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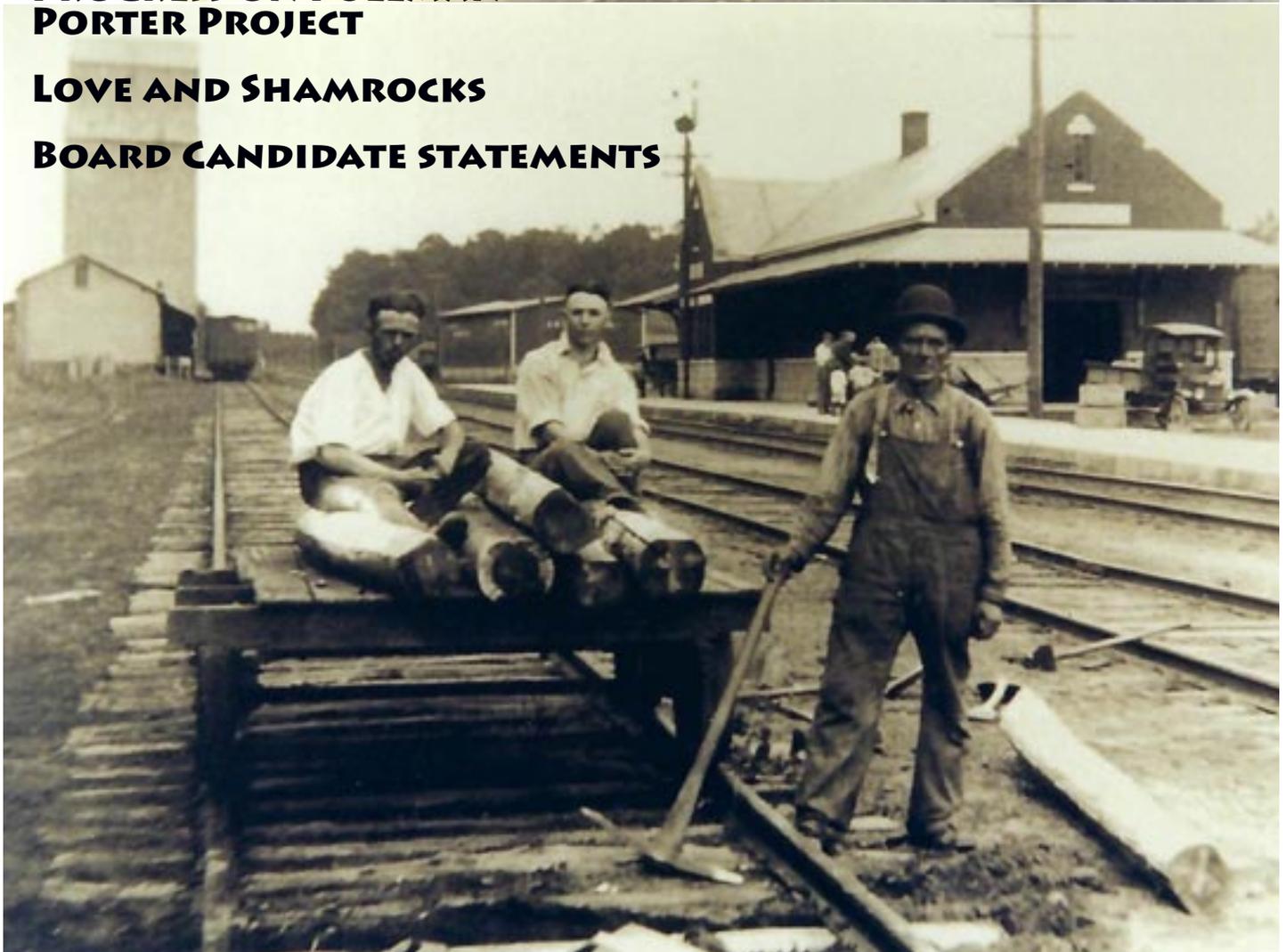
SATURDAY TEAM MEETINGS

MTM LOCATION FOR HISTORY CHANNEL SERIES

PROGRESS ON PULLMAN PORTER PROJECT

LOVE AND SHAMROCKS

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Visiting information

Wednesday 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
 Admission \$7 to \$11.

Saturday 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
 Admission \$9 to \$15

Saturday activities feature 20 minute train rides which is included in the admission fee.

On the cover: These photos are from the Osceola Historical Society. Barb Sheldon had a stack of prints to scan. I thought the Osceola depot and the bridge location might look familiar.

Optimistic About MTM Future

Dear MTM Friends,

Please accept my gratitude for welcoming me back as your interim executive director. I am optimistic about the future of MTM, knowing there are so many tremendous opportunities ahead. I am also delighted to be working side by side with my MTM colleague, Dave Hartje, who is your new interim Director of Operations. As two former executive directors with different but complementary skills, I believe we will work together effectively and collegially to advance MTM’s mission. That can be accomplished best with your support, involvement, ideas and enthusiasm.



I look forward to renewing friendships, keeping the doors open for anyone and everyone that wants to positively work together in partnership, and working with each to make certain that MTM is both a steady ship and a train that keeps moving forward down the tracks. All aboard and onward!

Best wishes,
 Scott Hippert

Greetings Fellow MTM Members,

It is a magnificent pleasure to announce that last night the board approved the hiring of Dave Hartje as the Director of Operations starting 2/18/22 and Scott Hippert as Executive Director starting 3/1/2022. These two gentlemen are the first part of our great leadership team at the Minnesota Transportation Museum. Both Scott and Dave bring years of experience and bring a vast knowledge with them.

The next step is the annual members meeting on March 17th when we elect eleven members to the board of directors. Please make sure you have your voting hours current.

It is an exciting time at MTM, while the most difficult tasks are behind us, we have a lot of work ahead of us. With leadership reestablished, new board members elected, new legal counsel, new IT support, and most of all, the dedicated group of volunteers, MTM is on its way to a great future!

Join the festivities at the first annual “Get Reacquainted with MTM event.” On Saturday March 5th., from 5-8 PM, at the Jackson Street Roundhouse to meet board of director candidates and current board members. We will be serving appetizers and non-alcoholic beverages.

Thank you for your patience and support.

Wayne Merchant, Chairperson
 Volunteer Coordinator

Saturday Team Meetings Maintain Priorities and Progress



Volunteers gather on February 12th to form teams to work on shop priorities.

Maintenance and restorations are in full throttle at the Jackson Street Roundhouse on Saturdays. Beginning a few weeks ago, volunteers attend a meeting in the museum every Saturday at 9:30. Work priorities for the day are shared, and teams are formed to head into the shop to accomplish those projects that are on the current list of strategic priorities. "By working in teams, we both get more accomplished and build friendships," said Kurt Mahre, vice-chair and equipment committee chair.

Volunteers with many skills are needed and welcomed. If you have a passion for vintage rail equipment, or some of our "rubber tire vehicles," please come join the 9:30 meeting, every Saturday in the museum.

Saturday February 26, the projects highlighted

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for work included:

- Electrical work on 325. The heater blower is not working.
- Wiring up general ben.
- Looking for leads to hire a mechanic at Osceola. This is a weekend job 30 hrs a week. Air conditioning repair, light mechanical, learn to weld, fix whatever needs to be fixed. Paid position willing to clean, fix, stock, etc.
- Larry Paulson looking for help today, sanding Rock Island 2604.

Dave Hartje said he's glad to be back. Breakroom needs to be cleaned out and painted. Mentions that it's been a while since its been cleaned up.

Lots of work once the grant comes in for the roof rebuilding. Looking for a lot of help with staging, window work and other related chores.



Great Doughnuts too!



Michael Quackenboss sanding away last Saturday on Rock Island 2608.

Osceola and MTM Location for History Channel Series



The Committee Films production we filmed partially in Dresser is called I WAS THERE. The show premiered on Sunday, February 20th on The History Channel with an episode about The Hindenburg Disaster. Another episode about The Johnstown Flood aired on Monday, February 21st.

The interior of the Dresser Train Depot was shown in each of these episodes!

We're not quite sure when the main Dresser episode about the Jesse James train robbery will air.

New episodes will air each week on Mondays at 9pm CT.

Please check your local listings and the History Channel website for updates on the episodes. <https://www.history.com/shows/i-was-there> You can also watch the first 2 episodes on the website, and they will be re-aired on the History Channel.

We're very grateful for all your help with this project, and we couldn't have done it without all of you!

Follow us on social media for more updates and please feel free to share, retweet and repost. Tag @committeefilms and @HistoryChannel and use the hashtag #IWasThere.

Please forward this info to anyone who I may have missed on this email, or whoever you think might be interested.

Thanks again!

Todd--

Todd Sinkewich

Location Scout / Manager MN film locations

Description of the series from the History Channel:

The HISTORY® Channel's new, twelve-part nonfiction series "I Was There" is executive produced by ABC's "Good Morning America" and "This Week" anchor George Stephanopoulos and hosted by Theo E.J. Wilson, the grandson of a Tuskegee Airman. Premiering across two nights on Sunday, February 20 and Monday, February 21 at 10:30PM ET/PT, the series offers an immersive trip back in time, placing Wilson at the center of some of history's biggest events, to deconstruct how they truly unfolded. It features surprising perspectives on how a map, a dance, and fateful timing were factors in the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln and how cost-cutting, weather, and a spark created one of history's worst aircraft catastrophes – the Hindenburg disaster. Each episode highlights a different moment in history. Inspired by his passion for history, Wilson is a fly on the wall as he breaks down the barrier between the audience and the action to revisit a series of critical historical events, disasters, triumphs and true stories to learn unexpected facts in an engaging, fast-moving, and often unpredictable way. The half-hour series will regularly air on Mondays at 10PM ET/PT beginning February 28.

Through original archival material, expert testimony and dramatic re-creations using CGI technology to place Wilson in the scene, each episode challenges ideas of what really happened during some of the most pivotal moments in history. This season explores Abraham Lincoln's assassination; the Hindenburg disaster; the Salem witch trials; the death of Jesse James; the Oklahoma City bombing; the battle of Stalingrad; H.H. Holmes' murder spree during the 1893 Chicago World's Fair; the Chernobyl accident; the 1965 Bloody Sunday march from Selma to Montgomery; the 1986 space shuttle Challenger disaster; the 1889 catastrophic Johnstown flood in eastern Pennsylvania and the St. Valentine's Day massacre. Expert interviews include Emmy Award-winning journalist and "Nightline" co-anchor Byron Pitts, "The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford" author Ron Hansen, the FBI's Chief Explosives Specialist Kirk Yeager, former NASA astronaut Winston Scott, Hood College's Director of African American Studies and Associate Professor of American History Dr. Terry Anne Scott, founding director of the Racial Justice Initiative and Distinguished University Chair and Professor of History at the University of St. Thomas Dr. Yohuru Williams and more.

Drover's Coach and the Pullman Project



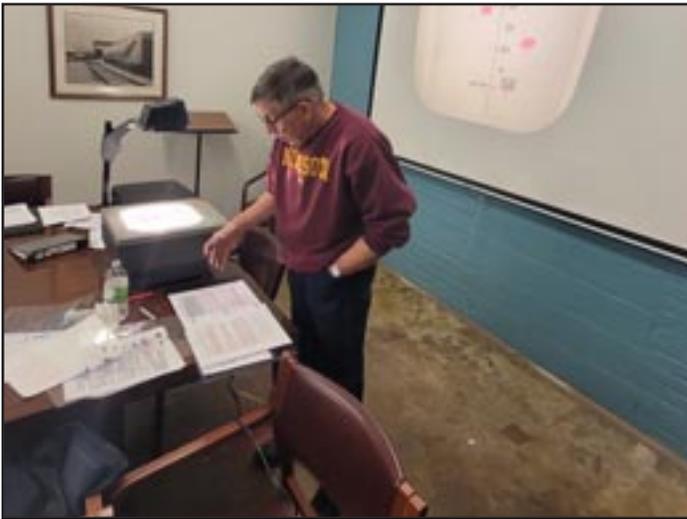
Todd McGonagle wrote: I did some final scraping of old paint off the windows and got things ready for the exhibit to be installed. The GNX757 looks a lot better than it did! I want to be clear here though, this is not a restoration! My work here was simply to make the car presentable as a background for the exhibit. When I start on the other side I will disassemble each window entirely, repair, scrape, sand, paint, varnish the sashes and louvered shades. I'll replace the sills and restore the side and roof of the car to it's wooden era splendor. So even though this looks better, it is not a correct historical "restoration".

John Van Arsdale: We are writing up the text for the graphic displays and gathering items for the exhibit. Signage is going up and tested for lighting appearance.



Brakeman Class

On a January morning Ward Gilkerson explains brakeman rules to eager students in our recently finished training room. Thank you to all that made this room possible, the instructors that invest their time in the new students and to the students for taking the first step to volunteering at MTM!



Love and Shamrocks at Jackson Street



Special occasions always seem to bring crowds to the Minnesota Transportation Museum. On February 12th, our Great Northern 1097 became *The Love Train*. Decorated for Valentines Day, we served up hot cocoa, cookies and Hershey's kisses. Museum attendance reached 155 people for the event, compared with just over 30 visitors the previous Saturday.

MTM's next special train will travel through the rail yard on March 19th. *The Shamrock Train* will be decked out in green, and we will be serving up green Kool Aid, cookies and green mints. Volunteers are needed to ride the train and be host to our passengers.



Andrew Tighe entertains passengers on the Love Train.

The Semaphore hard copy by mail

Wayne Merchant expressed the desire to make the Semaphore newsletter available by request to it's members by mail. Some members have mentioned the difficulty of receiving the digital version which has been our practice for the last nine years.

It has always been sent as an attachment through Constant Contact since we launched the Semaphore back in 2015. This has saved thousands of dollars in printing and postage costs.

If you know a member that we can serve better through paper editions, you can sent a request to the Editor.

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2022 O&SCV Ry OPERATIONS CALENDAR DRAFT SCHEDULE

2022 O&SCV Ry OPERATIONS CALENDAR

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| 2022 SCHEDULED OSCEOLA DEPARTURES: |
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| 11:00AM to Marine, 1:30PM to Dresser, 3:00PM to Marine |
| 11:00AM, 2:00PM to Marine |
| 10:00AM, 12:00PM, 2:00PM, 4:00PM to Marine – FALL COLOR TOUR |
| 9:30AM, 10:45AM, 12:00PM, 1:15PM, 2:30PM to Dresser – PUMPKIN EXPRESS |
| 11:00AM, 2:00PM to Marine – (Saturday Oct 22 and Sunday Oct 23 only) |
| 11:00AM Pizza Train first departure of the day to Marine, 1:30PM to Dresser, 3:00PM to Marine |
| 11:00AM, 1:30PM to Marine – MIDWEEK SPECIAL |
| *FIREWORKS EXPRESS 7:30PM to Marine – (Sunday July 3 to be determined) |
| MTM EQUIPMENT MOVES AND SWITCHING OPERATIONS |
| MIGRATION TRAIN 12:00PM to Osceola – May 17 |
| PUMPKIN TRAIN 10:00AM at Osceola switching operation to make up – October 20 |
| MIGRATION TRAIN 10:00AM at Osceola switching operation to make up – October 24 |
| MIGRATION TRAIN 11:00AM to JSRH – October 25 |

ATTENTION: ALL MTM Members!

I am seeking members that want to get involved the core of MTM. The Museum, Membership and Volunteer development Committee!

The MMVDC (Roman Numeral for 2595 if you were wondering) is the group that is going to be the heart of MTM planning, coordinating, and executing events at MTM. I am also looking for someone to help with recruiting new volunteers. This group will need creative, energetic, and resourceful people that are willing to roll up their sleeves and be part of MTM's success!

Bring your ideas, share your thoughts, and get involved!

It is time to get off the bench and get in the game!

Pizza and pop will be provided!

Come to JSR on Tuesday March 1st at 6:30 PM or attend by zoom!

Please RSVP for in person and on zoom to my email or call me.

Thank you!

Wayne Merchant, Chairperson
Volunteer Coordinator
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Get Reacquainted with MTM

Join the festivities at the first annual
“Get Reacquainted with MTM event.”

On Saturday March 5th., from 5-8 PM,
at the Jackson Street Roundhouse to meet the
new slate of board of director candidates and
current board members.

We will be serving appetizers and
non-alcoholic beverages.

Thank you for your patience and support.

PROGRESSIVE RAIL

WE WILL ROCK YOU

Progressive Rail Incorporated | February 28, 2022

Established in 1914, Dresser Trap Rock Inc. continues as one of Wisconsin's oldest industries. The company name originates from the kind of rock being crushed on location: trap rock, which is a dark, fine-grained igneous rock. Known as one of North America's hardest rock, trap rock is actually altered basalt, or volcanic (non-porous) rock with irregular seams.

As boulders, it exhibits subtle hues of gray, blues, reds, greens, and purples but in crushed aggregate form the dark blue gray color dominates, creating a unique richness Dresser Trap Rock is known for.

Railroad ballast has been the cornerstone of our business for many years. Now bituminous and concrete applications, erosion control, seal coat aggregate, landscaping, single head lap, fill materials and road base are strong supporters of our product line up.

Known for our unique color, landscape designers specify Dresser Trap Rock to form picture-perfect borders for foundations, driveways, sidewalks, pools, patios, and rain gardens. As an ideal background color, trap rock complements flowers, shrubs, trees, and all colored structures. What's more, trap rock's innate hardness is ideal for building natural looking, long-lasting structures such as waterfalls and retaining walls.

Count on Dresser Trap Rock to retain its original shape and luxurious color forever. It is inert and unaffected by sun, rain, or temperature.

Landscaping with Dresser Trap Rock is a wise investment. You will be rewarded with a lifetime of visual pleasure without maintenance, plus added value to your home, building or complex.

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New Action Wisconsin: Progressive Rail is currently looking to hire local residents. Dresser Trap Rock ballast is being spread just ahead of a track gang following right behind in a trail required along track to professionally tamp, repoint, and surface the brand new track.

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MTM Board of Directors 2022 Nominee Statements

Gordon Barr

Please submit a summary statement, of up to 350 words, for the election ballot, describing why you would be interested in serving on the MTM Board of Directors:

I think I could bring to the board my 40+ years of experience in industry working in design and manufacturing of products where there were daily interactions with many different departments and organizational support areas to successfully accomplish results. I learned how to interact with people and work to achieve mutually beneficial results.

Dennis Danich

Please submit a summary statement, of up to 350 words, for the election ballot, describing why you would be interested in serving on the MTM Board of Directors:

I became an Apprentice Millwright in Local 548 in 1969, I was advanced to Journeyman in 1971.

I worked in construction for nine years at Foundries, Power plants, Oil Refineries, and Industrial Factories. During those years I also taught Welding at St. Paul T. V. I.

I took a job with Honeywell and worked as a Millwright for four years, then I transferred to Machine Repair as a Machinist class A. working at that job for fourteen years as a shop Lead man at TCAAP Aliant Techsystems Munitions plant.

I am qualified Machine Tool rebuilder and experienced Optical tooling instructor.

I have my own company and in the past produced precision straight edges and squares, now limited to consultant status.

I was recruited by 3M Engineering for a Field Service job as a company representative to contractors.

I taught in the Millwright Apprenticeship program and became certified to teach OSHA.

I am interested in history, and the history of Railroad metalworking is the main interest I have in MTM.

I am also interested in bringing the Museum up to current OSHA standards as far as Safety and Environmental.

Timothy Grube

Volunteering at the museum, has been a great experience for me. I have learned a lot and would love to learn more. I have been interested in preserving history since I was a child. I do have a connection to the Great Northern Railroad, my grandfather was a chef on the Empire Builder in the 1930's. I knew about the museum since the early 1990's. I rode behind the 328 and the N.P. 105.

Another point of interest, I have worked in the Governor's Mansion, the Cathedral in St. Paul, and the Basilica of St. Mary's in Minneapolis, helping to restore these important pieces of Minnesota history. I volunteer at the museum every Friday and every other weekend. And I enjoy what I do. I'm dedicated to the projects I work on until its completed. I have high

standards to make things are done a certain way. I follow directions and don't stray too far from what's being discussed.

I am a member of Braden Lodge that meets the first and third Thursdays. Currently, I am the lodge historian, the chaplain and one of the lodge trustees until 2023. I was also the lodge president in 2016. I was responsible for 150 people, planning events for a year, and managing meetings. I have been a member for twelve years and I enjoy it, it has made me a better person.

In conclusion, I believe this would be a great experience for me. I could share my talents with the membership and contribute to the success for the museum. I have tried volunteering at other museums, and have been refused at almost all of them, except this one. I want this museum to be successful far into the future. I can see great potential here, and I would be honored to be a part of it.

Dennis Hale

SUMMARY STATEMENT

The MN Transportation Museum is a vital regional resource for preserving Minnesota's railroad heritage as well as for providing experiential educational opportunities for all citizens. I have visited the Jackson Street Roundhouse and was impressed with the historic train displays as well as the "works in progress" that will inspire adults and children.

I welcome the opportunity to serve on the Minnesota Transportation Museum Board of Directors should my nomination be accepted. As a native of Minnesota, I have always had a strong interest in the cultural and economic history that built the state we know today. For more than two decades I have been a member of the Minnesota Historical Society. I understand the importance of bringing history alive for people.

My professional and volunteer leadership experiences would be an asset to the Board of Directors in developing and implementing strategic educational, operational, and fiscal goals and supporting the volunteer base in carrying out the Museum's vision. As a former school district administration leader, I have skills in innovative, resourceful management, procurement, negotiations, planning, and problem solving.

Serving on the Board of Directors would be a priority for me. I look forward to the opportunity to meet fellow train and history enthusiasts to share ideas about moving the mission of the Minnesota Transportation Museum forward.

Scott Heiderich

Please submit a summary statement, of up to 350 words, for the election ballot, describing why you would be interested in serving on the MTM Board of Directors:

THIS YEAR, 2022, MTM WILL BE
CHANGING ITS METHODS OF MOVING FORWARD
INTO THE FUTURE. IT IS MY HOPE THAT THIS
MEANS USING OUR INCOME TO ENABLE OUR
CONTINUING OPERATIONS THAT PROVIDE OUR
BASE YEARLY INCOME, TO INCREASE, BY SPENDING

OUR INCOME FOR THE NEXT FEW YEARS ON THE EQUIPMENT WE NEED TO OPERATE AT CECOLA AND THE JSRH. WE NEED TO SUSPEND RESTORATION PROJECTS COMPLETELY UNTIL OUR HIGH DEBT IS PAID OFF. MTM SIMPLY CANNOT SURVIVE LIVING YEAR AROUND ON BORROWING ON A LINE OF CREDIT YEAR AROUND AND PAYING THE INTEREST. WE ALSO NEED TO KEEP THE ROUNDDOUSE IN GOOD REPAIR.

Morten Jorgensen

Please submit a summary statement, of up to 350 words, for the election ballot, describing why you would be interested in serving on the MTM Board of Directors:

MTM is facing an exciting challenge to re-examine its vision for the organization's future. This change needs to be done carefully and thoughtfully. Open communication, transparency, solid fiscal responsibility AND member input are vital components to make this transformation successful. I feel I can serve MTM as a board member in this important work. My 35 years as an active MTM member is evidence of my commitment to our museum.

Barb Loida

Please submit a summary statement, of up to 350 words, for the election ballot, describing why you would be interested in serving on the MTM Board of Directors:

MTM is gem. I didn't know what to expect when I first started as a student breakman. The reaction I've seen from young, old and everyone in between has been one pleasure of thankfulness for the opportunity to ride and learn. It is one thing to visit a museum and another to travel on it.

MTM is experiencing difficulties. Some outside of it's control (ie COVID) and some within it's control over (ie conflicts, differing agendas). These issues need to be addressed. And there needs to be an understanding that there is one MTM and many different skills, needs and interests within the folks that make up MTM. We are all on the same team. I've dealt similar issues in many jobs and volunteer organizations. My experience in these situations has given me skill sets to foster teamwork. I would like the chance to see if I could help and give something more back to MTM.

Martin Masters

Please submit a summary statement, of up to 350 words, for the election ballot, describing why you would be interested in serving on the MTM Board of Directors:

I'm running for the MTM board of directors because this organization needs stability at the top. What I bring to the table is a pragmatic approach to problem solving coupled with 40 years of experience as an engineer and a project manager. My super-power is being willing to do the hard work necessary to get a worthy job done. I also bring a fresh perspective.

I started coming down to the MTM through the Guild of Metalsmiths. I helped teach several groups of Boy Scouts the Metalworking Merit Badge. When the water pipes burst, I spent scores of hours clearing Bay A and cutting 100-year-old steam pipes out of the ceiling. Then, I spent scores more repairing drywall in the Woodshop and Training Room. During this time, I wasn't even a member of the MTM. I

Masters Continued

was only helping because my help was needed. I feel like it's needed again after witnessing the events of the past few weeks.

I joined the MTM recently because I became aware of the outrageous behavior of some members of the Board of Directors and realized that this amazing institution was being managed into oblivion. I've been on the Board of Directors of the Guild of Metalsmiths for several years but will resign if I am elected to the MTM Board. Contrary to statements from the former MTM Chairman, the Guild has never wanted to "Take over" the MTM, nor were we ever approached to develop a formal relationship. These are pure fabrications. My goal as a Director of the MTM would be to ensure its survival, nothing more.

In my career: I've worked in capital medical electrical equipment; molding, extrusion, and assembly of medical devices; and I was the project manager for the redesign of a manufacturing operation. As an R&D Engineer, I'm used to stepping into new projects that use technologies that I'm unfamiliar with and coming up with innovative solutions to problems. I have 6 patents, a Project Management certificate from NJIT, and an MBA from the Carlson School of Business (2014).

Todd M. McGonagle

What else would you like us to know?

I have operated my own machine shop business in St. Cloud MN since 1989. We manufacture and repair a wide variety of devices. I have made several Items for MTM over the years. I have a degree in theater from Hamline University. I could help construct interactive displays around the Museum, or guide enhancement of our performance presentation opportunities at museum events. I am skilled at repairing almost anything, wood, electrical, mechanical, metal, plastics, and fabrics.

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I have been a member of MTM since the 1980s. The Contributions MTM has made to the preservation of transportation since its beginning is exciting to me. I would like to be part of enhancing that experience for our guests. At this time, I think making the Roundhouse and grounds into a world class museum of history is where I can most constructively contribute to this continuing mission. I also recognize that maintaining and restoring O&St.CV RR revenue generating rolling stock is what funds that mission.

My greatest passion, and area of expertise is mechanical in nature. I enjoy repairing, restoring, and rebuilding railroad equipment at MTM. Whether it is on static display at the museum, or part of the revenue fleet on the O&St.CV, I find the restorations and maintenance of rolling stock rewarding, focusing on body work, functionality, and visual appeal.

I will take board membership very seriously. I'm experienced enough to know the best way to avoid conflict is to talk things over as soon as a problem exists. I am a calm reliable person. I would like to help MTM heal from our recent disagreements and guide MTM to become a stable, sustainable, and permanent part of St. Paul's historical preservation community. MTM can be an essential "must see" tourist destination when visiting Minnesota and I want to make that happen.

Larry Nevin

Please submit a summary statement, of up to 350 words, for the election ballot, describing why you would be interested in serving on the MTM Board of Directors:

Why do I want to be considered for Board of Directors of the MTM. I have been a member and volunteer of the MTM for over five years. During that time I have seen a distinct need for new blood on the Board. I am currently a trustee for the St. Paul Police retirement board. My background is in law enforcement. 30 years with the SPPD, 17 years with the Ramsey County Attorney's Office as a contract investigator and 3 years as a Bomb Appraisal Officer at the MPLS International Airport working for the Department Of Homeland Security. I am interested in the Security Director position on the Board. As part of my volunteering at the MTM I have accomplished the following: teaching boy scouts metal working, teaching jewelry making classes to the general public. For the past several months I have been working on the Buildings and Grounds committee. I have been a volunteer at the VA hospital in Minneapolis teaching photography, videography and basic computer technology to the vets with brain trauma. Being a disabled vet myself I feel that the MTM should develop some classes that could be presented to the wounded vets to help in their recovery. I am currently in talks with one of the VA officials in reference to developing classes at the MTM. There are several categories of disabled vets. By custom developing classes the MTM can interact with the DAV and help our wounded vets. The exposure that the MTM would garner for serving our vets would be phenomenal! Think of all the premier companies that might want to get involved in this proposal. A project like this would of course rattle some Board Members, but I personally would be more than willing to go head to head with anyone to get it accomplished for our wounded vets. I postulate that any Board Members that would choose to vote down a proposal analogous to this one should rethink their personnel priorities. The Board needs to unite and move forward on this project. We need to HELP out VETS now.

Margo Osadchuk

Please submit a summary statement, of up to 350 words, for the election ballot, describing why you would be interested in serving on the MTM Board of Directors:

I believe my upbringing, my business experience and acumen, and my interest in building community will bring a fresh perspective to this organization.

I am looking for an opportunity to take my experience and make a difference in our community. I believe the MTM is such an opportunity.

Larry Paulson

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SERVING ON THE BOARD WOULD ALLOW ME TO MORE EFFECTIVELY CONTRIBUTE TO THE BETTERMENT OF THE MUSEUM. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF IMMEDIATE GOALS - THE BUILDING IMPROVEMENT PROJECT THE UPGRADING OF MTM'S EXHIBITS (E.G. RESTORATION OF THE GWA-18 THE RESTART OF THE "TWIN PORTS" PROJECT) THE CONTINUING IMPROVEMENT OF THE CEDAR ST. CROIX VALLEY RAILWAY TO NAME 3 CRITICAL AREAS - THAT I FEEL I COULD MORE BENEFICIALLY IMPACT AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD.

BEYOND THOSE IMMEDIATE GOALS, MTM NEEDS TO STRENGTHEN ITS CONNECTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE, AN AREA WHICH I HAVE ALREADY ADDRESSED TO SOME EXTENT BUT WOULD STRESS THIS EFFORT MORE AS A BOARD MEMBER.

Marion Pew

Please submit a summary statement, of up to 350 words, for the election ballot, describing why you would be interested in serving on the MTM Board of Directors:

MTM is a wonderful organization. From the moment you step into the front door at Jackson Street or onto a passenger car in Osceola, you get a happy smile and a deep feeling of excitement and adventure from each and every volunteer or docent that is there to share their joy and enthusiasm about the history and story of the Great American Railroad. They are eager to teach, therefore, I am eager to learn. It's a fun experience to be with people who are passionate about the railroad and its history. I often feel like a child again, singing joyfully, "I've been working on the railroad, all the live long day... ." No cares, no worries... just riding along watching the world pass us by.

So my purpose for becoming a board member is to share the "once was" and the "still is" with those who appreciate the thrill. Helping to keep this organization a collaborative group of "We's" and "Us all" is where I feel my strengths as a board member would shine. I wish to always seek what is best for the greater good with an eye toward collaborative board and member approval. Aiming for a greater good in which everyone feels they have a voice about policies, procedures, and MTM's future is the best way to achieve a future of continue success.

Lastly, I want to make my Dad proud and to cultivate a very important part of his legacy.

Bob Puelston

Please submit a summary statement, of up to 350 words, for the election ballot, describing why you would be interested in serving on the MTM Board of Directors:

Directors: I would like to continue on the
board to reaffirm our commitment to
transparency and accountability, to move forward
as an organization, the emphasis must be on
member involvement and cohesiveness.
Additionally, I would like to work toward
encouraging membership growth.
In order to maintain confidence by the
members, the board should demonstrate that it
will be fiscally responsible.
If re-elected as part of a strong leadership
team, I would like to encourage a focus on
a small number of projects which will make it
easier to see progress.

John Radimecky

Please submit a summary statement, of up to 350 words, for the election ballot, describing why you would be interested in serving on the MTM Board of Directors:

I want to give back to the museum that has given me positive experiences in the past. We need to develop realistic budgets and stick to them to work towards getting out of debt. The Osceola and Saint Croix railway presents a good income potential and there's room for further program development, especially when we compare MTM income potential to other, similar museums nearby. I believe we can work together to move forward in a calm manner of discussion, it just takes patience and listening before speaking. I will do my very best to be a fair and understanding Board Director.

Deb Wood

Please submit a summary statement, of up to 350 words, for the election ballot, describing why you would be interested in serving on the MTM Board of Directors:

Give back to the organization that I have been a member of for years. This year I would like to focus more on volunteer recruitment look at ways to appeal to the different age groups to attract more interest in Volunteering. I believe we need more of a strategic and pro-active approach at where we are attracting different talent

Focus more attention on developing programs for the Museum to attract more visitors to the Museum. I believe we have a venue that can be utilized for different activities such as art shows, weddings, etc so it could be more of a multi use facility.

I have taken on the Treasurer role and would like to continue in that role to best understand how to represent the financial side of the museum. Using my accounting background I can make suggestions on how to improve and implement the accounting process.

Gary Yazell

Please submit a summary statement, of up to 350 words, for the election ballot, describing why you would be interested in serving on the MTM Board of Directors:

Directors: ___ I would like to continue to help the museum in any way I can. I can help other volunteers with their project too. Bays A & B need to be reorganized. In Bay A the parts room and all of Bay B. Security cameras need to be installed out near the Part car and the Rutledge Depot. Cleaning up the grounds is also very important Completing the heat in A and B is also part of the plan.

___ Bringing people together to work and have fun doing it.