

BYLAWS  
of DIVISION 1  
MID-CENTRAL REGION, NMRA

SECTION 1: Name and Purpose

1.1 This organization was formed to promote the hobby of model railroading in its area, to promote fellowship among members of the NMRA in its area and to provide a common meeting ground for social activities. It shall be known as Division 1, Mid-Central Region, National Model Railroad Association Inc. to be shortened to Division 1/MCR/NMRA.

SECTION 2: Membership

2.1 Any member of the NMRA, living in the area comprising Division 1 as defined by the Mid-Central Region By-Laws Article I - Boundaries by County, shall be allowed to hold office in Division 1 and vote on Division 1 matters.

SECTION 3: Meetings

3.1 Meetings of Division 1 shall be held in the counties in its territory during the months of September, October, November, January, February, March, April and May, unless a different meeting location is approved by a majority of the members attending the meeting at which such an alternate meeting place is proposed.

3.2 Meetings shall be held on the third Sunday of each of the months, listed in 3.1 above, unless a different meeting date is approved by a majority of the members attending the meeting at which such an alternate date is proposed.

3.3 Parliamentary procedures not included in these Bylaws shall be governed by Robert's "Rules of Order" as amended.

***SECTION 4:*** Financial

4.1 In accordance with the established policy, no dues or other assessments shall be charged, imposed or solicited, except that to finance such special projects as might be approved by the Division.

4.2 In the event a special project is proposed and approved, requiring more money than is readily available, special fund raising projects or assessments may be proposed, providing active members are given notice of such proposal or assessment in the "*Peddler Freight*". At the next regular meeting the project or assessment will be presented and at least 75% of the members attending the meeting must approve.

4.3 Any single expenditure from the Treasury in excess of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) shall

require approval of the membership at a regular business meeting.

## SECTION 5: Elections / Appointments

5.1 Officers of Division 1, shall be NMRA members elected bi-annually and shall serve for two years.

5.2 In February of the elections year, the Superintendent shall appoint an Election Committee of three paid up NMRA members.

5.3 In March, the Election Committee shall receive nominations for office from the membership.

5.4 In April, a short biography of each candidate shall be published in the "*Peddler Freight*". Nominations from the floor will be accepted at the April general meeting.

5.5 In the May "*Peddler Freight*", authorized ballots will be inserted. These ballots may be sent to the designated member to hold for tabulation at the May meeting or may also be brought by the voting member to the May meeting. No proxy ballots will be accepted.

5.6 In the event the Superintendent shall vacate his/her position, the Assistant Superintendent shall move up to Superintendent and a New Assistant Superintendent shall be elected. In the event another Officer vacates his/her position, the Division 1 members shall elect a replacement at the next regular meeting.

5.7 The Division Superintendent shall be an elected officer and is the Presiding Officer.

5.8 The Assistant Division Superintendent shall be an elected officer.

5.9 The Treasurer shall be an elected officer.

5.10 The Chief Clerk shall perform the duties of Secretary and shall be appointed by the Superintendent.

5.11 The Superintendent shall appoint all Chairpersons and Committees as needed.

5.12 The Superintendent shall have the power to replace any Chairperson who does not perform his/her duties.

5.13 Chairpersons of any committees, after consultation with the Superintendent, shall have the power to replace any member(s) of their committee who does not perform his/her duties.

5.14 All active committees shall report to the membership at each regular meeting. Within one month of the completion of any project and payment of all bills, the Committee Chairperson shall present a final report to the membership.

5.15 The Superintendent may appoint a "Superintendent's Advisory Committee" to assist him/her in the planning and execution of the Division's business. No binding votes or business shall be performed at these meetings as per Ohio's Sunshine Law.

5.16 All elected officers may serve for a maximum of two consecutive full terms in the same office.

This does not prohibit any officer from standing for the same office in the future.

## SECTION 6: Miscellaneous

6.1 There will be an audit each year of the Treasurers records by a committee appointed by the Superintendent. The Chairperson of the committee shall be appointed by the committee.

6.2 Miscellaneous matters not provided for, herein, shall be handled at the meeting at which the matter is proposed.

## SECTION 7: Amendments

7.1 Amendments to these BYLAWS must have a majority vote of the members attending the meeting following that at which the amendment is proposed. Procedure of notification will be the same as outlined for special projects in Section 4.2 of these BYLAWS..

As of May 18, 2005