

O Scale Central Board of Directors  
Board Approved Minutes  
August 8, 2023

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Vaughn at 8:30 pm EDT using Zoom.

Roll Call

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

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

Advisors present: B. Kjelland, P. Hanson, R. Randall, A. Asterberg, and G. Viggiano

Members present: None

Adopt Agenda

The agenda was adopted by acclamation.

Accept July 2023 Minutes

The minutes were accepted.

Officer Reports

President. Vaughn acknowledged the continued efforts of Vice President Peterson beyond his defined role; of Bob Kjelland in delivering the 2023 OSNC; Past Official Nick Bulgarino for filling holes and stepping up; Secretary Nesper and Treasurer Norman for keeping the board and the organization on track; Director Barker for cleaning up the membership lists; Director Wubbel for her efforts keeping the Product and Services Guide up-to-date; and Publisher Askerberg for continuing to produce *The Coupler* on time.

He noted that Ed Bommer, Bob Lavezzi, and Rick Liebich have resigned as advisors; no replacements as of yet. Greg Viggiano is replacing John Wubbel as OSC Online Coordinator. Bob Kjelland is replacing Al Askerberg as Publications Coordinator/Coupler Editor. The five departing advisors were thanked for their service.

Vaughn recommended that the board extend a lifetime achievement award to Terry Terrance. The motion was adopted unanimously. Bulgarino noted that Terrance has donated his professional grade audio-visual equipment to OSC to support the production of O scale focused videos. Terrance had previously donated his collection of videos to OSC. Announcements will be placed in *The Drawbar* and *The Coupler* for an audio-videographer to continue Terrance's work. Vaughn will coordinate the creation of an appropriate award.

Vice-president. A report was sent to all board meeting participants.

Treasurer. A report was sent to all board meeting participants.

### Committee Reports

Marketing. Norman reported that ads would be continued in *Railroad Model Craftsman*, *NMRA Magazine*, and *Narrow Gauge and Shortline Gazette*. The ads for *O Scale Resource* are being revised to focus more on OSC. The committee is beginning to consider how to advertise in the newly announced annual edition of *O Scale Trains*.

### Membership

In addition to his written report, Barker noted that the PayPal account for paying membership dues references O Scale Kings, not O Scale Central. This has caused some confusion for new and renewing members. Bulgarino will determine what is required to change the name. At the request of the vice president, Barker sent a copy of the complete membership list to each board participant. He added that a web-based version of the membership list needs some help.

### Publications

Kjelland noted that he will be teaming with Askerberg as he becomes familiar with his new role. He intends to work closely with Marketing.

Website. A report was sent to all board meeting participants.

NMRA SIG. A report was sent to all board meeting participants. Peterson's focus is on OSC participation in the NMRA National Convention.

### OSC On-line

New Advisor Greg Viggiano presented a list of topics that would introduce more variety into the events. He suggested that each episode could include a clinic, a layout tour, an interview, and news. He would also like to set a consistent schedule.

Modular Groups and Clubs Initiative. Nothing to report.

### Product/Services Guide

Director Oslapas reported that he has the names of new entries, but needs help with data entry. Director Wubbel added that the guide was up-to-date at the end of May. She noted that she could help with some data entry, but could not take on full responsibility.

### Old Business

2023 OSNC Denver Report (Bob Kjelland)

Kjelland shared that the host committee had sent a registered letter to the management of the Hyatt Hotel with a proposal for resolving the dispute over the expenses of the unfulfilled hotel nights. They are awaiting a response.

#### OSC 2023 Direction (Report of Outreach) (David Vaughn)

Vaughn summarized the results of his conversations with officers, directors, and advisors. In general, respondents believe that the organization is on the “right track” and doing the right things. He did receive some suggestions which were not shared at this time. He concluded that, going forward, to be successful, future officers and directors need to be equally committed to doing as well as to meeting. To sustain the organization, future officers, directors, and advisors need to be more “hands on” regarding the programs and recruitment.

#### OSC Strategic Direction (Continue Discussion) (Nick Bulgarino)

Bulgarino would like feedback from board participants regarding the July presentation.

#### 2023 O Scale Hall of Fame (George Wallace)

Vaughn will contact Advisor Wallace.

#### New Business

##### Motion to Sponsor O Scale Segment on New Tracks for One Year (\$125)

Vaughn proposed that OSC sponsor an O Scale segment on Jim Kellow's New Tracks video program. Director Schultz will be the OSC-designated columnist/contributer. The \$125 contribution was approved without opposition.

#### Initial Report, 2023 Nominations and Elections (Nick Bulgarino)

Bulgarino reported that specifics for the elections are still being determined. The following positions are up for election: vice president, treasurer, and the three director positions currently held by Horlacher, Oslapas, and Wubbel. All are two-year terms.

#### Good and Welfare

Vaughn announced that Wit and Wisdom Models is developing a model of John Armstrong's Cementipede.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 12, 8:30 pm (EDT)

#### Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:59 pm.

## **O Scale Central Board of Directors Status Report for August 8, 2023**

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.

**Meeting date:** August 8, 2023

**O Scale Central topic/activity:** VP Report

### **Activities since last report:**

- Review and post a few items to the Facebook account
- Review Website Contact Us messages. Mostly junk.
- Provide past organization spreadsheet to Secretary Ken Nesper for updates
  - This will need more updates with agenda changes
  - Can we consolidate to have one organization listing of some kind

### **Planned activities and expected time required:**

- Attend and represent OSC during the NMRA National Convention
- Assist President David Vaughn with organization topics:
  - Updating leadership listing with Secretary Ken Nesper.
  - Succession Planning
  - Future event involvement discussion
  - Future focus

### **Is there any action by the board for your topic?**

- Review information and organization material and provide comments

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

- OSC need to identify and focus on the high priority items to completion

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O Scale Central Report for the August 8, 2023 Board meeting.

### **O Scale Central Topic: Membership**

#### **Activities since last board meeting:**

Membership: 166 paid memberships as of 08 August 2023.

2022 Renewals Since Last Report: 0

New Members Since Last Report: 6

#### **Planned activities and expected time required:**

1. The membership application and payment process is too complex. I am stumped on how to do this.
2. Draft a Membership Instruction Manual. This is a 2023 project.

**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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**O Scale Central topic/activity:** Website

### **Activities since last report:**

Reduced activity due vacation and lower level of requests.

Confirmed with Skyler all updates for clubs and organizations have been done.

Pages updated or reviewed and retained have a date at the bottom of the page

### **Planned activities and expected time required:**

Start discussion with Dan Dawdy and Joe Barker about membership processes

Directory for members. One data base.

Membership renewal and new member process. Needs to be simple.

Product Guide updating and adding new entries. Needs to be simple.

### **Is there any action by the board for your topic?**

None at this time.

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

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### **Activities since last report:**

Confirmed arrangements with NMRA Convention committee.

Promoting O and S Scale tables in the NMRA Central Indiana Div. Danville Train Show

This is a one day show.

Jim Canter will provide his P48 display layout

Ted Schnepf is reserving 6 tables

I have two tables and will possibly add a display layout section

Dan and Amy Dawdy have tables.

### **Planned activities and expected time required:**

Display Tables and Display Layout in Special Interest Room

Clinics by David Vaughn and Eric Peterson

Layout Tours-Two bus tours include O Scale Layouts

We have not setup a table or display for the National Train Show.

### **Is there any action by the board for your topic?**

Do we want to pursue a table in the National Train Show?

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

Consensus of the Leadership?

**Manpower to staff the table?**