



National Model Railroad Association / Central Indiana Division
August 8, 2026 – 11:30 AM
Indiana Live Steamers – Franklin, Indiana

Presiding: Eric Smith, Superintendent

Attendance: 35 members and family members

Meeting Highlights

- The new Central Indiana Division (CID) Board assumed office in **May 2026**.
- Following the meeting, members had the opportunity to enjoy **train rides at Indiana Live Steamers**.
- The Division is establishing **five committees** to assist with organizing and supporting its renewed activities. Initial committees include:
 - Membership
 - Outreach

2029 NMRA National Convention

- The **Central Indiana Division will serve as the lead organizer**, in cooperation with the **Midwest Region**, for the **2029 NMRA National Convention**.
- **John Poray** has been selected as Convention Chairman.
- The **NMRA National Board** is expected to consider and approve the convention at its **August 2026 meeting**.
- The proposed convention hotel is the **Marriott East Hotel** in Indianapolis.
- More than **60 volunteers** have already expressed their willingness to assist with the convention.
- Contracts will be executed by the **NMRA National organization**, which will assume the financial risk associated with the convention.
- CID and the Midwest Region will be responsible for organizing and conducting the event.

Financial Report

- Current assets held in CID accounts total approximately **\$56,003**.
- The Division incurred a loss of approximately **\$2,200** as a result of the cancellation of the Lebanon show.

Upcoming Events

- **Midwest Region Membership Meeting:** August 17, 2026, via Zoom.
- **O Scale Meet:** September 18–19, 2026, Indianapolis.
- **Fall Fest Train Show:** September 12–13, 2026, at the Indiana State Fairgrounds.
This is a private event.

NMRA Membership Dues

- NMRA annual membership dues for those not receiving the paper copy of the magazine have been reduced back to **\$50**.

Remote and Regional Activities

- **Eric Peterson** expressed interest in increasing the Division's remote participation and activities.
- One idea discussed was the creation of an **informal sub-division** to support model railroad activities in areas that are geographically distant from the Division's primary activities.
- The **Arizona Division** currently uses a similar approach.
- CID's geographic area includes **western Kentucky**, creating an opportunity to develop additional activities and member engagement in that region.

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CID Chief Clerk