

Office: President



Tony White
Felton, DE
Western Connecticut Chapter, NRHS

Biography: I believe deeply in the NRHS and its mission. I am from Chapter #30, which has a long history of service to rail preservation, railfanning, and NRHS members. I helped lead the last national youth event, *YouthRail*, at the New Haven Rails 2000 Convention and have served on multiple National committees and understand the Society's dynamics.

As a social worker, my career has centered on listening, collaboration, and effective leadership. I am respected by members and respect them in return. I am always on the lookout for new ideas and then work to implement them if they would be beneficial to the Society. I am currently serving as President and am running for another term to continue supporting projects that strengthen NRHS's leadership in rail preservation, history, education, and engagement.

Reason for seeking office: Effective leadership begins with commitment and visibility. Board members must lead by example by actively engaging with the membership, attending meetings and conventions in person whenever possible. Leadership requires more than offering opinions—it requires being present, involved, and willing to work alongside our members.

As President, I will ensure the board functions as an active, service-driven body representing all members, whether At-Large or through Chapters. I am committed to maintaining affordable, engaging, and welcoming conventions and conferences, and to continuing the strategic use of technology to strengthen outreach and operations—allowing us to preserve our dues structure without increases. Above all, I will answer all email, phone calls and speak to the membership. Lastly, I will maintain our purpose and support our brand.

I will also remain fully engaged with Education, RailCamp, Rail Preservation, and Historic Photos and Film. Through my ongoing involvement in more than 25 chapters, plus railroad museums, and rail historical societies, I am committed to continuous learning and to applying those experiences to strengthen our organization and the broader rail preservation community.

Office: Director



Paul Barnes
Timonlun, MD
Washington D.C. Chapter, NRHS

Biography: Paul Barnes grew up in Silver Spring, Maryland where his avid interest in transportation history spawned at age four when his parents bought him an HO scale train set one Christmas. Through the years, Paul cultivated his interest by voraciously soaking up every media feature on the subject he could get hold of. He took his interest to the next level while he was an active volunteer docent at the B&O Railroad Museum and while he was a part-time employee at the National Air & Space Museum. Paul couldn't get enough of transportation so he made it his now 35-year long (so far) career, starting with an internship in the Transportation Office at the U.S. State Department and subsequently working for an intermodal marketing company, a steamship line (Lykes), a Class I (CSX), a Class II (G&W) and two Class III (Canton and Aberdeen & Rockfish/Pee Dee River) rail carriers.

Mr. Barnes is currently consulting in the supply chain management 'industry'. He earned his Bachelors of Science degree in Transportation from the University of Maryland at College Park and his Masters of Business Administration degree with an emphasis in Logistics from the University of North Florida.

Paul has been a member of the NRHS since 1989.

In his 'spare' time, he enjoys his two Black Lab mix dogs Liberty and Lucky. He also likes to perform his clarinet with local community and church ensembles. He previously led the St. Augustine Community Orchestra and the Moore Philharmonic Orchestra as President of each respective organization. Paul is active in several transportation historical groups which help him focus and grow his knowledge.

Reason for seeking office: With my extensive leadership experience, my 37 years of NRHS membership and my strong passion for interpreting and promoting rail transportation history, I look forward to helping take the NRHS to the next level. Historical associations in today's world face many headwinds, most significantly, increased erosion of interest. I will collaborate with NRHS Board members and Chapters to grow relevance, interest and membership participation, particularly with youth who are the future of NRHS.

Office: Director



Larry Pearlman
Travelers Rest, SC
Greenville, SC Chapter, NRHS

Biography: Larry is Vice President of Environmental, Health, Safety & Security at American Fujikura, Limited. 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.

Larry has completed his first term as a Board member at the NRHS and is running for the next two year term. He is a past member of the Board of Directors of the East Troy Railroad Museum. He is also a member of the North Carolina Museum of Transportation, The Illinois Railway Museum, The Apple Valley Model Railroad Club, The (original) Norfolk Southern Historical Association, and The Center for Railroad Photography & Art (CRP&A)..

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 AFL, 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 in Travelers Rest, SC 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 still have work to do to advance NRHS!

In my next term, I hope to continue to work with the Board to streamline our governance process, provide better focus on what NRHS does and how it does it. I wish to continue to bring my business acumen to the organization. It's a great Board and we can always improve.

We need to continue our focus on NRHS's value proposition so we can recruit and retain new members and provide better dialog with chapters and members.

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 continuing Board member my focus would be on:

1. Improving our organization and structure.
2. Improving chapter and at-large relationships
3. Attracting and retaining membership.
4. 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 later 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 Railroad and the Reading Railroad. I've volunteered as a Trainman and Brakeman at Black River and Western, Wilmington and Western and Allentown and Auburn Railroads. I'm modelling 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 re-election to the board because my interest in railroads and railroad history compels me to get more involved in this great organization. New projects and initiatives have come up that we were not able to finish. I regularly attend the National board meetings either in person or virtually and various chapter meetings. I will continue 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 successfully nominated one of our youth members from the CRM&HA to rail camp last year. I believe I can recruit more members in the South Carolina region.

Office: Director



Jon Baake
Tall Timber, 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 15,000 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 and active member of the NRHS Chapter Engagement Committee established to understand and improve the relationship between Chapters and the NRHS.

Reasons for Seeking This Office: I am passionate about preserving railroad history and supporting the NRHS. As an NRHS Director I will work to increase public awareness of and membership in the NRHS by attracting new members and retaining current members. I initiated and will continue to operate the program making NRHS membership brochures widely available at no cost to chapters, railroad museums, and railroad attractions such as tourist railroads. I believe the widespread accessibility of membership materials has been largely responsible for gradually increasing NRHS membership over the last several years.

I am continually working to increase public awareness of the NRHS and the importance of preserving railroad history. I do this through 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 opportunity a reality. As a NRHS Director, I believe I can make a difference in ensuring public awareness of the importance of preserving railroad history and ensuring the future of the Society.

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Patricia A Johnson
West Orange, NJ
Tri State Chapter, NRHS

"For I am confident of this very thing, that HE who began a good work in me, will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus" - Phil.1:6

I have a penchant for causes that represent the underserved in society. My experience working as a Government Affairs Manager in the Southwest Region for Merck and Dupont Pharmaceuticals, NJ prepared me well and afforded me the opportunity to build relationships with members of the House and Senate at the state level to discuss the importance of appropriating funds for state Medicaid programs. During this time my primary mode of travel was by rail passenger service from Newark, NJ to Washington, D.C. I consider myself an advocate when it comes to more utilization of rail service and I am acutely aware of the need to enhance customer service initiatives and expand personalized service necessities.

In addition, I am aware of the need to strengthen the rail ecosystem that equips and enables individuals to get involved in creating innovation that can lead to fueling economic growth. My business acumen focused on sales, marketing and branding strategies that ensured national implementation to a sales force, broadened exposure and increased product and service awareness. Based on my prior work experience research has demonstrated that building a collaborative infrastructure locally can lead to competing nationally and globally.

Finally, as a member of National Railway Historical Society, I will utilize my work experience to address social barriers that prevent lack of access and affordability to rail travel system.

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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 64 years. I hold memberships in several chapters of the NRHS which include Washinton DC (home chapter), Baltimore, and Potomac, as well as other rail organizations including R&LHS, FEBT, C&O Rwy. Hist. Soc., WM Rwy. Hist. Soc, and the 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 and serve on its BOD's.

My other interests include photography, O gauge model railroading, rail history books and railroad service 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 very important 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 programs to meet these goals. Of extreme importance is to explore and develop new partnerships, and programs both within our chapters, with other preservation organizations and directly with the railroads to recognize all aspects of historical preservation work.

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

Third, the NRHS must continue to communicate its story, purposes, and programs, both to its members and the public community (railfan, non-railfan, corporate world, etc.), through its publications, email services, the internet and most importantly by direct personal contact. In today's environment good communications and sharing of information are critical for both growth of membership and chapters.

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 its goals and purposes.

In closing, I sincerely hope that I can count on your support to continue to be a part of the leadership team for the National Railway Historical Society and its chapters. We have a clear track and green signals, let's highball.

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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 was a member of the NRHS Advisory Committee since 2022 and was elected to the Board of Directors in 2024. 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 look forward to working along with the officers and Board of Directors to keep our organization relevant and focused on the mission of the NRHS.

Office: Director



Skip Waters
Dallas, TX
North Texas Chapter, NRHS

Biography: I have been a member of the NRHS since 1993, past president of the North Texas Chapter, past Chairman 2008 Lone Star Rails Annual Convention, served on NRHS Convention committee for 8 years, served as Chairman of Membership committee and current Chairman of Chapter Development which has brought on at least 3 new chapters and in talks with 2 more. I've also served as a Director on the NRHS Board between 2013-2023. Now currently serving as the host/mc for the Advisory Council Chapter Engagement Committee's "Fireside Chats" which allow local Chapter issues and National topics to be discussed openly between chapter members and National directors.

Reasons for Seeking This Office: I would appreciate your vote to serve again on the Board and further the Society's agenda of promoting railroad history and rail preservation via our members and chapters.

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Mike Yuhas
Trempealeau, WI
Wisconsin Chapter, NRHS

Biography: Mike Yuhas has been an NRHS member in good standing for 41 years. For the first 36 years he was basically a lurker, busy with career and family. This status changed about 2020, when the kids fledged and Mike retired from his position as lead advertising salesperson at Trains magazine. This allowed him to lean in to volunteering with the NRHS at the national level.

After Mike provided local support for the 2021 NRHS Milwaukee convention, other NRHS volunteer assignments soon followed. He joined the membership committee in 2022, where he helped modernize NRHS's online membership, fundraising and event portal. If you've ever phoned the NRHS office with a question about your membership, there's a good chance that Mike answered the call and personally resolved the issue. As a member of the Historic Preservation Award committee, Mike solicited railroad industry participation with Railway Age and Railway Track & Structures magazines. Along with Eric Fogg, Mike co-chaired, planned and ran the sold-out 2024 NRHS Spring Conference. Mike and Eric also worked together to deliver an outstanding 2025 Convention to NRHS members. This year, Mike is serving as the convention committee chair.

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's especially proud of his four grown children, all of whom are ambitious and are following their calling. Mike is uncomfortable writing about himself in the third person.

Reasons for Seeking This Office:

Specific focus areas over the next two years:

- Enhancing relationships with NRHS chapters
- Implementing a more robust member services team
- Working with other directors to improve board accountability and engagement

Thank you for your support.