



2023 NRHS NOMINATION FORM

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Position Being Sought: Director

Biography:

Jon has been a member of the NRHS for 56 years, having joined in 1967. His fascination with trains and railroads began at a very early age when his father introduced him to trains and railroading in Southern California. He was living in the Washington DC area when he joined the NRHS and the Washington DC Chapter, NRHS. Jon's active support of the NRHS began in 2007 when he retired and became active with his chapter as a member of the trip committee and serving as a crew member on the chapter's 1923 Pullman, the Dover Harbor. At that time, he also became active with the National organization serving as the chapter representative from the time the Advisory Council was established until 2017 when he became a NRHS Director, a position he held until 2022. He is now again his chapter representative to the NRHS Advisory Council. Early on he recognized he could help in publicity when he found current membership brochures did not exist. He updated the outdated brochure, arranged for printing, and started a process to distribute it widely. He presently sends out over 10,000 brochures annually to NRHS members for use at chapter events and train shows and to over 100 tourist railroads and museums making them available for customers. During his time as a Chapter Representative and Director he has attended almost every meeting, save two, with an excused absence

Reasons for Seeking This Office:

As a Director, I will work to increase public awareness of and membership in the NRHS. I will continue working to retain current members and attract new members. I initiated and operate the program making NHRS membership brochures available at no cost to chapters, railroad museums, and railroad attractions such as tourist railroads. I believe this program has been largely responsible for the gradually increasing membership the society has enjoyed over the last two years.

As a Director, I hope to work on increasing public awareness of the NRHS and increasing NRHS membership by as many means as possible. As a Director I will support the NRHS where needed and as asked. And I will continue my efforts to promote the NRHS through an increasingly wide distribution of membership materials. As a retired executive and Chief Information Officer of a large organization, I have the time and experience to make this a reality.

Jon Baake
Signature

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Date Signed