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HMA MODEL RAILROAD INDUSTRY DIVISION COUNCIL ELECTS 2010-11 OFFICERS

July 23, 2010. The Model Railroad Industry Division Council of the Hobby Manufacturers Association elected its 2010-11 officers during the 75th National Train Show in Milwaukee, WI on July 17, 2010.



Fred Hill was elected to his first term as President of the Council. He is the owner of The Original Whistle Stop, a Southern California hobby shop that specializes in model trains. The store was founded in 1951, purchased by Fred in 1976, after a career in commercial banking. He serves as the Chairman of the Board and Treasurer of the Corporation. In 1984, Fred he accepted a partnership in The Coach Yard, a model railroad manufacturing company, specializing in HO scale. Fred was elected to serve on the MRIA Board from 1996 to 2001, was a founding Director of the National Retail Hobby Stores Association and was the representative from NRHSA to the HMA Board. He is a member of the HMA Show Committee and past Chair.



Elected to serve his first term as Vice President of the Council is **Allen Pollock** of Fun & Games II, Jefferson City, MO. Allen serves as chair of the Education Committee and MRID representative to the HMA Education Committee. He also serves as co-chair of the MRID awards committee and liaison to the National Model Railroad Association



Gary Kamin, Purchasing Manager of Wm. K. Walthers, Inc. in Wisconsin was re-elected to his third term as Secretary/Treasurer of the MRID Council. He has been with Walthers since 1993 and has been involved in purchasing for almost 30 years. He is currently the HMA representative on the Trainfest Board. Gary was also recently on the HMA Marketing & Promotion Committee.

The MRID Council also announced its representatives to the Hobby Manufacturers Association Board of Directors and Committees:

HMA Board: Frank Ritota, Model Rectifier Corporation and Rich Janyszek, Bachmann Trains

Show Committee: Doug Blaine, Bachmann Trains and Stephan Priest, Paired Rail Publishing

Marketing and Promotions Committee: Bill Giacci, Classic Metal Works and Adam Tager, Model Power

NMRA Liaison: Nancy Workman, Soundtraxx, Frank Ritota, MRC and Fred Hill, The Coach Yard

Trainfest Liaison: Gary Kamin, Wm. K. Walthers

Awards Committee: Allan Pollock, Fun & Fames II and Gary Kamin, Wm. K. Walthers

Education Committee: Bill Giacci, Classic Metal Works

Safety and Standards Committee: Adam Tager, Model Power

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