

Office: Vice President



William Scott Andes

Springfield, OH
Cincinnati Chapter, NRHS

Biography: I have been a practicing attorney for 32 years and am currently in my 29th year of NRHS membership. Among my many interests, I have a particular passion for, and interest in, railroads and railroad history. Since joining the Cincinnati Chapter in 1995, I have served in several capacities including both President and Newsletter Editor for over 20 years. I have also represented my Chapter in the NRHS since 1999 as a National Director and an Advisory Council Representative, and more recently have served as NRHS Director for District 5 2020-2022 and NRHS Director 2022-present. I have made many friends in the NRHS and enjoy traveling to and participating in NRHS Conventions and Conferences across the US.

Reason for seeking office: My longstanding NRHS and Chapter memberships, as well as my record of service in elected office in both organizations, provide me with experience dealing with many issues in both as well as a unique perspective in understanding the NRHS-Chapter relationship. My education and experience as a practicing attorney also benefit both organizations, in terms of the ability to understand the many legal and business issues that arise in the management of a non-profit corporation in today's world. I look opportunity to continue to serve the NRHS in the role of Vice President and ask your support in the upcoming 2024 Election.

Office: Director



Ellen F. Scott

Bluffton, SC
Cape Cod Chapter, NRHS

Biography: After graduating from college with a BA in Elementary Ed, I continued on to get my Master's degree. While pursuing that degree, I worked days and attended classes nights and weekends. I ended up working for Verizon and stayed there until I retired in 2003. After retirement I started my own business selling jewelry and glass art. I also taught jewelry making at a local art center.

I have been a member of the NRHS since 2005. From that time until the convention in Alaska I attended meetings with my local chapter on Cape Cod. After the convention, I became more active with the national. In 2014 I was appointed by my chapter to be their National Rep on the Advisory Council. One year later I became their secretary. I retained that position until 2021 when I was appointed to the position of Secretary of the Board of Directors. I have retained that position until today.

From 2016 to the present, I have been a RailCamp counselor and on the RailCamp committee. I have served at both the East and West camps but have been primarily at the East camp.

Reason for seeking office: Reasons for Seeking This Office (Limit to 250 words): In 2022 I was elected to the Board of Directors. I also retained my position as secretary, which is an appointed position. I believe that a board member should be able to devote the time required to fulfill that position. They should be able to attend as many meetings as they are able in person. It's hard to make a connection via Zoom. They should also be willing to work for the best interest of the NRHS. They should want to keep the NRHS moving forward and to support its signature program of Heritage Grants and RailCamp. I feel that I am qualified for this position and will work with the other members to continue the purpose of the NRHS.

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Larry Pearlman

Wake Forest, NC
North Carolina Railway Museum Chapter, NRHS

Biography: Larry is the president and founder of SAFETY and Consulting Associates, Inc. He has over 30 years' experience in safety, safety culture, change management, and management systems. Larry has been instrumental in designing and implementing transformational change and process improvement efforts. Prior to focusing on safety, Larry was a Human Resources Director.

He has served on the Board of Directors of the East Troy Railroad Museum for the past four years and is responsible for fundraising. Under his leadership, the museum has been able to renovate the depot, develop educational curriculum, and receive grants for rail car renovation. He is also a member of the North Carolina Museum of Transportation, The Illinois Railway Museum, The Neuse River Valley Model Railroad Club, The (original) Norfolk Southern Historical Association, The Center for Railroad Photography & Art (CRP&A), and the North Carolina Railway Museum.

An avid rail photographer, his work has appeared in Trains, Railfan & Railroad, CRP&A, and several news and leisure magazines.

Larry began his career in 1989 and has held various leadership positions. In addition to SAFETY and, Larry has been employed by Amoco, BP, General Mills, Marsh McLennan, Oliver Wyman, and Pfizer. He serves as an adjunct professor at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Larry is the author of many safety related articles and is a frequent speaker at safety conferences and corporate safety events.

Larry resides outside of Raleigh, NC with his wife Lisa and dog Maggy. Larry, with his wife Lisa, have four adult children.

Education:

MA, Labor & Industrial Relations.
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
BBA, Business, University of Iowa.

Reason for seeking office: I am a life-long railfan. I believe in preservation of both the equipment and the stories of American railroading. I've experienced first-hand the challenges of preservation and operations of historic railroad equipment. I desire to bring my knowledge to the NRHS.

Attracting and retaining new members can be a challenge. Young people need to be given a voice, a role, and a reason for participation. We need to keep the NRHS fresh and have a significant focus on engaging the next generation of members. It should be obvious that our younger members are more tech savvy, document the industry differently, and have different expectations on how to engage in our hobby. I want to embrace their ways while preserving the best of our hobby, too.

My career is safety. I've seen some very unsafe practices at our museums. Even fatalities. There are also some amazingly great practices that need to be shared. I wish to bring my expertise to our organization and have a focus on improving safety for passengers and volunteers at museums and charter operations.

As a Board member my focus would be on:

1. Attracting and retaining membership.
2. Enhancing the safety of our membership.
3. Ensuring our communications are interesting, timely and engaging.
4. Managing the risks of our organization.
5. Supporting fundraising activities.
6. Bringing my business leadership skills to the Board and the organization.

Thank you for your consideration!

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Ken Mosby

Seneca, SC
Delaware Valley Chapter, NRHS

Biography: I have been a member of the NRHS since 2001 when I joined the Delaware Valley Chapter. There I served as vice president and I'm currently serving as national representative. I started out as a toddler watching those fascinating trolleys rumbling down Erie Ave. in Philadelphia. When we moved to Levittown, I was able to railfan the Pennsylvania and Reading Railroads. I've volunteered as a Trainman and Brakeman at Black River and Western, Wilmington and Western and Allentown and Auburn Railroads. I've modelled in O-scale and I'm starting in N-scale. I am a member of the R&LHS, and I am a board member of the Central Railway Model & Historical Society in Central SC.

I am retired NAVY and retired DOD civil service.

Reason for seeking office: I am running for the board because my interest in railroads and railroad history compels me to get more involved in this great organization. I regularly attend the National board meetings either in person or virtually. I intend to listen to the membership and represent their interests to the national. Working with Al Weber, I developed the NRHS membership discount category we had for the military. I believe I can recruit more members in the South Carolina region.

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Jon Baake

Tall Timbers, MD
Washington D.C. Chapter, NRHS

Biography: Jon has been a member of the NRHS since 1967. His interest in 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. 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 by serving as a crew member on the chapter's 1923 Pullman, the Dover Harbor, trips. He is a chapter Director and serves as the chapter's RailCamp Coordinator. As he became more active with his chapter, 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 first became a NRHS Director, a position he holds today. Early on he recognized he could help with publicity when he found current membership brochures did not exist. He updated the outdated brochure, arranged for printing, and started a process to distribute them widely. He presently sends out over 10,000 brochures annually to NRHS members and others for use at chapter events and train shows and to over 150 tourist railroads and museums. Jon is also a founding member and active member of the NRHS Chapter Engagement Committee established to understand and improve the relationship between Chapters and the NRHS..

Reason for seeking office: I am passionate about the NRHS and promoting and preserving railroad history. As a Director, I will continue working to increase public awareness of and membership in the NRHS. I will continue working to retain current members and attract new members. I initiated, operate, and will continue to operate the program making NRHS membership brochures available at no cost to chapters, and more than 150 railroad museums, railroad attractions, and tourist railroads. I believe this program has been largely responsible for stabilizing NRHS membership by attracting new members as older members have died or otherwise left the society.

As a Director, and as an active and founding member of the recently established NRHS Chapter Engagement Committee, I will work to improve NRHS relations with NRHS Chapters and to open relationships with chapters that have become nonresponsive. The CEC was established to help the NRHS better understand chapter needs and to seek ways the NRHS can become a valued resource to the chapters. In short, the CEC mission is to understand how NRHS resources can be used to strengthen chapter operations and to foster the development of NRHS programs that directly support chapter operations. As a Director I will support the NRHS where needed and as asked. And throughout my term, 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.

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John DeRoo

Roeland Park, KS
Kansas City Chapter, NRHS

Biography: Been a lifelong railfan since I was 3. Love all trains but especially steam trains. Joined the Kansas City Chapter in 2000 and have served as President or National Representative since 2008. Chaired the 2017 NRHS Fall Conference held in Kansas City. I have attended several NRHS Conventions and Directors' Conferences since 2001 and have enjoyed the events and meeting other members and learning their interests. My passion is helping to preserve our rich rail history.

Reason for seeking office: Preserving rail history is very important and I believe I can help the Board with new ideas and perspective on keeping the NRHS relevant in our social media driven world of today. There is plenty of opportunity to grow and I want to help the Society accomplish its goals. This organization has a very storied history and I look forward to helping build on that success.

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R. Robert Bitzer

Laurel, MD
Washington D.C. Chapter, NRHS

Biography: I'm a native Washingtonian. I was born, raised and educated in the DC area. In my professional life I served as a Management Executive with both May Company and Macy's Department Stores for over 40 years in many operational, auditing and system capacities. I'm now retired.

I have been a member of the NRHS for over 60 years. I hold memberships in several chapters of the NRHS (home chapter is Washington DC) and other rail organizations including R&LHS, FEBT, C&O Rwy. Hist. Soc., WM Rwy. Hist. Soc, B&O RR Museum.

My background and experience in the Society includes National Treasurer (current), Director (current), Conference Coordinator (current), former Convention Chairman, By-Laws and Planning Committees, Mid-Atlantic Region RVP. Currently serve on the Board of Trustees of the NRHS Fund. I also manage the Washington DC Chapter NRHS Martin F. O'Rourke library.

My other interests include photography, O gauge model railroading, rail history books and railroad watch collecting.

Reason for seeking office: I would like to continue to work with the NRHS BOD's, the Advisory Council and our membership for the following reasons:

First, the NRHS needs to do things that are relevant to the purposes of rail history, preservation, education, and resource development. We have in place many outstanding existing and new programs to meet these goals as well as partnerships developed with outside organizations to recognize all aspects of historical preservation work.

Second, we need to continue to explore new ways to recognize chapters and membership for their efforts on behalf of the Society and in the preservation and education of railroading and its history.

The Society must continue to communicate its story, purposes, and programs, both to its members and the public community (railfan and non-railfan), through its publications, email services and the internet.

Together, as a team, we can maintain our existing goals and programs and create and accomplish new ones to ensure the future of rail preservation and its history. Remember, this is our Society, let's support it!

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Thomas J. Gallagher

Hyde Park, VT
Champlain Valley Chapter, NRHS

Biography: I was born and raised in Woodside, NY in the shadow of the Long Island RR behind my home, and the New Haven RR down the street. I am sure this instilled my interest in railroads. I was educated in New York and took my first teaching job on Long Island. I moved to Vermont in 1972 and continued teaching in Bennington. I took a break from teaching in 1980 and was employed by Greyhound Line and Vermont Transit as a motor coach driver until 1990. I returned to teaching and driving charter coaches part time until retirement. I joined the NRHS in 1996 while being a member of the Champlain Valley Chapter. I served as Vice President, President, Secretary and am presently Chapter Historian. I have been a member of the NRHS Advisory Committee since 2022. I am also a member of the Train Collectors Association and was the chairman of the tours committee for the 2008 TCA national convention in Burlington, VT. I am currently a volunteer driver for the Disabled American Veterans and drive veterans to medical appointments at the VA hospital.

Reason for seeking office: I have discovered that studying railroad history also helps me to understand much about local history as well. This is a feature of our organization which could be continuously promoted. When we are successful with an activity the results are impressive. In Vermont, there are three instances where NRHS and local grants were obtained that resulted in the creation or improvements of museums. I believe it is imperative we continue trying to get out the word to the public. This is not something we are not already aware of. We can look at our ageing membership, myself included, and realize that bringing in members from the next generations is essential. I would like to continue the conversation on how we can go about attracting those who will appreciate what a fine organization we have.

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Eric P Fogg

Clive, IA
Iowa Chapter, NRHS

Biography: The license plate on my car – BRAKMN – identifies my volunteer job at a tourist railroad. The frame around my license plate tells more about me. It's a line from a poem – *"There isn't a train I wouldn't take, no matter where it's going."* Family and friends will tell you; I have a "one track mind" when it comes to railroads.

My commitment to trains and the history of trains is evidenced by:

- Train travel across 49 states and 20 countries on 3 continents
- Completing my first term on the NRHS Board of Directors
 - Generated publicity for the inaugural winner of the NRHS Historic Preservation award
 - Co-hosted the 2024 NRHS Spring Conference
- Current member, Board of Directors for the Boone & Scenic Valley Railroad, a regional tourist railroad
 - Volunteer brakeman on the Boone & Scenic Valley Railroad
 - Weekly volunteer at the James H. Andrew Railroad Museum
 - Cataloging collections
 - Creating historical displays
- Past national president Lionel Collectors Club of America
- Preserving railroad history by independently photographing and cataloging dozens of rapidly disappearing or re-purposed depots.
- Authoring articles and making public presentations on railroad-themed topics, including depot preservation and the Iowa Traction Railway.
- Participating in historic railroad events including the last train out of St. Louis Union Station; the last run of *The Canadian*; and the NRHS Golden Spike Celebration.
- Worked as a brakeman on the Class I St. Louis - San Francisco Railway

Reason for seeking office: With a little bit of study, it's easy to see the contributions railroading has made to developing and maintaining much of the world, especially here in the United States. But that message isn't always getting to the younger generation,

Teaching is a big part of the mission of NRHS and each of us – Officers, Directors, and members - need to tell our story and spread the word. We also need to re-dedicate our skills and energy to carrying out strategies that increase the organization's visibility and growth.

- We need to increase member awareness of and participation in NRHS-sponsored events and excursions.
- Improving our financial position is vital and can be done by careful spending and increased recruitment of members of all ages.

- The Heritage Grants program takes our message and mission out to the public and shows the many good things the Society does.
- Publicizing samples from our Heritage Film Collection is another way to showcase our commitment to preservation.
- Staging an amateur photography competition, with winning-members photographs honored at the annual Convention, would demonstrate history in action.
- RailCamp, with campers representing the railroad workers (and Society members) of tomorrow, should also be highly publicized and seek support from the industry.
- This year's inaugural historic preservation award represents opportunities to publicize the Society in new, creative ways and to new audiences. Future winners should be the site of an NRHS conference to father showcase our work.

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Kevin Feeney
Abington, PA
Philadelphia Chapter, NRHS

Biography: NRHS member since 1986.

Past President - Philadelphia Chapter
 Past Treasurer - Western CT Chapter
 Edited Philadelphia & Western CT newsletters
 Member: NMRA & TRRA H.S, IT H.S., GM&O H.S.
 Served on two boards of other 501(c)(3) organizations.
 BA/Mba/MS/DPS & retired CPA
 Doctoral dissertation on railroad accounting
 Current comptroller of NRHS Fund
 Current board member serving on Heritage Grants Committee; developed rubric that can be used for evaluating future requests.

Reason for seeking office: The NRHS has identity/brand issue. History is important but most younger railfans do not know or care about NRHS. We need activity on social media apps that are used by younger railfans. We need a "YouTube" channel" such as *NMRA-x*, showing railroads in action, chapter, heritage & preservation/restoration activities. The current model for holding conventions and conferences is broken. We need to hold joint meetings with other railroad organizations such as: R&LHS, NMRA & railroad historical societies. We need to ensure that money donated to the NRHS and the NRHS Fund for specific activities is spent on a timely basis.

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H. Michael Yuhas
Saukville, WI
Wisconsin Chapter, NRHS

Biography: After a brief NRHS stint in the mid-1970s in the Long Island-Sunrise Trail Chapter, Mike rejoined NRHS in 1985 (through the Philadelphia Chapter) and has held continuous membership since. As a director and later president of the Wisconsin Chapter, Mike was instrumental in developing programs that members wanted to experience. In 2020, Mike retired after 30 years as the lead advertising salesperson at Trains and Classic Trains magazines, which allowed him to devote even more time to the chapter. During the pandemic, Wisconsin chapter missed only one meeting, and quickly embraced remote Zoom meetings, which prompted chapter membership to double.

Mike provided local support for the 2021 NRHS Milwaukee convention; other NRHS volunteer assignments soon followed. Mike joined the membership committee in 2022, where he helped set up NRHS's online membership and fundraising portal and helped perfect automated importation of paper renewals. Mike is a member of the NRHS team administering the Trains magazine annual photo contest. He's involved with the convention and conference committees. As a member of the Historic Preservation Award team, Mike solicited railroad industry participation with Railway Age and Railway Track & Structures magazines.

Mike is an accomplished photographer of railroad and marine subjects (see www.mikeyuhas.org). He and wife Janet enjoy traveling or just sitting on their porch overlooking the Mississippi River. He is especially proud of his four grown children, none of whom are particularly interested in railroad history but all are following their calling. Mike despises writing about himself in the third person.

Reason for seeking office: NRHS should be proud of its accomplishments over the recent past. Railcamp™ is the nation's premier learning experience for young adults seeking knowledge about today's railroad industry and railroad history. The Bulletin continues to publish in-depth, long-form railroad content that commercial outlets can only dream about. The Heritage Grants team has helped fund scores of notable preservation projects. For my part, I am proud of my role in the membership and convention committees, helping to create user-friendly systems to enable online membership orders, donations, and event registrations. In short, NRHS is headed in the right direction.

However, the Society should not rest on its laurels, for there is much more to do.

NRHS is at a crossroads. In my short time as an active NRHS volunteer, I've met dozens of other volunteers who share the same passion for the Society and for preservation of railroad history. Our Society has a paid staff of zero. This is a blessing, because we can deliver our programs at the lowest possible cost, but also a curse, because it is difficult to find members to step up to do what needs to be done. People of a certain age will remember that TV's Mr. Rogers called these people "helpers." As a Director in NRHS, I will make it a priority to recruit members whose many talents can help propel the Society forward. With your help, NRHS can continue to thrive.

I thank you for your support, and I look forward to working with you.