



As approved by the Board via email March 1, 2015

**Meeting Minutes  
NRHS Board of Directors  
Hotel Roanoke & Conference Center  
Roanoke, VA  
Sunday, January 11, 2015**

Pursuant to notice, the Board of Directors of the National Railway Historical Society, Inc. met at the Hotel Roanoke in Roanoke, VA on January 11, 2015.

**1. Call to Order - Open Session**

President Al Weber called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. EST on Sunday, January 11, 2015.

**2/3a. Welcome and Roll Call**

President Al Weber welcomed the Directors to this meeting. Secretary Bob Ernst explained the process for taking attendance at the meeting. The Board attendance for this meeting was as follows:

Name	Office	Present	Absent
Al Weber	President	1	
Joseph C. Maloney, Jr.	Vice President	1	
David Flinn	Global Director (2014 - 2018)	1	
E. Steven Barry	Global Director (2014 - 2018)		E
Walter Zullig	Global Director (2012 - 2016)	1	
Robert J. Ernst	Global Director (2012 - 2016)	1	
William Bain	Global Director (2012 - 2016)	1/Phone	
Mia Mather	District 1 Director (2014 - 2018)	1	
Tony White	District 1 Director (2012 - 2016)	1	
Harold Shaak	District 2 Director (2014 - 2018)	1/Phone	
Mark S. Eyer	District 2 Director (2012 - 2016)	1	
Frank Fowler	District 3 Director (2014 - 2018)	1	
Ralph Robert Bitzer	District 3 Director (2012 - 2016)	1	
Sanford Williamson	District 4 Director (2014 - 2018)	1	
Larry Dyer	District 4 Director (2012 - 2016)	1	
Jim Pahriss	District 5 Director (2014 - 2018)	1	
Wesley F. Ross	District 5 Director (2012 - 2016)	1	
John Goodman	District 6 Director (2014 - 2018)	1	
Duane Durr	District 6 Director (2012 - 2016)	1	
Steven Siegerist	District 7 Director (2014 - 2018)		E

Skip Waters	District 7 Director (2012 - 2016)	1	
Jeffrey S. Smith	District A Director (2014 - 2018)	1	
Wes Weis	District A Director (2012 - 2016)	1	
Jack Hilborn	District B Director (2014 - 2018)	1	
Philip A. McMeins	District B Director (2012 - 2016)		U

1/Phone=Attended via teleconference line. E=Excused Absence U=Unexcused Absence

There was a quorum present in order to conduct business.

### 3b. Approval of November 2014 Minutes

Secretary Bob Ernst received corrections prior to the meeting regarding the November 2014 Minutes.

**Motion:** Joe Maloney motioned and Frank Fowler seconded to accept the minutes as revised. Passed by voice vote.

### 4) President's Report

President Weber appointed to the Railway Heritage Grants Committee, at the request of Committee Chairman E. M. Bernsten, Rick Davidson, Keith Fleschner, Frank Fowler, Jr. and Richard Shulby.

AI noted that there will be a call for volunteers to handle items of business in the upcoming months. He will be contacting people as the need arises and will not solely depend on members of the Board.

There will be discussion on small contracts, which help run the Society. The Executive Committee may be presented with contracts to approve in the time between this meeting and the Spring meeting.

### 5) Officers, Directors and Service Directors Reports

#### Vice President Joe Maloney

Joe reported on the move of the volunteer's office material from Fernley & Fernley to the offices of the Delaware Valley Association of Rail Passengers (DVARP). The DVARP office is located at 1601 Walnut Street, Suite 1129, Philadelphia, PA 19102. The email address to reach the volunteers is [research@nrhs.com](mailto:research@nrhs.com). The office has a NRHS phone line and the volunteers have moved in. Office rent is \$125 per month.

The dues renewal update spreadsheets were distributed in late December to all of the chapters via email. A second round of status report spreadsheets will be out within a week.

Joe is very happy with the progress of the 8mm Film Digitization Project. All of the film has been scanned and will now go into the image stabilization process. Some of the final productions will be available by the convention in June.

Joe reported that he has prepared the majority of the membership award pins for 2015. Many were distributed to the Chapter National Representatives and Board members in attendance today to take back to the chapters for delivery to the individual members. He noted that there is one 70 year pin, five 60 year pins and seventeen 50 year pins. The Tacoma Chapter will receive their 50 year anniversary certificate and the Delmarva Chapter a 25 year certificate.

### **Treasurer Bob Bitzer**

Bob Bitzer reviewed the current financial situation of the Society. Funds will continue to be tight and he emphasized the need for renewals and donations. Some highlights of his report include:

- All of the accounts have been updated with the new signature cards.
- Due to the tight cash flow, Bob is handling all of the check distributions instead of Fernley & Fernley.
- Bob is working with PGA and YPTC on the 2014 audit and preparing the year-end reports and IRS 990.
- Updating the NRHS Fund data.
- Paid the first installment of the Smith lawsuit. A \$10,000 check was issued as payment for 2015.
- All convention income for the 2015 Rutland, VT Convention is being segregated for exclusive use of convention expenses.

NRHS Comptroller Bob Heavenrich did a review of the Society's assets and liabilities. He explained the accounting accrual system that is in use.

### **Secretary Bob Ernst**

Bob asked that all Chapter National Representative updates be sent to him at [secretary@nrhs.com](mailto:secretary@nrhs.com).

### **RailCamp Report – Carl Jensen**

Carl submitted a report to the Board. (See appendix B)

### **5) Advisory Council Report**

No report given. All Board members were in attendance at the Advisory Council meeting of 1/10/15.

### **6) Convention Reports**

**2014 Springdale, AR**

Al reported that the convention was profitable and the convention finances were reviewed.

**2015 Rutland, VT**

Convention Chairman Walter Zullig gave a report of the convention events and sales. Currently there are 216 registrants and about \$161,500 in revenue. This is about 40% of projected attendance. Six classes are sold – out, all in Premium service. Only 30% of coach is sold at this time.

Walter and the committee are working on a seminar schedule to best fit the events. Additionally Walter stressed the need for continual publicity of the convention.

Walter discussed with the Board on whether the Roundhouse Reception is needed based on the cost of the bar and attendant.

**Motion:** Wes Ross motioned and John Goodman seconded to cancel the Roundhouse Reception at the Rutland, VT convention. Passed by show of hands.

Tony White reported that at this time 691 room nights of the 992 room nights contracted have been reserved. The Holiday Inn opened rooms for early arrival. The convention room rate is now good from June 11 to June 22. All king bedrooms are sold out, only double rooms are available.

**2016 and beyond**

Convention Chairman John Goodman discussed the possibility of holding a convention in Denver, CO. There are a number of activities around the Denver area to create an attractive convention. There is also the possibility to work with the Union Pacific around the Rodeo Days trips. A tentative time frame would be in late July of 2016. More information would be available at the York meeting.

John will have the assistance of Duane Durr, Jim Pahriss and Larry Dyer.

**Motion:** Walter Zullig motioned and Frank Fowler seconded to approve a 2016 convention in Denver. Passed by voice vote.

John is exploring other venues for future conventions including Orlando, FL, Chattanooga, TN, Nashville, TN and Southern California.

**7) Conferences – Bob Bitzer**

**Spring 2015** – York, PA. April 16 – 18, 2015. This is in conjunction with ATRRM. The program has two registrations for NRHS members, one for the ATRRM events and one for the NRHS meetings.

**Fall 2015** – Utica, NY. October 23 – 25, 2015.

The Utica & Mohawk Valley Chapter is working on finalizing the plans for the Conference.

### **Winter 2016**

Skip Waters reported that the North Texas Chapter proposes to hold the Winter 2016 Conference in the Dallas / Ft. Worth, TX area. Date set for January 9 & 10, 2016.

**Motion:** Joe Maloney motioned and Duane Durr seconded to authorize a Winter 2016 Conference in January 2016 in the Dallas, TX area. Passed by voice vote

### **Spring 2016**

Frank Fowler reported that the Western Maryland Chapter proposes to hold the Spring 2016 Conference in Cumberland, MD. Tentative dates in the month of April.

**Motion:** Mark Eyer motioned and Jack Hilborn seconded to authorize a Spring 2016 Conference in Cumberland, MD. Passed by voice vote.

### **8) NRHS Fund**

No additional report.

### **9) Unfinished Business**

#### **Actions of the Executive Committee**

No actions taken.

#### **Budget**

President Al Weber noted that there is no budget in place but emphasized the need to create more income for the Society.

### **10) New Business**

#### **Chapter Withdrawals**

**Motion:** Joe Maloney motioned and Jim Pahriss seconded to remove the charter of the U.K. Chapter.

In 2014 the chapter has not reported any renewals. There have been contacts with the chapter but no results in any renewals.

Passed by voice vote.

**Motion:** Joe Maloney motioned and Wes Ross seconded to remove the charter of the Owensboro Chapter.

The Owensboro Chapter, via an internal chapter vote, is requesting to withdraw from the Society.

Passed by voice vote.

All members of the withdrawn chapters will be converted to At-Large members.

Ron Gawedzinski asked the Board to consider contacting past members and ask them to rejoin the NRHS. This type of campaign has been used in the past.

### **Small Contracts**

#### **NRHS News Contract**

**Motion:** Duane Durr motioned and Wes Ross seconded to approve the continued contract with NRHS News Editor Charles Williams at \$1000.00 per issue. Passed by voice vote.

### **11) Adjournment**

**Motion:** Jim Pahrns motioned and Joe Maloney seconded to adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote.

The Board meeting adjourned at **11:10AM**.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Robert Ernst  
Secretary

## Appendix A Members and Guests in attendance

### National Representatives

Chapter	#	Last Name	First Name
Arkansas-Boston Mountains Chapter	188	Eddy	Kenneth
Atlanta Chapter	046	Kittendorf	Delmar
Baltimore Chapter	003	Shulby	Richard
Blackhawk Chapter	107	Murray	Robert
Blue Ridge Chapter	043	Leslie	Robert
Cape Cod Chapter	183	Scott	R.Douglas
Central Coast Chapter	097	Graham	Edward
Cincinnati Chapter	110	Andes	Scott
Collis P. Huntington Chapter	048	Hartz	Maurice
Connecticut Valley Chapter	012	Ballard	Roberta
Cumberland Valley Chapter	125	Bender	Brad
George L. Carter	242	Pahris	Charlotte
Hoosierland Chapter	186	Harris	Hugh
Kentucky Central Chapter	194	Ross	Shirley
Lackawanna & Wyoming Valley Chapter	132	O'Malley	Timothy
Lancaster Chapter	001	Kurtz	Fred
Niagara Frontier Chapter	017	Gerstung	Rebecca
North Jersey Chapter	010	Barth	John

Northstar Chapter	105	McLean	Jim
Old Smoky Chapter	049	Freeman	Robert
Piedmont Carolinas Chapter	129	Shulby	Richard
Potomac Chapter	116	Davidson	Richard
Rivanna Chapter	134	Deily	Gerard
Roanoke Chapter	036	Jensen	Carl
Saint Louis Chapter	064	Gawedzinski	Ron
Tacoma Chapter	071	Bernsten	Edward
Ulster & Delaware Chapter	171	Bishop	Donald
Washington DC Chapter	019	Baake	Jon
Western Connecticut Chapter	030	Ballard	Roberta

**Other NRHS members****David Baniewicz****Member/NRHS Emblem Sales**





# RailCamp

January 8, 2015

NRHS Board of Directors and  
Advisory Council

## RailCamp 2015 Update

The RailCamp Committee has been formed, but has only had one formal meeting and it was attended by the three original members, Becky Gerstung, Carl Jensen and Committee Chair, Bud Thompson. This meeting was held on Saturday afternoon, November 14, 2014 at the Carnegie Hotel in Johnson City, TN during the NRHS Fall Conference. At this meeting the 2014 RailCamp Application and associated forms were reviewed and several suggested changes and updates were made.

The Application Packet has completed legal review and draft copies of additional forms and letters are underway. If all goes as expected, the Application should be on the NRHS Website and Facebook page by February 1<sup>st</sup>.

Since that initial meeting, other members have been added to the committee and will be actively involved in the administrative duties required to move forward with RailCamp 2015. The other members of the committee are:

Bill Chapman – Co-Director, RailCamp Northwest  
Tony White – Deputy Director, RailCamp East  
Mike Muldowney – Past RailCamper, Counselor and Manager  
Janice Bauer – Past RailCamper, Counselor and Manager  
Alex Polimeni – Past RailCamper, Counselor  
Kevin Scheyer – NW Support Staff

All of the RailCamp Partners for both venues have confirmed their interest in returning to provide a quality experience for our campers. Once again the camps will be capped at 24 Campers at the East Camp and 16 Campers at the NW Camp. The attendance limits at each camp are determined by our partners and the number of participants they can safely accommodate based on staff available and the working environment at their respective facility.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bud Thompson  
RailCamp Committee Chair