

**Minutes of the Seventy-Sixth Annual Membership Meeting
National Railway Historical Society
Hilton Hotel & Conference Center, Scranton, PA
Friday, June 25, 2010**

Pursuant of notice, the members of the National Railway Historical Society, Inc. met at the Hilton Hotel & Conference Center, Scranton, PA on Friday, June 25, 2010.

Call to Order

President Greg Molloy called the meeting to order at 2:38 PM EDT. Sixty-seven members were present.

Invocation

Dr. Barry Smith gave the invocation.

Approval of Minutes

President Molloy presented the minutes of the membership meeting held in Duluth, MN, on August 14, 2009. Bart Jennings moved and Steve Siegerest seconded a motion to accept the minutes as written. Motion carried.

President's Report (See Appendix A)

President Molloy presented a summary of the 2009 Annual Report. The full text of the report will be published to all members in the *2009 NRHS Yearbook*. Mr. Molloy's slides are attached as Attachment A.

The report covered various improvements to the NRHS programs, and concerns about the Society's operations. The opening slide presented the new NRHS brand image which we are now using principally for external purposes.

NRHS has completed the initial Improvement Program. The library collections are secure. Finances are solid for now, but there are concerns about the future finance operations.

The *NRHS Bulletin* remains on schedule, and the *NRHS News* has improved considerably in quality and content. Office operations remain in the hands of Fernley & Fernley in Philadelphia.

Membership levels are steadily declining, and finances are likewise declining because our finances are linked to income from membership dues. NRHS has not decided on the future operations of the library collections.

NRHS needs to become more outward looking within the rail heritage community.

Net income was positive for 2009, but without the major bequests from two estates and a one-time accounting change, NRHS would have realized a loss in operating funds of **(\$115,000)** for 2009. For the non-operating side, NRHS realized an adjusted gain of \$75,000 for 2009.

NRHS membership for 2009 dropped 6.5% to 14,449. This decline is the sixth consecutive annual decline in NRHS membership totals. NRHS added a new chapter in Japan, but lost ten chapters. Currently, there are 165 active chapters.

The film library continues to operate in Phillipsburg, NJ, and NRHS continues to make films available to chapters. The print library is operating out of Three Rivers, MA.

RailCamp programs operated at Steamtown and the Nevada Northern Railway in 2009. Nevada Northern and NRHS have negotiated a termination agreement.

NRHS conducted a convention in Duluth, MN, which ran successfully but did not yield the income that had been projected.

The NRHS Railway Heritage Grants Program presented ten grants worth a total of \$ 40,000 in 2009, three of which went to NRHS chapters.

NRHS is actively addressing such issues as the recent rejection from the Combined Federal Campaign, a new venue for RailCamp, future NRHS conventions beyond 2012, and better investment strategies.

Election of Directors

President Molloy presented the list of national directors from chapters nominated by the respective chapters or at-large directors nominated by the President. This list shows the nominees for the Board of Directors for the term starting who will begin their duties on November 4, 2010, before the Fall 2010 Board-of Directors' meeting in Lancaster, PA.

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| Alabama Gulf | Frank J. McKeough |
| Alexander | Ted J. Smith |
| Arizona | Richard J. Barton |
| Arkansas-Boston Mountains | Charles Girard |
| Asheville | Edward A. Klinger |
| Atlanta | Larry S. Dyer |
| At-Large Member | Donald C. Winter |
| At-Large Member | Jack Hilborn |
| At-Large Member | William C. Chapman |
| At-Large Member | William Gill |
| At-Large Member | Jeffrey S. Smith |
| Baltimore | Kenneth A. Maylath |

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| Bergen-Rockland | Donald W. Winters |
| Blackhawk | Rev. Howard M. Walker |
| Blue Ridge | E. Norris Deyerle, Jr. |
| Bluebonnet | Philip J. Newberg |
| Bluewater Michigan | Neil E. Baerman |
| Boston | Edward T. Levay, Jr. |
| British Columbia | Barrie W. Sanford |
| Bucktail | Michael H. Bauer, Jr. |
| Cape Cod | Stephen L. Wasby |
| Cape Fear Railroaders | Richard E. Johnson |
| Carolina Clinchfield | W. Yancey Ellis |
| Central Coast | Edward F. Graham |
| Central Florida | Charles Wm. Ansell |
| Central New York | Ronald L. Vile |
| Central Oklahoma | John D. Ansell |
| Central Pennsylvania | Mark R. Irvin |
| Central Texas | Carl E. Olsen, Jr. |
| Champlain Valley | William H. Sander |
| Charleston | Arthur E. Giardino |
| Chicago | Roy C. Jackson |
| Chicago & Illinois Midland | William H. Shannon |
| Cincinnati | William Scott Andes |
| Collis P. Huntington | Donald R. Maxwell |
| Colorado Midland | Mel McFarland |
| Columbia River | John D. Holloway |
| Connecticut Eastern | Raymond A. Axelrod |
| Connecticut Valley | William E. Wood |
| Cornell | James Torgeson |
| Cotton Belt | Steve Rankin |
| Cumberland Valley | Barry O. Smith |
| Danville Junction | Richard M. Schroeder |
| Delaware Valley | Leon B. Duminiak |
| Delmarva | Charles A. Russell |
| East Tennessee | David W. De Vault |
| Fort Lauderdale | Ronald L. Diedrich |
| Grand Canyon | Michael Brooks |
| Great Plains | H. Charles Furst |
| Greensboro | Harry P. Clapp |
| Greenville | Lester T. Collins |
| Gulf Coast | Gale C. McKinley |
| Gulf Curve | Harla Lazur |

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| Gulf Wind | Robert S. Sayes |
| Hagerstown | Douglas R. White |
| Harrisburg | Mark R. Irvin |
| Hawaii | James F. Knight |
| Heart Of Dixie | Martin P. Owen |
| Hoosierland | Rolland Street |
| Horseshoe Curve | M. Richard Charlesworth |
| Indianapolis | Thomas M. Johnson, Sr. |
| Inland Empire | John P. Simanton |
| Intermountain | Thomas R. Moss |
| Iowa | Charles B. Buell |
| Japan | Yoshitaka Matsuo |
| Jersey Central | Mitchell E. Dakelman |
| Kansas City | Charles L. Childs |
| Kentucky Central | Wesley F. Ross |
| Lackawanna & Wyoming Valley | Timothy E. O'Malley |
| Lake Shore | Ray Grabowski, Jr. |
| Lancaster | Harold L. Shaak, Jr. |
| Leatherstocking | Mark W. Lazur |
| Long Island - Sunrise Trail/NRHS | Benjamin T. Young, Jr. |
| Louisville | Alan Marshall McCutchen |
| Marble Valley Chapter | Earl Whiteley |
| Memphis | William B. Strong |
| Miami | S. J. Boldrick |
| Midwest | William D. Kovacs |
| Mohawk & Hudson | John M. Hart |
| Nashville | De Loy Nelms |
| Nebraska Railroad Museum | George William Blessing |
| New Orleans | Peter J. Messina |
| New York | Mia Mather |
| Niagara Frontier | Rebecca A. Gerstung |
| North Alabama | G. Patrick Molloy |
| North Florida | Marjorie Williams Erich |
| North Jersey | Mitchell E. Dakelman |
| North Texas | Dale Wilken |
| North Western Illinois | Brian Carlson |
| Northstar | William W. Dredge |
| Old Dominion | Nelson K. Burks |
| Old North State | Ken Faircloth |
| Old Pueblo | Robert D. Brubaker |
| Old Smoky | Robert Freeman |

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| Oregon Coast | Arthur P. Poole |
| Overland | Richard M. Billings |
| Owensboro | B. J. Stigall |
| Ozarks | James Pekarek |
| Pacific Northwest | Edward M. Berntsen |
| Paducah | William R. Johnston |
| Perryville | Patrick E. Stetina |
| Philadelphia | Robert L. Eastwood, Jr. |
| Piedmont Carolinas | Richard B. Shulby |
| Pittsburgh | Donald F. Walter, Jr. |
| Pocahontas | Daniel J. Mulhearn |
| Pocono Mountains | John A. Lutz |
| Potomac | Richard C. Davidson, Jr. |
| Pottstown & Reading | John D. Sweigart |
| Promontory | Howard E. Freed |
| Queen And Crescent | Matthew S. Nussbaum |
| Rappahannock | Robert S. Mesite |
| Red River Valley | Duane D. Durr |
| Rio Grande | Charles B. Howard |
| Rivanna | Gerard R. Deily |
| Roanoke | Carl S. Jensen |
| Robert R. Young | Jere A. Wendt |
| Rochester | John R. Stewart |
| Saint Louis | Al Weber |
| Samuel Spencer | Paul E. Hess |
| Scioto Valley | Rev. O. Franklin Johnson |
| Seven Railroads | Robert Ring |
| Shenandoah Valley | Daniel E. Stark |
| Southeast Louisiana | David E. Brighters |
| Southern Oregon | John M. Powell |
| Southwest Florida | Thomas N. Thomquist |
| Suncoast | William H. Frantz |
| Susquehanna Valley | Donald A. Jilson |
| Tacoma | Richard N. Bacon, Jr. |
| Tampa Bay | Dave Byers |
| Tennessee Valley | Louis J. Miller, III |
| Texas Eagle | Harold B. Owens |
| Tidewater | Richard B. Boushell, Jr. |
| Topeka | Charles H. Martin |
| Tri-State | Ann Miller |
| Twin Forks | Richard K. Gorddard |

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| Ulster & Delaware | Donald F. Bishop, II |
| United Kingdom | Ronald W. Keevil |
| Utica & Mohawk Valley | Mark W. Lazur |
| Washington DC | Ralph R. Bitzer |
| Watauga Valley | Jim Pahriss |
| West Jersey | Frederick Ciocciola |
| West Michigan | James A. Lindholm |
| Western Colorado | Dick Helmke |
| Western Connecticut | Tony White |
| Western Kentucky | Wallace H. Henderson |
| Western Maryland | Thomas A. Biery |
| Western Montana | E. MacDougall Palmer |
| White Oak | Ray Murdock, IV |
| White River Junction | Robert H. Clark |
| Wichita | J. Harvey Koehn |
| Wilmington | E. Steven Barry |
| Winchester | Berton A. Robinson |
| Winston-Salem | Jack B. Salt |
| Wiregrass Heritage | Daniel M. Adams |
| Wisconsin | Robert E. Joyce |
| Yadkin Valley | Thomas L. Caudill |
| Yaquina Pacific | Jim Webb |
| Yazoo & Mississippi Valley | Eugenia G. Nussbaum |

The following chapters did not nominate a member to serve on the Board of Directors.

- Augusta
- Conneaut
- East Carolina
- Florida East Coast
- Gulf Wind
- Lehigh Valley
- Mississippi Great Southern
- Palm Beaches

The following chapters are either suspended or inactive due to insufficient membership or nonpayment of dues.

- Dalsa/Sunset
- Hawk Mountain
- Quebec Central

Al Weber moved and Ed Berntsen seconded a motion that this amended list of nominees be approved as national directors for the term beginning in November, 2010. Motion carried.

New Business

None

Questions/Initiatives

The 2011 convention will be held in Tacoma, WA in June 2011. The 2012 convention will be held in Cedar Rapids, IA in June 2012.

Benediction

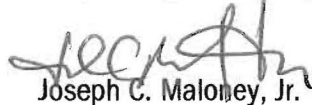
Barry Smith provided the benediction.

Adjournment

Eileen Weber moved and Ed Berntsen seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 PM, EDT.

Respectfully submitted,



Joseph C. Maloney, Jr.

Secretary

National Railway Historical Society

Attachments

2009 Annual Report Presentation Charts