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I am Rick Gartrell, a member of the NMRA/SER/Atlantic Division since 2009 and a resident of Conway, South Carolina for 25 years. I have been a member of the NMRA on and off for nearly 50 years – a good deal of that time in the MER. Professionally I am winding down a long career as a business owner here in Horry County and previously as a NASA contractor for many years in Washington, DC.

I have been a modeler for more than 50 years and have had a few published articles in Model Railroader, Railroad Model Craftsman and the NMRA Bulletin (when it was called that). I have been modeling the C&O's Hawks Nest Subdivision for a number of years with a representation of the line in our garage (a double-deck little monster). Supporting the effort has been a number of year's active research (including crawling through ruins to measure things) of the history of the Subdivision.

I currently serve as a Director for the Chesapeake and Ohio Historical Society, editor of the Basement Subdivision of the C&O Historical Magazine (that's the portion dealing with models) and work with model railroading manufacturers and suppliers to develop accurate models of C&O prototypes. As a consequence of being actively involved with the COHS, I am familiar with working with a group having members from far-flung distances.

If elected as a director of the Atlantic Division I would serve to promote and assist the members of the Division, its events and operation of the Division and this great hobby of ours.

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