

2015 PSR Division Director Elections

Candidate Statements

PSR Manual Of Operations, Section 3 - Elections:

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- Received after the close of the publication deadline
- Containing false or misleading statements
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Candidate for Arizona Division Director

Verryl Fosnight

I am Verryl Fosnight, a retired physicist, restaurant owner and operator, and real estate investor, and full time model railroader. I had an 027 gauge train set as a child, and I set it up permanently in the basement in Cheyenne. My two boys and I had an HO layout in our California attic when they were in grade school, and I took up model railroading again after 30 years when I retired to Sedona. I host monthly operating sessions on my huge HO UP Wyoming Division layout in Cornville for 35 to 40 modelers, and in February hosted the first annual Winter Invitational for 35 notable out of state operators from California, Oregon, New Mexico and others.

For me the collaboration with other modelers

in joint projects, operations, and meets, BBQ's and model railroad parties is the best part of the hobby. I have some ideas about how to continue to lead the Arizona Division back into solvency with fun activities for the members that would not cost them out of their pockets. One of my biggest jobs with the Wyoming Division has been promotions to find enough operators in sparsely populated Arizona for my regular op sessions, and I can direct those talents to promoting the Division to grow its membership, increase its impact on the community, and make money in the process with very little effort.* As the Division's liaison with the Region, I will enjoy working with the other Divisions in the Region for bigger and better Regional activities.

Candidate for Cajon Division Director

Per Hawe

Time really flies when you are having fun. It is now two years ago since I first asked for your support in getting elected to the Director position in the Cajon Division. I am once again asking you for the support since I gladly have decided to run for one more term.

Under my leadership during these two years you have seen some changes in the Division. We have a new web-site, a regularly issued Newsletter, four

regular meetings per year; all of this with the great help of the Board and its fantastic volunteers.

I will continue the work in the same direction during the next two years but we will also focus on the Regional Convention in 2017 that our Division will organize. That promises to be an interesting task.

I hope I can count on your support to serve you as your new Director for another two-year term.

Candidate for LA Division Director

Pat Raymer

My name is Pat Raymer, and I am throwing my hat in the ring for the position of Director for the Los Angeles Division of the NMRA. I started in model railroading when I was 10 years old and my best friend Doug had received an HO scale train set for Christmas. Once he showed me his new trains, I was hooked! I went on to build my own "Plywood Central", and joined the NMRA.

I read with interest what was going on in "The Bulletin" but never really got involved. After a period of inactivity I returned to the hobby and have become actively involved in the Division. As Director, I would like to see the Los Angeles Division move forward with a fresh outlook while still respecting traditions of the past. As Membership co-chair, I instituted the Mail Chimp

email system for L.A. Division. I feel simple advances such as this will help keep the Division vital.

I recently spoke with a member who has an inspired idea for a program that would be presented to elementary school children. I think the Division should foster and support such programs. I also think that the Division should provide more opportunities for education and growth to our existing membership.

I would like to see more events during the year and more focus on the MMR program. Many members may not know how close they are to earning a MMR! In closing, I would like to thank you for your considering me for the position of Director of the Los Angeles Division.

Candidate for San Diego Division Director

Pete Steinmetz

My name is Pete Steinmetz. I have been a model railroader since childhood. I currently model On30, but I have previously modeled N and HO Scales.

I have been an NMRA member since 2001. As your PSR San Diego Director for the past two years I have made a number of accomplishments within the division. I have updated and corrected the membership roster for the San Diego Division. All new members are contacted, offered our services, and invited to division events. This helps make sure we can communicate effectively with all our

members. I have worked hard to make sure the clinics presented at our meets are first rate with interesting material being presented.

I have been working with NMRA HQ on some adjustments to the AP Program designed to get more modelers involved. I am on the National Edu-Train Committee. We evaluate clinics and add them to the national library where other modelers can present them at NMRA Events.

I would appreciate your vote to continue as PSR San Diego Division Director.