

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

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Vaughn at 8:35 pm EST using Zoom.

Roll Call

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

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

Advisors present: S. Kurzawski

Members present: A. Askerberg

Agenda. The agenda was adopted by acclamation.

Minutes. The November 2023 Minutes were accepted.

Officer Reports

President. Vaughn acknowledged the service of retiring Director Cathy Wubbel and noted the passing of Terry Terrance. He welcomed Don Carlton (Train Show Coordinator), Scott Kurzawski (Website), and Ryan Shawyer (Social Media) to the board and announced that Ed Skuchas would join the board in January as the O Scale Traction advisor. While acknowledging the election results, Vaughn stated that he, Vice President-elect Skyler Shippy, and former Vice President Eric Peterson will be conducting interviews with elected board members to determine assignments and fill gaps in the OSC's program areas. In that vein, Vaughn is seeking a volunteer to coordinate OSC participation in and promotion of the March 2024 O Scale show in Chicago.

Vice-president. Peterson directed attention to his written report.

Treasurer. Norman sent a report to all board meeting participants. The bank balance as of November 30, 2023, is \$8,279.23. In response to a question from Peterson, Norman suggested that the equivalent of one year's expenses would be a reasonable reserve.

Committee Reports

Marketing. Treasurer and committee chair Norman emphasized the need to promote the social media aspect of OSC marketing. Vaughn asked if anyone had heard any feedback from our print ads. No one had. Peterson suggested that we should start collecting social media metrics.

Membership. Director and committee chair Barker submitted a written report. Barker sent renewal notices to 104 members in November. Eighty six had not responded by the date of his report..

Publications. Advisor Kjelland was not present and did not submit a report.

Website. Advisor Kurzawski submitted a written report. He reported that he speaks regularly with Peterson as part of the transition.

NMRA SIG. Peterson's report was sent to all board meeting participants.

OSC On-line. In Advisor Viggiano's absence, Vaughn noted that the next event would be on Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>.

Modular Groups and Clubs Initiative. While not able to attend, Advisor Shippy submitted a written report.

New Tracks OS2R Segment. Director Schultz was absent and did not submit a report.

Social Media. Although absent, Advisor Shawyer submitted a written report. He noted that the number of Facebook followers is growing.

Train Show Outreach. Advisor Carlton was absent and did not submit a report.

#### Old Business

2023 O Scale Hall of Fame. Vaughn reported that John Wubbel was elected to the Hall of Fame. (See attachment for full results.)

2023 Nominations and Elections. Vaughn reported that the five unopposed candidates were elected; there were no write-ins. Also, the by-law amendments were ratified. (See attachment for full results.)

3D Model Railroad Library and Repository. Vaughn declared that the topic needs substantial additional development.

#### New Business

New Tracks Scholarship; Possible OSC Participation. Vaughn introduced this initiative associated with Jim Kellow's New Tracks, but indicated that OSC participation would require a board champion.

OS2R Clinics. Vaughn asked board participants to consider being more active as clinic presenters at train shows, meets, and other gatherings. Clinics are another way to spread

awareness of OS2R and OSC. Vaughn has some presentations that he is willing to share.

OGR Forum. Vaughn would like to see more postings from OS2R participants to build awareness of OSC.

Good and Welfare. Nothing to report.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 9, 8:30 pm (ET) (Tentative)

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 9:35 pm.

2023 Board Elections, By-Law Amendments, and Hall of Fame Results

Office	Candidate	Votes	
Vice President			
	Skyler Shippy	61	
	Write In	0	
Treasurer			
	Joe Norman	63	
	Write In	0	
Directors			
	Walter Horlacher	58	
	Al Oslapas	59	
	Eric Peterson	61	
	Write In	0	
Amendments		Yea	Nay
	1	63	1
	2	63	1
	3	60	4
	4	60	4
	5	60	4
Hall of Fame	Candidate	Votes	
	John Dunn	25	
	John Wubbel	39	