

Statement Supporting ETE PNW Modular Group's Request for Affiliation with NMRA 4D

NMRA 4D Board of Directors:

Charter: The European Train Enthusiasts (ETE) is an existing SIG under NMRA. ETE has approximately 15 regional chapters across North America; the PNW Chapter is chartered to provide local members with an organization focused on supporting ETE members' needs to include building and operating modular layouts for train shows and other public events. The PNW chapter is one of the largest regional ETE Chapters, and has an active Modular Layout Group that exhibits and operates at six train shows in Washington State each year. We have added eight new modules to the layout this year alone, and we have approximately 9-10 modules either in planning or under construction. In addition to our ETE-specific activities, many of our members are actively involved supporting NMRA-sponsored events, and seven of our members serve on the planning committee for the 2027 National Convention. Our Northwest Chapter leadership team is committed to supporting NMRA's mission and we continue to promote the benefits of NMRA membership to all members of ETE. All members of our PNW Modular Group are members of NMRA.

Budget: Our draft budget for FY2026 was submitted to NMRA 4D in June 2025, and was presented to the Board in previous meetings. A copy of the budget is attached to this email.

Supportive Members: Chris Woodruff, Magnus Christerson, Joe "J.R." Edmiston, Jan Schiefer, Thom Keyes, Alan Fisher, Howard Goff, Peter Lofgren, Mike Otter-Johnson, and Brian Silcox.

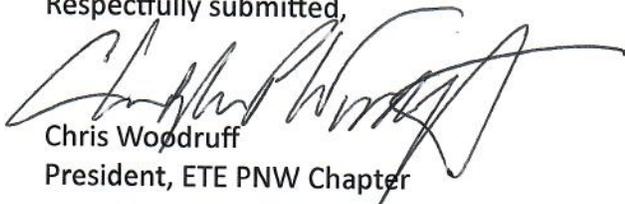
ETE POC for 4D Board: Chris Woodruff

We request an exemption to impose a membership fee for ETE Modular Group Members. As part of the larger ETE national organization, all ETE members are required to pay annual dues to ETE.

We intend to maintain our own bank account and accounting, and will work closely with the 4D Treasurer for any fund transfers, reimbursements, and 4D asset inventory compliance.

ETE's current assets will remain the property of ETE; however, we understand that any assets purchased thru assistance from 4D will be 4D assets and will be returned to 4D when usage concludes.

Respectfully submitted,



Chris Woodruff
President, ETE PNW Chapter