

Saturday Evening Board Meeting Agenda and Minutes

Everett, WA

September 14, 2024

8:00 – 9:30 PM Whidbey

1. Brief presentation by Virginia Wright for the PNRA (Atom)
2. Any input from any NPRHA Member Present.
3. Any recap from the convention
4. Confirmation on next two years conventions
5. Confirmation of Hillard/ Nemnich Treasurer function transition
6. Future transition to new slate of officers and future intentions of Board Member
7. Election of Officers for 2024/2025

Election of President.

Election of Vice President.

Election of Secretary

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Present at the Board meeting was, B Zidel, D. O'Neill, J. Nemnich, D. Hillard, B. Taylor, S. Fuller, D. Golde, T. Trudnowski, Guests were, Virginia Wright, J. Pickell, and Mac McCulloh, Pres. GHRHS. The meeting was called to order at 9:04. Virginia Wright, Director of the PNRA had requested to talk to the Board members about Atom, the web publishing system being developed/used at the PNRA. Development and installation is in year 6 (started 2018). Virginia's primary concern is to ramp up the installation, fix things as soon as logical. I think the completion figure of 30,000 photos loaded accounting for approximately 6% of total (500,000 at PNRA) to date. She is looking to the Historical societies for their priorities. Dean spoke for the NPRHA in that we use SharePoint and he pointed out that we, the NPRHA will be needing to move to an online version as our current version, in the future will not receive support. Atom is a good upload tool while SharePoint is good for maintaining lists. Dean also talked about tool component of Atom and the project management. In our capture of information Dean made the point of how photos are very important and draw interest, while list have their place, they are not what draw the historians. Granted lists, can get you to go look in another direction or assist in a search. Virginia talked about what are Atom's next steps such as making it fast and easy to crowd source. Determine whether to use internal or external resources. Be thoughtful about directions. Atom is a match for the Library of Congress, and how does that work with the users one would find at the PNRA. Does using it require too sophisticated a training for the average PNRA user.

NPRHA would still like to keep their SharePoint data base and example being put forward that it is easy to upload excel into SharePoint.

Virginia pointed out that figuring what to do with data; can be managed differently, provided there is a good search mechanism.

Dean offered that he and Kent would look at the current situation and bring a proposal for Atom. Develop a mission statement and evaluate where we are the progress on Atom.

Virginia briefly mentioned training and the need for flexibility and the training tools should reside on the PC.

Dean made a final statement in that the reason for associations such as the NPRHA are to be important. Important from the prospective of Historians and the first thing we must do as a association is to help historians.

The technical conversations went on for over an hour, frankly some of us maybe understanding 50% however there was break in the action. Bill Taylor interjected and stated that there had been a lot of technical talk about two systems, approaches, currently in use, one at the PNRA and the other at NPRHA. Bill offered that the parties, however they chose to meet and to bring in all necessary parties to discuss the roles of both Atom and SharePoint. Come to a consensus and come to the Board with recommendations.

Dean - The issues are not just tooling or money problems. Use of trained volunteers to populate the historical/railroad data.

Virginia in addition to the technical and knowledge aspects.

Virginia said the Bill P., Dean and her and whoever else may be required complete and acceleration plan for Atom 2.0 Provide suggestions on what the NPRHA would like to do. They would return back to the board in 90 days.

- End of AToM Discussion ---

Jerry Pickell offered to do the membership processing. Take from Dave Hillard. Board approved

The Board moved to election of 2024-2025 officers.

The Treasurer position, Dave Hillard's name was placed in nomination by Bill Zidel. John Nemnich seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Bill Zidel nominated John Nemnich, as Assistant Treasurer, to work with Dave Hillard to eventually transfer NPRHA Treasury to John Nemnich. Steve Fuller seconded and the voting was unanimous.

Dean O'Neill placed in nomination the name of Tim Trudnowski to be President of the NPRHA. Tim was asked if he was willing to serve and he said yes. His nomination was seconded By Don Golde and the vote was unanimous.

Bill Taylor, being the consummate gentleman, was the NPRHA Vice President for year 2023-2024. Bill had asked that his nomination be held until the election of the new NPRHA President. Since the Board had just elected Tim Trudnowski, President; Bill asked if Tim would have him serve as his Vice President. Tim said yes and Bill Taylor was quickly nominated by Dave Hillard, seconded by John Nemnich. Vote was unanimous.

Bill Zidel name was placed in nomination for Secretary by Dave Hillard, seconded by Dean O'Neill, vote was unanimous.

Reference: In several instances I have used the phrase unanimous. Bill Zidel, Dean O'Neill, John Nemnich, Dave Hillard, Bill Taylor, Steve Fuller, Don Golde, Tim Trudnowski Nays: None

Officers 2024-2025

President: Tim Trudnowski

Vice President: Bill Taylor

Treasurer: Dave Hillard

Assistant Treasurer: John Nemnich

Secretary: Bill Zidel

The following motion and voting on that motion regarding NPRHA Authorized Check Signers/ Authorized Executives All Actions taken in person at the **Saturday Evening Board Meeting, Everett, WA, September 14, 2024, 8:00 9:30 PM Whidbey Meeting Room.**

Motion offered by Bill Zidel, Seconded by Dean O'Neill, restated by Dave Hillard (Treasurer), Authorize NPRHA President (Tim Trudnowski) Current NPRHA Treasurer (Dave Hillard), Current NPRHA Assistant Treasurer (John Nemnich), as check signers and "Authorized Executives" for purposes of conducting NPRHA Business at Wells Fargo

Motion offered Dave Hillard and seconded by Dean O'Neill to remove Bill Zidel and Don Golde as check signers and "Authorized Executives" for purposes of conducting NPRHA Business at Wells Fargo.

Votes were unanimous. Bill Zidel, Dean O'Neill, John Nemnich, Dave Hillard, Bill Taylor, Steve Fuller, Don Golde, Tim Trudnowski, absent, Steve Joyner. Nays: None

With voting finished Dean O'Neill on behalf of the ModCom talked about the Company and due to Blair Line selling the business, Dean on behalf of the NPRHA will be making a large purchase as Blair Line is a quality and popular product. Talked about the Moloco Cars selling well and a quality product. The Rapido NCL did not make the reservation limit and might be canceled. The NPRHA could be in a unique position in that it could become the sole distributor for the NP wood pulp car.

Dean requested that the Board meet 4 times a year using GoTo Meeting, Tim Trudnowski agreed so Dean will be setting it up.

Bill Taylor Congratulated everyone on their new positions, Dean offered motion to adjourn, Steve seconded, vote unanimous. Meeting called at 11:04