

O Scale Central Board of Directors  
Board Approved Minutes  
October 10, 2023

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Peterson at 8:37 pm EDT using Zoom.

Roll Call

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

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

Advisors present: R. Randall and B. Kjelland

Members present: None

Agenda. The agenda was adopted by acclamation.

Minutes. The September 2023 Minutes were accepted.

Officer Reports

President. Vaughn was not able to attend because of business travel.

Vice-president. Peterson directed attention to his reports on the Website and the NMRA SIG.

Treasurer. A report was sent to all board meeting participants. The bank balance as of September 30, 2023, is \$8286.40. The Treasurer's Report was reviewed by the vice president. Peterson also shared with the board that Norman had developed an initial forecast for 2024 income and expenses. The current projection is for a budget shortfall of \$1860.

Committee Reports

Marketing

Treasurer and committee chair Norman had nothing new to report. Peterson noted the need for additional leadership on this committee.

Membership

Director and committee chair Barker reported three new members in last month, bringing our current total to 176. Barker, Dawdy, and Peterson have discussed simplifying the renewal process. Dawdy is researching possible plug-in applications. Barker indicated that the availability of an on-line membership directory is being addressed in conjunction with a revised membership system.

Regardless of when a member joined, OSC memberships expire on December 31. Since this discourages new members in the last third of the year, Barker has been extending up to 16-month memberships for new members joining in the fall. Following Barker's suggestion, the board unanimously adopted a motion extending new memberships, made between September and December, through December of the following year.

Publications. Advisor Kjelland announced that the draft of the October issue of The Coupler would be published on the 14th. Al Askerberg did the cover. The issue is thought to have a good variety of content and photos.

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

NMRA SIG. A report was sent to all board meeting participants. Peterson noted that OSC has access to the new NMRA Social Media consultant as well as the Marketing consultant. The opportunity was used to announce that Ryan Shawyer had agreed to become OSC's Social Media Advisor.

OSC On-line. Advisor Viggiano was absent.

#### Modular Groups and Clubs Initiative

Advisor Shippy was absent. (A report was submitted after the meeting and sent to all board meeting participants.)

#### New Tracks OS2R Segment

Director Schultz reiterated that the first episode will air on November 15<sup>th</sup>. He has material for the first six monthly episodes, but is interested in additional ideas and suggestions.

#### Old Business

##### 2023 O Scale Hall of Fame

Past Official and Nominations and Elections Committee Chair Bulgarino announced that there were currently two nominees for the hall of fame: John Wubbel and the New York Society of Model Engineers (NYSME). The nominating period closes on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Bulgarino expressed concerns about electing a club, or other organization, to the hall of fame. The current language regarding qualifications for election to the hall of fame is ambiguous. He asked the board to approve an addition to the Interim Procedures adopted last month that limits nominations to individuals for 2023. Peterson moved and Barker seconded such a motion. The motion passed without objection. The question of eligibility of clubs, groups, or companies for election to the hall of fame will be addressed during the development of revised procedures in 2024.

## 2023 Nominations and Elections

Bulgarino asked the board to confirm the eligibility of the current nominees which it did. The nominating period closes on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. The current nominees are:

Vice President: Skyler Shippy

Treasurer: Joe Norman

Director: Walter Horlacher

Director: Al Olsapas

Director: Eric Peterson

Bulgarino reviewed the five proposed amendments to the by-laws.

### Amendments

1. Amend Article IV, Section 3, Paragraph A to include the words “Vice President” between the words “President” and “Secretary”

a. Purpose: To correct oversight.

2. Amend Article V, Section 1, Paragraph A to include the words “Vice President” between the words “President” and “Secretary”

a. Purpose: To correct oversight.

3. Article V, Section 3: Add a “Paragraph D” stating: The Secretary and Treasurer shall serve a term of two years and may serve four consecutive terms if reelected. The Treasurer shall be elected in odd numbered years, and the Secretary shall be elected in even numbered years.

a. Purpose: To extend the term eligibility for the Secretary and Treasurer

4. Article VI, Section 3, Subsection A: Add verbiage “except as provided in Article 5, Section 3 Paragraph D.” after the word “reelected”.

a. Purpose: To recognize the extended eligibility for the Secretary and Treasurer.

5. Amend Article VIII, Section 1, Paragraph 2, second sentence: change the word “shall” to the word “may”.

a. Purpose: To give the Board flexibility whether to compensate the Editor.

Peterson asked if any of the board members had questions or concerns about the proposed amendments. No one expressed any objections. (See Addendum.)

New Business. None

### Good and Welfare

Barker announced that he will be hosting a gathering of OS2R modelers at the East Bay Model Engineers facility on November 18<sup>th</sup>.

Bulgarino asked if anyone knew of an OS2R community on the Olympic Peninsula that might assist a young modeler. There is only one OSC member in Washington state.

Peterson wondered if there was a method for assisting O scalers seeking other O scalers while protecting privacy.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 14, 8:30 pm (ET)

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 9:50 pm.

### Addendum

A subsequent review of the by-laws indicated that the board should have taken “favorable action” to approve the proposed amendments to the by-laws. Bulgarino was concerned that although no board member expressed concerns or opposition to the proposed amendments, no positive action was taken. Secretary Nesper agreed to ask each of the ten voting members of the board for their vote on each of the amendments.

Name	Amendment 1	Amendment 2	Amendment 3	Amendment 4	Amendment 5
D. Vaughn	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea
E. Peterson	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea
K. Nesper	Yea	Yea	Abstain	Abstain	Yea
J. Norman	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea
N. Bulgarino	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea
J. Barker	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea
W. Horlacher	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea
A. Oslapas	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea
D. Schultz					
C. Wubbel	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea

The amendments were approved by the board.

## **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 Report for the October 10, 2023 Board meeting.

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

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

Membership: 176 paid memberships as of 10 October 2023.

2022 Renewals Since Last Report: 1

New Members Since Last Report: 2

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

1. The membership application and payment process is too complex. I have worked with Eric and Dan on solving 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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**Meeting date:** 10 10 2023

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

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

Dan Dawdy, Joe Barker and Eric Peterson had an initial discussion about upgrading our membership records and processes. This is also related to our need to implement an online membership directory.

The website O Scale Hall of Fame has been updated to correct Irvin Athearn's first name and add Terry Terrance to the listing with a photo and bio.

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

Work on improving our Membership records and processes in time for 2024 renewals. This will be done in a way to support the membership directory access. Dan Dawdy is the key player and we expect to be testing free software products soon.

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

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

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**Meeting date:** 10 10 2023

**O Scale Central topic/activity:** NMRA and SIG

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

I attended the NMRA National Convention and Train Show August 20-26, 2023 in Grapevine, Texas. As part of this trip I visited 5 different O Scale 2 Rail clubs and personal layouts. We had a layout and display table in the Special Interest Group room And 4 clinics were presented by O Scale modelers.

One of the highlights for me was the clinic by Mike Walter about how he built a an elevated passenger station and I was then able to see it by visiting his layout.

During the NMRA National Train Show I found a model builder that may be able to help me complete a difficult station building and speed up progress on my layout.

I visited with many friends and made new ones.

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

We are preparing for the November 18, 2023 Danville, IN train show that includes a dedicated room for O Scale 2 rail and S Scale modelers. Table reservations have been slow just like last year. I have sent out two reminders.

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

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

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**Meeting date:** 10/10/23

**O Scale Central topic/activity:**  
Modular / Club Outreach

**Activities since last report:**  
Outreach letters updated

**Planned activities and expected time required:**  
Send outreach letters to the contacts I have listed by the end of this week as time allows.

**Is there any action by the board for your topic?**  
No action required, but David and Eric will be copied on the sent emails

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