

**The Minnesota Streetcar Museum**  
**MINUTES**  
**Annual Membership Meeting**  
**7:00 PM, Tuesday, March 13, 2007**  
**Como Park Streetcar Station, St. Paul, Minnesota**

**Call to Order:** Chair Jim Vaitkunas called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM..

Vaitkunas introduced the Board of Directors and reported on the state of the Museum, focusing on accomplishments and challenges.

The following accomplishments were described:

- Successful Year Financially (We're solidly in the black!)
- Sprinkler System in Excelsior Car barn Installed and Functioning
- Track Rebuilding Project Done
- Wednesday Operations are a Success
- Halloween Ghost Trolleys at CHSL and ESL Very Successful
- Interpretive Signs Put Up at CHSL
- TCRT No. 1239 Returns to Service
- First Annual Family Picnic Held
- George K. Isaacs Car barn Sign
- Work on Winona No. 10
- Work on No. 322 & 1300 Continues
- Bus and Convention Groups
- CHSL Poster
- 350+ TCbT Books Sold
- Merchandising

Vaitkunas then Discussed the challengers that face the Museum.

- Ridership
- Operating Personnel
- Sprinkler System
- Organization and Leadership
- Development and Fund Raising
- Promotion and Publicity
- Preservation and Restoration
- The Future?

This briefing is appended to this annual meeting minutes which has more detailed information.

Vaitkunas also noted the deaths in the last year of Museum members and volunteers George Meyer and Harold Dalland.

Treasurer Scott Heidrich distributed the financial reports required to be provided to the membership by Minnesota law and reviewed the pertinent details of those reports. The membership approved the financial statements and balance sheet on a motion by Graham seconded by Aaron Isaacs. Heiderich thanked Accountant Russ Olson for his tireless work in keeping our books.

Vaitkunas reported that because there were no nominations submitted for the two vacancies on the MSM Board, that the standard procedure for sending out ballots and voting was dispensed with in accordance with the Museum's by-laws. The members present, therefore, voted to appoint Dave French and Aaron Isaacs to the Board of Directors by acclamation. Terms of these individuals will be three years. Vaitkunas thanked Bill Arends for his service on the Board over the last two-plus years.

Aaron Isaacs reported on the status of the *Minnegazette*, which was a joint publication with the Minnesota Transportation Museum. He announced that by Board action, the Museum will now publish its own history magazine called *Twin City Lines*. Aaron also reported that the book he is co-authoring with John Diers that the University of Minnesota Press would be published in the late spring of this year, probably late April to early May. All profits will be to the Museum.

At the conclusion of the formal business portion of the meeting, Bill Graham made a presentation to the group on the history of streetcars, railroads and steamboats in Minnesota with a focus on the Twin City metro area.

**Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM