

LAKESHORES

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Northeastern Region - National Model Railroad Association

CONSTITUTION

(November 14, 2018)

ARTICLE I - NAME AND PURPOSE

- Section 1.** This organization shall be known as the Lakeshores Division of the Northeastern Region of the National Model Railroad Association.
- Section 2.** The purpose of the Lakeshores Division is:
- a) To further the hobby and interests of model railroaders in the territory of the Lakeshores Division.**
 - b) To form a closer contact between model railroaders in the territory of the Lakeshores Division.**
 - c) To promote social activities and fellowship among model railroaders in the territory comprising this division.**
 - d) To develop the technical skills of persons engaged in the art and craft of model railroading.**
 - e) To educate persons engaged in model railroading whenever possible by meetings and all things necessary or incidental to the foregoing purposes.**
 - f) To advance the hobby of model railroading whenever possible through meetings and all things necessary or incidental to the foregoing purposes.**

ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1.** Membership in the LSD is defined as any NMRA member in good standing who resides within the geographic boundaries of the LSD.
- Section 2.** Only members of the LSD have the right to vote in elections or hold office.

ARTICLE III -MEETINGS

- Section 1.** Meetings are open to any NMRA member in good standing.
- Section 2.** Per NMRA rules, (non-member) guests are allowed to attend a

lifetime maximum of three (3) LSD meetings. This *does not* apply to a member's spouse, minor children, or caregivers.

Section 3. There shall be at least two meetings per year. The exact dates and times of such meetings shall be determined by the Executive Committee. All current membership of the Division will be notified at least two weeks in advance.

Section 4. The last meeting of the calendar year shall be considered the annual business meeting.

Section 5. The election and installation of officers shall occur at the annual business meeting of even numbered years.

Section 6. Attendance of seven or more LSD members at any scheduled meeting shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of the Lakeshores Division shall consist of the following:
a) Superintendent
b) Assistant Superintendent
c) Chief Clerk (Secretary)
d) Treasurer

Section 2. An officer's term shall be for two years commencing at the annual business meeting of any even numbered year or until their successors shall be elected.

Section 3. The Superintendent of the Lakeshores Division shall serve as the elected Director of the Northeastern Region, NMRA.

Section 4. Officers must be NMRA members in good standing who reside within the geographic boundaries of the LSD.

Section 5. Should any officer fail to maintain the criteria set forth in Article IV, Section 4, such failure shall be considered resignation and the replacement provisions of the By Laws shall prevail.

ARTICLE V - DISSOLUTION

Section 1. In the event of the dissolution of this Division, all assets of the Division shall be turned over to the Board of Trustees of the National Model Railroad Association for such action or distribution as they may see fit.

Section 2. A motion to dissolve the LSD may be considered at any regular meeting of the LSD. A vote on such a motion can be passed by a simple majority vote of the LSD members present.

ARTICLE VI - RATIFICATION AND AMENDMENT

Section 1. The Constitution and By Laws shall be ratified by a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority vote of the LSD members present at any regular meeting and shall supersede all former editions and shall take effect immediately upon ratification.

Section 2. The Constitution may be amended at any regular meeting upon a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority vote of the LSD members present.

Section 3. The By Laws may be amended at any regular meeting upon a simple majority vote of the LSD members present.

Section 4. Notice of any proposed amendment to either the Constitution or By Laws shall be submitted to LSD members prior to the regular meeting.

Section 5. Any portion of the Constitution and By Laws of the Lakeshores Division which are in conflict with the Constitution and By Laws of the National Model Railroad Association shall become null and void. The Constitution and By Laws of the National Model Railroad Association shall supersede these provisions.