NRHS 2014 Election – Candidates' Biographies & Statements President (2014 – 2016)

Candidate for President: Greg Molloy, Cincinnati Chapter (Incumbent)

Biography:



I am a native of New Jersey and grew up mostly in Ohio. After college in Illinois, I worked for Procter & Gamble and related companies for over 30 years in technical management positions in Green Bay, Wisconsin and Cincinnati, Ohio before retiring in 2000. My wife Honnay is also retired from P&G, and we now divide our time between Cincinnati and Seattle. We have two grown daughters.

I joined NRHS through the Cincinnati Chapter. My involvement with the national NRHS started with chairing the successful 1984 NRHS Convention in Cincinnati. After that I served as Assistant Secretary 1985-87 and Secretary

1987-94 before being elected to the position of President in 1994. I am also an Additional Chapter Member of Tacoma Chapter.

Although the NRHS has been my primary involvement with non-profit organizations, I have served in leadership positions in several educational non-profits in the Cincinnati area.

The same month I was elected NRHS President, Norfolk Southern announced the end of its steam program, and the only data processing firm NRHS had ever used announced it was going out of business. The Society worked its way through those setbacks and many other issues as the world around us has continued to evolve. NRHS has launched an aggressive program to upgrade our business and products so that we can remain an important part of the rail history community.

Reasons for Seeking This Office:

While NRHS has accomplished a lot over the last two decades, there is much more to be done. We have implemented our new governance system, reinstated RailCamp and retained and improved other important NRHS programs. The Society has developed a strategic plan to guide our future direction and identify where we must focus our efforts. We have launched several projects to build relevance to our whole potential market, not just the narrow segment we serve today.

There is much more work ahead of us. We continue to struggle to build a stable financial base in today's world. We are now implementing a sound business structure that can carry us into the future. And we are continuing to make the NRHS a true leader in the rail preservation movement.

I have business management experience and an appreciation of current issues that can help the Society evolve into a modern and efficient organization. At the same time, I can provide a continuity of leadership and a broad knowledge of today's NRHS that can help us make those changes effectively.

The NRHS President position has evolved into a full-time job. Our management has recognized that depending on a full-time unpaid President is not going to be a sustainable position forever, but we are not in a position to change immediately. Fortunately, my circumstances have permitted me to serve in this capacity and should permit me to continue. I remain willing and able to continue leading the NRHS toward our important goals.

Candidate for President: Al Weber, St. Louis Chapter



Biography:

I am currently the District 6 Director and represent one of the most far flung districts stretching from the central United States to Japan. Under the old system, I held the Central Regional Vice President position for many years. My primary membership chapter is the St Louis chapter. I am a member of many chapters and transportation groups. I have been a member of the St Louis NRHS chapter since 1989 and held various chapter and national positions, both elected and committee positions.

I have been a volunteer at the St Louis County Museum of Transportation for over 30 years and have worked on many restoration projects including some that have received NRHS grants like St Louis Water Works #10 street car. At the museum, I have helped restore and maintain everything from old manuscripts and documents to steam engines. I also teach people to operate our small fleet of street cars and a small train. I am active in many other groups and several historical and professional societies.

I am currently employed as a systems engineer working on various computer systems. I support various computer installations and their software. I am also a FAA certified flight instructor and commercial pilot with various ratings. I have run several companies over my years in the business world.

Many of you know me from the national conventions. I have been involved with the NRHS conventions in 1990, 2001, 2006, 2007, 2009 and 2012 in various capacities and jobs. I am currently on the committee for RailCamp.

Reasons for Seeking This Office:

I am seeking the office of President to continue my long-standing support for the NRHS goals and members. The NRHS has a great future and I believe that I can help direct it on down the track. We have many members that are dissatisfied with the current state of the NRHS national. I will try my best to inform the members of the national projects and finances through better communications.

As either a current local member or past local member of chapters in many of the districts, I believe that I can represent members from many different backgrounds, areas and concerns to the board as a national officer.

I believe in chapters and I want to encourage chapters to help me with the furthering of the goals of the NRHS. I strongly support local chapters as the backbone of the NRHS but I understand the NRHS members that choose not to affiliate with a chapter. I will bring to the presidency the experience of a long time chapter and NRHS member. As many of you know I am a person that works with others to get a consensus of how to solve a problem. I belong to many other railroad and transportation groups and will use those contacts and relationships to help the NRHS prosper and succeed with railroad history preservation.

Many issues are before the NRHS and much needs to be changed to keep the society functioning. I hope to offer leadership that can get the support of the membership to move the society forward.