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Al Viewig's final edition - Please send Exchange Newsletters to ROOM ONE, Union Station

CHAPTER TIMETABLE OF EVENTS:

11 December 86 Thursday 7:00 PM DECEMBER BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING at the Columbia Gorge Model RR Clubhouse at N Russell and N Vancouver. Please inform the President ahead of time if you wish to address the members of the Board. Usually over by 11 PM. Great way to figure out what is going on.

19 December 86 Friday 7:30 PM DECEMBER Monthly Membership Meeting on the third Friday at the PGE Auditorium on SE 17 between Powell and Holgate, in Portland.

There will be a "Newsreel" of up to six slides of major 1986 rail events per member. Please check in to get the slides inserted properly.

There will be a RAFFLE for the Library.

There will be a GIFT EXCHANGE, if you bring a rail related gift, gift wrapped, worth \$2-\$4.

There will be COOKIES for SALE by the Dozens.

The PROGRAM consists of two color movies: both are 16 mm sound movies dealing with STEAM in the eastern US of A in the 1980's:

614;

EAST BROAD TOP NARROW GAUGE

8 January 87 Thursday 7:00 PM January Board Meeting, similar to December's.

16 January 87 Friday 7:30 PM January Monthly Membership Meeting.

30 January 87 Friday 6:00 PM DEADLINE to buy Banquet tickets. \$13.50 ea.

7 February 87 Saturday 6:30 PM Annual BANQUET at THE VISCOUNT HOTEL

PACIFIC NORTHWEST CHAPTER 13 NOVEMBER 1986 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The meeting was called to order by President Rich Carlson at 7:15 PM.

The reading of the minutes of the October board meeting were dispensed with.

Treasurer Kyrian Gray reported the following balances in the Chapter's accounts as of 10/31/86:

Checking account \$27,202.67

CDIC account \$ 6,290.67

Of the Chapter's total funds, \$9,406.98 are designated or committed, and \$24,086.36 are uncommitted.

Excursion Committee: Chairman Steve Howes reported that the excursion committee is working on a report on the Chapter's 1986 excursions and recommendations for the future. Another edition of the excursion newsletter is being prepared and the committee is reviewing how it is published with a view to possible changes. Trip guides are also being reviewed for a possible revision in format.

Chapter Insurance Review: Insurance representative E. Robert Schoepper presented a review of the Chapter's insurance coverage. Mr. Schoepper felt that the Chapter's four policies adequately insured it considering today's insurance market. Board members are insured by two of the policies. There is no coverage for the Chapter if a member is injured during Chapter activities and then sues (bodily injury). In answer to a question from Al Viewig, Mr. Schoepper stated that the Chapter's present coverage is adequate. Ed Berntsen advised that volunteer worker insurance is available from United Pacific Insurance of Federal Way, WA.

Activities Committee: Tom Brewer said only committee members Mike Ackley and Kent Hutchins came to the last committee meeting. Tom reported that he is working on a special meeting for December to include a cookie sale and slikdes to show the Chapter's 1986 activities. The annual Chapter banquet will be on next February 7. A poll will be taken at the Nov. 21st meeting to set the price of the banquet. Tom proposed that the Chapter cooperate with ORARP to decorate the Union Station for Christmas.

Room 1A Phone Extension: Ken Peters advised that he can install a phone extension in Room 1A for a cost of \$50 for cable and misc. supplies. He will need to borrow a 30 ft. extension ladder. Doug Auburg moved, seconded by Kerrigan Gray, to authorize \$50 for phone material for room 1A. Passed.

Rolling Stock Committee: Bob Hoffman advised that ~~Dave Duncan had relayed~~ information that the cars now in Silvas were in good condition when he (Duncan) saw them in Como. All Chapter cars now have locks using the new locking system.

Museum Committee: In answer to a question from Al Viewig, ~~Mary Lou~~ Weaver advised that the City of Portland is encouraging the Chapter to form a separate non-profit corporation to operate a museum.

Membership Committee: Darlene Morrison reported that ~~membership renewal~~ slips are in from National and will be given out at the Nov. 21 meeting. There will be a cookie sale at the December meeting to help cover the deficit from Cora Jackson's refreshment fund. There will be an exchange of railroad type gifts (\$2-4 value) at the December meeting.

Concessions Committee: Marilyn Rehm gave board ~~members~~ copies of an inventory of concession items. She reported that 20 "Tough Guys" signs are in the inventory. Moved by Kerrigan Gray, to authorize the

use of the signs in Chapter raffles, four per raffle. Motion passed. Moved by Doug Auburg, seconded by Al Viewig, to lower the price on LWFD T-shirts to \$1.50 each, three for \$5. Moved to amend by Al Viewig, seconded by Kerrigan Gray to change the price to \$2 each, 6 for \$10. Amendment passed. Main motion as amended passed.

Historical Foundation Committee: Walt Grande ~~reported that the committee has~~ proposed a by-law amendment establishing an Historical Foundation Fund and that the Finance Committee has approved the idea. Moved by Dave Van Sickie, seconded by Al McCready, to refer the proposal to the by-law revision committee. Motion passed.

Library Committee: Bob Slover reported that the ~~shelves in Room 1A~~ have been completed by Lee Jackson and Jim Edgar. Bob advised that Lee wants to apply sealer on the shelves and to apply veneer to the edges for appearance. \$500 is needed for sealer and veneer. The raffle will start again at the next meeting. Library books: The board asked Bob to have the library committee set up a policy under which books are returned to a person, not just dropped through the slot in the door to Room 1. There is a problem with books not being returned. A general discussion followed about the need for secure valuable items in the Chapter's collection. Rich Carlson asked Walk Grande to look into secured storage for the Chapter collection.

National: Chapter National Director John Holloway ~~reported~~ on the national board meeting. The society now has 13,522 members. Dues money must be sent to the national organization promptly. No Railtours insurance will be available until March 31, 1987. National is talking about dropping the requirement that new members be at least 16 years old (younger persons could join).

President Report: President Rich Carlson reported as ~~TOTALLY~~:
1 - He has written to Graham Claytor of Amtrak about the high cost of our Amtrak excursions. No reply has been received yet.
2 - Jim Larson, Chapter member from North Dakota, reports that ex-SP&S car Mt. St. Helens is in a museum in Minnesota and seems to be in fair condition but nothing is being done with it.

Sleepers in Silvis, Illinois: Rich Carlson reported that ~~the two cars in Silvis~~ were located and inspected by Dave Randall and a car restoration man. They reported that the cars are "trash" after spending four hours looking them over. Rich recommended that the Chapter not spend any more money on the cars ("Portland" and "Pasco"). The board took no action.

O & C Celebration: Mary Lou Weaver reported that due to the ~~tight budget~~ situation there was no money to do anything to set up a Chapter effort for the celebration of the completion of the O & C RR. Al McCready pointed out that the completion of the O&C was an important event and should be celebrated. The board asked Rich Carlson, Al McCready, and Mary Lou Weaver, to work on a specific proposal.

Pegasus Deposit: Rich Carlson reported that there was ~~nothing~~ new on the effort to recover the Chapter's deposit for rooms on the ship Pegasus. Our local attorney is about the check on the travel agency's possible liability in the matter.

Locomotive 4449 Management Proposal: Ed Immel

CONTINUATION OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF 13 NOVEMBER

submitted a number of changes to the proposal developed by Doug Auburg to manage locomotive 4449. Ed stated that he feels that the steering committee should be given general charge and that it should then establish specific policies. Doug stated that his proposal was intended to be a draft and not a final document. Moved by Doug Auburg, seconded by Kerrigan Gray, that points 1, 2 and 3 (relating to expenses of maintenance, insurance, and volunteer staff) be removed from the proposal and put in an appendix. Motion passed. Moved by Doug Auburg, seconded by Al Viewig, that point 5 relating to the Chapter's right of first refusal for operating excursions with the 4449 be set out in a separate statement and that point 7 about insurance expense be deleted. Motion passed. (A copy of the detailed revisions is attached to the original minutes.) Rich Carlson reported that the Mayor has transferred the locomotive to Commissioner Mike Lindberg's office.

Computer: Moved by Dave Van Sickle, seconded by Kyrian Gray, to authorize Kerrigan Gray to survey the chapter's computer software, determine what is legitimate and recommend what needs to be purchased to fill the Chapter's needs. Motion passed.

Baggage Car: Moved by Kerrigan Gray, seconded by John Holloway, to lease a baggage car from George Lavacot for \$1 a year for one year for storage. Motion passed.

Chapter Election: Marilyn Rehm reported that 63 absentee ballot requests have been received and

mailed. Chuck Storz pointed out that due to the vigorous nature of the Chapter election this year that members may have questions for the candidates. He moved, seconded by John Holloway, that the time between 7:30 and 8 PM at the Nov. 21st meeting be set aside for a "candidates fair" to allow the membership to question the candidates before they vote. Motion failed.

Room 1A Shelving: Moved by Dave Van Sickle, seconded by Doug Auburg, to spend \$300 on sealer for the room 1A shelving. Passed.

Typewriter: Rich Carlson reported that the Chapter's typewriter is out of order. The board took no action to repair or trade off the typewriter.

Santa Barbara, CA: Rich Carlson reported that the mayor of Santa Barbara, CA, has asked the City of Portland for the 4449 for the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the arrival of the SP in that city. Portland city officials are considering the request. The board took no action.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:03 PM.

PRESENT: BOARD: Carlson, Storz, McCready, Holloway, Kerrigan Gray, Kyrian Gray, Van Sickle, Viewig, Auburg. MEMBERS: Weaver, Brewer, Hodson, Duncan, Larry Miller, Howes, Immel, Lavacot, Berntsen, Grande, Slover, Rehm, Edgar, Parker, Hoffman, Morrison, Peters.

Respectfully submitted, /s/ Chuck Storz, Secretary

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PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1987

INCOME SIDE

Interest	\$ 600
Dues	7,000
Activities	5,500
Concessions	2,200

	\$15,300

(recap: income \$15,300
expense 27,400
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excess spending (\$12,100)
PROJECTED NET CHANGE IN FUND

EXPENSE SIDE
PROGRAM EXPENSES

Activities	\$ 3,700
Concessions	200

	\$ 3,900

\$ 3,900 \$ 3,900

SUPPORTING SERVICES EXPENSES

Rent	9,200
Telephone	1,500
Postage	700
Office supplies	1,200
Trainmaster	3,000
Dues to National	4,000
Insurance	3,200
Treasury function	100
Other dues	100
Extraordinary	500

\$23,500 \$23,500

\$27,400

PACIFIC NORTHWEST CHAPTER 21 NOVEMBER

1986 REGULAR MEMBERSHIP BUSINESS MEETING

The meeting was called to order by President Rich Carlson at 7:55 PM.

The reading of the minutes of the October meeting was dispensed with by unanimous vote of the members present.

Treasurer Kyrian Gray reported the following balances in the Chapter's accounts as of 10/31/86:

Checking Account	\$27,202.67
CDIC Account	6,290.67

There was a negative cash flow of \$36,805.31 during October.

Locomotive 4449: Rich Carlson reported that the City of Portland is transferring City oversight of the 4449 from the mayor's office to Commissioner Lindberg. The City is studying possible uses for the locomotive.

Ship Pegasus Room Deposit: Rich Carlson reported that the Chapter's claim for return of the deposit for rooms on the ship Pegasus has been filed in British Columbia and has gone to the referee in bankruptcy.

Cars Portland & Pasco in Silvis IL: Rich Carlson reported that Dave Randall (of IL and an NARP member) and another party involved in car restoration went to Silvis, Illinois, and spent four hours inspecting the sleepers Portland and Pasco. The cars are trash, the only value being in the trucks. Most of the damage was done by the BN when it had the car in M of W service. RCR advised the rolling stock committee that the Chapter should buy the cars. The Chapter paid \$4,000 for the two cars. John Holloway advised that he will contact Dick Billings to take photos of the cars so that the Chapter can evaluate them. Rich Carlson reported that the Chapter finally received a bill of sale for the two cars at the last board meeting.

Union Station Christmas Decorations: Rich Carlson reported that Mike Ackley is heading a project to decorate the inside of Union Station for Christmas.

Union Station Sign: Rich Carlson reported that he has written Amtrak to determine if they will pay for maintenance on the Union Station sign in addition to the operating cost.

Library Committee: Bob Slover reported that the Chapter raffle will be restarted tonight for the benefit of the library. The library will be open tomorrow, November 22, from 1 to 4 PM.

Activities Committee: Tom Brewer reported that he is working with the membership committee on a special December meeting which will include a "1986 IN REVIEW" slide program.

Rolling Stock Committee: Bob Hoffman reported that the car Mt. St. Helens which is identical to the Chapter's Mt. Hood is located in a steam tractor museum in Minnesota, 17 miles from the nearest track. The museum people are not too interested in the car. Bob asked if there is any interest in the Chapter acquiring the car. No action was taken.

4449 Steering Committee Proposal: Doug Auburg reported that more revisions were made to the proposal for a 4449 steering committee at the last board meeting. Some items were moved to an appendix. The board has approved the revisions. Moved by Terry Parker, seconded by Jim Whaley, to take the proposal for the steering committee from the table. Motion passed. Moved by Dave Stimac, seconded by Jim Whaley

to send the proposal, as revised, to the City of Portland. Motion passed.

NRHS National Board Meeting: Chapter National Director John Holloway reported on the national board meeting held 11/7, 8, 9. National is losing about a dollar a member each year. There are now 153 chapters with the PNWC being third in size with 441 members. Dues need to be sent to national as early as possible. John asked members to send suggestions for improving the society to him. The age requirement may be lowered. The national bulletin may be changed. Moved by Connie McCready, seconded by Leonard Morgan, to recommend to the by-law revision committee that the Chapter's minimum age requirement for membership be dropped. Motion passed.

1987 Chapter budget: Moved by Terry Parker, seconded by Doug Auburg, to amend the proposed 1987 Chapter budget to add the swap meet under activities with income of \$3,000 and expense of \$2,200. Motion passed.

Ben Fredericks expressed concern about the campaigning for other candidates that occurred within the statements of some of the candidates in the Chapter voters guide. Many of the members present were in agreement with Ben's statement as evidenced by the spontaneous round of applause that followed his statement.

Vija Keeler expressed concern about the absentee ballots not reaching those who requested them in time. Freda Webb felt that absentee ballots postmarked by the day of the election should be counted in case of a close vote.

Election of Chapter Offices and Directors for 1987: The election was by secret ballot. The results follow:

PRESIDENT:	Doug Auburg	86
	Mary Lou Weaver	76
VICE PRESIDENT:	Esther Rosu	27
	Bob Hoffman	133
SECRETARY:	Chuck Storz	86
	Alan Viewig	77
TREASURER:	Kyrian Gray	120
	Larry Miller	41
NATIONAL DIRECTOR:	Rich Carlson	95
	John Holloway	67
CHAPTER DIRECTORS AT LARGE (two) :	Terry Parker	97
	Carl Rodabaugh	109
	Tom Brewer	29
	Ken Keeler	75

Attendance: 100 members and guests signed the meeting register.

The meeting was adjourned at 10 PM

Respectfully submitted, /s/ Chuck Storz, Secretary

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The President's Page by Rich Carlson

This is my final President's Page. The past three years have not all been roses, but I honestly have enjoyed them as your chapter president. I freely admit to some sadness as it all comes to an end, but I thank you for the opportunity and the experience.

Now we have a new president, vice president and two new board members. I am honored that you chose me to be your new national director. Together with two re-elected officers and four continuing board members, we have a new team to chart the chapter's future. I ask that all members give their serious support to make good things happen in 1987. We should strive to put aside personal desires for the good of the society.

The chapter faces many uncertainties. Finances are always critical. One source of income, excursions, is currently doubtful. In my opinion, Amtrak has virtually priced itself out of the charter business. As for privately-operated excursion trains, lack of insurance temporarily blocks that option. The insurance problem will eventually be resolved, but for now it is tantamount to a prohibition.

Further, unlike many eastern railroads who regularly allowed non-Amtrak excursion trains operated by groups such as ours, the major western railroads to date have shown little inclination to permit such enterprises on their tracks. I remain optimistic this attitude will change. If money can be made without inordinate risk or interference with regular operations, it seems foolish not to go for it.

It is also no secret that the Pacific Northwest economy has been hard hit. Apart from the personal hardships the poor economy has caused, it has diminished the chapter's ability to make money. I am optimistic that we shall find and devise ways to raise revenues that are adequate to meet our requirements.

On a happier note, we can be pleased with the chapter's acquisition of valuable rolling stock during the past year. In time the opportunity to operate the equipment will arise. To that end we need to have the cars ready to roll. I would urge anyone with the varied skills required to contribute them toward making the cars operationally and esthetically the best they can be.

I recognize that almost none of us has as much free time as we would like, but you might ask yourself what your contribution to the chapter has been lately. We all know that the chapter can only be and become what we collectively make it. My sincere thanks to all of the committee chairs and members, all of whom have diligently given of their time and talents to help attain our goals. Special thanks go to Alan Viewig, Trainmaster editor, for his yeoman service during my tenure in office. I don't think most members realize the work or appreciate the time that has been spent getting the newsletter out each month.

As I reported at the regular business meeting, the mayor of Portland has transferred responsibility for the 4449 and the two locomotives in Oaks Park to Commissioner Mike Lindberg. I think we can view this as a positive move, for it indicates an interest in the engines not previously displayed. At the same meeting, the membership approved sending the proposal for management of the 4449 to the city and to Southern Pacific. Under this proposal, the chapter (which is by ordinance custodian and operator of the locomotive), the city and the railroad would appoint a three-person steering committee to manage 4449. I am optimistic this will lead to a better situation in regard to the locomotive on both a short and long term basis.

In closing, my congratulations to the new leadership of the chapter. Hopefully we can work conscientiously and wisely to good result. With hard work and good fortune, progress on all fronts and pride in a job well done will be ours.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

THE ANNUAL BANQUET SET FOR 7 FEB

The ceremonial installation of the Directors and Officers of the 1987 Board of Directors shall occur on February 7th at the Chapter's Annual Banquet.

This year the banquet will be held at the VISCOUNT HOTEL in the Northeast part of Portland not far from the Coliseum. The address is at Wiedler and NE 2nd. Take the Coliseum exit off of I-5 and aim two blocks east towards Lloyd Center.

No host cocktails begin at 6:30 PM for one hour.

No host dinner begins at 7:30 PM.

For the heavy eaters, or the eaters who eat heavily (?), we have a BUFFET. Yep. Us who can't all remember which fork to use at a sit-down dinner will probably only have to contend with one fork this time around since we can sneak nibbles while passing thru the buffet line. We can also practice our French pronounciations of the mystery foods set out before us.

The menu is quite up-scale with Beef Stroganoff and Roast Turkey being the main source of protein. Also on the hot line will be Potatoes Au-Gratin, Selected Vegetables, and THREE Salads. Toss in your non alky beverage and a fancy desert also. OPPS - we mean dessert.

THE PRICE is \$13.50 per person.

Deadline for ticket sales is FRIDAY, 30 JANUARY 1987.

Send all ticket requests to:

JIM WHALEY
3106 SW Beaverton Hillsdale Hy
Portland OR 97201

To keep him honest, make your check out to: PNWC-NRHS BANQUET.

TEAR THIS OFF

1987 BANQUET RESERVATION

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Number of People in Party: _____

I have enclosed my check for \$13.50 for each person in my party: \$_____

I am sending this to:

JIM WHALEY
3106 SW Beaverton Hillsdale Hy
Portland OR 97201

M E M B E R S H I P C O M M I T T E E

Darlene Morrison pointed out that the running "directory update" that has been appearing on the last page of some Trainmasters failed to include the new names from August. This month we have again set out all of the new names and the address corrections. There is a chance that it is still not complete, and you are invited to send your comments to the soon to be named Trainmaster editor. And, if the next guy wants to keep you informed of new people, certainly it will be in a different format since we already have filled a page with corrections and there is no way to keep on doing that forever. You might take a moment to rip off this back page and glue it to the front of your directory. Maybe in the near future a new format will appear with the changes effective since December 1986.

Now back to Darlene's message:

RENEWAL TIME: Dues Notices not picked up at the November membership meeting will be mailed to you. All of the Directories which never were picked up have now been put into the mail. Please contact Darlene Morrison immediately if you do not get both a Directory and a Dues Notice. New members will get a Directory as they join.

HOLIDAY GIFT EXCHANGE Come join us for a gift exchange and cookie sale at the December membership meeting. People wishing to participate in the gift exchange should bring a gift wrapped railroad-related item worth between approximately two to four bucks.

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E L E C T I O N S C O M M I T T E E

by MARILYN REHM

We were very pleased with the interest shown by the membership, especially those 74 people who took the time to request absentee ballots, with 67 being returned to us in time to count. It's important to remember to allow enough time to return the ballot in time to count, but most important there must be your return address on the outside envelope or we do not know who has voted. Only ONE would have been disqualified for that, if it had been returned on time. We welcome comments from the membership as pertaining to the election process.

We realize there might have been more time between sending the absentee ballot and election time, but we balance that by pointing out that absentee ballots were available up to the latest possible time to allow for illness or work changes.

Please write out your comments and send them to the "Election Committee", NRHS, Room ONE, Union Station, Portland OR 97209.

Please help us now work together towards the advancement and enjoyment of the whole chapter.

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THANK YOU.

Just a final quick note to express my pleasure of being chosen to produce THE TRAINMASTER for these past three years. I informed incoming President Doug that due to my family and my job that I can no longer devote the proper amount of time to producing it.

This is a great opportunity for any one out there, no matter if you chase steam or smokley diesels or even stationary bridges, to come forward and impress Doug with your intent to produce the newsletter and see if he awards it to you.

Sadly there is not enuff time for the editor to be a consultant to the publications committee, but it sure would be nice if the publications committee stood behind the editor and offered bodies and constructive advice from time to time.

If you are reading this and wonder if you should make the grab for the blue pencil, you can give Viewig a call and find out what he says about the job. If you know you want to be involved, just call Doug.

The nice thing about leaving this position is the collection of newsletters that were produced in those three years. They will fill a spot on my book shelf for a long time.

Some of you never heard of me before I volunteered to be the editor (and some might now wish they still never heard of me) but it sure was a quick way to get involved in the chapter. Luckily there are now many ways to be involved with the Committee System, but if you yearn to play Guttenberg and destoy a lot of good clean business shirts, volunteer to crank the old mimeograph for a while.

With the financial problems we now face, it might be the correct time to revert to using the mimeograph machine, both for production of the TRAINMASTER and for grinding out notices to the dozen or so sitting on the board. The mimeograph is a lot cheaper than the photocopier when you produce over a dozen copies. A mimeograph stencil can cost about 25 cents and the dozen sheets of paper and ink might cost you another 15 cents, for a total outlay of 40 cents a dozen. The Chapter photocopier costs 3 cents per sheet just for the cost of the dust in the copier. Add in half a cent for each sheet of paper and you have the dozen copies costing 42 cents. Thus anything over 12 is going to be cheaper on the mimeo. Producing the entire newsletter by mimeo happened for quite a while and it was cheaper than paying the quick printer.

The next board will have to wrestle with the purse strings and maybe oiling up the mimeograph machines will be the proper way to go.

(I remember discovering that the chapter had a hand operated mimeograph machine while producing the very first issue of The Trainmaster. How quickly I went out and bought an electric powered mimeograph with my own funds. I shall now donate the electric mimeo, which is in Room 1A and available for the next guy to use, to the chapter.)

As for other memories, it sure has been my pleasure to work will all of the chapter members. Maybe if I am not getting the newsletter out I will be able to sit back and enjoy the company of the Saturday lunch crowd more fully. Those people sure know a lot more about railroad history than I will ever know.

Hopefully we will act like an historical society as this next year rolls by, and anyone wanting info on bridge history should be sure to give me a call.

- I'll share what I know. /s/ Viewig

LETTER QUESTIONS ELECTION PROCEDURES and THE RESPONSE

(The following letter was received by the Chairperson of the Elections Committee. A response was sent to the letter writer and that follows also.)

(The letter from the member)

Mobile Fidelity Productions
of Nevada
PO Box 8359
Incline Village NV 89450
November 24, 1986

Chairperson, Elections Committee
Pacific Northwest Chapter, NRHS
Union Station, Room 1
Portland, OR 97209

Dear Sir or Madam:

Once again, the elections committee has denied me the privilege of voting by absentee ballot, the second year in a row.

A written request was posted to you on October 28, 1986. You did not post the absentee ballot until November 10th. For those of us who travel a great deal on business or pleasure, this does not allow a reasonable amount of time with which to meet your vote count deadline.

I am curious. How many absentee ballots were requested for the election just held? How many did you mail out and on what date or dates? And most importantly, how many were returned by the deadline date?

You might also wish to provide information with regard to the number of ballots that were not counted due to their late arrival.

On the surface, it would appear that there are sufficient grounds to overturn the election results and to pursue a new election.

Before I take this up with NRHS national, may I request that you respond post haste.

Very truly yours,
/s/ Brad S. Miller
Member

P.S. Copies of this letter will be circulated to specified chapter members.

(And now for the response)

Mr. Brad Miller
c/o Mobile Fidelity Productions of Nevada
PO Box 8359
Incline Village NEVADA 89450

Dear Mr. Miller,

I am pleased to be able to answer your inquiry regarding the election with most promising information. First, I must mention that I had been alerted to watch for a special notarized letter from you to register your vote, and I had therefore informed those involved to watch for it. I have yet to see it. If it was sent, you might want to put a tracer on it. Vija Keeler told me it was the Saturday before the election. It should have easily arrived at Room 1 or my home address by election date. As you are now aware, all of the absentee ballots were to be sent to a box number that was otherwise unknown, so that did a good job of securing the ballots upon

arrival; plus it allowed me the latest possible time to collect same on election night.

Along those same lines, we did not have a deadline for absentee requests, so that illness or work changes could allow for voting right up to the day, and this availability was exercised by several members. Granted, there was a slight delay in sending the ballots out in the beginning, they had close to a full week each way, if needed, and even those going all the way to Florida, Texas, Illinois, Colorado, and all over California - they were returned early in the week of the election. Additionally, I checked at Room 1 each and every day for requests, those were promptly dropped in the mail box at Main Station Post Office. We received 71 requests and counted 67. Only 2 were received late, on the following Monday, one was postmarked Nov. 21 the day of the election and it was one of the original group mailed out on Nov. 10 - he just failed to promptly return it, he also forgot to tell us on the outside envelope to notify us who was voting, therefore his ballot would have been invalid anyway. We operated at tight effective system of who was sent ballots, who returned same. By the way, when those two ballots were opened, they would not have changed anything, because between them everybody on the ballot would have received one vote.

You mention this is the second time in two years that you have failed to receive an absentee ballot. I would be interested in knowing what happened last year, as Mary Lou Weaver and John Holloway took care of that. As you know, a Bylaws regarding elections was put in place this year requiring completely neutral members operating the election processes, therefore eliminating any question of impropriety by the membership. Both those individuals were office seekers last year, and of course, this year, too.

As to your intent to take this up with N.R.H.S., we are already discussing our election process for absentee participation, for their consideration so that we all may have a greater say in our national organization's leadership and function. We are as stockholders, you might say, and stockholders have the opportunity to vote absentee.

We want to thank you for your interest in the election process. We think we are one of a few chapters that may offer this opportunity for distant members, and since your business takes you away for extended periods (as we experienced by having to pay for the return of your Trainmaster last winter) it would be most prudent of you to make alternate arrangements for the handling of your mail. I would have been happy to offer the notarized paper to the board for approval in voting, since you apparently feel so strongly about this matter.

Finally, it is unfortunate that you did not follow proper business etiquette in listing the names of the people that you sent copies of this letter to, so I may have the courtesy of offering them my reply and keep them informed as to your concerns. As you did not do this, I wonder about your true motives in this matter. A list would be appreciated.

Again, thank you for your concern, and I hope you will let us know of the time limitations you're working under so we may work with you in the future.

Very sincerely,
/s/ Marilyn L. Rehm
Elections Committee Chairman

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MEMBER CMTTEE WISH LIST

Elsewhere is a separate sheet asking for your input back to the soon to be installed President. This is your only way to ask for a committee assignment. You have to return the separate sheet to Room ONE. Sadly far too many spoken requests get forgotten so this time you have to actually put it in writing.

Be aware that if you are asked to be the Committee Chair that you will be expected to show up at the Monthly Board Meeting and make a report. If you are unable to plan your time so you can make most of the monthly board meetings, maybe you should skip being chief.

Hopefully if you wind up as the Chair you will find a way to plan out your next two committee meetings far enough in advance to alert the readers of The Trainmaster, and you will keep some written record of your meetings and that you will send a copy of those written records to the Secretary.

Customarily the Chair gets some written report to the editor of the Trainmaster each month. This is the only way the average member out there knows what is going on.

And the committee member should also know what is going on. Too often the Chair will announce some committee project without having discussed it with the committee members. Maybe the answer to all of that is to have small committees that meet regularly.

So if you have a desire to activate your ulcers and wind up not pleasing a lot of people from time to time, then volunteer your services for one of the many spots open to you.

The current committees are:

- Activities
- Concessions
- Excursions
- Historical Foundation
- Library
- Membership & Hospitality
- Museum
- Publications
- Rolling Stock
- Public Relations

Other activities you might volunteer for are:

- Annual Banquet
- Annual Picnic
- Parties

And let's not forget the TRAINMASTER. You could claim that you are available and qualified to do the following:

- Editor
- Associate Editor
- Publisher - printing & collating
- Circulation Manager - mailing

Also needed are folks who want to be Reporters:

- Local Rail News Reporter
- National Rail Events Reporter
- Historical Rail Events Reporter
- Northwest Rail Photo Hints Reporter
- Calendar Reporter

As for other technical type positions, you could volunteer to share your professional skills.

Finally, President Doug needs to know what your major interest is and why you belong to this Chapter.

PRESIDENT ELECT'S COLUMN

by Doug Auburg

Let me start by thanking those of you who took enough interest in your Chapter to vote. I believe that the total number voting in this election must have been a record for the Chapter. Next, I'd like to offer special thanks to those of you who showed your confidence in me and my platform by voting for me. I will do my best to represent all of the membership and to lead our Chapter to a position of greater stability and prosperity. A number of minor problems were identified regarding the election process. If you have any concerns about how the election was handled, please drop a note to the Chapter address, c/o the Elections Committee. They will continue to function until they have had time to analyze these problems and make recommendations to the Board and membership for improvements.

The first thing we must think about following our November elections, is to look to reforming and filling the various committee and volunteer positions that are necessary to operate the Chapter.

First, and most important to the membership at large, is the position of Trainmaster Editor. Al Viewig has informed me that he must give up that post after three years. Thank you Al for getting out our newsletter without fail for the last 36 months! Well Done! Now it is time for someone (or better yet, several somebodies) to step forward and take on this job for the next year. If you'd like the job, or if you'd just like to talk about the possibility with no obligation, please contact me as soon as possible.

Al has agreed to do one more issue (the January, 1987) in order to allow me time to find a replacement (or replacements) for him. If no volunteer can be found by the deadline date for the February issue (January 25, 1987), the February Trainmaster will be published as a basic newsletter, including only Meeting Minutes, a calendar, and any other critical communication portions. This reduced Trainmaster must continue until an Editor can be found. Please get back to me if you're willing to take on this very important Chapter responsibility.

Elsewhere in this issue of the Trainmaster, you will find the "Activities Interest Questionnaire" for the upcoming year. Member participation in our Chapter activities is critical to its success. I really believe that the old saw that states that one's enjoyment and benefit from membership in an organization is in direct proportion to his/her degree of involvement. I pledged that we would have an open organization if I were elected. Now it's time for you to test that promise and for me to live up to it. Whether you've volunteered in the past or not, please take the time to fill out the questionnaire and return it to Room 1. Committee appointments will be made early in the new year, based on the questionnaires which are returned.

THIS IS AN UPDATED LIST OF ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS AS OF DECEMBER FOR YOUR 1986 DIRECTORY

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