

ED MOLENKAMP

Fellow modellers and NMRA members,

I have had the privilege to serve as your President for the past several years, working with our fantastic Executive team. In that time, we have recruited new members, navigated the uncertainties of Covid, and tried new ways of reaching members like our NMRA Canada Zoom meetings. I am optimistic and excited about where the hobby and the NMRA are going, and so I happily put my name forward again to stand for President of NMRA Canada.

One of the big benefits of being an NMRA member is the friendships made with fellow modellers. I always look forward to travelling to meets and events, and now that we are back to in-person events it will be great to get out and see many of you again face-to-face. Our Zoom meetings were a great success with hundreds of people attending and viewing, but there is nothing like the socializing and learning that can happen at in-person events. I want to continue to explore ways that we can get our existing members involved in different ways. Many of you do not normally attend conventions or in-person events, but did attend the Zoom meetings, for example. The NMRA has so much to offer its members, I want to make sure you are getting as much as you can from your involvement.

Thank you for the confidence you have shown me and your NMRA Canada Executive over the years, and for the input and feedback that so many of you have given us. I look forward to continuing to work for you and all NMRA members to advance the hobby, grow our organization, and find new ways for modellers across Canada to connect, learn, and enjoy the hobby together.