



## 2026 Nomination Form and Instructions

The NRHS is now soliciting nominations for the President and Board positions.

### Background

Serving on the National Railway Historical Society (NRHS) Board of Directors is both an honor and a commitment to advancing the organization's mission of preserving and celebrating our nation's railway heritage. Board members are expected to contribute their time, talent, and/or treasure, recognizing that the strength of NRHS is built on the dedication and engagement of its leadership. This includes actively participating in Board meetings, supporting national and chapter-level events, and maintaining a visible presence within the broader NRHS community.

Directors are expected to take on projects, initiatives, and responsibilities that further the strategic goals of NRHS. Whether leading a committee, developing programs, supporting fundraising efforts, or providing professional expertise, Board members must be proactive contributors who help move the organization forward. Strong communication, follow-thru and collaboration with fellow Directors, chapters, and volunteers are essential to this role.

Above all, NRHS Board members act as servant leaders — modeling humility, accountability, and a commitment to the organization's membership. This leadership approach emphasizes service over status: listening to chapter needs, supporting volunteers, mentoring future leaders, and ensuring NRHS remains responsive, transparent, and mission-driven. Board members serve not just as decision-makers, but as stewards of NRHS values, reputation, and long-term sustainability.

### Positions

Per the 2013 Bylaws of the NRHS as amended September 26, 2020, the Board of Directors will consist of 11 members. One (1) individual will hold the Office of President, and nine (9) will be Directors.

The 2026 election is the fourth under the 2013 Bylaws amended in 2020. In this election the **President and nine Board positions** will be on the ballot. The President has a term of four (4) years and each Director's term is two (2) years.

All members in good standing will elect the President and nine Directors. Any eligible NRHS member may run for President or Director. The Directors represent the entire NRHS membership.

## Nominations

All NRHS members in good standing are eligible to run for any of the Officer and Board positions based on meeting the criteria set forth in the NRHS Bylaws Article VII, Section 6. This includes the following:

- a) They shall be members in good standing of the Society at the time of their nomination, upon taking office, and throughout their term of office;
- b) Shall have attained the age of eighteen years before taking office;
- c) Shall not have been convicted of a crime which has been classified by any jurisdiction as a felony, nor have been convicted of a crime which has been classified by any jurisdiction as a misdemeanor and involving moral turpitude;
- d) Shall not be under the conservatorship of any Court at the time of their nomination, upon taking office, and throughout their term of office;
- e) Shall be ready, willing and able to attend meetings of the Board of Directors as they shall be convened from time to time.

All Officers and Directors are expected to pay for their costs and expenses related to attending a meeting of the Board of Directors. This does include the registration fee, if any, when attending a meeting online.

If a member desires to run for office and is qualified based on the above criteria, the member must submit a nomination application to the NRHS Electoral Committee Chair no later than the end of business March 31, 2026. The nomination application is available online at <https://admin.nrhs.com>. Send the nomination application form to John K. Fiorilla, Esq., Dyer & Peterson PC, 322 US Highway 46 West, Suite 220E, Parsippany, NJ 07054, or as an attachment to an email addressed to [gc@nrhs.com](mailto:gc@nrhs.com).

Once the nominations close on March 31, 2026, the Electoral Committee will create the ballot. The membership mailing of the ballots will commence on or about June 1, 2026. Each ballot will be accompanied by an official return envelope. Only ballots returned in this envelope will be considered official ballots and counted. Ballots returned in any other envelope will not be counted and will be discarded. Ballots may be in another shipping envelope such as a UPS or FedEx envelope if the ballot is sealed in the official return envelope provided.

The election will close on August 1, 2026. All ballots must be postmarked no later than August 1, 2026, to be counted. The President shall be elected by a plurality of those votes legally cast. The top nine

candidates with the most votes will be elected as Director. The results will be certified by the General Counsel of the NRHS and the Electoral Committee in late August 2026. Winners of the election will be contacted by the NRHS Electoral Committee Chair once the vote has been certified. Results will be available on the NRHS website and will be published in the *NRHS News* after the vote certification and notification to the candidates.

The new Board of Directors will be seated at the 2026 Fall Conference. The current Board remains in position until the seating of the new Board.

Note: The 2026 Fall Conference may take place in conjunction with the 2026 NRHS Convention.

The Electoral Committee is responsible for the entire election process which includes the approval of qualifications of candidates, and oversight of the election process to assure that schedules and procedures adhere to the NRHS Bylaws and the laws of the State of Maryland.

#### **NRHS Electoral Committee**

Joe Maloney (Chair)

Mike Brock

Bob Ernst

John Fiorilla -- General Counsel

Tony White – Ex Officio

## 2026 NRHS NOMINATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Member Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apartment Number: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_ Zip-Code: \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Chapter or At-Large Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Position Being Sought (check): President

Director

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

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

NOTE: You may only run for one office per election. You may not simultaneously serve on both the Board of Directors and the Advisory Council.

Deadline for submitting this form is March 31, 2026.

By submitting this nomination form to the NRHS, I certify that I have read and understand the Bylaws of the NRHS dated September 26, 2020. I certify that I am in compliance with all the requirements for this position as defined in the NRHS Bylaws including but not limited to those found in §6 thereof.

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*Signature*

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*Date Signed*

### The Instructions for Completing the Nomination Form

Please fill out all the sections of the form. Be truthful, be accurate, stick to what you will do as an officer or director, and avoid any form of personal complaints or slander against any other NRHS member. If you deviate from those four principles, the NRHS Electoral Committee will invalidate your application form.

The nomination form is an Adobe standard file that you may complete online, or download and complete on its own. The form broken down into ten (10) individual elements as follows:

Name: Provide your full, legal name.

Member Number: Provide your NRHS member number from your 2026 NRHS membership card.

Address: Provide your USPS mailing full address, including apartment number (if applicable), and nine digit zip code.

Telephone Number and email address: Self-explanatory.

Home Chapter or At-Large Affiliation: Self-explanatory. If a chapter member, list only your home chapter.

Position Being Sought: Clearly state which position you are seeking.

Biography: In 250 words or less, briefly describe your life and interests.

Reasons for Seeking This Office: In 250 words or less, tell your voters why you want this position. Clearly tell them what you expect to do as an officer or director on their behalf. Be truthful, be accurate, stick to what you will do as an officer or director, and avoid any form of personal complaints or slander against any other NRHS member.

Signature: Self-explanatory. Failure to sign the form invalidates the form.

Date Signed: Self-explanatory. Failure to date the form invalidates the form.