

Railroad Model Club of Atlanta
Board Meeting Minutes- April 11, 2024

Board Members in attendance:

[Dan Mason](#)-President
Joe Congemi- Vice President
Peter Silcox- Emeritus Director
Tom Lavin- Treasurer
Daniella Congemi- Interim Secretary

Meeting minutes taken by- Daniella Congemi, Interim Secretary

Meeting called to order- 7:32 p.m.

Discussed what to do about those that requested to be added to the mailing list but are not technically members yet.

The thoughts were that if they are invited to the open house and then asked if they would like to join, the open houses that take place in members' basements might be too crowded if there were a dozen or so people there.

The decision was made to invite the ones on the mailing lists to member meetings and not open houses in members' basements. Once they attended the meeting, they would then be asked if they would like to apply for a membership and thus invited to all club events.

The entire board agreed that it would be a good decision to proceed in this way.

There was also the concern about what would be sent out within the mailing list.

Daniella Congemi suggested a monthly newsletter to be sent out. The monthly newsletter would be composed of different articles from different train organizations, organization history, member highlights, and articles written by board members as of this time. Pete Silcox, Joe Congemi, and [Dan Mason](#) stated that they would have articles for this newly proposed newsletter by the beginning of next week. Tom Lavin stated that he would have an article at the end of next week.

The monthly newsletter was decided to be a responsibility of the secretary. Daniella Congemi was voted into the position of interim secretary until it could be brought to a vote to the general membership to be term secretary.

Dan mentioned that the new plat map was getting dropped off at his office in Canton at 9:30 a.m. on Apr 12, 2024 and suggested that as many board members try to go to discuss any other changes with Scott Merrel. The plat map will also be getting scanned in and uploaded to the shared Google Drive to be approved and in order to move forward with the contracts to purchase. The HVAC and insulation needs were discussed for the building. It was confirmed that the land has not been bought and put under contract until most details are ironed out to ensure the timeline of due diligence into the property and how it is getting developed.

Revising the bylaws was discussed. It was originally thought to bring forth bylaw revisions at the May meeting. However, if there is a need to change the classification of the organization within the nonprofits from a social organization, there may be another need to change the bylaws and what the lawyer needs to justify the classification changes. It was suggested that Daniella finish her revisions of the bylaws and have them sent to the classification of nonprofit lawyers. Tom mentioned that this nonprofit lawyer is fairly expensive but worth it because he knows what is best for the organization.

Joe Congemi will be updating the membership list and will be uploading it to the new Google Workspace.

It was mentioned that there is now a monthly subscription for Google Workspace. Google Workspace will be very helpful for all documents and correspondences through the group. It was requested that anything shared or done for the group be done in the Shared Google Drive.

Daniella Congemi will be using the same Google Workspace email account as Joe Congemi because it is thought that by adding more emails and users, the price of the Google Workspace will increase. Joe Congemi is supposed to contact Ben Britt to confirm. Only board members will have the email with Joe and Daniella Congemi sharing one email.

Meeting adjourned- 8:22 p.m.