

**Minutes of the Eighty Fourth
NRHS Annual Membership Meeting
Ramada Cumberland Downtown Hotel, Cumberland, MD
Thursday, August 9, 2018**

Pursuant of notice, the members of the National Railway Historical Society, Inc. met at the Ramada Cumberland Downtown Hotel, Cumberland, MD, Thursday, August 9, 2018.

1 - Call to Order

President Al Weber called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. EDT. Seventy two members and guests were present.

2 - Approval of Minutes

Secretary Bob Ernst presented the minutes of the membership meeting held in Nashville, TN on June 23, 2017. There were no comments received from NRHS members that affected the wording on the draft minutes.

Motion: Mr. Marlin Taylor motioned and Mr. Phil Whitley seconded the motion to accept the minutes as written. Motion carried.

3 - President's Report

President Weber welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending the convention. He noted that the NRHS is gaining membership this year. The modest membership gain is stabilizing the Society. In addition, the countless hours of volunteer help to run the day-to-day operations of the NRHS has been helpful in minimizing expenses.

The NRHS is asking the membership to contact their Congressional Representatives and Senators and ask for their support of Amtrak, the return of Amtrak Charters and private car moves. It has been challenging for the chapters that have private cars to operate on the Amtrak system.

President Weber has been active in the planning of the 2019 NRHS Convention to be held in Salt Lake City, UT. The convention will be held in conjunction with the Union Pacific's celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the Golden Spike at Promontory Summit on May 10, 2019. Al reviewed the planned events and some of the other organizations that will be in attendance.

4 - Introduction of Officers and Staff

President Weber introduced the officers and staff who attended this meeting.

5 - New Business

The Secretary received 742 proxies via mail from the membership.

Item 1: Secretary Bob Ernst presented the amendment to the Bylaws as distributed via the membership proxy letter.

There was no discussion from the floor.

Passed by voice vote. Proxy results for Item 1: Yes = 730 No = 12

Item 2: There was no new business presented from the floor

6 – Questions and Initiatives from the Membership

President Weber opened the floor for questions. None were received from the floor. Al encouraged all members to communicate with the Officers and Directors. When sending any correspondence to the NRHS, please include a contact address, email address or phone number.

7 - Adjournment

Mr. Steven Siegerist motioned to adjourn. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30PM, EDT.

Respectfully submitted

Robert J. Ernst
Secretary
National Railway Historical Society

1 Attachment
2018 Bylaws Change

Item 1:

Article X Chapters

Section 1. A Chapter when formed, is an organized group of at least ten (10) individuals who indicate Chapter affiliation when paying their Society dues. The Chapter shall share goals and interests with the Society. A Chapter shall not be a subsidiary of the Society but may represent itself as part of the of the Society and solicit and sell Society memberships to the public. Chapters shall have the right, through representation on the Advisory Council, of input to the Society Board of Directors and Management and to receive certain services from the Society. Chapters shall be in compliance with these Bylaws and with any regulations or policies promulgated by the Society and duly distributed to the Chapter by the Society.

- a) A Chapter in good standing is a chapter which annually shall have at least five (5) members who indicate Chapter affiliation when paying their Society dues and have remitted any funds held in trust for the Society on a timely basis and complies with the Bylaws of the Society.
- b) A Chapter not in good standing shall be a chapter that fails to remit funds held in trust on a timely basis, fails to comply with the reasonable directives of the President or other officers of the Society, and/or fails to maintain membership of at least five (5) members who indicate Chapter affiliation when paying their Society dues. Such a Chapter shall no longer have representation on the Advisory Council and may be suspended from such national services as determined by the Board of Directors.
- c) The Charter of a Chapter not in good standing may be revoked by the Board of Directors at the Board's discretion. Reinstatement as a Chapter can be achieved if the Chapter has returned to good standing and only by a vote of the Board of Directors.