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Deadline for returning either method is **Midnight December 19, 2014**

Votes will be tallied at the Division Meeting on the 20th.

You may also vote at that meeting if you have not already done so.

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DECEMBER



SUPERINTENDENT POSITION



Jack Chase

I believe that my 40 years of experience in Engineering and Operations management will serve me well in this role. I possess a BS in Ceramic Engineering from Alfred University and a Master in Economics/Management Science from North Carolina State University. All of my experience has been in positions in technical and then Operations management with continually increased responsibility.

My philosophy for leading is one of teams and team work. No one can do it alone. The Japanese use a consensus approach as their corner stone of management. I could not agree more. However, rest assured that when a tough decision needs to be made, I can do it. A Division under my leadership will not be weakened by decisions made by "shooting from the hip." Things will be well thought through before action is taken. I am

not afraid to draw on the ideas of other and I give credit where it is due. I already have a few ideas gleaned from Mike Murphy of the Hostlers to improve our attendance. I also spent several hours in the car with and on the telephone with Gary Myers the president of our region. He has provided some useful ideas and concepts also. I think that the organization of our Division could use some reworking. While we improved our bylaws over the past bylaws, they still need "tweaking." So there is much to do, but together we can mend the fences and move this division into something great!

My interest in trains goes back to the tender age of 9 years old when I received a used Lionel train set for Christmas. (sound familiar??). As I grew older, I drifted away from trains somewhat--the usual, girls, partying, marriage and kids. I did collect lots of rolling stock during this time period. Then the opportunity came for a layout. When I remodeled our house in Bennington, VT, I added enough space for a nice large layout. It was not to be! I accepted a promotion and a transfer to Londonderry, NH. There I finished a basement area a got an HO layout started. Alas, it was not to be! I accepted employment with Thomson LCC in Dijon, France and we were off to France for 3 years. This position was part of the sale of my business unit to Thomson. I did take HO supplies to France and completed several models there. Of course, the highpoint of my time there was a lot of travel on the TGV and TGV Atlantique. These were the fastest and 3rd fastest trains in the World at that time. Moving to Logan, Utah allowed me to again start on a layout. After finishing the basement of our house there, I completed a room dedicated to my trains & layout. As you have already guessed, it was not to be! In 2000 I accepted a position here in Salt Lake City and moved again. A Z Scale gift of a train set from my wife and a great friend got me thinking about my choice of scale. You guessed it--in 2005 I met Tony and the Wasatch Z Club was launched. You may remember us showing our modules at the local shows over a 5 or so year period. Tony left the hobby after the 2008/2009 downturn and sold his modules. I wish that I could have afforded to purchase them! The Wasatch Z Club remains, but with a very limited membership. At about this time I met a guy named Scott Perry and was the third member of the USRM. That required joining the NMRA as we were a 100% club. I had planned to join the NMRA for about 20 years. Scott finally pushed me over the edge. I have been an active member in the division since joining. I led the committee that forged the merger of the USRM with the division. Approximately 2 years ago, after discussion with Rob Spangler and Lee Nichols, I founded the Division Operations Group (DOGs) which has only missed one operating session in 1 1/2 years!.

In conclusion, I hope that you will consider my candidacy for the position of Superintendent of the Northern Utah Division. I am here to serve.

Fun, Learning and Fellowship!!



2 YEAR BOARD MEMBER



Geoffrey K Carter

I was born at a very young age. My father was a dispatcher for the Union Pacific Railroad, thus I model the UP in HO scale, roughly in the era that I grew up... the steam to diesel transition era.

I have been interested and active in model railroads off and on since I was 10 years old, when my parents gave me a Lionel train set for Christmas in 1955. My dad got me some turnouts and extra track, so I had a bit more than just a round-and-round layout on a 4x8 sheet of plywood.

I joined the NMRA about three years ago and have served as the Newsletter Editor of the Promontory Post from its inception until last spring when the workload for the Regional Convention got too great. I also served as Registrar and Treasurer for the very successful Regional Convention, Golden Spike 2014 (thanks to Alan Anderson and the terrific team of players that helped put it on). I have served on the Executive Committee in an advisory role since joining the NMRA. And, I presently serve as the Membership Chair for the Division.

I am seeking one of the Board of Directors seats to further the ideal of having a well-rounded team of leaders for the Division to take it into the future; setting the ground work for a successful hosting of the 2019 National Convention; and actively seeking out and listening to the inputs of the entire membership in order to offer the best programs and enhanced benefits of being a member of the NMRA, the Rocky Mountain Region, and the Northern Utah Division. I promise to do all in my power to further the cause of Fun, Learning, and Fellowship, which are the core values of our Division. Whatever we do as a Division, must be fun in order to keep the members coming back. We should take every opportunity to learn new skills from each other, and taking our turn to teach the skills we have to the members of the Division. And, finally, we should champion the cause of fellowship among all the members regardless of modeling scale, era, interests, and skill level, ensuring all who attend any of our functions feel welcome and included.



Steve Moore

Running for two years seat on the Board of Directors. Steve has served on the Division Executive Committee as Marketing Coordinator for the last two years, and several years before that with the USRM. He has presented several clinics at Division meetings, and also at the National NMRA Convention. Steve is also the owner of K.I.S.S. Method Inc. the maker of Track Planning Tools, the Super-V Cradle, and the Super-V MAXI Cradle. He is also a longtime member the NMRA Layout Design Special Interest Group.

Steve models mainly the D&RGW from Salt Lake City to the coal fields and load-outs in Wyoming. He has spent the last few years finishing his base, and recently started his new HO layout. Steve is looking forward to continuing his service to the Division as a Board member, the Division Media Coordinator, and as a modeler.



Alan Anderson

Alan is employed as a full-time executive at a local Salt Lake area chamber of commerce and has been a model railroader since his dad gave him his first set of Athearn HO "blue box" train kits as a 10-year old.

He joined the NMRA in 2009 and volunteered to fill the fund raising slot at the National level in 2011. In this position, Alan looks for various funding options and fund raising programs that benefit the NMRA and its members. The eBay Giving Works program is one of his most recent accomplishments.

Alan chaired the 2014 Golden Spike Limited Region Convention in June 2014.

Although he started with a 4x8 tabletop layout in his youth, he's currently building his large, freelanced HO Western Central Railroad in the basement in the southwest suburb of West Jordan. The railroad is set in the mid to late 1950s and operations will be loosely based on ATSF practices.



Blaine Holbrook

I have been interested in model railroading since my youth. I supplied by dad with assistance building his railroad. I have been purchasing railroad supplies for decades and I have just added a 1000 sq ft room onto my home for a hobby room (train room). I will be starting my railroad shortly. This will be my second layout. My first was more a plywood prairie than a serious landscape. It was a learning process.



Special Meeting Location This Month ONLY!

Saturday, December 20th 2014
from **3:00 PM** to **5:00 PM**
at Blaine Holbrook's home
500 East 1000 South in Centerville

*****You can vote at the meeting but the preferred way is online at the first link above. Only one voting per NMRA# will count no matter which way is used.*****