

Draft Advisory Council Agenda, October 21, 2017

1. Call to Order:
2. Welcome & Housekeeping:
 - A. Introduce Local Host: John DeRoo
 - B. Roll Call: Recent Changes and Alternates

National Reps and others on the phone:

Directors Assigned by the President:
 - C. Agenda Review with motion for acceptance and Approval
3. Minutes from the Nashville, TN: Distributed & Posted on 8/11/2017.

Motion for and Approval
4. Report from the Chair:
5. Officer & Committee Reports.
 - A. President Al Weber's Remarks for himself and on behalf of the Board of Directors.
 - B. Vice President: Joe Maloney Film Library, Print Library, Awards, Other
 - C. NRHS Secretary: Bob Ernst
 - D Treasurer/Comptroller Note: Bob Bitzer/Bob Heavenrich
 - E. NRHS Fund: Wes Weis
 - F. Membership: Hugh Harris Current Status Brochures? Jon Baake
 - G. RailCamp: Becky Gerstung
 - H. Heritage Grants: Carl Jensen

I. Attractions List: Wes Ross

J. Convention Committee: John Goodman

K. Future Conferences: Bob Bitzer

L. Publications: Jeff Smith, Val Hoski

M. Railroad History Procedure Manual: Richard Shulby

N. Board Chapter Definition Committee: Frank Fowler

6. Old Business

A. Results of workshop:

7. New Business:

Future Conventions: (Letter: Yorkman Lowe- See attached)

When should Conventions be scheduled, Spring, Summer, Fall? Frequency?

Where: Selection Criteria, Climate, surroundings, ...

Other parameters....

8. Open Microphone: Are there any Guests who would like to make comments or bring up possible business

9. Announcements:

10. Lastly:

A. Review report to Board, action items, etc.

B. Closing Housekeeping: Lunch, afternoon meetings, banquet, etc. John DeRoo

11. Adjournment:

Letter Re: Conventions:

Yorkman;

This is a request that has been made before along with a convention every two or four years. Also I get the line since only 200+ members out of the 7,000 members attend why have any conventions at all. It is up to the members like you to propose it to the advisory council. I have CC'ed Del Kittendorf (chair of Advisory Council) in this email along with John Goodman (chair of the Convention committee).

Now the practical matter, It is really hard for the all volunteer committee to get a location for a convention. Chapters no longer want to put one on so the small committee has to find a venue. You may want to work with them as they are always looking for help. Hotels generally do not have good room rates in the Spring or Fall as they cater to local events and things like weddings (Spring) and graduations (Fall). So that adds to the challenge. Our 2019 Convention will be latter than normal due to aligning with Union Pacific's 150 anniversary but it will be in Odgon UT which may be very warm and cold since it is in the high desert. The 2018 convention is also in the Eastern US mountains in Cumberland MD. Hard to tell the weather so far out but the average temps are high 80's low's in the upper 60's according to the Weather Channel.

Last our Fall meeting is the meeting we have all the detail meetings for the next year(s) committees and there is never enough time for all to get together.

So I hear you and I am willing to listen to what the Advisory Council has to say. A Spring convention may be a option, work with the Advisory Council and the Convention Committee and see what you and they can come up with.

Thanks for supporting railroad history preservation

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On 10/6/2017 2:34 AM, Yorkman Lowe wrote:

> As an NRHS member, Ive greatly enjoyed attending the annual
> conventions when they were held in Portland, San Jose, and Sacramento.
> However, Im unable to attend the great majority of them because they
> are held in summer in locations that are hot & humid. I simply cannot
> function in such weather. Please consider the possibility of holding
> conventions in the spring or fall.
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> YORKMAN LOWE
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