

**MINUTES**  
**Special Board of Directors Meeting Retreat**  
4th Division, PNR, NMRA, November 18, 2023

**Attendees:** Bill Messecar, Russ Segner, Ed Ives, Robin Peel, Dennis Terpstra, Bob Kenworthy, Lee Marsh, Byron Osborn, Kurt Laidlaw

Superintendent Bill Messecar called the meeting to order in person at 10:00 AM on November 18, 2023 at the Pacific Northwest Archives (PNWA - PNR) location in Burien, Washington.

**Introduction:**

This was a special combined meeting of the 4<sup>th</sup> Division Board of Directors called by Bill Messecar to brainstorm and discuss the investment possibilities for the monetary windfall that the 4D has had this past year and then to be followed by a regular 4D BOD meeting.

The brainstorming part of this meeting was to explore and discuss the following three topics:

- 1. Communications**
- 2. Education**
- 3. Outreach**

**Communications:**

- **4D Website** update:
  - Consider hiring a professional:
    - Goal: Easier update process, dynamic content, simple navigation
  - Include 4D modular groups – no need to maintain their own websites:
    - For example: 4dpnr.com/HO Free-mo Modular Group ...
  - Clarity on AP program
  - Up to date calendar of events
- **Email** platform:
  - **PNR Constant Contact** platform – can we support / share this?
  - Public facing section on **website aimed at new modelers**

**Education:**

- **In person or hybrid clinics:**
  - Invest in hardware to support hybrid clinics
  - Resurrect “Make and Take” clinics
- Support for **new modelers/members** with practical help
- **“Hardware kits”** for new modular group members

**Outreach:**

- Consider an annual **STEM sponsorship** for high-school grads (maybe \$1,000)
- Kid-focused **workshops at Pacific Science Centre** (For example: “Enhancing your train set”)
- Encourage **new modular groups** (For example: ETE)
- **Socialization** at formal evening events with a program

## **Motions and Action Items:**

**Motion:** Moved and approved \$2000 - \$3000 for a couple of people to travel to Amhurst, MA, on January 26, 2024, for a 10 min presentation to NMRA regarding the 4<sup>th</sup> Division's bid to host the National NMRA Convention either in 2026 or 2027. It was so moved, seconded and passed.

**Motion:** Moved and approved donations to PNR 4D achieves for \$100 now and then another \$400 next May during the Give Big campaign so as to receive matching donations. It was so moved, seconded and passed.

**Motion:** Moved and approved donation to PNR of \$2000 as a one-time donation to help improve their financial funding. It was so moved, seconded and passed.

**Action Item:** Bob Kenworthy, Assistant Superintendent, has an action to locate a facility in the South Seattle/Tacoma area and determine the cost for a one-day Spring Meet event. The Spring Meet is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, April 6, 2024.

Superintendent Bill Messecar adjourned the meeting in person at 12:00 PM.

**The next 4D BOD meeting will be held Saturday, February 17, 2024, at 10:00 AM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Alex Brikoff  
Secretary, 4<sup>th</sup> Division