

CHARTER FOR THE PHILADELPHIA DIVISION OF THE MER

Preamble

The Philadelphia Division of the Mid Eastern Region of the National Model Railroad Association, Inc. serves to foster fellowship among model railroaders in the Counties of Philadelphia, Bucks, Chester, Delaware and Montgomery in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The policies and actions of the Philadelphia Division shall be consistent with those of the MER and the NMRA.

Membership

Membership in the Philadelphia Division shall be granted upon receipt of application. Membership may be withdrawn by resignation, by nonpayment of dues or by vote of the membership. There are no geographical restrictions on membership. There are two classes of membership:

Regular member: Must be a member in good standing of both the NMRA and MER. The regular member may vote and hold office.

Associate member: Any individual or organization not choosing to be or qualifying for regular membership. The associate member may neither vote nor hold office.

Officers

The three officers are Superintendant, Assistant Superintendant, and Chief Clerk. They shall be elected for two year terms in June of each odd numbered year. The Officers must be members of the Philadelphia Division.

Conduct of the Division

There shall be one general business meeting each year in June. Roberts Rules of order shall govern the conduct of business, except as overruled by this charter or bylaws adopted under it. In January of each year the Superintendant shall submit to the President of the MER a "State of the Division" Report, and shall make this report available to all regular members. In addition to the

business meeting, the officers of the Division shall arrange for and present to the members other meetings, programs and activities from time to time.

The Philadelphia Division shall seek ways to cooperate with and aid other model railroad and railfan organizations in its area.

The Members of the Division may adopt such bylaws as desired to govern the continuing operation of the Division.

The Members of the Division may empower the Chief Clerk to collect and disburse dues as may be set by the membership. The dues of an Associate Member shall be at least twice those of a Regular Member.

Amendment

This Charter may be amended by a two thirds vote of all regular members; the amendment to take effect after approval by the MER.