

**Wisconsin Southeastern Division (WISE) of the NMRA
Board of Directors Meeting**

Wednesday February 13, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Superintendent Slater

- Present -** A. Breaker, B. Breaker, Children, Hebner, Hintz, Jaglinski, Janssen, Kofroth, Miazga, Oseland, Slater
- Absent -** Russ, Sherman
- Guests -** Andy Greco, John Hagen, Reid Kahrs, Dave Rohr
- Minutes -** There were no additions or corrections. Miazga made a motion to accept, B. Breaker seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
- Paymaster -** Reports were submitted to the BOD via email. Jaglinski made a motion to accept, Hintz seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Janssen said that the 990 is almost complete and that when we receive it, we should review page 7 for accuracy. He also indicated that we would update and sign the Conflict of Interest forms at the next meeting.

Committee Reports:

- Meets:** The March 17th meet at the Oconomowoc Area Historical Society is all set including clinics and layout tours. The April 17th meet will be held at the Four Points Sheraton and will include the annual business meeting and results of the election. At this time, we do not have clinics or layout tours in place.
- Contests:** We have a Youth category for contests which is available at all WISE meets. So, if we have 2 or more entries in the category, we will have a contest. Jaglinski stated that he will publicize the contest and the Youth Group through the Trainfest mailing lists.
- Owl Car:** The February issue should be out by the 5th in the mail, up on web and distributed by the same date. The March issue will be mailed to all members of record with the ballot. Deadline for articles is 2/25/19. April will be back to digital/print. Deadline is 3/27/19. The May issue will run a little later due to the meet being on 4/28. Deadline is May 6 (after DuPage). Still debating on the summer issue.
- Youth Grp:** The Wilson Park Model RR Club has donated items to the Youth Group. South Side Trains has offered to be a depository for anyone who would like to donate items to that group. In addition to South Side Trains, the three other shops have agreed to carry brochures about the WISE Youth Group.
- Video:** Burnell Breaker reported that 4 DVDs were signed out at the last meet by two individuals.
- Membership:** 175 on roster --- Associate Members 51, Family Member 6, Regular Member 79, Rail Pass 7, Sustaining Member 2 (1 club, 1 manufacturer), Student 1, Life

Member 24, Life Family 5. The majority of membership lives in Milwaukee & Waukesha counties. In addition, we have 61 on our non-member list. Youth – 6, Members from other divisions – 10, Guests – 45. Mike Slater will provide a breakdown by county for the next meeting.

Achievement: No Report

Bus Trips: So far twenty-one (21) have signed up for the Mad City Show. After the show the group will tour Roy Grant's Omaha and Western RR. After the bus trip to Du Page, the group will tour Wayne Pelke's Denver Junction Western Pacific RR.

Website: Changes are in the works and older Owl Car issues will be available soon.

Trainfest: Ken announced that we currently have 29 exhibitors signed up for Trainfest 2019. They consist of Displays – 1, Historical Selling – 2, Layouts – 17, Manufacturers – 5, and Vendors – 4. In addition, we have received a \$5000.00 Grant from the BNSF Foundation. We will be giving them credit as the show sponsor, on the Historical Display and in our promotional material.

WISE Ops: Andy Greco reported that he has contacted all the layouts that have previously participated and has 9 committed with about 70 operating slots for the Spring WISE Ops. Emails have been sent to all the layouts and historical societies that participate in Trainfest, to our membership, to our non-members, and to those on the Visual Response list reminding them to save the date and respond to nmrawiseop@gmail.com if interested. Fliers have also been distributed to the local hobby shops.

We will be planning a fall WISE Ops event if the spring one goes well. It will not be the same weekend as Optoberfest.

BOD Dinner: No report

Locations: It was suggested that we could use the West Allis Library and the Lionel Railroad Club of Milwaukee club house as possible BOD meeting sites.

Elections: We currently have the following slate of candidates. Mike Slater – Superintendent, Andy Breaker – Asst. Superintendent, Steve Miazga – Director, and Burnell Breaker – Director. The slate of candidates needs to be in the Owl Car for March issue along with the mail in ballot.

Facebook: It was decided that Hebner and Slater should have posting rights to the Divisions Face Book Page.

New Business: Ed Kofroth volunteered to publicize the Division's events in the local new papers and several publications like Scale Rails and Kalmbach Magazines. He will be assisted by Andy Breaker.

Gary Children brought up the fact that we no longer have any of the Mel Andriesen or the Milwaukee Traction awards that have been given out at regional conventions. Steve Miazga is to investigate if we purchased them from Ralley Co.

A motion was made by Slater to formally accept the resignation of Joe Russ as Superintendent. It was seconded by Miazga and the motion carried unanimously.

It was suggested by Ken Jaglinski that we use a future BOD meeting to plan the 2019 – 2020 meet schedule and to propose new ideas for meet content.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM and the next meeting is scheduled on Wednesday March 13th at 7:00 PM at a location to be determined.

Respectfully submitted by Ken Jaglinski