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PSRMA OFFICE OF VICE-PRESIDENT VACANT

A sudden increase in business for his private service company has forced Vice-President - General Manager Hugh Smith to resign from his office. Following the reluctant acceptance of Hugh's resignation at its February meeting, the Board of Directors opened nominations to pick a successor for the remainder of 1973.

Nominations may be sent to Secretary John Hathaway (2926 Copley Avenue, San Diego, CA 92116) or made on the floor at the April 27th General Meeting. Nominations will be closed at that meeting with the special election to be held at the July General Meeting.

LAND NEGOTIATIONS: STILL SLOW BUT STEADY

Members of PSRMA's Ad Hoc Land Committee are continuing with negotiations for lease of suitable land for a permanent Museum site in the Campo area. There is really not too much to report on in developments except to say the negotiations are progressing, at a slow pace, but the feeling from the committee is one of guarded optimism.

EXCURSION COMMITTEE PREPARES 1973 TENTATIVE PROJECTS CALENDAR

The always-busy Excursion Committee under the leadership of B.V. Parks has presented the Board a tentative schedule for 1973 events. The annual Puerto Penasco one-day trip via the Sonora-Baja California Railroad is slotted in for the first part of November. A repeat of the one-day trip over the rails of the San Francisco Municipal Railroad, utilizing Car #1, will hopefully be run over the Labor Day weekend. This year improved Amtrak Service may make rail connections
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between San Diego and San Francisco feasible for excursionists.

Also in the developmental stages, and temporarily scheduled for July, is a tour of the Los Angeles Harbor complex with travel from San Diego to L.A. via rail.

EX-SANTA FE BUSINESS CAR #1509 ACQUIRED!

PSRMA has purchased former Santa Fe business car #1509 from its private owner in Los Angeles. This classic circa-1920 heavyweight features a complete galley, lounge, and open platform.

The 1509 recently arrived in San Diego and is stored on leased trackage at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot. It can be seen from Pacific Coast Highway.

The car is in excellent condition, and while it would require some minor modifications to be used on Amtrak trains in excursion service it is ready for operations on the Mexican railroads now.

FACE-LIFTING BEGINS FOR PSRMA REEFER IN STORAGE AT MCRD

A hearty crew under the direction of Master Mechanic Bob DiGiorgio began the restoration-repainting project on the Association's wooden reefer over the first weekend of February. Paint was chipped and scraped in preparation for a new finish coat to be applied when weather will allow.

With the good turnout received, crew members are now discussing the possibilities of completely stripping the old car and completely restoring the exterior. The original plans were merely to apply a quick, temporary coating as protection and to meet beautification requirements of the Marines. If you can help out give Superintendent Dick Pennick a call.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP: UPCOMING PSRMA
WORK PARTIES AND PROJECTS SCHEDULED

General Superintendent Dick Pennick has a couple of projects in the works that are going to require some help from the Membership.

The first is the continued restoration of the reefer in storage at MCRD. See the article on page one for details of work accomplished thus far. Hopefully a session can be held every two or three weeks until the job is done.

A work party is scheduled for March 17 at Miramar Naval Air Station. This is for some much-needed maintenance and upkeep on the Museum equipment in storage there.

If you can help out on these, or any other work parties, give Dick a call at 463-2276 right away.

The movement of Museum goods to the Valley Center storage site has been postponed for at least a month due to the sudden illness of member Bill Noonan. Bill was going to contribute his skill and heavy machinery in making the move, but an attack of appendicitis has derailed him temporarily.

OLLIE JOHNSTON TO OPEN HIS PRIVATE RAILROAD TO ASSOCIATION MEMBERS APRIL 7TH

Ollie Johnston has graciously offered to allow Association members to visit and ride his narrow gauge, steam railroad on April 7th. Located in the back hills of San Diego County, Ollie's diminutive
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railroad features a fully restored former Hawaiian steam plantation locomotive. Reserve that date and more information will be forthcoming.

1973 MEMBERSHIPS NOW DUE

Enclosed with this issue of REPORT is our new Membership Application/Renewal Form. Please take a couple of minutes to completely fill it in and then mail it to Director of Records & Personnel John Hathaway (with your check made out to PSRMA, Inc.)

Members already with us for 1973 include Regulars:

JACK L. BARICH, 6652 Bell Bluff Avenue, San Diego, CA 92119.

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OLE. B. RANDALL, 1795 Republic St. San Diego, CA.

MILDRED RICHARDS, 1995 East Highway 80, Holtville, CA.

Contributing members who have joined or renewed for 1973 include:

CATHERINE D. HART, P.O. Box 236, Brawley, CA 92227.

MRS. HATTIE BELLE KERR, 2909 First Avenue, Apt. 3A, San Diego, CA 92103.

WILMA McELVANY, 624 Len Rey Avenue, El Centro, CA 92243.

MISS ANITA RHEIN, U.S. Grant Hotel, Room 304, 326 Broadway, San Diego, CA 92101.

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