

O Scale Central Board of Directors
Board Approved Minutes
February 10, 2025

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Shippy at 8:33 pm ET using Zoom.

Roll Call

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

Directors present: J. Barker, A. Oslapas, E. Peterson, and D. Vaughn,

Advisors present: T. Farrell, B. Kjelland, S. Kurzawski, R. Randall, E. Skuchas

Members present: D. Schultz

Agenda. The agenda was adopted by acclamation.

Minutes. The January 2025 Minutes were accepted without objection.

Appointment of Director. President Shippy deferred consideration of this item and asked for recommendations.

Officer Reports

President. Shippy referred participants to his written report. He highlighted the formation of an program management group for modular standards to work in coordination with the NMRA. Work continued on layout documentation guidelines.

Treasurer. The Treasurer's Report for January showed a bank balance exceeding \$11,000. Treasurer Norman provided a Profit and Loss statement for all of 2024. Director Peterson asked about rules of thumb for maintaining a reserve. Norman replied that it varies by size and purpose of the organization. Peterson also asked if the dues paid in advance for out years should be separately tracked.

Committee Reports

Membership. Director and committee chair Barker's reported 234 members. This total includes 86 members who have not yet renewed for 2025. He will be sending final renewal reminders. (By policy, non-renewals are dropped from the active roles at the end of March.)

Marketing. Director and committee chair Horlacher was absent and did not submit a report.

Website. Advisor Kurzawski reported continued efforts to keep the website up-to-date,

plus adding new features. Official email addresses were updated for all board participants and an index to The Coupler, developed by Peterson, was added. Director Peterson submitted a report on the continued expansion website features and functions.

Social Media. Advisor Shawyer was absent and did not submit a report.

Publications. Advisor Kjelland noted the release of The Coupler #12 and the imminent release of #13. Peterson noted the release of The Drawbar at the beginning of February.

OSC On-line. Neither Past President Vaughn nor Advisor Viggiano were present.

Traction. Advisor Skuchas submitted a written report. He submitted articles for three issues of The Coupler.

Narrow Gauge Outreach. Advisor Ferrell did not make or submit a report.

Club Outreach. Shippy reported that further activity in this project is suspended until after the NMRA National Convention.

Manufacturer's Liaison. Advisor Brennan was not present and did not submit a report.

NMRA SIG. Director Peterson reported extensive OSC activity planned for the NMRA National Convention.

Old Business

Mgmt Program Groups.

Publications. Shippy announced that the members of the group are Bob Kjelland, Eric Peterson, Skyler Shippy, and David Vaughn.

Modular Standards. Shippy announced tht the members of the group are Nick Bulgarino, Eric Peterson, Skyler Shippy, and Phillip Taylor (representing the NMRA). The plan is to have a draft set of standards to share at the Chicago Spring Meet. The consensus standards could be tested at the O Scale modular meet planned for Cleveland on November 2.

Outreach. Shippy did not name the participants, but indicated that the focus would be on O scalers in the Indianapolis area.

Open Source 3D File Directory. Consideration postponed.

New Business

Appoint Coordinator for OSC March Meet Activities. Shippy recounted planning and preparation efforts, but has not named a coordinator.

Confirm OSC Participation. Shippy indicated that his participation in these events might be minimal because of other activities. Appointment of coordinators for each event and approval of funding were postponed.

St Louis RPM (Collinsville IL, 7/24-26)

Nat'l NG Convention (Collinsville IL, 9/3-6)

Good and Welfare. Shippy announced an opportunity to acquire a portable O scale layout, approximately 12' x 17'.

Next Meeting: Monday, March 10, 8:30 pm (ET) via Zoom

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 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: 2/10/2025

O Scale Central topic/activity:

President's Report

Activities since last report:

- Draft on layout documentation - Draft sent to Ryan Shawyer
- OS2R Modular standard committee formed and active
- March Meet tasks assigned - continual follow up - still need a main coordinator
- Contacted by Doug Meyer about a traveling O Scale sectional layout - New Business
- DMRRC Modular layout added to the National Train Show in July - To be manned by both DMRRC and OSC members

Planned activities and expected time required:

- Create executive discussion group for publications

- Document both the DMRRC layout as well as Dick Tomlinson's Michigan Shore Line
- Will present the concept of layout documenting @ OSC online when ready
- Work with Scott on creating a page on our website for layout documentation (Once we have final drafts to post)
- Work with Scott on adding the Cleveland 2025 Show in upcoming events
- Announce the Cleveland Show / Modular meet - TBD -No later than March Meet

Is there any action by the board for your topic?

No board action

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

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O Scale Central Topic: Membership

Activities since last board meeting:

Membership: 234 memberships as of February 10, 2025. (This number includes people who have not yet renewed.) We have 148 members when the people who have not yet renewed are not included.

Renewals Since Last Report: 4

New Members Since Last Report: 4

Planned activities and expected time required:

1. **Membership Application Process:** The new membership application process has been implemented and is mostly working.
2. **2024 Renewals:** We have 86 members whose membership expired December 31, 2024 who have not yet renewed. I will send a final reminder to the members who have not renewed later this week.

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:
OSC web site updates

Activities since last report:

Added new search Index that Eric Peterson developed for past issues of The Coupler magazine. There is a new link in members-only area to the Index table.

Added December Meeting Minutes to Members-Only section

Updated the Officers and Advisors OSC email information

Planned activities and expected time required:

Many of the photos throughout the OSC web site have been deleted as a result of the various member account deletions that occurred while implementing the new membership software. Dan Dawdy is working to restore them, so that will take some time to relink many of the photos that got deleted to their respective web page.

Is there any action by the board for your topic?

No

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

None

**O Scale Central topic/activity: OSC Website Expansion Eric Peterson
Supplementing Scott Kurzawski Continuing Updates and maintenance**

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Activities since last report:

Continue to work with Joe Barker, Dan Dawdy, Scott Kurzawski solving problems

Working with Skyler and Scott outlining additional features

Have a test version of the Member Directory

Club Documentation

Layout Documentation

Product Guide Reviews and Updates

Planned activities and expected time required:

Continue above work to upgrade the website information and features.

Test Member Directory

Product Guide develop simplified contacts for updating and adding

Support Modular Standards Sharing

Is there any action by the board for your topic?

Not at this time.

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

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O Scale Central topic/activity: Traction

Activities since last report:

**Prepared COUPLER articles in three consecutive issues.
Vendor research**

**Planned activities and expected time required:
Article preparation and editing.**

Is there any action by the board for your topic? NO

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

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O Scale Central topic/activity: NMRA SIG Eric Peterson

Activities since last report:

Started preparations for NMRA National in Novi, MI

DMRRC Layout is planned for National Train Show

A Table has been requested in the Special Interest Group Room

Layout Tours 1/48

Norm Charbonneau's Northbrook Railroad, 3R Scale

Detroit Model Railroad Club's Detroit Union Railroad, Traditional O

Dick Tomlinson's Michigan Shore Line, Traditional O

Thomas Dart's Durango & Silverton, On3

Howard Ziegel's City Street Car Layout, O Street Cars

Operating Sessions at Detroit Union Railroad and Michigan Shore Line

Clinics: At this time, we do not have any O Scale Clinics Listed

Displayed OSC information at the 1 26 2025 Lebanon, IN NMRA CID Train Show

Contacted NMRA Standards and RP concerning O Scale Modular RP's

Planned activities and expected time required:

Continue to communicate with Convention Committee

Continue support for Modular information construction details.

Is there any action by the board for your topic? NO

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