

FRANK CORNELIUS

Candidate for NRHS Vice President

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BIOGRAPHY

2020 marks my 28th year as a member of the NRHS. Although I currently am At-Large, I previously was a member of the Atlanta Chapter and volunteered at the Southeastern Railway Museum (train-museum.org). While in Georgia, my son and I were members of the North Georgia Tinplate Trackers (ngtt.org), a group of O-gauge model railroaders. When I moved to Michigan, my wife, Carol Ann, and I joined the Bluewater Chapter. We volunteered at the Steam Railroading Institute (michigansteamtrain.com) as car hosts and contributed to the improvement of its G- and O-gauge layouts. We worked at the 2009 Steam Festival there. I have worked with the NRHS Bylaws Committee drafting the pending amendments to the Bylaws.

I have a law degree from the University of Michigan and a doctorate in mathematics from the University of Washington. I still work professionally as a labor arbitrator, obtaining most of my assignments through the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service. I also occasionally teach or lecture on mathematics. I have worked as an actuarial assistant for New England Life in Boston, as a rocket scientist for The Boeing Company in Seattle, as a mathematics professor at Wayne State University in Detroit, and as a benefits consultant for Aon Consulting in Atlanta. I have had extensive writing experience and have published articles on law and mathematics, which are posted at [scribd.com/efrankcornelius](https://www.scribd.com/efrankcornelius). I maintain a website at arbitrator.org, from which my publications may be easily accessed.

I am an ardent baseball fan, and volunteer with Meals-On-Wheels.

REASONS FOR SEEKING THIS OFFICE

The best thing I have done thus far for the NRHS is to volunteer Carol Ann to be Assistant Treasurer. Now I want to join her in giving back to this organization that has provided us with so much enjoyment. Although membership in NRHS is most enjoyable, recent developments such as Amtrak's unfavorable treatment of excursions and the disruption to NRHS activities and revenues caused by pandemic demand that the organization be managed and operated on an increasing sophisticated level. I would like to contribute my experience and skills toward that end.

As a professional, I strive not only to provide technically correct advice but to imbue it with common sense with the goal of avoiding future problems. I am experienced in problem solving. Carol Ann and I have planned and overseen the termination of a \$75,000,000 pension plan and the distribution of its assets to retirees in many countries.

I would like communication among NRHS members to be facilitated so that involvement with the organization would not be limited to a couple of conferences and a convention each year. I would propose a new website, restricted to NRHS members, on which members could post comments and questions about issues relevant to the NRHS, and post links to photographs, videos, and other material on trains and railroads and their history. The website would be casual and not require any particular expertise or formal style. Posting could be anonymous. How great it would be to have that website during this pandemic.

