

**OSC Board Meeting Minutes
December 13, 2022**

Meeting Start Time/Roll Call: 8:33pm

Officers Present: David V., Nick B., Joe N.

Officers Absent:

Directors Present: Eric P., Michelle K., Cathy W., Michael W.

Directors Absent: Bruce B., Dick D.

Advisors Present: Bob K., Rich R., Ed B., John W., Joe B., Al A.

Advisors Absent: George W., Dan M., Bob L., Rick L., Paul H., Skyler S.

Officers Elect: Ken N., David S., Al O., Walter H.

Meeting Agenda

Old Business

1. President's Report (David V.)
 - a. Atlas is back in production of 2 Rail locomotives (ES44, P42, and SW7/8/9 variants) and Masterline Cars. They lost the original plant, but they have reliability from the plant that produces ex-MTH models; production will shift to it. Factory in Thailand that produces in electronics is running 6 months or so behind. David lobbied Jarrett to produce SW's in straight DC. They are looking to use Weaver tooling for new run of freight cars in 2 Rail as well.
 - b. Atlas presence at March Meet and O Scale National. Table sign, selection of catalogs and models will go to shows.
 - c. Proposal from Kadee of O Scale 2 Rail trucks.
 - d. David went to Williamsburg, recruited 5 new modelers for OSC.
 - e. General positivity with new efforts with NMRA (Articles and show presence)
 - f. New officers have been briefed and had meetings with David about new positions and how OSC works.
2. Secretary's Report (Nick B.)
 - a. Meeting Minutes for SEP (Accepted as circulated)
 - b. Meeting Minutes for NOV (Accepted as circulated)
 - b.i. Meeting minutes need to have pre-circulated reports attached
3. Treasurer's Report (Joe N.)
 - a. Accepted as circulated
4. NMRA SIG Report (Eric P.)
 - a. NMRA Magazine: 2 articles and a large layout feature have received good review; another article on our organization has been requested. Our SIG

- information is being updated on the NMRA website. 2023 and 2024 national conventions will have space for us (tables, possibly a layout, and clinics).
- b. Michelle K. NMRA Interchange (Discord Server) is getting active.

New Business

1. Website Update (Eric P.)
 - a. O Scale Central website is substantially moved. Modules and modular groups are ready to be moved to new website. Content is being edited. OSK website will refer people to new O Scale Central website. New OSC emails for all organization leadership; ready for advertising. All OSC BOD need to look over the website; report back to Eric.
2. Marketing Committee Update (Joe N.)
 - a. The website is almost ready to go. New ad design is ready to go. Who do we want to advertise with? RMC, OST, OSR, Narrow Gauge Gazette. Add MRH and NMRA MAG so people can look at the ad and click directly to our website.
 - b. Do we want to have a larger ad for our first time, then go back to regular sized ad? Each ad is going to be different per magazine. Ads will be rotated to create intrigue. Ready to go by February/March of 2023.
 - c. Continuing to work with NMRA marketing consultant.
 - d. Reviewed ads.
3. Membership Benefits Update (David V.)
 - a. We have a membership of 130. We are stuck on 2 competing needs: provide members with benefits, and do we want to give ourselves broader exposure by making OSC Online available to all modelers.
 - b. Next OSC Online is January 21, 2023. Information is limited to OSC members as of now.
 - c. MOTION (David V.): Beginning with the January 2023 Program, open O Scale Central Programs invitations, and make appropriate advertising and announcements, for anyone to view the program online without regard to O Scale Central Membership.
 - c.i. Motion carries unanimously
4. Membership Program Update (Joe B.)
 - a. Membership Renewal notices went out; 3 emails were bad (working with Dan to fix that)
 - b. January will see second renewal reminder
 - c. Multiple membership records are being consolidated
5. O Scale National Update (Bob K.)
 - a. Cost will be slightly higher with inflation
 - b. Modular/sectional club in Salt Lake City may bring layout
 - c. Registration is ready to go once Website is set up. On-site sales will be done with Square.
 - d. New revised poster, will be sent to OSC membership

- e. At this time, Ed Dickens will be banquet speaker
- f. Space for 150 tables
- 6. Coupler Article Needs (Al A.)
 - a. 12 pages currently, 4 needed for total of 16.
 - b. No material coming from outside administration
 - c. Members have been reached out to, nothing
 - d. Send Al any show information
- 7. Leadership Transition Summary for 2023 (David V.)
 - a. Michelle will be leaving the Board, but stay on for the Marketing Committee and the O Scale National.
 - b. Dick Donaway will be resigning.
 - c. Michael Walter is term-limited and will be leaving the Board. He will remain active with OSC and the 2023 Dallas NMRA National.
 - d. Bruce Blackwood will be resigning.
 - e. Al Oslapas, David Schultz, and Eric Peterson were elected to the Board.
 - f. A Vice President was added this year
 - g. Eric Peterson will be taking Vice President
 - h. Eric and Michelle's position will be filled by Joe Barker and Walter Horlacher.
 - i. Ken Nesper was elected to Secretary
 - j. Nick Bulgarino will be taking Past President position

Good and Welfare

Next Meeting Date: 1/17/2023 8:30pm EST

Meeting Adjourned: 10:14 pm EST