

**MINUTES OF THE JULY 2009 MEETING (# 405)
OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE OF THE
INTERNATIONAL PLASTIC MODELLERS SOCIETY
OF CANADA**

MEMBERS	POSITION	ATTENDANCE
Jamie Leggo	National Director	P
Gary Barling	Chapter/Member Liaison	P (via Skype)
John MacDonald	Treasurer	P
Steve Sauvé	Random Thoughts Editor	P
Randy Lutz	Back Issues/Special Products Distribution	P
Bob Migliardi	Graphic Artist / Advisor	P
Robin Purgina	Marketing	A
Kevin Smith	Secretary	P
Kim Elliott	Webmaster	A

Steve's annual "Let's All Get Stuffed, including RT" event preceded the meeting.

Item	Old Business-National Director	Action by:
1.1	Lots of communication since last meeting	Info
1.2	Welcome to Kim Elliott as new Webmaster.	Info
1.3	Ale & Tale (the 3rd cousin, twice removed to the Royal Canadian Beer Blast) will take place at the 2009 Nats	Info
	New Business-National Director	
2.1	Ale & Tale at Nats has been announced in current copy of Random Thoughts, as well as the IPMS Canada website, and numerous other popular online modelling destinations.	Info
2.2	IPMS Canada will contribute some funds towards the purchase of snacks/munchies at the event. No alcohol will be purchased by IPMS Canada.	Info
2.3	In order to promote IPMS Canada at the Nationals, some recent issues of Random Thoughts could possibly be brought down to display, highlighting our efforts to improve the quality of the publication.	Info

	RT Editor	
3.1	RT 31/3 will be stuffed immediately following the meeting, and mailed the following day.	Info
3.2	31/4 is being laid out as we spoke, and is on schedule for release.	Info
3.3	New material will be needed after 31/4.	Info
3.4	In order to possibly flush out articles, Exec members attending the Nats will place cards at key models asking for an article (not unlike FSM practice of “We want to photo your model!” cards.	Jamie/Randy/Steve
	Treasurer	
4.1	Funds are good.	Info
4.2	Paypal appears to be working out well as a payment option.	Info
	Membership/Circulation	
5.1	Cost of sending out issues for Chapter Exchange is quite intrusive. We should possibly look at sending screen-res PDF file instead.	Steve
	Marketing	
6.1	Work commitments prevented Robin from attending the meeting (at least that’s what he claims).	Info
	Chapter Liaison	
7.1	Some discussion related to IPMS Canada providing insurance for IPMS sponsored events, like IPMS USA does. Burden must lie on the individual chapters to ensure appropriate insurance is obtained, as IPMS Canada simply does not have the resources that IPMS USA has.	Info
7.2	Chapter guidelines – do they need to be reviewed?	Info
	Webmaster	
8.1	July has seen the introduction of work by Kim Elliott, Urs Hitz, and Paulo Garcia to the IPMS website	Info
8.2	Kim has initiated design (appearance) and navigation simplification to the site	Info
8.3	Updates are proceeding without problems; so far only material from Steve S. received	Info

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8.4	Urs has contributed updates to the 'Resources' section, and started work on technical improvements in the form of Cascading Style Sheets (CSS)	Info
8.5	Paulo has uploaded backlogged material to the 'Members Models' section, and started work on the development of a Forum (see supplementary report)	Info
8.6	The question of currency of IPMS Membership for displaying members models has surfaced - request clarification or discussion by Exec..	Info
8.7	A moderator has been identified who is willing to help monitor the forums	Info
8.8	The Yahoo forum will be closed down once the new Forum is on-line and operational	Info
8.9	A problem was encountered with the storage limit (500 Mb) on the server used by the ISP due to excessive size being allocated to mail boxes and a log file. Storage problem has been temporarily alleviated, but attention needs to be given to this aspect in August in order to avoid a recurrence; webmaster is monitoring the situation, and asks that all Exec. members clean out their mailboxes on a regular basis	Info
8.10	Present indications are that the hosting package with the ISP can be made more economical regarding features - the same storage size can be had for a lower charge if migrate to a non-ASP package, or much larger storage for the same money. 'Forum' developments may influence this issue as it is a developing concern	Info
	Secretary	
9.1	Nothing to report this month.	Info
	Back Issues	
10.1	Nothing to report.	Info

The meeting ended at 1945 hrs, and the Exec members promptly got to work stuffing RT's. The next meeting will take place on an as of yet undetermined date.

Kevin Smith
Secretary
IPMS Canada
13 Aug 2009