

January 2005 BOD report

Historical Society

Three issues of the Headlight magazine were published this year, equaling our performance of 2003. Another three issues in 2005 are planned.

The usual concerns of adequate material submissions for publication continue, but this appears to be a common problem amongst organizations of our type, as even large railroad historical societies such as UPHS and NPRHA have this problem. Currently, the submissions trickle in at about the same rate as they are used in publication. An increase in submissions would be most welcome, but I hate sounding like a broken record appealing for more submissions.

I hope to get a protocol for accepting appropriate, WP relevant advertising in the magazine to increase our income this year. Other societies have been doing this for some time now. We have lost a couple of smaller retailers who had been selling the Headlight, but on the plus side have regained a couple of retailers who had been delinquent on payment for magazines sent to them. I have a line on one or two retailers that I am contacting to see if they have any interest in selling the Headlight. A call to the membership is being placed in the Train Sheet asking for anyone knowing of a retailer that does not currently sell the magazine and might be interested to contact me and we will do the solicitation.

Convention Coordinator (and the 2005 convention host) Steve Hayes has the Tracy convention well in hand. Notices for registration will be going out soon to attendees of past conventions. I would be very pleased if we are able to maintain the attendance level of the Reno convention (138 attendees).

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