

O Scale Central Board of Directors  
Board Approved Minutes  
June 18, 2024

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Vaughn at 8:34 pm EDT using Zoom.

Roll Call

Officers present: D. Vaughn, S. Shippy, K. Nesper, and J. Norman

Directors present: N. Bulgarino, W. Horlacher, E. Peterson, and D. Schultz

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

Members present: A. Askerberg

Agenda. The agenda was amended, then adopted by acclamation.

Minutes. The May 2024 Minutes were accepted without objection.

Officer Reports

President. Vaughn began by honoring the memory of George Wallace. Treasurer Norman provided a recap of the memorial service and repast. Wallace maintained O Scale Kings, the OSC predecessor, during very lean times. Vaughn reported on the O Scale West train show. Attendance was down even though S and narrow gauge modelers were invited. The management team lost money. Nevertheless, a 2025 show over Memorial Day weekend is being planned again. Turning to the upcoming Railroad Prototype Modelers (RPM) meeting in St Louis, Vaughn encouraged more OS2R modelers to attend the show and volunteer to staff the OSC tables. OSC Online continues to meet regularly. Ideas for show segments are sought. Vaughn noted that, while OSC has developed a good group of leaders, there is a need for more advisors and coordinators in order to get more done. There are many programs and activities that would further the mission of OSC if they were fully staffed.

Vice-president. Shippy highlighted plans for OS2R Layout Documentation described in his written report.

Treasurer. The Treasurer's Report for May was sent to all board meeting participants. The bank balance remains over \$11,000.

Committee Reports

Membership. Although absent, Director and committee chair Barker submitted a written report. There are 187 paid members.

Marketing. Director and committee chair Horlacher submitted a written report. He is working on two brochures; one for non-OS2R modelers and one for OS2R modelers.

Social Media. Although absent, Advisor Shawyer submitted a written report. The number of Facebook followers continues to increase.

Website. Advisor Kurzawski submitted a written report. A plan to add a password-protected member directory is being developed.

Publications. Advisor Kjelland was absent.

OSC On-line. Vaughn provided an update during the President's report.

Train Show Outreach. Vaughn reported that Advisor Carlton is not responding to requests for information.

Club Outreach. Shippy wrote in his report that he is considering restructuring the approach because of the lack of response..

NMRA SIG. In his written and oral reports, Director Peterson highlighted plans for OSC participation at the 2024 NMRA National Convention.

Traction. Although absent, Advisor Skuchas reports continuing to gather O Traction products and services data for the OSC web site.

## Old Business

St. Louis Railroad Prototype Modelers (RPM). See President's Report.

OS2R Clinic Program. Discussion deferred.

NMRA National Convention Preparations. See Peterson's NMRA SIG report.

OSC Website: Member Only Section (Layout Videos and Directory). See Kurzawski's Website report.

Future Virtual Programs and Conventions: The PCR Model. Discussion deferred.

Website Membership Module Upgrade. See Kurzawski's Website report.

## New Business

New Tracks Prize Program. Discussion deferred; lack of information.

New Tracks Kit Coordination Program. Discussion deferred; lack of information.

George Wallace Tribute. Treasurer Norman will lead an effort to create a tribute to the memory of George Wallace. He is developing a resolution for an annual award for “Service to the O Scale Community.”

2025-2026 Nominations and Elections. Past Official Bulgarino, as chair of the Nominations and Elections committee, reviewed the by-laws governing nominations and elections. The following positions are to be filled: president, secretary, and the director positions currently held by Barker and Schultz.

O Scale West Inquiry. Vaughn introduced an inquiry from the O Scale West management group asking OSC to help offset the losses from the 2024 train show. The board took no action.

#### Good and Welfare

Advisor Hansen, as chair of the Indianapolis Train Show, reported reserving tables for OSC and the NMRA.

Norman asked whether OSC was planning to have a presence at the National Narrow Gauge Convention in Pittsburgh PA (September 11 – 14).

Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 16, 8:30 pm (EDT) via Zoom

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 10:05 pm.

# O Scale Central Board of Directors

## Status Report

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**Meeting date:** 6/18/2024

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

Vice President Report

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

Started a draft on layout documentation - See Below

#### **O Scale Layout Documentation - Template**

**Overview** - Discuss the beginning of planning layout until now - era, prototype, location?

**Track plan** - provide a drawing of the track plan, as well as a line drawing

**Trackwork** - what method of track laying and detailing do you use?

**Scenery / Structures** - What season, region, scenes? (Urban, Suburban, Rural?)

**Electrical** - DC, DCC? Any other electrical systems added (Lights, accessories)

**Operations** - Do you have an operating scheme or any operating sessions or plan to?

**Guided tour w/ photos / Cab ride video** - This section would consist of pictures of scenes with descriptions - a cab ride video can be created by using a small camera on a flat car ahead of the locomotive.

**Availability** - OP season schedules, availability for visiting?

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

- Document both the DMRRC layout as well as Dick Tomlinson's Michigan Shore Line
- Work with Scott on creating a page on our website for layout documentation
- Work with Scott on adding the Cleveland Show in upcoming events
  - Need to create a professional flier for Cleveland Show - Begin Publicity
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### **Is there any action by the board for your topic?**

Discussion

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

I would like to have an OSC booth setup at the Cleveland show, as I will promote the show for new modelers or those thinking of jumping scales, and OSC would be a resource for them navigating an O scale train show.

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### O Scale Central Topic: Membership

#### Activities since last board meeting:

**Membership:** 187 memberships as of June 12, 2024. (I deleted the people who did not renew their 2023 membership.)

2023 Renewals Since Last Report: 3

2023 Remaining Renewals: None (Deleted)

New Members Since Last Report: 5 (We picked up at least 2 people at O Scale West.)

#### Planned activities and expected time required:

1. **Renewals:** I have deleted the 26 people who did not renew from the membership list and the PHP database. One member passed away and was deleted from the database.
2. **Membership Application Process:** We are in the process of updating the membership section of the website to make it easier to join and renew OSC. The is ongoing.
3. **Draft a Membership Instruction Manual:** This is project will be re-started when our new procedures are in place.

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

**If so, what is proposed for discussion and/or approval? Not Applicable**

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

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

Presently working on the two version of the “WHO WE ARE, AND WHAT WE DO BROCHURE”. This version based on the original and is to be used as a point of contact brochure for individuals that have had no exposure to 2-rail O Scale, typical of who you would meet at a multiscale train show. This brochure will be designated with a form code on the back lower left side of the panel “OSC3R rev.5/24”

Likewise, the second brochure looks identical in format but is geared to individuals that already model in O scale or have had exposure to 2-rail O Scale, this brochure will be used as a point of contact material for individuals at O Scale 2-rail events.

I have yet not reached out to Scott to finalize wordage to use on opening web page. I have the narrative but just need to condense it so that its not too wordy.

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

I planned on having this completed ready for a printable PDF for publication but this was formatted as a Word doc. And I use Publisher for print material which is much flexible than Word. I am working on this as of this writing and hope to finalize very soon.

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

There is no action required at this time

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

N/A

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**O Scale Central topic/activity:** Social Media

**Activities since last report:** Regular posts (several times per week) on the OSC FB pages. Our audience and reach continues to grow with new followers. Edited and uploaded OSC Online program to YouTube.

**Planned activities and expected time required:** Continue regular social media posts and editing/uploading June's OSC Online to YouTube.

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

**If so, what is proposed for discussion and/or approval?** No

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**Meeting date:** No meeting this month. Eric Peterson will schedule a meeting at the end of June that works around Joe Barker's travel schedule to review the new Membership Application process.

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

Add Traction / Trolley content provided by Ed Skuchas to the O Scale Central Product Guide section.

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

- 1 . Updated the OSC Events web page with the following additions: Updated June O Scale Central Online meeting invite as content became available.
- 2 . Will update July O Scale Central Online meeting invite content once it becomes available; however, a July placeholder was created with proper date and time.
- 3 .
- 4 . I updated the vendor information in the Traction / Trolley section of the O Scale Central Product Guide per the information provided in Ed Skuchas' spreadsheet. Ed is currently reviewing the content on the OSC web site to see if any corrections need to be made.
- 5 . Eric Peterson will host a meeting around the end of June to do a walk-through of Dan Dawdy's new membership application plug-in that he has been prototyping these past few months.

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

Continue updating Traction Product Guide vendor information (ongoing as received)

Continue discussion adding password-protected member directory access with Dan Dawdy, Eric Peterson, Joe Barker, and Scott K. to finalize on a design that satisfies the desired goal. (Ongoing)

Participate in marketing organization decisions regarding the OSC web site. (Ongoing)

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

No

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None



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

Modular / Club Outreach

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

Gave a presentation on the modular layout I built  
Invited clubs to additional meeting - only heard back from 2.

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

I will work on uploading my presentation to the website once I add in captions to the slides.

I will need to discuss the club outreach zoom call format - it may be better if the meeting is structured in a panel discussion or even a podcast format.

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

No action

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

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

I have contacted NMRA Convention Organization about SIG arrangements for Long Beach August 4-11, 2024. The schedule shows the Hotel Ocean Ball Room will be the Special Interest Group room and it is also the Bus Marshalling space. This has improved SIG contact opportunities in the past for us.

I have asked if they can use more clinics. I can do one on the polymeric sand for scenery.

We do not have any additional O Scale Layout Tours. I have asked if some can be added at this late date.

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

Eric Peterson plans to attend and will register for NMRA National and the Indy events.

Continue to reach out to the convention leadership concerning O Scale Central SIG and possible activities.

I expect to have my layout open for the September O Scale meet on Friday 1-3 pm 9/20/2024. The show is Saturday 9/21/2024

The NMRA Central Indiana Division will again have an additional room for O Scale and S Scale during the Danville, IN Train Show November 23, 2024. We may have a social gathering Friday evening and possibly layouts open earlier Friday afternoon.

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

**No**