Division 10 Board and Executive Committee Meetings 11/2/2026

Present: Larry Smith, Kevin Ellis (Superintendent), Bob Belt, Tom Bensberg (Webmaster) , Harold Weinberg (Secretary), Stew Winstandley (Lantern Editor), Randy Coffman (Treasurer), and Brad Lockwood (Assistant Superintendent)

1. Kevin called the meeting to order.

2. Kevin stated that there are five topics for discussion: (i) election of trustees, (ii) need for a new T-Trak Chair (aka "Overseer") due to Bruce DeMayer's retirement from that position, (iii) Lantern ads, (iv) the need for a new Zoom Assistant due his (Kevin's) inability to continue in that role, and (v) scheduling speakers for monthly meetings.

3. The Executive Committee (Bradley, Harold, Randy, and Kevin) unanimously appointed Larry, Bob, Tom, and Ralph Haddock to serve as Trustees who are also Board Members. These appointments provided the quorum necessary for the Board meeting. Kevin stated the need to identify an additional Trustee candidate for appointment at the next Executive Committee meeting.

4. The Board discussed the responsibilities of the T-Trak Chair. Larry volunteered to take that role and indicated that Frank Stevenson had previously volunteered to help with T-Trak. Randy, Bradley, and Kevin also volunteered to also help with Randy taking responsibility for drafting T-Trak layouts. The Board also discussed and identified the location of the roster of T-Trak modules. Randy noted that participation in T-Trak is an NMRA sanctioned event that counts toward the Association Volunteer AP.

5. The Board discussed the history of the Division's current ad fee structure and various possibilities and reasons for changing it. Larry moved to make the rate $5 per month or $50 per year (10 ads). These rates would apply to vendors with members' ads free. Bradley seconded the motion. The motion passed with two nays. Further discussion suggested reaching out to Bob Dawson (editor of Division 8's Pie Card newsletter) to learn more about that Division's ad program.

6. The Board discussed the need for a new Zoom Assistant, the Assistant's role, and the technology required to use Zoom in remote and interactive meetings. Bob indicated that he plans to continue as Zoom coordinator until April, 2028. Kevin offered to solicit for a Zoom Assistant in his message in the December Lantern. Harold added that Kevin might also ask for volunteers to help support T-Trak.

7. The Board discussed scheduling of presentations for monthly meetings. The Division is in good shape thru the April 2027 meeting. Bob indicated that he is working with Hy Rosen to develop a presentation. Larry used a spreadsheet to plan upcoming presentations which was also helpful to Stew for describing upcoming presentations in the Lantern.

8. Tom indicated that he will send to Board members a link to the Division's Constitution and Bylaws. He also indicated that he is now solely responsible for the Division's website and would like guidance concerning it. This could include but not be limited to updating or streamlining it. It would also be necessary to update the table showing the Division members' AP Achievements.

9. Bob moved to adjourn the meeting and Stew seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM.