

Mid-South Division
Southeastern Region
National Model Railroad Association
General Meeting Minutes
August 7, 2015

1. Meeting called to order by Sandy Warrington at 9:30 am on August 7, 2015. Ten members were present.
2. There are only ten months before the convention and things are starting to come together. The Convention web page is up and running (Thanks to Ken Mattern) and there is a link on the Convention web page (<http://midsouthnmra.org/convention.htm>) to the Marriott Hotel reservations page.
3. There is a problem with the venue for the Convention Train Show. We were double booked at the JC Building and the building is not available to us on the convention dates. The Convention Committee is looking for another venue.
4. Tom Albro and Sandy Warrington were invited to the Huntsville/Madison County Convention & Visitors Bureau. The Bureau will provide plastic bags with information on the local area as part of our registration check-in process. We can include additional convention specific information as well. The Bureau will also provide help manning the registration table, if needed. help was promised to assist us in finding a new Train Show venue.
5. There was also a visit to Marriott. There is a new Sales Manager who was aware of the convention, but wanted more details. The Marriott also booked the rooms we have not contracted to use on Saturday so there is no room to grow the convention facilities. A tour of the Marriott with Sandy Warrington and the Sales Manager clarified what was needed for the convention. A Hospitality Room is available at a nominal fee that could be used to free up one of the meeting rooms - which is under consideration.
6. The By-Laws provide for two year terms of the Division Officers. The current term is up in January, 2016 and an election needs to be held. Dieter Grethmann volunteered to be the Election Committee Chairman and was appointed by Sandy Warrington. A copy of the By-Laws is available on the Division web page (<http://midsouthnmra.org/>). All positions are up for election. Sandy Warrington stated he would run for reelection. All members are encouraged to consider running for office. Filling these positions ensures the Division will continue in the future and time in office earns credit for the Association Volunteer Certificate. Dieter will be contacting members over the next few months to fill the ballot.
7. It was with great regret that Frank George announced he was resigning as secretary due to health reasons. Frank will continue to publish the meeting minutes until January. Sandy Warrington thanked Frank for the excellent job he was doing and for stepping up to take the position.
8. A Mini-Meet is being held in Crossville, TN on November 6 & 7, 2015. Registration is recommended, but not required. See the mini-meet web page for additional information (<http://www.crossvillemodelrrclub.org/Minimeet/>).
9. The next meeting is September 12, 2015 at 9:30 am in the Bailey Cove Library.