

O Scale Central Board of Directors
Board Approved Minutes
May 9, 2023

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Vaughn at 8:31 pm EDT using Zoom.

Roll Call

Officers present: D. Vaughn, E. Peterson, K. Nesper, and J. Norman

Directors present: N. Bulgarino, A. Oslapas, W. Horlacher, D. Schultz, and C. Wubbel

Advisors present: A. Askerberg, P. Hanson, R. Randall, and J. Wubbel

Members present: None

Adopt Agenda

The agenda was adopted by acclamation.

Accept April 2023 Minutes

The minutes were accepted with a clarification offered by Director Oslapas.

Officer Reports

President. Vaughn praised Vice President Peterson, Past Official Bulgarino, Host Committee Chairs Bob Kjelland and Michelle Kempema, and Brad Kowal for their latest efforts promoting the the O Scale National Convention. Vaughn, Peterson, Treasurer Norman, and Advisor Hansen plan to attend the NMRA National Convention in Texas. There is a need for a volunteer columnist to provide regular O scale content on Jim Kellow's "New Tracks" podcast. Andy Edelman, a former MTH executive, is the featured OSC On-line guest on May 13. Vaughn reiterated the need for additional video clinics with O scale content for the NMRA-X program.

Vice-president. Peterson focused on OSNC. Host committee hoping for a May surge in registrations. The NMRA insurance certificate for the convention is in hand.

Treasurer. OSC has \$8,588.76 in the bank as of April 30. A report was sent to all board meeting participants.

Committee Reports

Marketing

Nothing to report.

Membership

Although unable to attend, committee chair Barker submitted a report. OSC has 145

paid members as of May 1, 2023. Director Horlacher suggested evaluating a process for automatic renewals and lifetime memberships. He will consult with Barker.

Conventions

2023 National (Denver CO)

VP Peterson encouraged all meeting participants to review the OSNC website. Clinics have been added to the schedule. NMRA-experienced judges are needed for the model contest.

Publications

Report was sent to all board meeting participants. Editor needs articles and photos for the July Coupler; submission deadline is June 30th.

Website

Nothing to report.

NMRA SIG

Nothing to report.

OSC On-line

In his report, Advisor Wubbel noted that the March and April shows have been edited and uploaded to the OSC You Tube channel. For the May 13th show, in addition to the speaker, Andy Edelman, Vaughn would like a full update on the OSNC.

Modular Groups and Clubs Initiative

Director Horlacher has information about a Florida On30 modular group.

Product/Services Guide – Updates and Improvements

Director Wubbel reported that the listing is up-to-date as of April 30th. Director Oslapas has concerns about the form used to document the vendors. Oslapas, C. Wubbel, and N. Bulgarino will discuss.

Old Business

None.

New Business

O Scale Hall of Fame (David Vaughn and Nick Bulgarino)

Discussion postponed until mid-summer.

OSNC Honorariums

Vaughn proposed and Peterson seconded a motion to provide honorariums for the groups that are bringing special displays cross country to the OSNC or driving out of their way

to pick up convention materials. Ron Maxfield will receive \$250 on behalf of the group bringing the model of Denver Union Station. Skyler Shippy will receive \$250 on behalf of the group bringing a modular layout. Past Official Nick Bulgarino will receive \$100 for a trip to Tennessee for convention materials. Signs will be placed with each display noting the OSC contribution. Also, donation buckets are encouraged for each layout. The motion passed with no opposition, but two abstentions (Norman and Bulgarino).

Good and Welfare

In response to a question from Treasurer Norman, Vaughn responded that the Membership Directory was “on hold” until after the OSNC and NMRA conventions.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 13, 8:30 pm (EDT)

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:36 pm.

O Scale Central Board of Directors

Status Report

The purpose of this report is to provide timely status information to all OSC leaders on topics that do not require immediate action by the board of directors.

O Scale Central Topic: Membership

Activities since last board meeting:

Membership: 145 paid members as of 1 May 2023.

Renewals Since Last Report: 6

New Members Since Last Report: 10

1. On April 24, I emailed 414 past O Scale Kings Members and invited them to join OSC. This resulted in 10 new members. We only had 414 valid OSK email addresses out of 705 people who might still be active in the OS2R hobby.
2. On April 25, I emailed 36 people whose OSC membership expired 12/31/22 inviting them to renew and telling them that I would be removing them from our database if we did not hear from them by May 1. This resulted in 6 renewals. I removed the 30 people who did not renew from our WordPress database on May 1.
3. I am working on updating the PHP database during the week of May 1. The Current Member PHP database list is accurate as of May 1 and should be used to when contacting members. I removed the 30 members who did not renew from the Current Members PHP list.

Planned activities and expected time required:

1. I have drafted a standard welcome to OSC email that will be sent to new members.
2. The membership application and payment process is too complex. It needs to be streamlined. This is a 2023 project.
3. Draft a Membership Instruction Manual. This is a 2023 project.
4. I will be attending O Scale West on Friday, May 26 for a few hours. I will distribute OSC and O Scale National Convention materials that I brought home from the March Meet to the attendees.

Is there any action by the board for your Topic? No.

If so, what is proposed for discussion and/or approval? None.

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Meeting date: May 09, 2023

O Scale Central topic/activity: *OSC COUPLER – Editor’s report*

Activities since last report:

Issue Number 6 was published in early April to help promote the Convention. So far, there have been **no new** submissions for Issue Number 7, July 2023.

Planned activities and expected time required:

I will begin laying out the July issue in about two weeks. Early submissions are desired. Final deadline is June 30, 2023. I will be needing a cover photo as well as regular submissions.

Board Action required: None

NEED SUBMISSIONS, ESPECIALLY FROM THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP.

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Meeting date: May 09, 2023

O Scale Central topic/activity: Product Guide

Activities since last report:

- Acquired new data from RMC, York and a few other online sources.
- Cathy has updated about 9 entries.

Planned activities and expected time required:

- Businesses have to be contacted and data entered into guide.
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Is there any action by the board for your topic?

- Take Jim Anderson's name off the agenda.
- Appoint person to enter/update data

If so, what is proposed for discussion and/or approval?

- Support for product guide update
- Schedule updates quarterly

-Removal of Jim Anderson's name from the agenda.

-Need a volunteer to collect vendor info from the National.