

## Advisory Council Agenda, April 1, 2017

1. Call to Order:
  - a. Welcome & Housekeeping:  
Introduce Local Host:
  - b. Roll Call:           Recent Changes and Alternates  
National Reps and others on the phone:  
Directors Assigned by the President:
  - c. Agenda Review & Approval
2. Minutes from the Portland Meeting: Distributed and Posted on December 9, 2016
3. Report from the Chair:
4. Officer & Committee Reports.
  - A. President's Remarks for himself and on behalf of the Board of Directors.
  - B. Vice President: Film Library, Print Library, Other
  - C. NRHS Secretary
  - D Treasurer/Comptroller Note: Budget posted: Nov. 8, 2016
  - E. NRHS Fund:
  - F. Membership Current Status, Brochure status
  - G. RailCamp
  - H. Convention Committee:
  - I. Future Conferences:
  - J. Railroad History Procedure Manual: Richard Shulby
6. Old Business
  - A. Chapter Definition Committee: **(see attached)**
7. New Business
  - A. Vice Chair (Chair Pro Tempore) (see Attached)
  - B. Publications Committee (see Attached)
8. Open Microphone: Comments from the floor, Board members...
9. Announcements:
10.
  - A. Review report to Board, action items, etc.
  - B. Closing Housekeeping: Lunch, etc.
11. Adjournment

## Chapter Definition Proposal:

- Chapter Officers [*President & Vice President or equivalent and National Representative*] and board members must be NRHS members. The names and positions are to be reported to the NRHS annually or when there is change in the chapter leadership. Failure to report would place the chapter in a non-compliant status. The penalty for non-compliance would be that members of that chapter would not be allowed to serve on the NRHS board or Advisory Council.
- At least 20 percent [*Pick a number*] of chapter members but more than the minimum to become a Chapter must be NRHS. Chapters are expected to report compliance with this provision to the NRHS annually by stating the total chapter membership count and the number of chapter members that are National members. National would provide chapters with a list of names of the persons showing affiliation with those chapters at least twice a year or by electronic read only access to the national membership system. It would be the chapter's responsibility to compare the National list with their local chapter membership list to determine the percent of chapter members that are National members. Chapter would not be expected to provide National with chapter membership lists. Failure to report or to meet the minimum membership percentage standard would place the chapter in a non-compliant status. The penalty for non-compliance would be that members of that chapter would not be allowed to serve on the NRHS board or on the Advisory Council.
- Chapters are **expected** to actively promote NRHS membership at chapter meetings, events and business operations and to promote NRHS events such as the conventions and conferences.
- Non-NRHS members in Chapters receive no NRHS publications, nor privileged ability to participate in NRHS events or lists, etc., nor shall they be the Chapter's presiding officers, National Representative, nor leadership council/Board of Directors members.
- The Chapter is granted the privilege of using "NRHS" in their organization name, on their letterhead, publications, website and social media.
- A Chapter may convert to Affiliates but must remove "NRHS" from their organization's name, letterhead, publications, website and social media, and loose Representation on the Advisory Council, and pay the affiliate annual fees

	<b>Chapter</b>	<b>Affiliate</b>
<b>NRHS Membership</b>	Xx% but > 6, Presiding Officers National Representative and BoD	No requirement
<b>Dues</b>	Members pay Chapter doesn't	Annual Affiliate Dues
<b>NRHS Promotion</b>	Expected for Membership and activities	Encouraged for membership and activities
<b>Publications</b>	To members, not Organization	One to Organization, none to its members
<b>Activities</b>	Open to NRHS Members	Open to its members
<b>NRHS Representation</b>	NR on Advisory Council	None
<b>NRHS Name</b>	May Use in Organization name, etc.	May use "NRHS Affiliate" on documents, websites, etc.

DRAFT Proposal

## **Advisory Council Vice-Chair:**

*ARTICLE VIII, Section 8. The Advisory Council shall elect a Chairperson from among Council members to chair Council meetings. The Council may also elect a Chair Pro Tempore to chair meetings if the Chairperson is absent or unable to Chair the meeting. The Chairperson (or ~~of~~ the Chair pro tempore in the Chairperson's absence) shall be responsible for planning, leadership and communications of the Council with the Board of Directors.*

*And*

*Section 10. The Advisory Council may create such Council Offices and Committees as it deems necessary from its membership and the NRHS membership to help it develop recommendations to the Board, and /or communications with the Chapters and NRHS membership.*

*Section 11. The election of Advisory Council officers shall take place at the Fall meeting of even numbered years by those Advisory Council members in attendance. A term of office shall be two years, pending continued selection to the Council by the Representative's home chapter. Election to fill vacancies will be for the remainder of the current term and shall take place at the next Council meeting. Any current Advisory Council member shall be eligible for election to Council Office.*

**Proposal:** The Advisory Council will select a Vice-Chair to chair meetings if the Chairperson is absent or unable to Chair the meeting. Said Vice-Chair shall function as the Chair Pro Tempore as described in Section 8.

*And,*

The Council requests the Board of Directors change the title "Chair Pro Tempore" to "Vice-Chair" in Article VIII, Section 8

## **Publications Committee:**

Here's the text of a message from Stephen Wasby to Al Weber and thence forwarded to me.  
Purpose: Discussion and possible motion to forward to the Board.

*On 12/8/2016 4:02 PM, Wasby, Stephen L wrote:*

*Al – You have not heard from me for some time. A large part of that is that, having been excluded from an active role in NRHS, I have been sitting on the sidelines and watching, although I hear about NRHS from various sources.*

*I wish to make a suggestion and offer my services in connection with > that suggestion. The suggestion is one I have made before, but on which action has not been taken, although you have said you are seeking volunteers to help with the work of NRHS.*

*What prompts this message now is that a (thin) TELEGRAPH and a full and vital issue of the NEWS appeared in close proximity. Whatever internal discussions may be taking place about such matters, it triggered questions such as who determines the pacing of those publications (including the BULLETIN) and which articles are to appear in which medium, as items of railroad history, which, like the Dupont/dynamite story, appear in the NEWS (and enrich it) but “might ought” be in the BULLETIN as part of a mix of articles.*

*The suggestion: \*NRHS needs a Publications Committee.\**

*Such a committee could and should develop general policy with respect to NRHS publications –the NEWS, the TELEGRAPH, the BULLETIN, and any other outlets that might be developed (such as the incipient Facebook page)-- and create a unified/, coordinated/ scheme in which the various publications each had a niche and arrived on members' “doorsteps” on a regular, continuing basis throughout the year.*

*In making my suggestion that NRHS have a Publications Committee, I am at the same time offering to serve on it. I have credentials which are more than appropriate:*

*not only long involvement in NRHS (as a member of, and chair of, the > Heritage Grants Committee), plus work on governance) but also experience with a number of journals, including service on editorial boards and as an EIC (editor-in-cheese), and including the grunt work of copy-editing, which I have provided and provide to one or more professional journals.*

*Steve  
(Stephen L. Wasby, Eastham Mass.)*

### **Questions:**

- 1. Do we feel NRHS needs this? Or is this too much interference/bureaucracy?**
- 2. Who is willing to actively serve?**
- 3. How will this committee meet? Function?**
- 4. What should we recommend to the Board**
- 5.