



NRHS NOMINATION FORM

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Home Chapter or At-Large Affiliation: Western Connecticut

Position Being Sought: Director - District 1

Term Length: Remainder of 2012-2014

(Be Specific, i.e. President or At-Large District A)

(Be Specific, i.e. Two Years or Four Years)

Biography (Limit to 250 words): I've been a member of the NRHS since 1999. I joined after hearing of the Western Connecticut Chapter's interest in hosting the National Convention in 2000. As in most of my life, I hit the ground running and was soon on the committee to run the convention. I was in charge of several areas prior to and during the New Haven Rails 2000 Convention. I've been the National Director of the Western Connecticut Chapter since 2002 until becoming the National Representative my current position. During my involvement with the NRHS and Chapter, I've attended most all of the meetings and Conventions. I've been active in many committees for National and ran a successful Director's meeting in April 2009. Prior to my tenure with the NRHS, I was a three term Board Member of the Danbury Railway Museum (DRM). As Treasurer I put procedures in place to accurately account for and correct the financials in order to catch up on tax returns. I was active in museum restorations and am a life member of the DRM. I have been active with the SoNo Switch Tower Museum since its start in 2003 as a committee member and volunteer. The museum has operated successfully and profitably without an admission charge each year. I've been a volunteer with the National Park Service Trails and Rails program and a presenter for Operation Lifesaver. I'm a licensed Social Worker and employed as a department head for a large metropolitan hospital. I belong to three NRHS Chapters.

Reasons for Seeking This Office (Limit to 250 words): The NRHS has entered a new phase facing a lot of issues with a smaller board and new bylaws. The new BOD is charged with identifying important and emergent issues, finding solutions and implementing well thought out plans to resolve these. Increasing or at least maintaining membership is paramount. Saving and expanding RailCamp and restarting the adult RailCamp is also a priority. There are serious gaps in what some can afford for membership dues. Some people can easily afford any amount of dues charged, while others are struggling. People with less income should not be denied access to the NRHS. The cost of services and how they are provided has to be explored with a corrective action plan for resolution. In order to face these few areas, more and better dialogue is needed to address the inadequacies inherent in the current system. So why me! I believe in the NRHS. I am from Chapter #30 which has a long history with the NRHS, railroads, railfanning, preservation and members. At the New Haven Rails 2000 Convention, we had the last youth event. It was patterned after RailCamp and titled YouthRail. I personally sponsor campers at RailCamp. I have served on several committees for National and know the dynamics of the Society. As a Social Worker I have the pulse of people in my veins. I am respected by members and I respect them. I can help the Society and the BOD make the improvements needed to keep members and Chapters happy.

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.

By submitting this nomination form to the NRHS, I certify that I have read and understand the Bylaws of the NRHS dated January 13, 2013. I certify that I am in compliance with all the requirements for this position as defined in Bylaws including but not limited to those found in §7 thereof.

Signed

May 29, 2013

Signature

Date Signed