

# NATIONAL ACTIVITY REPORTS

Submitted by: Officers and Staff

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April- June, 2013

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## Advertising & Public Relations

- No items to report at this time

## ALCO Historic Photo's

*Submitted by Edward A. Fernau*

- No items to report at this time

## Chapter Development

- No items to report at this time

## Convention Status

- May 13-15 - Visit to Anchorage and Fairbanks to meet with several providers to the 2013 NRHS convention to confirm arrangements and payment plans. (with Bud Thompson)
- June 11-15 - Visits to several venues in Missouri and Arkansas to inspect facilities, gather information and make arrangements for 2014 NRHS convention program. (with Bart Jennings and Sarah Jennings)

## Emblem Sales

*Submitted by Dave Baniewicz*

- No items to report at this time

## Finance Update

*Submitted by Ralph Bitzer*

- Reviewed draft audit documents for 2012 NRHS audit and prepared to release final documents and management responses. (with Bob Heavenrich and Bob Bitzer)
- Filed Maryland Tax Return (John F)
- Filed extensions of IRS form 990 and PA tax returns (PGA)
- The NRHS application for CFC donations for the fall 2013 campaign has been accepted. (Factoid :) Since first becoming eligible in 2005, NRHS has received over \$100,000 in donations from Federal Employees through this program which is the Federal equivalent to the United Fund. (Pat Molloy lead, Bob H, Greg M.)
- Began assembling and complying material needed to file IRS 990 for 2012. (Bob H., Joe M.)

## Historic Plaque Update

*Submitted by Walter Zullig*

- No items to report at this time

## Library Project Manager

*Submitted by Douglas R. White*

- No items to report at this time

**Media Services**

*Submitted by Mitchell Dakelman*

- No items to report at this time

**Membership Awards**

*Submitted by Joe Maloney*

- No items to report at this time

**Membership Discount Program**

*Submitted by Wes Ross*

- No items to report at this time

**NRHS Inspector General**

*Submitted by Walter Zullig*

- Update to be provided at Board meeting

**NRHS Publications**

*Submitted by Jeff Smith*

- Update to be provided at Board meeting

**RailCamp**

- Continue to work on plans for 2014

**Railway Heritage Grants Program**

*Submitted by Nathaniel Guest*

- Update to be provided at Board meeting

**Secretary**

*Submitted by Joe Maloney*

- Handled many routine actions
- Finished all paperwork from Winter 2013 Board meeting
- Drafted minutes and fielded one comment on Spring 2013 BOD meeting minutes
- Wrote meeting synopsis for the Spring 2013 BOD meeting
- Issued meeting notice and chased several directors about attendance plans
- Participated in email discussions with the Strategic Preservation Committee
- Drafted congratulatory letter for NRHS student member earning his Eagle Rank in Boy Scouts of America.
- Worked on recruiting volunteers to fill vacant Board seats
- Presented "State of the Society" presentation to Potomac Chapter; scheduled presentations with Washington DC, West Jersey and Western Maryland Chapters; working with Baltimore Chapter on a workable schedule.

**Website Project Update**

*Submitted by Jeff Smith*

- Update to be provided at Board meeting

**Other Administrative Activities**

- Submitted several items to NRHS News and NRHS Telegraph to provide updates on a variety of issues.
- Participated in several conference calls with NRHS officers, staff and committees to work issues regarding staffing and priorities.

- May 8 & 9 - Visit to NRHS National Office to work on RailCamp policies, NRHS film library, several NRHS convention business items and other business issues. (with Joe Maloney, Bill Chapman, Bud Thompson, Al Weber).
- May 16 - Visit to Portland, OR to represent NRHS at the opening of "Railroading and Portland's Black Community" display at the Oregon Rail Heritage Foundation facility. This NRHS Railway Heritage Grants program contributed to the creation of this display.
- June 7-9 - Attended R&LHS 2013 annual meeting in Madison, WI. Met with R&LHS leadership to discuss opportunities for future cooperation. Also visited three recipients of past NRHS Railway Heritage Grants to talk with managers and view project results.
- (Planned) June 25 - Visit to Cincinnati Chapter to discuss NRHS national organization plans and programs with the chapter members. Invitations have been sent to other area chapters to participate in the meeting.

**Officers and Staff Reporting on Activities:**

Gregory P. Molloy: President

Barry O. Smith: Senior Vice President

Joseph C. Maloney, Jr. Secretary

Ralph R. Bitzer: Treasurer

Robert M. Heavenrich Jr.: Comptroller

Jeffrey S. Smith: Editor, *NRHS Bulletin*

Robert J. Ernst: Director-Membership Records & Editor, NRHS Telegraph

Nathaniel Guest: Director of Heritage Grants Program

Walter Zullig, NRHS Inspector General

Douglas R. White: Library Project Manager

Don Maxwell, Director of Chapter Development

Mitchell E. Dakelman: Director-Media Services

Dave Baniewicz: Emblem Sales Director