

## N-Scale Annual Meeting January 12, 2008

The Department Head took a count and it was agreed that a quorum, representing a significant portion [7/11] of the Department's voting members were present. Below are the representative minutes of the Annual Meeting:

There were several major issues for the membership to focus on for the coming year.

1. **The N-Scale Department Schedule.** Eric Callender will compile a schedule, showing National Convention dates, local shows, holidays, etc. to aid in the organization of work goals, within the month.
2. **Completion of and addition to the N-Trak module.** Eric Callender volunteered to provide a Faller bus system which can be used for both the layout and for the module. The existing effects [crossing signals-photoelectric detectors, etc] must be re-paired. A decision must be made whether to transport the module to the N-Scale convention in Louisville, Ky.
3. The required re-build and **reconstruction of the PSIRT trolley system.** Don MaGee volunteered to head up the work for this project. A copy of the [Pocono Mountain Products] instructions is available at the Club and will be provided.
4. **Completion of the Steel Mill area.** Claude Kelsoe agreed a reasonable goal is completion of the track work and another Hewlett ore loader. The track work is 50% complete but no wiring has been done for this area.
5. **Operations modifications.** It was agreed that operations will take place one Tuesday per month; with the week before for set-up. There is still an open issue of an accurate map of the layout to be produced. Assistance is needed to progress this work.
6. Further **automation of the layout.** Ira Heisler proposed starting new work on the upper level, as there is less work and it is a simpler [less congested] area. Ira proposed utilizing the Atlas G-type signals; Eric Callender responded that they are oversized relative to the NJ International signals currently on the lower level. Ira was asked to provide a cost proposal for analysis as the Department has a discount w/ NJ Intl. Eric Callender stated that he will present signaling protocols; and that assistance with programming for the CTI system is being pursued on various N-scale internet forums.
7. **General cleanup** of the layout room and the layout is severely needed. Eric Callender proposed scheduling 2 alternative work periods, Friday nights or Sunday days, so that construction and maintenance work can proceed without interfering with scheduled operations and public display days.
8. N-Scale Department specific **Public Relations.** Mark Juchniewicz will prepare Public Relations proposals to increase the department's exposure.
9. **Relocation of the Electrical/Control System.** In response to Don MaGee's inquiry, Eric stated that John Cicero and Ed Fiegler are proceeding with the relocation work. This work must be scheduled for an alternative work day.
10. **The Department Budget.** The approved budget, with the option for more if available, was concurred.

Respectfully submitted,  
Eric Callender