

General Membership Meeting – Northern Pacific Railway Historical Association

Everett Washington September 11, 2024 12PM Baker C

Meeting called to order at 12:05 PM on September 11, 2024. Board Members were called out by name. Steve Joyner, due to illness was not present. A Thank you was directed at Kent Sullivan, Dean O'Neill, Kurt Armbruster, Jan Taylor presenters and all volunteers for the Convention.

Meeting Participants were asked if there were any convention housekeeping issues. Made aware of the printed material on the outside table to include financial information, membership information, store information as well as additional NPRHA organization information. Calendars and previous Mainstreeters were available.

Participants were encouraged to participate and ask questions now or in the future. Board contact information is available in the Mainstreeter.

The Minutes from the two previous Board meetings at the Tacoma convention as well as the general membership meeting were made available. Bill Zidel asked for approval of the Tacoma general meeting minutes. John Nemnich gave a motion and Steve Fuller seconded. All those in favor aye. Minutes were accepted.

Bill Zidel asked Steve Fuller to assist in the election of the slate of Board members completing their 2-year terms and requesting an additional 2-year term, and those Board members continuing their 2-year terms. Those Board Members who have agreed to stay on the Board if re-elected in 2024: Don Golde (Board Seat 7), Dave Hillard (Board Seat 9), Steve Fuller (Board Seat 6) and Bill Taylor (Board Seat 8).

- Bill Zidel asked three times if there are nominations from the floor for Seat 7 – Don Golde
Steve Fuller called for a vote and Don Golde was returned.
- Bill Zidel asked three times if there are nominations from the floor for Seat 9 – Dave Hillard
Steve Fuller called for a vote and Dave Hillard was returned.
- Bill Zidel asked three times if there are nominations from the floor for Seat 6 – Steve Fuller
Bill Zidel called for a vote and Steve Fuller was returned
- Bill Zidel asked three times if there are nominations from the floor for Seat 8 – Bill Taylor
Steve Fuller called for a vote and Bill Taylor was returned.

Bill Zidel (Board seat 1), Tim Trudnowski (Board Seat 3), John Nemnich, (Board seat 4), Steve Joyner, (Board seat 2), and Dean O'Neill (board seat 5) will complete their terms in 2025.

Bill Zidel had a discussion concerning Membership, targeted donations, and future Officers. Mr. Zidel cited a few examples.

Report by Grants Committee: **Harold Shannon** gave an update on the committee, thanked the Grants Board. Harold pointed out how the grant process has grown to where we get multiple requests, respond to those requests, and get back favorable progress reports and thanks for providing the funds. Harold indicated the NPRHA Grant process works well and is a success. The Grant site also has a listing of all Grants awarded by NPRHA since 2012.

Kurt Armbruster gave an update on the calendar committee. He reminded the group that members who have or know of photos that might be used in the calendar should send them to Kurt at his email address. Kurt Armbruster.

There was a Report from the **Convention Committee**, which consists of **Steve Fuller, Dean O'Neill, Jan Taylor**.

Discussion about St. Paul (2025) and Toppenish (2026) and a few possible future locations. Both 2025 and 2024 are firm commitments. (Document attached)

Report from the **Pacific Northwest Railroad Archive**. Spoke about current activities and how crowded it was from all of the participation. No room for some people on Tuesday and they will be looking at moving some days to accommodate all the volunteers. NPRHA very well represented.

Report and Comments about Jackson Street Roundhouse by Kent and Dean: The NPRHA continues to lease space from the Great Northern Railway Historical Society, who in turn leases space from the Minnesota Transportation Museum. Comment about any current activity and our relationship with MTM. Looking to spend additional time during the 2025 convention to do a complete inventory. Not much activity except that of Hudson.

Report about the **NPRHA ModCom** from **Dean O'Neill**. (Document attached)

Report and discussion about Company Store, Chris Atkins.

Dean O'Neill's update on the very successful VDP. He is looking to complete the new VDP by November. Dean also pointed out the benefits of the VDP. It has funded many projects and capital equipment purchases. It has also provided a great deal of material that is just not available to many members. Thousands of records and pictures.

No additional business from the membership.

Bill Zidel made some general comments about the raffle and how successful it has been for the NPRHA

Bill Zidel noted when the next Board Meeting, 9-10 pm, after the banquet on the 14th

Adjourn Meeting at 1:10