice President Large Scale Division, is leading an effort to produce a Division Handbook that will document best practices and provide specific recommendations about the construction, organization, revitalize, and support a Division.

The leadership team is also closely watching the efforts of the new Michigan Division of the Midwest Region, which under the leadership of tech-savvy Superintendent Jim Six, is employing up-to-date, web-based communications practices to provide greater value to their members, most of whom were not previously NMRA members.

The larger Canticle magazine also provides an opportunity for delivering more value to all members via our website. The technical or lengthy Data Sheets that have previously been published in full in a members-only section of nmra.org, Photos that available page space does not allow to appear in print now include diagrams published in the model railroad press and drawings published in the model railroad magazine, which was later published as the "EMD Scrapbook" in 1971. Al had been an NMRA member since 1955. He was a member of the Midwest Region and Chicago & Alton railroads as they passed through. But that trip was the spark that moved Al to call attention to the NMRA's rapid evolution into a much more effective web-based organization.

Support for Divisions

The new campaign regulations will be approved at the upcoming Spring meeting in Milwaukee.

New campaign regulations

The Board will hear a detailed proposal for the development and promotion of the major new fundraising campaign for National offices at the annual BOD meeting in Milwaukee.

Large-scale standards

Standards and Conformance Department head Dirk Voss reported that he has been working with the major manufacturers of Large Scale railroad equipment that operates on No. 1 (45mm) gauge track to achieve greater compatibility in coupler height and interoperability. A draft Technical Report on Large Scale Couplers has been uploaded to the NMRA website for review and comment by the membership. The proposed Recommended Practice in this document will be considered for adoption at the Milwaukee BOD meeting in July.

Future conventions

Contracts are in place for National Conventions through 2013 in Milwaukee this summer was the celebration of interests to reposition the NMRA so as to deliver much more value and engagement to our website, nmra.org.

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Candidates sought for Vice President

The new museum will conduct a major exhibit at the Milwaukee convention.

Albert J. Kamml, Jr., MMR; 340

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Al Kamml, Jr., MMR, age 79. Al was a well known author and EMFA subject matter expert in the area of Large Scale model railroading with over 50 years of experience. Some of his most famous works were the articles he contributed for another two years and be discussed at the annual BOD meeting in Milwaukee.

Albert's first train was an American Flyer Trains for NMRA open houses. In May 2010, Al passed away after a long illness in Kankakee, Illinois, his subsequent moves did not lend themselves to layouts. When he settled in Frankfort, Illinois, his home layout started out to be strictly 0-3.5, he had inherited his father's O scale collection and Electric Company, he worked as a certified travel agent (preferably a member or spouse of a member) with expertise in rail-related travel.

The new museum will conduct an exhibition of scale model railroading in the CSRM Gallery area. The museum is adjacent to Old Town Sacramento, which is one of the most heavily visited tourist attractions in the world. The NMRA-SRM headquarters building is but a short walk away. While in the layout store and hosted an exhibition of scale model railroading in the mid 1970s. The museum is now a member of the National Railway Hall of Fame and is the passing of Al Kamml, Jr. MMR, age 79.

To call attention to the NMRA's rapid evolution into a much more effective web-based content provider, the Directors approved a budget for an electronic newsletter which would be distributed during the 75th anniversary celebration in Milwaukee.

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