

# NRHS NOMINATION FORM

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Home Chapter or At-Large Affiliation: North Alabama

Position Being Sought: District 5 Director Term Length: Remainder of Two-Year term  
*(Be Specific, i.e. President or At-Large District A)* *(Be Specific, i.e. Two Years or Four Years)*

Biography (Limit to 250 words): *(The Nominations Committee suggests you include a passport-type photo of yourself for the ballot)*

I lived in New Jersey until age 12, then Bowling Green, Kentucky until graduating from Western Kentucky University in 1981 with a B.S. in Computer Science. Moved to Huntsville, Alabama in 1982 to work for NASA as an aerospace technician / computer engineer. Married Naomi Fisher in 1999, we have one daughter, Grace, now age 8. I've had a life-long interest in trains, started by watching (and occasionally riding) Erie-Lackawanna commuter trains going through South Orange, NJ, then L&N trains in Bowling Green. I joined NRHS through the North Alabama Chapter in 1984, and served one term as the Chapter President from 2001-2002. I have been the National Director (now National Representative) from 2003 until present, having only missed two conferences and one convention during that time. Naomi & I were on the committee for the 2007 NRHS convention in Chattanooga, in charge on non-rail activities. I have also been a long-time member of the National Association of Railroad Passengers (NARP). My other major interest outside of railroads is science fiction; Naomi and I have helped organize and run local, regional, and worldwide science fiction conventions.

To answer the inevitable question, yes, I am related to National President Gregory Molloy. We are first cousins. Interestingly, our two branches of the family lost contact in the 1960s after my uncle (Greg's father) passed away. It was decades later, after independently joining NRHS that we found each other again. So it goes to prove that railfanning can be genetic!

Reasons for Seeking This Office (Limit to 250 words):

As a Director under the previous bylaws, I took my responsibilities seriously, and attended as many Board meetings as possible. I would like to have a role in helping to shape the future direction of the NRHS. I believe that Chapters are the backbone of the NRHS, and I am very concerned that we are losing chapters at an alarming and unsustainable rate. I believe the NRHS must evolve into a more modern organization that appeals to a younger and broader demographic, and we must also increase participation in NRHS activities, such as conventions. It is important to inform our chapters and members of the importance and benefits of keeping their NRHS memberships. I also believe it is vital that we explore new sources of revenue in order to minimize future dues increases. To that end, I was responsible for initiating NRHS's participation in the federal government's Combined Federal Campaign, which has been responsible for bringing in thousands of dollars each year in donations to NRHS from federal employees since 2005. But much more needs to be done. In summary, I believe I can make a greater contribution to determining the future direction of NRHS by serving on the Board of Directors.

By submitting this nomination form to the NRHS, I certify that I have read and understand the Bylaws of the NRHS dated January 13, 2013. I certify that I am in compliance with all the requirements for this position as defined in Bylaws including but not limited to those found in §7 thereof.

Signature

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Date Signed