

O Scale Central Board of Directors
Board Approved Minutes
May 12, 2025

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Shippy at 8:30 pm ET using Zoom.

Roll Call

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

Directors present: J. Barker, S. Kurzawski, E. Peterson, and D. Vaughn,

Advisors present: T. Farrell, B. Kjelland, and R. Randall

Members present:

Agenda. The agenda was adopted by acclamation.

Minutes. The April 2025 Minutes were accepted without objection.

Officer Reports

President. Shippy announced that the template for documenting layouts is on the website. He asked that each board participant, using the template, document their home or club layout by July 31.

Treasurer. The Treasurer's Report for April showed a bank balance in excess of \$10,700. The board approved a motion to allocate up to \$400 for fees related to attending the 2025 St Louis RPM Meet.

Committee Reports

Membership. Director and committee chair Barker submitted a report showing 202 members paid through 2025. There were 180 members at this time last year. Reports of problems with the PayPal interface of the Membership app are being investigated.

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

Website. Director Kurzawski reported continued efforts to keep the website up-to-date in his written report.

Social Media. Advisor Shawyer was absent and did not submit a report. Because of the lack of recent postings, Shippy will ask Vice President Bulgarino to make some social media postings.

Publications. Advisor Kjelland submitted a report. He expects the June issue of The OSC Coupler to be released on schedule. Director Peterson solicited material for The Drawbar.

OSC On-line. Vaughn summarized the guests for the May 18th edition of the show. He asked for help in preparing and posting OSC On-line recordings to YouTube.

Traction. Advisor Skuchas was absent, but emailed that he is meeting with manufacturers in Vienna and Prague to discuss product development and 3-D printing.

Narrow Gauge Outreach. Advisor Ferrell shared a preview of the New Tracks magazine of which OSC is a principal sponsor..

Club Outreach. Shippy reported no activity.

NMRA SIG. Peterson reported that plans for O scale-oriented activities at the NMRA National Convention are confirmed. The date shift issue reported last month regarding the NMRA coming events calendar is unresolved.

Mgmt Program Groups.

Publications. Shippy wants to implement a shared drive for uploading source material for The OSC Coupler. Preparing and publishing the magazine would be handled by a second system.

Modular Standards. The work group is still discussing specifications for end plates and legs. Shippy is still hopeful that 90% of the agreed upon standards will be published in the June OSC Coupler and the complete specifications in the August issue.

Outreach. The work group will use the St Louis RPM to develop a template that will be tested in the Indianapolis area.

Old Business

OSC Social (Chicago) Reimbursement. The board ratified a \$311.50 to David Vaughn for the reception at the Chicago meet in March.

OSC Incorporation. Shippy asked Vaughn to arrange for Dan Mason to join the board at a future meeting to discuss a course of action.

The Coupler Copyright Infringement. The OSC publication will be known as The OSC Coupler to differentiate it from The NER Coupler.

New Business

June Meeting Secretary (Volunteer). Advisor Randall volunteered to serve as Secretary at the June 9th meeting. Secretary Nesper will be traveling in Germany.

Good and Welfare. Participants were reminded of the O Scale West Meet being held May 23 – 26.

Next Meeting: Monday, June 9, 8:30 pm (EDT) via Zoom

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 9:36 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.

O Scale Central Report for the May 12, 2025 Board meeting.

O Scale Central Topic: Membership

Activities since last board meeting:

Membership: 202 memberships as of May 12, 2025.

New Members Since Last Report: 6

Planned activities and expected time required:

1. **2024 Renewals:** People who did not renew for 2025 were removed from the membership lists.

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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Meeting date: 5/12/2025

O Scale Central topic/activity:

- OSC web site updates

Activities since last report:

- Added March Meeting Minutes to Members-Only section
- Added update to draft page of Skyler Shippey's Michigan Shoreline layout tour write-up and photos (added Gallery section with more highlighted photos). Skyler is reviewing and will implement feedback, as required.

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 said that has recovered all of the photos that he has been able to recover, which is still a far cry from the number of photos that we had. Eric Peterson has reached out to Nick Bulgarino to see if he can supply any photos from early web site updates that he has made. To that affect, we need more photos if anyone has them. [Ongoing]

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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O Scale Central topic/activity: OSC Coupler June edition is in production. The cover story (below) is the Big Bend Club in Webster Groves, a suburb of St. Louis (beginning an ongoing look at existing and past clubs). Other topics include Non-railroad 1:48 models; Flat Car Load ideas; Repowering the Atlas F-9; A shelf layout in an office.

Activities since last report: Photo shoots of three O scale layouts in Indianapolis, three in Kansas City, and a club in St. Louis.

Planned activities and expected time required: Completion of the June issue.

Is there any action by the board for your topic? Review of the June issue before it is finalized for distribution.

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