

O Scale Central Board of Directors  
Board Approved Minutes  
September 12, 2023

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Vaughn at 8:32 pm EDT using Zoom.

Roll Call

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

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

Advisors present: P. Hanson, R. Randall, and S. Shippy

Members present: None

Adopt Agenda

The agenda was adopted by acclamation.

Accept August 2023 Minutes

The minutes were accepted.

Officer Reports

President.

Vaughn noted that his time at the NMRA convention was productive. He had discussions with Kevin EuDaly, White River Productions, about their donating unsold copies of A Guide to Modern O Scale Two Rail to OSC to use as recruiting handouts. An update on Nominations and Elections will be presented during Old Business. He also intends to introduce a set of interim procedures for conducting Hall of Fame elections. Finally, Vaughn asked for input for the September Drawbar.

Vice-president.

Peterson directed attention to his reports on the Website and the NMRA SIG. He plans to restart website efforts after busy summer focused on the OSN and NMRA conventions. In addition to bringing the website up-to-date, he wants to get Director Barker and Advisor Dawdy together to plan a way to integrate membership into the web. He noted, once again, the need for someone to step in as Marketing Director in place of Treasurer Norman.

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

Committee Reports

Marketing

Treasurer and committee chair Norman reported that ads in *Railroad Model Craftsman*,

*NMRA Magazine*, and *Narrow Gauge and Shortline Gazette* should start soon.

#### Membership

Director and committee chair Barker reported seven new members in last month. In addition to the email welcome that Barker sends, Peterson suggested that new members receive a phone call from a member of the board.

Vaughn asked Barker to provide a brief update on “Scale 3-rail Outreach.” Barker indicated that there has not been any progress.

Publications. Advisor Kjelland was absent because of business travel, so no report.

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

NMRA SIG. A report was sent to all board meeting participants.

#### OSC On-line

Advisor Viggiano was absent, so Vaughn outlined a full agenda for the September 17<sup>th</sup> event. Airings will be on Sunday afternoons through the rest of the year to see if there is a noticeable increase in attendance.

#### Modular Groups and Clubs Initiative

Advisor Shippy reported that he is drafting different follow-up responses depending on whether groups and clubs responded to his introductory email. He is trying to focus discussions around improving inter-club communications and information sharing. The goal is to develop strategies for how OSC can help clubs and groups and how can they help each other.

Product/Services Guide. Nothing to report.

#### New Tracks OS2R Segment

The first episode will air on November 15<sup>th</sup> and subsequent episodes will be once a month. Director Schultz would like suggestions of potential talking points.

#### Old Business

##### 2023 O Scale Hall of Fame

Vaughn reported that it appears that Advisor Wallace is no longer able to manage the the O Scale Hall of Fame process. In the absence of any clear guidelines or procedures for nominating and electing hall of fame members, Vaughn drafted a set of interim procedures (copy attached). Barker moved and Horlacher seconded adoption of these procedures as presented to guide this year's process.

## 2023 Nominations and Elections

In Past Official Bulgarino's absence, Vaughn introduced the slate of candidates for the open positions. These are two-year positions running from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025.

Vice President: Skyler Shippy

Treasurer: Joe Norman

Director: Walter Horlacher

Director: Al Olsapas

Director: Eric Peterson

## New Business

### Support for OS2R Shows

Vaughn would like OSC to be more proactive in assisting and promoting OS2R-focused train shows. To that end, he suggested that the following board members be leads in providing assistance:

Cleveland Show – Director Oslapas

O Scale South (Atlanta) – Director Horlacher

O Scale West – Director Barker

Southwest (Dallas) – TBD

He also indicated that Strasburg and Chicago were in good shape.

## Good and Welfare

Director Horlacher pointed out that a listing in O Scale Trains magazine still referred to O Scale Kings, not O Scale Central. Vaughn will talk to Martin Brechbiel, the magazine's senior editor.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 10, 8:30 pm (EDT)

## Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:42 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.

**Meeting date:** 9/12/2023

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

**Activities since last report:** Minor progress

**Planned activities and expected time required:**

There are two high priority topics:

1. Improve membership process for new, updates, renewals and listing
2. Membership records also support member only directory

It is important to note that one membership record will be used for both applications.

I will focus on this with Dan Dawdy, Joe Barker and include Mike Walter.

There are a few additional website updates to be done.

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

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

## **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.

**Meeting date: 9/12/2023**

### **O Scale Central topic/activity: NMRA SIG, Activities and Convention Activities since last report:**

I attended the NMRA National Convention

SIG Room display and Joe Norman display layout

Four clinics by O Scale modelers

Scratch Built Station by Mike Walter

O Scale 2Rail, a scale for your Future by David Vaughn

Confessions of a Layout Collector by David Vaughn

Space for O Scale & Track Geometry by Eric Peterson

I visited 5 of 6 available layouts

Oklahoma City O Scale Club driving to convention

Mike Walter, O and O Gauge via Convention Bus

Michael Ross, The Virginian Railroad via Convention Bus

Dallas Fort Worth O Scale Club via Convention Bus

Brady McGuire, driving home from convention

I did not visit Charles Goodrich, D&RGW

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

November 18, 2023 NMRA Div. Danville, IN one day all scale Train Show

Promoting O and S Scale tables in the separate room

Jim Canter displaying his 8 x 16 P48 layout

Ted Schnepf is reserving 6 tables

Dan and Amy Dawdy have tables.

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

Help with NMRA conformance review of Kadee O Scale trucks

Include the phrase "All Scale" when referring to NMRA events

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

When possible, represent OSC at NMRA all scale events

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

To: OSC Board and Advisors

From: David Vaughn

Subject: O Scale Hall of Fame Proposed Interim Procedures

Date: September 12, 2023

The O Scale Hall of Fame (HOF) is an entity of long lineage and well-intentioned but informal and changing procedures. Although HOF is not mentioned in the OSK By-Laws, OSK now OSC has historically administered the HOF selection process and also maintains and displays the members and bios on the OSC Website.

The nominations and elections process for HOF has changed a number of times over the years. At one point OSK circulated ballots at the Chicago Show; voting was live and results immediate, but limited to Chicago attendees. Other procedures have been used; sometimes there has hardly been a procedure at all. On occasion, elections have been limited to a set number of new members, sometimes as few as one. Last year, in consideration of Terry Terrance's health, we voted him into the HOF by Board resolution.

We need to initiate the HOF process for this year. George Wallace, our stalwart, has been coordinating the HOF process for an extended period of time. The timelines for 2023 HOF nominations are looming, but it does not appear that George will be able to coordinate this year.

I propose to establish and have the OSC Board adopt a standing procedure, so that nominations and elections can be conducted using a consistent and orderly procedure. The Board is entitled to consider the procedures in ways that the late circulation of these procedures does not permit. I will solicit discussion and seek interim approval of the procedures at the Board meeting tonight in order to allow the nominations process to proceed, with further discussion (if necessary) and final approval at the Board's October meeting.

## INTERIM PROCEDURES FOR O SCALE HALL OF FAME

### Section 1: Nominations for the HOF

- A. Nominations for the HOF will be made annually on a calendar year basis.
  - B. Nominations must be submitted to the Chair of the OSC Nomination and Elections Committee (NEC or the Committee);
  - C. Nominations must be made in writing or by email;
  - D. Nominations must be received by the NEC not later than October 23 of each year, in time for ballots to be prepared so as to be included with the in the ballot to be distributed on November 1;
  - E. The procedure and schedule for submitting nominations shall be announced in a OSC publication at least two times in the four months prior to the nominations deadline;
  - F, The procedure for nominations will also be announced at the OSC annual membership meeting, if held prior to the nominations deadline;
  - G. Nominations will be limited to five valid nominees each year;
1. A valid nominee is an individual whose nomination which satisfy the procedural criteria and who meets the selection criteria, as determined by the NEC in its sound discretion;

2. The criteria for nomination are significant contributions to the scale as a whole over an extended period of time; being a good modeler or having local impact is not sufficient to merit selection for the HOF.

3. Valid nominations in excess five per year may be deferred to the next year upon request of the nominator;

4. There is no limit on the number of times an individual may be nominated for the HOF.

H. Nominations must be accompanied by an appropriate photograph of the person nominated and a brief written biography, highlighting the contributions made by the nominee to the scale;

1. Nominations lacking biographical information and photograph will not be placed on the ballot;

2. Each nomination must be accompanied by the nominator's contact information and a statement by or on behalf of the nominee that they do not object to their nomination and possible election to the HOF;

3. Nominations can be made of persons deceased; in such situations, no statement from the nominee will be required.

I. The Committee may reject nominations for good cause or for procedural or scheduling deficiencies or if the nominee simply does not meet the threshold criteria.

## Section 2. Ballots and Balloting

A. The Committee will prepare a ballot for nominees to the HOF in the same format as the ballot for OSC officers and will include the ballot in the same mailing as the distribution of that ballot.

B. Only OSC Members in good standing shall be entitled to vote for the HOF.

1. Each Member may cast a single vote and may vote for only one candidate;

2. Ballots cast for multiple nominees will be deemed invalid.

C. Ballots will be returned to the Committee in the same manner as the officer ballot.

1. The Committee will tabulate the vote.

2. Ballots may be invalidated if they do not follow the required format or if the voter's intent cannot be reasonably determined.

D. The results of the balloting will be certified in writing by the NEC and reported to the Board;

1. The nominee who receives the most valid votes cast will be deemed elected to the HOF, subject to review for the Board;

2. In the event of a tie vote, both nominees will be deemed elected to the HOF

E. The Board will review the results and take final action to adopt, modify or reject the NEC certification, such adoption not to be arbitrarily withheld.

1. When adopted by the Board, the results will be announced by OSC in its official publications and on the Website.

2. A biography and photograph of the new Member will be placed in the Membership Section of the OSC Website, completing the process.