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## CALENDAR

**January 10 - 12, 2014**

Winter Conference

Advisory Council and Board of  
Directors' Meetings

St. Louis, MO

NRHS

Registration information  
attached to this issue.

**April 24 - 27, 2014**

Spring Conference

Advisory Council and Board of  
Directors' Meetings

Lewisburg, PA

Central Pennsylvania Chapter  
Information attached.

**June 10 - 14, 2014**

2014 NRHS Convention

Springdale, AR

NRHS

Information on page 12.  
[www.nrhs.com](http://www.nrhs.com)

**NRHS RailCamp 2014**

East - July 6 to 12, 2014

NorthWest - July 27 to

August 3, 2014

[www.nrhs.com](http://www.nrhs.com)

**Fall 2014**

Fall Conference

Advisory Council and Board of  
Directors' Meetings

Dates and Location TBD

Bids are being accepted for future  
Conferences. Contact Bob Bitzer for informa-  
tion. [Gopullman@prodigy.net](mailto:Gopullman@prodigy.net)

## YOU KNOW WHAT THE BOARD OUGHT TO DO....?

By Gary Reinbolt, NRHS Fundraising Counsel

I have worked in nonprofit administration in various capacities for over 20 years, including sitting on several boards and being the chief executive twice. Often I have found there is a lack of clarity as to why there is a Board of Directors.

I thought it might be helpful to those whose responsibilities include interaction with the Board of Directors to provide some observations regarding what the job of the Board actually is. The following are generally accepted principles based on law, regulation, and practice that apply generally to nonprofits. The Board of Directors of the NRHS subscribes to these guidelines, and I hope you will find it useful.

The NRHS Board engages in long-term and short-term planning activities as necessary to determine the mission of the organization, defines specific goals and objectives related to the mission, and supports those activities that will deliver the resources to accomplish those goals.

Nonprofits are governed by an elected, volunteer Board of Directors that should consist of individuals who are committed to the mission of the organization. Nonprofits are private corporations that operate

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for public purposes with public support. As such, they should provide the public with information about their mission, program activities, and finances.

NRHS is committed to being accessible and responsive to members and the public who express interest in the affairs of the organization, and their governance meetings are open to attendance by the public. Law and regulation allow for a closed executive session for discussion of personnel matters and proprietary matters, but no action may be taken there. The NRHS Board can legally act only at a duly constituted meeting conducted in open session and then only by majority vote of a quorum.

Those in positions of responsibility and authority in the NRHS governance structure – both volunteers who serve without compensation and employed staff – have a fiduciary duty to the organization, including duties of care, loyalty and obedience. They are required to act reasonably, prudently and in the best interests of the organization, to avoid negligence and fraud, and to avoid conflicts of interest. This fiduciary duty is a duty to the NRHS as a whole; even those who only serve on a particular committee, program, or task force owe a fiduciary obligation to the entire Society.

The Board may delegate authority to act on its behalf to others such as committees. Committees have no management authority except for that delegated to them by the bylaws or by the Board. The NRHS Board is still legally responsible for any actions taken by the committees or persons to whom it delegates authority. Furthermore, the Board may not delegate certain functions to committees.

Nonprofits should spend a significant percentage of its annual budget on programs that pursue its mission. The budget should also provide sufficient resources for effective administration of the organization, and for appropriate fundraising activities. The NRHS Board annually approves the organization's budget and periodically assesses the organization's financial performance in relation to the budget. It also authorizes an independent, annual financial audit to guard against fraud, incompetence, or negligence in its financial activities.

The NRHS Board establishes policies for the effective management of the organization. Nonprofits must be aware of and comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws. This may include, but is not limited to, the following activities: complying with laws and regulations related to fundraising, licensing, financial accountability, document retention and destruction, human resources, lobbying and political advocacy, and taxation.

The Board adopts and implements policies to protect its assets:

- property;
- financial and human resources;
- programmatic content and material;
- collections;
- its integrity and reputation against damage or loss.

The Board also annually reviews the need for insurance coverage in light of the nature and extent of the organization's activities and its financial capacity.

All of these responsibilities can be legally executed solely by the Board. The Advisory Council was created to expedite neutral communication regarding the proposed and current activities of NRHS to their constituencies, and to represent suggestions, concerns, or issues of those constituents to the governing board. While there may be advisement from the Advisory Council, public, NRHS members, and specialty experts such as fundraising and legal counsel, the final decisions – and therefore the final corporate and personal liability for those decisions – lie with the Board of Directors.

I urge you to remember that the NRHS Board is not compensated for the considerable amount of time it takes to accomplish the above.

Obviously this is a very brief summary of vast amounts of regulatory and legal language, and is not meant to be a comprehensive legal guide to the obligations of nonprofit organizations. However, I hope it will be helpful in helping put the activities of the Board of Directors in their proper context. Feel free to contact me with any questions at [info@nrhs.com](mailto:info@nrhs.com).

## **Automobile Accident Results in Legal**

### **Action**

**John Florilla**

NRHS has been named as a party in a legal action filed by RailCamp counselor Alexander Polimeni in the Court of Common Pleas in Philadelphia, PA. Polimeni was seriously injured in an automobile accident that took place in the State of Washington during RailCamp Northwest on July 28, 2012. The suit, which was filed September 11, 2013, names Barry O. Smith - then RailCamp Director - as the primary defendant. NRHS is working through its legal counsel and insurance providers to defend and resolve the action.

## **NRHS Officer Changes**

**John Florilla**

At its meeting in Claymont, Delaware on November 10, 2013, the NRHS Board of Directors removed Vice President Barry O. Smith from his position. The action results from his recent guilty plea and conviction for a Class B felony in the State of Washington, arising from an automobile accident which took place during RailCamp Northwest in July 2012. The vote was made pursuant to the provisions of the NRHS Bylaws, which provide that a person who is convicted of a felony can not serve on the NRHS board or as an officer.

Replacing Mr. Smith is Joseph C. Maloney, who was serving as secretary and as a District 3 board director. Upon his election to vice president, Mr. Maloney stepped down from his secretary and director positions. The board then voted to install Robert J. Ernst as secretary. Ernst, who had been serving as assistant secretary, is also a member of the NRHS board. NRHS is seeking a member to replace Mr. Maloney in the District 3 Director's post. Those interested are encouraged to contact NRHS National Secretary Robert Ernst at [secretary@nrhs.com](mailto:secretary@nrhs.com).

Joseph C. Maloney, Jr. was raised in the Baltimore, MD area, and rode his first rail excursion at age one in 1949 on the Maryland & Pennsylvania RR. His father joined the NRHS Baltimore Chapter in 1952, and Joe followed by joining the chapter in June 1964. He became active with the chapter's trip com-

mittee and served on the chapter's 1968 convention committee. His education includes Michigan State University and the National Defense University's Armed Forces Staff College.

In addition to membership in the Baltimore Chapter, Joe also belongs to the Washington DC, Potomac, Old Dominion and Tidewater Chapters. He has served as NRHS Director of Membership Awards since 2006. He also served as NRHS Secretary from 2008 through 2013, and District 3 Director from 2012-13. In 2007-08 he was project manager for the Society's relocation of its library collections from the Robert Morris Building to secure storage sites in MA and PA.

Joe worked for several agencies of the Federal Government for 35 years and one day, retiring from the Defense Logistics Agency Headquarters in 2003. He is married with three children and two grandchildren, and his oldest son is a NRHS member.

Robert J. Ernst has been a member of the NRHS since 1985 and is a charter member of the Chicago Chapter. In that chapter he has held the offices of President and Trustee. He's been active at the national level since the chapter was formed, attending many of the NRHS Board of Directors' meetings and NRHS Conventions. From 1996-1999, Bob served as the Central Region's Regional Vice President. He currently holds the position of Global Director, Director - Membership Records and also serves as editor of the *NRHS Telegraph*.

A longtime resident of Chicago, Illinois, Bob is the Operations Manager for Nuance Solutions, a specialty chemical company.

## **Additional Reports Posted**

**Greg Molloy**

NRHS has posted two reports promised at the 2013 Fall Conference in Claymont on the non-password-protected part of the administrative website. The reports are the **NRHS 3rd Quarter 2013 Financial Report** and the **On-Board Report Updated to October 31, 2013**. Both reports can be found at the following URL:

<https://admin.nrhs.com/AdvisoryCouncil/>

## Synopsis of the Fall 2013 Board of Directors' Meeting

The NRHS Board of Directors met in Claymont, Delaware, Saturday, November 9, and Sunday, November 10, 2013.

Bill Bain, Claude Doane and Bob Neman participated in the meeting via telephonic connection.

The Board of Directors authorized NRHS to establish a **foundation** to handle investments, donations and grants apart from operating funds.

The quarterly financial report was not ready for the meeting but should be posted to the Board and Advisory Council web pages next week.

The Board of Directors authorized NRHS to extend the **contract** with **Fernley & Fernley** for four months until April 30, 2014 to permit time to negotiate new terms.

The Board of Directors chartered a **new chapter** in the Monterey, TN area.

The **Membership** renewal rate for 2013 was 94.4% versus 95.1% in 2012.

Work is underway to conduct the 2014 elections. Bob Ernst is chairing the 2014 Election Committee.

In **convention business**, the Board received reports of recent and planned conventions:

- **2013** Convention chair, Greg Molloy, advised that the convention appears to have made a profit. The final bills are now being paid. The 2013 Convention operated smoothly and has received positive press coverage.
- **2014** - The Board received an update about plans for the 2014 convention in Springdale, Arkansas. Ticket sales should begin in December 2013.
- **2015** - The Board of Directors authorized NRHS to look into the feasibility of a convention in Rutland, VT.

The Board received an initial report from the Relations Committee, and status reports from the Preservation Committee, Transactional Business Committee and the Development Committee

The Board voted to remove Barry O. Smith as NRHS Vice President, based on findings received from the State of Washington. The Board voted to have Joe Maloney complete the remainder of the term as Vice President, and for Bob Ernst to complete the remainder of the term as Secretary.

The Board seat in District A remains vacant, and the Board seat that Joe Maloney handled in District 3 is now vacant.

Qualified members are encouraged to volunteer for these positions.

Registration is open for the Winter 2014 NRHS Conference in Saint Louis, MO, January 11-12, 2014.

Joseph C. Maloney, Jr.  
Vice President

# **The Facts about NRHS Board of Directors Executive Sessions and "Secrecy"**

**Greg Molloy / Elrond Lawrence**

We have received several comments and questions about the NRHS Board of Directors' meeting in executive session, sometimes coupled with the perception that all important NRHS business is done in secret. From some of these discussions, it's clear that a lot of misunderstanding and misinformation is making the rounds. This is a good time to share some background information about the use of executive sessions at NRHS Board of Directors meetings.

## **What Is an Executive Session?**

An executive session is a closed discussion session of the Board of Directors. Participation is limited to the members of the Board and specific individuals invited to attend for specific reasons (such as the General Counsel for legal advice). The individuals invited to attend may change during the executive session as the discussion moves from one topic to another.

The Secretary does not keep or publish minutes of an executive session.

Under the rules of order followed by the NRHS, an executive session is limited to discussion. The Board may not introduce motions or take votes in executive session.

Like most non-profit organizations, NRHS holds Board meetings that are open to the public. But the laws and regulations governing non-profit corporations provide for conducting executive sessions as needed in order to have a confidential forum to discuss certain issues that require confidentiality.

## **What Kind of Issues are Discussed in Executive Session?**

The permitted topics of executive session are:

- Privileged legal discussions between Board members and the Society's attorneys
- Personnel matters

- Contract negotiations and review of competitive bids
- Financial planning
- Business issues where premature disclosure could compromise the Society's position

When there is a high level of activity on these sensitive issues (as there is currently), the Board members may also need to discuss other NRHS activities in a session to assess the impact on those activities from the issues listed above.

Executive session can also serve as an opportunity for the Board members to hold free and open discussion of matters that have not yet advanced to the point of formal business decisions.

The Board does not act on any business while in executive session. The Board can act on NRHS business only at a duly constituted meeting, conducted in open session by a majority vote of a quorum of directors. In some cases, the executive session may be used to plan the disclosure of executive session results in open session and make sure that the presentation and discussion in open session will cover all important information.

## **How Much Time Does the NRHS Board Spend in Executive Session?**

The amount of time the Board spends in executive session depends on the issues before the Board. During its first year of operation, the new Board has had to deal with difficult legal matters and personnel issues, some of which are still not resolved. Over the next several months, the Board will also be involved in negotiations of important contracts.

During the recent NRHS Conference in Claymont, Delaware, the Board of Directors met for a total of eight hours, of which more than three were in executive session. That was a higher ratio of executive to open session than normal, but it was required by the issues at hand. The majority of the Board meeting time was spent in open session and all votes were held in open session.

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## Does the NRHS Board Hold Additional Secret Meetings Outside Conferences?

The NRHS Bylaws require that the Board of Directors meet at least four times per year and that the Advisory Council meet at least three times. So if each group holds the minimum number of meetings, the Board will meet one more time than the Advisory Council.

In 2013, the Board of Directors met five times and the Advisory Council met four times, once in a venue in which no Board meeting was scheduled. So the Board met two times in conferences where there was no Advisory Council meeting scheduled.

Separate meetings of the Board of Directors are not secret meetings, however. These meetings are divided into open and executive sessions, just like any other meeting of the Board. People who are not members of the Board are free to attend the open sessions. The Secretary keeps and publishes minutes of all Board of Directors' meetings.

## Are the Minutes of Board Meetings Secret?

No. The minutes of all Board meetings are made available on the NRHS administrative website shortly after they are reviewed and approved by the Board. This review and approval normally takes place at the start of the Board's next meeting, but it will sometimes be advanced if there is an unusually long time scheduled between consecutive meetings.

The DRAFT minutes, however, are considered confidential until they are reviewed and approved by the Board. The draft document is not official; – only the final copy of the minutes that has been reviewed, corrected and approved. The NRHS could be seriously harmed by the premature release of draft documents that may contain incomplete or inaccurate information.

Since the review and approval of the minutes can take time, NRHS does publish a synopsis of the meeting in the *NRHS Telegraph* shortly after each conference. The synopsis is an unofficial summary that covers the major developments and business from each Board meeting.

## Answers to the NRHS Rumor Mill

Greg Molloy / Elrond Lawrence

The NRHS rumor mill has been churning away and we've encountered some "interesting" stories in a variety of publications and correspondence. As is often the case, reality is usually quite different from the rumors, although often less exciting.

**Rumor:** "The NRHS is in the process of selling off its library collections."

**Reality:** The Board of Directors has appointed several committees to evaluate all aspects of current and potential Society operations and make recommendations for the future. One of those committees is focusing on the NRHS Libraries, along with various other business operations. As of this date, no recommendations have been made or acted upon regarding the libraries.

**Rumor:** "The 2013 NRHS convention in Alaska was a financial and/or operational disaster, and NRHS management is covering it up."

**Reality:** The 2013 convention operated very smoothly, received lots of favorable press coverage and earned a profit. The only reason that final financial numbers are not yet available is that the convention was held three months later than its usual June time frame, so a few final settlements are still in progress.

**Rumor:** "NRHS has experienced a dramatic downturn in 2014 membership renewals as a result of the recent dues increase."

**Reality:** It is way too early in the renewal cycle to tell anything about renewal patterns. NRHS anticipated some decline in renewals, which we experience after every adjustment. The first On-Board Report of the 2014 membership year actually shows renewals running ahead of the same date last year.

**Rumor:** "The NRHS Board of Directors makes all its important decisions in secret."

**Reality:** All Board votes and decisions are conducted in open session and recorded in the minutes. This subject is discussed in more detail elsewhere in this *Telegraph*.

**Rumor:** "There is no way to verify rumors before publishing them in newsletters or making business decisions based on what we've heard."

**Reality:** Most stories can be resolved with a simple e-mail or phone call to the NRHS national office, or to an officer or Board member. Unfortunately, we are not aware of any chapter newsletter editors who have done so before publishing, and only a few chapter officers who have done so before making business decisions.

## **NRHS Conventions Report**

**Greg Molloy**

This is an update on the NRHS convention program as of mid-November, 2013. The reports are organized by convention year.

### **2012 - Cedar Rapids, Iowa**

Following a review of convention accounting records initiated during the annual audit, the 2012 convention has been credited with an additional \$7600 of ticket sales revenue that had previously been booked to deferred income. The 2012 convention still lost money, but less than had been previously reported.

### **2013 - Anchorage, Alaska**

The 2013 convention, including pre-convention activities in Fairbanks, was well received by the participants and continues to receive very positive press coverage.

All planned convention events operated with one exception. A one-way chase van operation parallel to the Whittier & Spencer excursion on Sept. 21 had to be canceled because of highway construction. The small numbers of passengers involved were accommodated aboard the train. Train trips and other events operated on time, and all planned photo stops took place as scheduled. The convention received excellent cooperation from the Alaska Railroad and many other service providers. Although the Alaska Railroad does operate its own passenger trains, the NRHS convention trains were a big departure from their normal operations.

Total convention registration was 371, not counting a few last-minute cancelations for medical issues. About 90% of the convention registrants were already NRHS members. Counting local participants on public trips, 800 people participated in various convention events.

Financially, we expect that the convention earned between \$40,000 and \$50,000. That projection takes into account all convention costs, including those that were booked in 2012, as well as Association Management costs for the registration and ticketing systems. Because the convention was held later in the year than usual (mid-September rather than mid-June) a few significant receipts and payments were finalized only in the last few weeks. All major convention bills have been paid, although a few small items (primarily refunds) are still being negotiated.

The 2013 NRHS Convention spending included over \$2700 in donations to support rail history preservation projects in Alaska.

One notable feature of the 2013 convention was the operation of a pair of public excursion trains out of Fairbanks on Sunday afternoon, September 15. The train trips operated on Alaska RR using main line equipment. NRHS organized the two 90-minute fall foliage trips to promote Alaska Operation Lifesaver, passenger train travel and the Society. The pair of trips carried 500 passengers, 430 of them from the Fairbanks area, and contributed more than \$8000 to the convention financial results.

### **2014 - Springdale, Arkansas**

NRHS is currently finalizing schedules, pricing and event descriptions to permit sales to open in December. The convention will take place June 10-15. The main line train operations will take place on regional carrier Arkansas & Missouri RR. Once again, we have the opportunity for an excellent program.

Contrary to some rumors making the rounds, ALCO diesel operations have not ended on the A&M. ALCO

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power is still used for all switching and local train operations, and NRHS has been promised the use of ALCO diesels on our trains. The convention program will also include steam and electric operations and museum visits. The convention will offer a number of Heritage tours to take advantage of the Ozarks region's many cultural and historical attractions.

As we have done for the last couple of years, NRHS will sell convention events primarily through our online registration system, with most tickets distributed by mail before the convention. Members should find event costs and hotel prices quite reasonable. The convention website will be set up and ticket sales open in mid-December, 2013.

## 2015

NRHS has identified a very promising venue for the 2015 convention and we expect to have a firm proposal ready for Board approval this January. Initial discussions with the primary railroad provider have been positive, and we are currently lining up hotel space. Because negotiations are still in progress, we will defer making a public announcement of the location and dates until January.

## 2012 & 2013 Convention Guidebooks Still Available

**Greg Molloy**

As part of the 2012 and 2013 NRHS Conventions, the Society produced a pair of detailed guidebooks describing the history and operations of the railroads involved. Many participants, including railroad officials, have described these publications as the best guidebooks to these railroads ever produced. For those who were not fortunate enough to attend the conventions, or who want additional copies, NRHS still has a limited supply of both publications available while supplies last.

### NRHS Convention Guide - Alaska 2013

This 126-page softbound book details the route history of the Alaska Railroad. It includes a mile-by-mile guide to the mainline and all branch lines of the

Alaska Railroad, locomotive and passenger car rosters, radio frequencies, and more. There is also a brief history of every railroad built in Alaska, information about the many area gold rushes, and a section on the wildlife of the state. Additional information is included that covers Fairbank's Pioneer Park and its railroad, the Tanana Valley Railroad Museum, the Museum of Alaska Transportation and Industry, and the Engine 557 Restoration Company. The book includes a map of the railroad and approximately 40 photos.

### NRHS Convention Guide - Iowa 2012

This 80-page softbound book details the route history of the routes operated during the 2012 NRHS Convention. These mile-by-mile route descriptions include Union Pacific between Chicago (IL) and Cedar Rapids (IA); Iowa Interstate between Rock Island (IL) and Newton (IA); Iowa Northern between Cedar Rapids (IA) and Manly Junction (IA); as well as the entire Cedar Rapids & Iowa City Railway. There is also information about the railroads at Midwest Old Threshers in Mount Pleasant (IA), the Boone & Scenic Valley Railroad, and other area rail attractions. The book includes several maps and almost 20 photos.

The books are available by mail order only from the NRHS national office. NRHS accepts Visa, MasterCard and American Express, as well as checks payable to "NRHS". Send orders to:

NRHS Convention Guidebooks  
100 N 20th St, Suite 400  
Philadelphia, PA 19103-1462

Sorry, we are not staffed to permit telephone orders or over-the-counter sales.

Prices are:

\$10/copy for the 2013 Alaska guidebook  
\$5/copy for the 2012 Iowa guidebook

In addition, orders must include a postage and handling fee of \$5 for single book orders and \$10 for orders of two or more books

Remember, supplies are limited and this offer is available only while supplies last.



## 2014 Elections - Nominations Open

Bob Ernst

The NRHS is now soliciting nominations for all Officer and Board positions.

### Positions and Districts

Per the 2013 Bylaws of the NRHS the Board of Directors will consist of 25 members. Two (2) individuals will hold the offices of President and Vice President, five (5) will be Global Directors and the remaining eighteen (18) will be District Directors. There are two Districts for At-Large members (A & B) and seven Districts for the Chapter members (1-7).

The 2014 election is the second under the Bylaws previously adopted in 2011. In this election the two Officer positions and the nine Board positions which were two year terms will be on the ballot. All Board member positions will be four-year terms moving forward but the Officer positions remain at two-year terms.

All members in good standing will elect the President, Vice President and two Global Directors. Any eligible NRHS member may run for President, Vice President or Global Director regardless of their assigned District. Global Directors represent the entire NRHS membership. For this election the Global Directors will have a four year term.

Each member will also elect one District Board member based on the District where the member is assigned. Each of the District Board members will have a four-year term. Districts are determined if a member is an At-Large member or a Chapter member. For the At-Large members their assignment is based on their residential location to either District A or District B. Chapter members are assigned to one of the seven Chapter Districts, Districts 1 to District 7, based on the geographical location of their home chapter. (See Chapter District chart on page 11.)

This means a member may be assigned to a different District than their residential address because they live in another part of the country compared to their home chapter.

### Nominations

All NRHS members in good standing are eligible to run for any of the Officer and Board positions based

on meeting the criteria set forth in the NRHS Bylaws Article VII, Section 7. This includes the following:

- a) They shall be members in good standing of the Society at the time of their nomination, upon taking office, and throughout their term of office;
- b) If chapter members, they shall maintain their membership through a chapter, whose location according to these bylaws, is within the district for which they are to serve, at the time of their nomination, upon taking office, and throughout their term of office;
- c) If an At-Large member, they shall maintain their membership at whose location according to these bylaws is within the district for which they are to serve, at the time of their nomination, upon taking office, and throughout their term of office;
- d) Shall have attained the age of eighteen years before taking office;
- e) Shall not have been convicted of a crime which has been classified by any jurisdiction as a felony, nor have been convicted of a crime which has been classified by any jurisdiction as a misdemeanor and involving moral turpitude;
- f) Shall not be under the conservatorship of any Court at the time of their nomination, upon taking office, and throughout their term of office;
- g) Shall be ready, willing and able to attend meetings of the Board of Directors as they shall be convened from time to time.
- h) Shall not have been a member of the Board of Directors for less than two years after reaching the specified term limit for consecutive years.

If a member desires to run for office and is qualified based on the above criteria, the member must submit a nomination application to the NRHS Electoral Committee Chair no later than the end of business March 31, 2014. The nomination application is available online at <https://admin.nrhs.com>. It also attached to this issue of the *NRHS Telegraph*. Send the nomination application form to NRHS Electoral Committee Chair, 5246 S. Newland Ave. Chicago, IL 60638-1125, or as an attachment to an email addressed to [secretary@nrhs.com](mailto:secretary@nrhs.com).

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### Election Process

Once the nominations close on March 31, 2014, the Electoral Committee will create the ballot for each of the Districts. The membership mailing of the ballots will commence on or about June 1, 2014. Each ballot will be accompanied by an official pre-addressed return envelope. Only ballots returned in this envelope will be considered official ballots and counted. Ballots returned in any other envelope will not be counted and will be discarded. Ballots may be in another shipping envelope such as a UPS or FedEx envelope as long as the ballot is sealed in the official return envelope provided.

The election will close on August 1, 2014. All ballots must be postmarked no later than August 1, 2014 to be counted. Election shall be by a plurality of those votes legally cast. The results will be certified by the General Counsel of the NRHS and the Electoral

Committee in late August, 2014. Winners of the election will be contacted by the NRHS Electoral Committee Chair once the vote has been certified. Results will be available on the NRHS website and will be published in the *NRHS News* and *NRHS Telegraph* after the vote certification and notification to the candidates.

The new Board of Directors will be seated at the 2014 Fall Conference. The last scheduled meeting of the current Board is at the National Convention in June, 2014 in Springdale, AR. The current Board remains in position until the seating of the new Board.

The Electoral Committee is responsible for the entire election process which includes the approval of qualifications of candidates, and oversight of the election process to assure that schedules and procedures adhere to the NRHS Bylaws and the laws of the State of Maryland.

### Officers and Directors Election Cycles

#### 2014 Election

Office	Current Office Holder
President	Gregory Molloy
Vice President	Joseph Maloney, Jr.
Global Director	E. Steven Barry
Global Director	David Flinn
District 1 Director	Mia Mather
District 2 Director	Harold Shaak
District 3 Director	Vacant
District 4 Director	Sam Williamson
District 5 Director	Patrick Molloy
District 6 Director	Al Weber
District 7 Director	Claude Doane
District A Director	Jeffery S. Smith
District B Director	Robert Neman

#### 2016 Election

Office	Current Office Holder
President	TBD - 2014 Election
Vice President	TBD - 2014 Election
Global Director	William Bain
Global Director	Robert Ernst
Global Director	Walter Zulig
District 1 Director	Tony White
District 2 Director	Mark Eyer
District 3 Director	Ralph Robert Bitzer
District 4 Director	Larry Dyer
District 5 Director	Wesley Ross
District 6 Director	Duane Durr
District 7 Director	Wilfred "Skip" Waters
District A Director	Vacant
District B Director	Philip McMeins

<u>District</u>	<u>Chapter Number &amp; Name</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Chapter Number &amp; Name</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Chapter Number &amp; Name</u>
4	152 Alexander	5	060 Heart Of Dixie	6	073 Promontory
7	061 Arizona	5	186 Hoosierland	4	138 Queen And Crescent
7	188 Arkansas-Boston Mountains	2	093 Horseshoe Curve	3	198 Rappahannock
4	153 Asheville	5	074 Indianapolis	3	244 Raritan River
4	046 Atlanta	6	089 Inland Empire	6	092 Red River Valley
4	095 Augusta	7	055 Intermountain	7	149 Rio Grande
3	003 Baltimore	6	029 Iowa	4	134 Rivanna
3	136 Bergen-Rockland	6	240 Japan	4	036 Roanoke
6	107 Blackhawk	3	158 Jersey Central	1	005 Rochester
4	043 Blue Ridge	7	023 Kansas City	6	064 Saint Louis
5	165 Bluewater Michigan	5	194 Kentucky Central	4	151 Samuel Spencer
1	013 Boston	2	132 Lackawanna & Wyoming Valley	5	172 Scioto Valley
5	234 Bradford Ohio	2	037 Lake Shore	1	241 Seven Railroads
6	144 British Columbia	2	001 Lancaster	4	195 Shenandoah Valley
2	096 Bucktail	1	167 Leatherstocking	7	082 Southeast Louisiana
1	183 Cape Cod	2	016 Lehigh Valley	5	246 Southern Kentucky
4	164 Cape Fear Railroaders	2	016 Lehigh Valley	6	147 Southern Oregon
4	215 Carolina Clinchfield	1	075 Long Island - Sunrise Trail	4	201 Suncoast
7	097 Central Coast	5	026 Louisville	1	058 Susquehanna Valley
1	020 Central New York	5	050 Memphis	6	071 Tacoma
7	111 Central Oklahoma	5	245 Memphis & Charleston Railroad	4	118 Tampa Bay
2	133 Central Pennsylvania	4	044 Miami	5	053 Tennessee Valley
7	141 Central Texas	5	021 Midwest	7	226 Texas Eagle
1	068 Champlain Valley	4	108 Mississippi Great Southern	4	033 Tidewater
4	084 Charleston	4	108 Mississippi Great Southern	7	027 Topeka
6	179 Chicago	1	065 Mohawk & Hudson	3	070 Tri-State
6	206 Chicago & Illinois Midland	5	247 Monterey	1	221 Twin Forks
5	110 Cincinnati	5	057 Nashville	1	171 Ulster & Delaware
5	048 Collis P. Huntington	7	170 Nebraska Railroad Museum	1	209 United Kingdom
7	094 Colorado Midland	7	119 New Orleans	1	150 Utica & Mohawk Valley
6	197 Columbia River	1	022 New York	3	019 Washington DC
5	069 Conneaut	7	017 Niagara Frontier	5	159 Watauga Valley
1	208 Connecticut Eastern	4	160 North Florida	3	018 West Jersey
1	012 Connecticut Valley	3	010 North Jersey	7	227 Western Colorado
1	161 Cornell	7	223 North Texas	1	030 Western Connecticut
7	213 Cotton Belt	6	106 North Western Illinois	5	178 Western Kentucky
2	125 Cumberland Valley	6	105 Northstar	3	148 Western Maryland
6	099 Danville Junction	3	041 Old Dominion	6	222 Western Montana
2	113 Delaware Valley	4	123 Old North State	5	219 White Oak
4	202 Delmarva	7	072 Old Pueblo	1	225 White River Junction
4	067 East Carolina	5	049 Old Smoky	7	031 Wichita
4	042 East Tennessee	6	127 Overland	3	088 Wilmington
4	162 Florida East Coast	5	066 Owensboro	4	083 Winchester
4	196 Fort Lauderdale	7	051 Ozarks	4	040 Winston-Salem
5	242 George L. Carter	6	032 Pacific Northwest	6	025 Wisconsin
7	211 Grand Canyon	5	217 Paducah	4	218 Yadkin Valley
7	193 Great Plains	3	224 Perryville	4	233 Yazoo & Mississippi Valley
4	145 Greensboro	2	004 Philadelphia		
4	169 Greenville	4	129 Piedmont Carolinas		
7	085 Gulf Coast	5	157 Pocahontas		
1	189 Gulf Curve	2	205 Pocono Mountains		
4	128 Gulf Wind	3	116 Potomac		
3	192 Hagerstown	2	120 Pottstown & Reading		
2	045 Harrisburg				

## 2014 NRHS Annual Convention

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Mark your calendars to attend the 2014 NRHS national convention on June 10-15, 2014, which will be based in Springdale, Arkansas. Highlighting this year's convention is three days of charter passenger trains on the Arkansas & Missouri Railroad, all powered by the A&M's remaining fleet of Alco locomotives, plus an Alco-powered photo freight through the Ozark Mountains.

Other events include rides on the Fort Smith Trolley Museum and the coach and dinner trains of the Eureka Springs & North Arkansas Railroad. Special tours will be held at the Fort Smith Frisco Depot and the Arkansas & Missouri shops. Convention-goers can also join the first ever behind-the-scenes tour of the steam railroad at Silver Dollar City in Branson, Missouri.

Non-rail events will include a day tour of the historic town of Eureka Springs and nearby War Eagle Mill, the internationally famous Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, the Walmart Visitor Center located in the original Walton's 5 & 10, and the Botanical Garden of the Ozarks.

The convention will be based at the Holiday Inn - Springdale and the adjacent Hampton Inn & Suites. All convention meetings will take place at the Holiday Inn, including business meetings, seminars, and the annual banquet. Both hotels are offering a room rate of \$99 per night plus tax, which includes a free breakfast. Breakfast will begin in plenty of time for morning event departures.

The convention rate is good for the week of the convention, as well as three days before and two days after (June 6 through June 17). Reservations can be made by calling the Holiday Inn at (479) 751-8300; ask for the NRHS or Railroad Convention rate. The Hampton Inn & Suites is located south of the Holiday Inn; reservations can be made by calling (479) 756-3500 and asking for the NRHS or Railroad Convention rate.

Springdale, Arkansas, is located in northwest Arkansas, a metropolitan area of approximately 500,000 people. Interstate 540 connects Springdale to Interstate 40 to the south, while S. Highway 71 connects the area to the north, including Interstate 44 and northward to Kansas City. Amtrak does not serve the Springdale area; service is available at Little Rock and Oklahoma City on Interstate 40, and in Kansas City on US Highway 71. Jefferson Lines Bus Service provides daily bus service to nearby Fayetteville and Bentonville, but not directly to Springdale.

The Northwest Arkansas Regional Airport (XNA) serves Springdale and is located approximately 15 miles from the Holiday Inn - Springdale. The airport is served by Allegiant, American, Delta, United, and US Airways with almost 50 flights daily. Direct service to the airport is available from 14 airports at major cities. Seven different rental car companies are at the airport, along with taxi companies. Other nearby commercial airports include Branson, MO, Springfield, MO, and Tulsa, OK.

Ticket sales will begin in mid-December with the launch of a convention website. Watch [www.nrhs.com](http://www.nrhs.com) for more details.

## 2014 DUES PROCESSING SCHEDULE

The dues renewals for 2014 were mailed on schedule in September. Chapters are encouraged to submit their renewals in a timely manner. All 2013 NRHS memberships end on December 31, 2013. A grace period, which ends on March 31, 2014, is given to renew existing members. After this date any unrenewed memberships are dropped and membership benefits and publications are stopped.

The following is the schedule and deadlines for NRHS chapters to send the necessary information to headquarters for an efficient processing of dues for the 2014 dues year. Chapter dues spreadsheets will be sent to the Electronic Billing Contact in November. The deadline for returning the information will be Monday, December 9th. (You will have over one full month to remit the spreadsheet and check to the Society.)

### STEP 1

The first National Electronic Dues Statement Spreadsheet is due on Monday, December 9, 2013. Headquarters will send out an email to the chapter Electronic Billing Contact confirming receipt of the chapter spreadsheet.

### STEP 2

By Friday, December 13, 2013, a check for the dues must be received at NRHS. Each check received will be acknowledged with a standard email message to the chapter Electronic Billing Contact.

### STEP 3

All update spreadsheet and New Member Spreadsheets with payment must be received by Friday, December 20, 2013. **Information not received by this day will not be processed until the next month's cycle.**

### STEP 4

On December 31, 2013, NRHS will send an updated set of all spreadsheets, whether the chapter has submitted dues for the month or not. These are the spreadsheets that must be used for the next month. The file name includes the month for submission.

Below is a list of the dues dates for each month.

<u>STEP 1</u>	<u>STEP 2</u>	<u>STEP 3</u>	<u>STEP 4</u>
12/9/2013	12/13/2013	12/20/2013	12/31/2013
1/6/2014	1/10/2014	1/17/2014	1/31/2014
2/10/2014	2/14/2014	2/21/2014	2/28/2014
3/10/2014	3/14/2014	3/21/2014	3/28/2014

## Chapter Address Changes

The following chapters reported address changes to the National Office:

### Bergen-Rockland Chapter

P.O. Box 454, Westwood, NJ 07975

### George L. Carter

P. O. Box 70697, ETSU East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, TN 37614

### Intermountain Chapter

Intermountain Chpt./Membership Committee,  
4303 Brighton Blvd, Bldg 3,  
Denver, CO 80216-3704

### Memphis & Charleston Railroad Chapter

P.O. Box 431, Sheffield, AL 35660

### Promontory Chapter

4508 Summerwood Dr., Bountiful, UT 84010

### Raritan River Chapter

C/o L.J. Luczu, 42 River Road  
East Brunswick, NJ 08816

## Chapter Website Changes

### New York Chapter, NRHS

<http://nychapternrhs.blogspot.com/>

### Horseshoe Curve Chapter, NRHS

[www.hscnrhs.org](http://www.hscnrhs.org)

### Memphis & Charleston Railroad Chapter, NRHS

[facebook.com/mandcrrhs](https://www.facebook.com/mandcrrhs)

## End of Track

The following members of the Society have passed away recently - we join their families and friends in remembering their lives:

Chapter	Name
At-Large	Arnold K. Gebhardt
At-Large	Robert E. Gough
At-Large	Ralph C. Jordan
At-Large	Joseph M. Katzenstein
At-Large	William L. Woodward
Bluewater Michigan	Harold Cooper
Carolina Clinchfield	B. T. Prince, Jr.

## End of Track Continued

Chapter	Name
Connecticut Valley	William E. Wood
Cotton Belt	Gerald E. Cooper
Cotton Belt	Lynn N. Gaines, Jr.
Cotton Belt	Carolyn R. Matthews
Delaware Valley	Charles J. Benz
Jersey Central	Tim Riordan
North Jersey	David H. Ashley
North Jersey	Edward T. Francis
Northstar	Jerome A. Coppicus
Philadelphia	Richard L. W. Reuss
Philadelphia	Charles J. Wilkie, Jr.
Pocahontas	Charles R. Venable
Potomac	Curtis F. Elie
Rappahannock	Barbara A. Swiggett
Rappahannock	Floyd P. Swiggett
Southern Oregon	John M. Powell
St. Louis	Edward M. Duddy, Jr.

## Advisory Council Yahoo Group

Bob Ernst

The NRHS Advisory Council has started a Yahoo Group. It is called "AdvisoryCouncil-NRHS". The group is moderated by Del Kittendorf, National Representative of the Atlanta Chapter. Contact Del at [delk98@bellsouth.net](mailto:delk98@bellsouth.net) and he will send you an invite to join the group.

The group is open to all Advisory Council members as well as any interested NRHS member. This will give the Advisory Council a place to communicate outside of the scheduled meetings.

## Advisory Council Information

Bob Ernst

The draft minutes of the **Fall 2013 Advisory Council** meeting and information regarding the **Proposed Changes to Membership Dues Processing** can now be found on the NRHS administrative website - <https://admin.nrhs.com>. This site includes all Advisory Council Meeting minutes, Conference registration material, along with any other information the Advisory Council posts. The Advisory Council site is not password protected and is accessible to all NRHS members. **It is encouraged that chapters provide this information to their membership via their newsletters.**

## Chapter Officer Changes

The following chapters reported changes to their chapter officers. This list is sorted by chapter and shows the most current change reported to National. If any errors are noted contact your chapter's Electronic Billing Contact to verify the chapter officers on the Chapter Data Profile Sheet. The same sheet is used to report any officer changes to National.

### Bluewater Michigan Chapter

National Representative: Elizabeth Patterson, 31 Miller St., Mt. Clemens, MI 48043-2223 09-Oct-13

### Cape Cod Chapter

National Representative: R.Douglas Scott, Jr., 250 Mary Chase Rd., Eastham, MA 02642 30-Sep-13

Secretary: Tyler Varnum, 815 Osterville West Barnstable Road, Marstons Mills, MA 02648 24-Oct-13

### Cincinnati Chapter

Secretary: Harry V. Noble, 1124 Old Springfield Pike, Xenia, OH 45385-1240 24-Oct-13

### Delmarva Chapter

President: Ryder Callahan Ray, Jr., 29 Royal Oaks Drive, Berlin, MD 21811-1661 08-Oct-13

Treasurer: G. Wayne Parsley, P.O. Box 33, Parksley, VA 23421-0033 08-Oct-13

### East Tennessee Chapter

President: Greg Hale, 26567 Newbanks Rd., Abingdon, VA 24210 09-Oct-13

Vice President: Ruston Glenn Fannon, 628 Cecil D. Quillen Drive, Duffield, VA 24244 09-Oct-13

### Florida East Coast Chapter

Treasurer: Charles R. Billings, 728 Nassau Road, Cocoa Beach, FL 32931-3046 14-Aug-13

Editor: Vacant 14-Aug-13

### Hagerstown Chapter

National Representative: Vacant 28-Aug-13

### Heart Of Dixie Chapter

Treasurer: William Ringle, 2816 Ashley Wood Drive, Vestavia Hills, AL 35216 31-Oct-13

Secretary: Sanda Dudley, 104 E. Sterrett Street, Columbiana, AL 35051 31-Oct-13

### Inland Empire Chapter

Treasurer: Verna Wagner, 1114 W Rosewood Court, Spokane, WA 99208 07-Nov-13

### Iowa Chapter

Vice President: T. J. Van Horn, 405 3rd Street North, Humboldt, IA 50548-1505 09-Oct-13

President: Dana Grefe, 11968 NW 118th Ave., Granger, IA 50109 30-Oct-13

### Lehigh Valley Chapter

Secretary: Nathan Haydt, 6131 Route 309 Apt B, Germansville, PA 18053 09-Oct-13

### Memphis & Charleston Railroad Chapter

Secretary: Vacant 09-Oct-13

Membership Contact: Brandon Romans, 630 Cedar Hill Lane, Tuscumbia, AL 35674 09-Oct-13

Vice President: Daniel Briggs, 505 N. Winona St., Florence, AL 35630 09-Oct-13

National Representative: Rich Larkins, 122 Cypress Bend Place, Florence, AL 35630 09-Oct-13

President: Evan Tidwell, 1004 East 3rd Street, Tuscumbia, AL 35674 09-Oct-13

### Monterey Chapter

Treasurer: Don Bohannon, 111 Home Run Dr., Monterey, TN 38574 20-Aug-13

President: Bill Wiggins, 108 W. Cleveland, Monterey, TN 38574 20-Aug-13

Vice President: Ann R. Watson, P.O. Box 164, Monterey, TN 38574 20-Aug-13

Secretary: Nichole Graham, 308 W. Hoyt Ave., Monterey, TN 38574 20-Aug-13

Historian: Julie Bohannon, 111 Home Run Dr., Monterey, TN 38574 20-Aug-13

## Chapter Officer Changes Continued

### New York Chapter

Secretary: John Dinwiddie, 13 Hart Drive, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603-1147 14-Nov-13  
National Representative: Cora A. Sowa, 21 Palmer Avenue, Croton On Hudson, NY 10520 14-Nov-13

### North Florida Chapter

Editor: Vacant 30-Aug-13

### Promontory Chapter

National Representative: Vacant 13-Aug-13  
Membership Contact: Kerry Klarr, 1812 Springfield Rd., Salt Lake City, UT 84116 13-Aug-13  
Vice President: Philip A. Lavorgna, 3223 West 4460 S, Salt Lake City, UT 84119-5741 13-Aug-13  
President: Gregory Butters, 4508 Summerwood Dr., Bountiful, UT 84010 13-Aug-13

### Red River Valley Chapter

Vice President: Kelan Boughton, P.O. Box 32, Sabin, MN 56580-0032 12-Nov-13

### Southern Oregon Chapter

President: Bruce Kelly, P.O. Box 5258, Grants Pass, OR 97527 24-Oct-13  
National Representative: Eugene D. Pettit, P.O. Box 1387, Eagle Point, OR 97524-1387 24-Oct-13

### Suncoast Chapter

Historian: Vacant 02-Aug-13

### Tacoma Chapter

Membership Contact: John D. Tucker, 9225 - 11th Pine, Apt B, Lake Stevens, WA 98258-3416 07-Nov-13

### Topeka Chapter

National Representative: Kay Grey, 2447 W 62nd Street, Topeka, KS 66618 28-Aug-13

### Tri-State Chapter

National Representative: Vacant 28-Aug-13

### Western Colorado Chapter

Treasurer: Dick Helmke, 109 2nd Street, Glenwood Springs, CO 81601-2903 18-Sep-13

### Western Connecticut Chapter

National Representative: Roberta A. Ballard, 39 Great Plain Road, Danbury, CT 06811-3923 29-Jul-13

### Wisconsin Chapter

President: Robert B. Baker, 3834 West Sharon Lane, Franklin, WI 53132-9327 24-Jul-13  
National Representative: Bob Sherman, 3705 Yukon Road, Unit D, Brookfield, WI 53045-2021 24-Jul-13  
Vice President: Jeff Marker, 135 East Chateau Place, Milwaukee, WI 53217 24-Jul-13  
Editor: Vacant 21-Aug-13



## WELCOME ABOARD

The following list is all the At-Large members who have joined in August, 2013 to November, 2013. Chapter membership directors are encouraged to contact these new members and explain the benefits of belonging to a local NRHS Chapter, thus enhancing their relationship with the Society.

Mikie Letendre	96 Orton St. Ext.	Worcester	MA	01604
William McMorris	1190 Mill Hill Terrace	Southport	CT	06890
Nancy D. Babb	363 Fairmount Rd.	Califon	NJ	07830
Doris F.S. Clinton	1776 Lincoln Hwy.	New Brunswick	NJ	08902-1376
Rafael Steinbach	444 W. 49th Street, Apt 2BG	New York	NY	10019-7225
Allen Liebb	315 East 70 Street, Apt. 2D	New York	NY	10021
Lori Florio	4-74 48th Avenue, Apt. 27B	Long Island City	NY	11109-5621
Joseph Dennon	68 Montague St., #3H	Brooklyn	NY	11201-3327
Thomas Sabella	90-22 Spritz Road	Ozone Park	NY	11417
Carolyn Moyer	197 Country Ln.	Roaring Branch	PA	17765
Deborah Byrne	8 Green Street	Carbondale	PA	18407
James Crymes	450 Stacey Drive	King Of Prussia	PA	19406
Russell Kennedy	8 Russell Ave., Unit 306	Gaithersburg	MD	20877
Michael Z. Foster	527 Rita Drive	Odenton	MD	21113-1703
Nancy Carter	3 Hague Close	Williamsburg	VA	23185
Wayne Hat	3 Hague Close	Williamsburg	VA	23185
Dwight Flinchum	3701 Midlick Road Sw	Roanoke	VA	24018
Barbara Biamonte	2206 Mount Sinai Road	Chapel Hill	NC	27514-9638
Jeannette Cannon	48 Old Laurel	Laurel Park	NC	28739-4998
George Fletcher	116 Rockcreek Dr.	Greenville	SC	29605
Jeannine R. Stavlo	100 Redwood Drive	Madison	AL	35758
Bethany Sutton	1812 Todd Trace Ct.	Bowling Green	KY	42103
Robert W. Harmon	3160 Herrick Road	Upper Arlington	OH	43221-2622
Christine J. Berryman	24901 Richmond	Dearborn	MI	48124
Patrick K. Berryman	24901 Richmond	Dearborn	MI	48124
Richard Koenig	323 Montrose Avenue	Kalamazoo	MI	49001
Scott Watson	2709 234th St.	Fort Madison	IA	52627
Thomas Hogan	6911 Cresthill Dr.	Davenport	IA	52806
Delmar Janke	42670 281st Street	Olivet	SD	57052
Robert Kinmonth	P.O. Box 3307	Joliet	IL	60434
Frederick Norbury	1208 Sutton Dr.	Columbia	MO	65203
Stephen Peirson	3133 E. Impala Ct.	Springfield	MO	65804
Jonathan Palmer	7014 S. 177th Street	Omaha	NE	68136
John Kraemer	1319 HWY 20	Thibodaux	LA	70301
David M. Echols	114 Greentree	Sherwood	AR	72120
Klark Perkins	2005 Dayton Dr.	Melissa	TX	75454
Lorelei Perkins	2005 Dayton Dr.	Melissa	TX	75454
Sid Covington	4810 Placid Pl.	Austin	TX	78731
Ray Quackenbush	5241 E. Dixileta Dr.	Cave Creek	AZ	85331
Johnny M. Johnson	25795 Delta Avenue	Mission Viejo	CA	92691
Linda Prowse Fosler	720 Terry Street	Monterey	CA	93940-1507
Clyde W. Brehm, Jr.	201 Voyager Drive	Vallejo	CA	94590
Nancy C. Woodward	P.O. Box 944	Carmichael	CA	95609-0944
Warren W. Munro	99-1266-E Aiea Heights Dr., Apt. E	Aiea	HI	96701
Yuko Takemichi	Magdeburger Platz 2	Berlin, Germany		10785

## 2014 NRHS Discount List

Wes Ross

The 2014 NRHS Discount List is currently under development. This list provides NRHS members and their families either free or reduced admission to railroad attractions across the country. The list will be published in the June 2014 issue of the *NRHS News*. Last year's list contained over 200 entries. Attractions include train rides, museums and model railroad layouts that agree to offer a discount to NRHS members either on admission or a percentage discount in their Gift Shop. Free museums are also listed.

Letters will be sent out to a number of attractions in mid to late January 2014, asking for their participation for the year. The master list includes most of the larger museums and attractions; but many of the

smaller attractions may be missing from my master list or the form letter may have been misplaced in the past by the attraction. I am asking that Chapters and members contact their local attractions and let them know that the letters will be coming out in January and ask them to seriously consider participating in the program. If you think that your local attractions may not be on my master list, please feel free to contact me by e-mail at: wesleyross@windstream.net I want to include as many attractions as possible.

This program has value for both NRHS members and the local attraction because of the free publicity that the attraction is receiving by having its information published in the directory. As you know, *NRHS News* is distributed to each of our members, and this audience is comprised entirely of rail fans who are interested in the various attractions.

# THE NRHS WISHES YOU A JOYOUS HOLIDAY AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Robert Ernst (Overland Chapter), Editor

Ellen Pinsky (Iowa Chapter), Editorial Assistant.

## Welcome to St Louis

### NRHS Winter 2014 Conference St Louis, Missouri January 11-12, 2014

The Officers and Staff of the National Railway Historical Society invite you to attend the NRHS Winter 2014 Conference Board of Directors' Meeting in St. Louis, MO at the

Holiday Inn St. Louis Airport  
4505 Woodson Road  
St Louis, MO 63134  
(314) 427-4700  
[www.holidayinnstlouisairport.com](http://www.holidayinnstlouisairport.com)

Located across I-70 from Lambert-St. Louis International Airport

The meeting will be held on January 11 and 12 at the hotel.

Refer to the Notice of Meetings letter from the National Secretary for the specific times.

St Louis is served by all major airlines at the Lambert-St. Louis International Airport (STL) and by Amtrak.

The Hotel will provide complimentary ground shuttle van service to and from the Airport. If taking Amtrak, you will take the St Louis light rail from the Amtrak station to the airport, either airport stop, and call the hotel for shuttle service.

The hotel shuttle operates from 8:00 AM to 10:00 PM, seven days a week.

NRHS conference attendees are responsible for making reservations for the shuttle van service a minimum of 72 hours in advance of their arrival with the hotel. It is recommended that attendees make both their hotel and shuttle van reservations at the same time.

Registration fee is \$40.00 (one per household) payable by credit/debit card, check or money order to NRHS and is due by Friday, December 6, 2013.

Mail registrations to:  
NRHS, Inc.  
Winter 2014 Conference Registration  
5323 Highway N #331  
Cottleville, MO 63338

For those attendees and guests arriving by 2:00 pm on Friday, January 10, 2014, we have arranged a tour of the St. Louis Metro shops. We will use the St. Louis

MetroLink and travel to the Grand Station stop and take a van to the shops. After the tour, we will travel back to St. Louis Union Station and dine at Landry's Seafood for dinner. The restaurant offers not only seafood but soups, salads, sandwiches, pastas and steaks. After dinner we will return to the hotel via MetroLink and hotel van. All attendees are welcome to use the MetroLink to dine with the group if you do not wish to tour the light rail shops. Dinner at Landry's is individual settlement.

The shop tour is limited to 30 and the fare is \$15.00 which includes an all-day MetroLink pass along with the van transportation between the Metro station and the shops. This trip will run rain or shine. Trip will leave the hotel at approximately 2:00 pm and return via MetroLink at your schedule after dinner.

Orders for trip are due no later than December 6, 2013.

On Saturday, January 11, 2014, dinner is on your own but we can recommend a trip on the light rail down to the St Louis Riverfront Arch-Laclede's Landing station. Many locations for dining are an easy walk from there. The hotel also has a fine bar and grill if you do not wish to travel out.

Holiday Inn is located at  
4505 Woodson Road  
St Louis, MO 63134  
(314) 427-4700  
[www.holidayinnstlouisairport.com](http://www.holidayinnstlouisairport.com)

Across from the East Terminal of Lambert-St Louis International Airport. The hotel is providing NRHS a discounted room rate of \$89.00 (plus state and local taxes) per night single or double occupancy. The rate is guaranteed for reservations made on or before December 6, 2013.

Included in this room rate are:  
Airport shuttle service  
Free high speed wireless internet service  
State of the art fitness center  
Business center  
Coffee, tea in the Woodson Room  
Free parking while at the conference

Hotel Reservations:  
Individual reservations must be made on or before Friday, December 6, 2013 (the Reservations Due Date) with the hotel by calling (314) 656-1650.  
(Monday through Friday 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Central time)

To obtain the group rate you must indicate that you are with the National Railway Historical Society.

All individual room reservations must be accompanied by a one night's deposit or credit card authorization for room and tax. Any reservation request made after the Reservations Due Date may be confirmed on a space and rate available basis.

Check-in time is 3:00 pm. Check-out time is 12:00 noon. We have arranged a late checkout for Sunday until 1:00 pm.

### **Terms and Conditions (usual wording)**

The National Railway Historical Society, Inc. (hereafter known as the Sponsor) shall not be held responsible in any way as a result of sponsoring the Winter 2014 Board of Directors' Conference.

Participation in any event constitutes agreement that you will not hold the Sponsor liable for any injury, damages, loss, accident, or irregularity occasioned by vehicle defects, defaults, or carriers or their personnel, any additional expense due to delays, illness, weather, strikes or other causes.

The Sponsor reserves the right to cancel the event without notice. In such case, the Sponsor liability shall be limited solely to the event fare paid. Handling and service charges, if any have been incurred, shall not be reimbursed. The Sponsor shall not be liable for any lost tickets.

Please be at the event no later than 10 minutes before departure.

No refunds will be made for a missed event.

### **Physical Requirements**

The event(s) will require some walking and stair climbing. Persons having mobility impairments or requiring the use of wheelchairs will be required to provide their own attendants, if necessary. Mobility impaired persons are asked to contact us to discuss available accommodations prior to the event.

### **Liability Release**

All Participants may be required to sign a Release of Liability and Indemnity Form before an event. Please do not sign up for an event if you will not feel comfortable signing a release. No refunds will be given if you refuse to sign the release and are not allowed to go on the event.

## **Preliminary NRHS Winter 2014 Conference Meeting Schedule**

Friday, January 10, 2014

12:00 noon - Registration opens in Woodson Room in hotel  
2:00 pm - Hotel vans to MetroLink for shop tour departure  
3:00 pm - MetroLink Shop Tour  
5:00 pm - Dinner at St Louis Union Station Landry's (individual settlement)  
- MetroLink return after dinner and call hotel for van pickup before 10:00  
pm

Saturday, January 11, 2014

9:00 am - Meeting of the Board of Directors (in hotel)  
10:30 am - 12:00 pm - Advisory Council Meeting  
Lunch is on-your-own  
1:00 pm - Board meeting reconvenes  
5:00 pm - Meeting recesses

Sunday, January 12, 2014

8:30 am - Board Meeting reconvenes  
12:00 noon - Board of Directors' Meeting adjournment

# Registration Form - NRHS Winter 2014 Conference

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Member# \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, state, zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter or officer/title (for name tag) \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate names of additional attendees from the same household:

\_\_\_\_\_

I plan to travel by: Air \_\_\_ Amtrak \_\_\_ Auto \_\_\_

Estimated Arrival Date & Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Information ONLY.

Emergency contact information (applies to this meeting only):

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

## ORDER INFORMATION:

Meeting Registration Fee-required(one per household) 1 X \$40.00 = \$40.00

Friday, January 10, 2014

MetroLink Shop Tour \_\_\_\_\_ X \$15.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

PAYMENT INFORMATION: Check \_\_\_ Credit Card \_\_\_ (credit card preferred)

CREDIT CARD INFORMATION: American Express, MasterCard or Visa

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name on card: \_\_\_\_\_

Make your check payable to National Railway Historical Society

## Mail completed form to:

NRHS, Inc.

Winter 2014 Conference Registration

5323 Highway N #331

Cottleville, MO 63338

No refunds for cancellations of registrations or event will be issued after December 6, 2013.



**NRHS SPRING 2014 CONFERENCE**  
**LEWISBURG, PA**  
**APRIL 24-27, 2014**

**NRHS**

The Central Pennsylvania Chapter of the NRHS is hosting the Spring 2014 NRHS Conference which includes the NRHS Board of Directors Meeting, and the Advisory Council Conference at the Best Western Country Cupboard Conference Center located just north of Lewisburg, PA. The Board of Directors' meeting will be held on April 26 & 27. The Advisory Council Conference Meeting will be held on Saturday, April 26.

The following activities are planned in addition to the NRHS Board Meeting and the Advisory Council Meeting. On Friday, April 25, a chartered train provided by the North Shore Railroad will operate over the ex-Reading Railroad SS&L line between Allenwood, PA and Winfield, PA. The train will also operate over a recently restored 4 mile section of track from White Deer to Allenwood that has not seen rail service since 1976. This excursion will be the first public excursion over this restored trackage. Very limited first class service will be available on the Erie Lackawanna Car # 3, the Phoebe Snow. Lunch will be at the Central PA NRHS White Deer Station and Museum and photo runbys will be held. On Saturday, April 26, an all you eat buffet banquet will occur at the locally famous Country Cupboard Restaurant adjacent to the Best Western Conference Center, and a guest speaker from the North Shore Railroad Corporation will discuss their 7 shortline railroads they operate, their phenomenal growth and expectations going forward for rail service. The Country Cupboard has a large shopping complex as well and has a full service restaurant that is open from 7 am to 8 pm. For baseball fans, the Little League World Museum complex is located 15 miles away in S Williamsport, PA at the birthplace of Little League.

The Best Western Country Cupboard Inn has an NRHS conference room rate of \$ 115.00 a night plus 9% taxes. Reservations must be made individually by calling the hotel directly at 570 524 5500 and asking for the NRHS rate. The Best Western Country Cupboard Inn is located along US Route 15, at 7701 West Branch Highway Lewisburg, PA 17837. Lewisburg is just 4 miles south of Interstate I-80 in Central PA and is the home of Bucknell University. The closest Amtrak service is located in Harrisburg, PA, 1 hour away, which is on the Amtrak Keystone Line with regular service to and from New York and Philadelphia. Air service is also available in Harrisburg (MDT) which is served by all major airlines except Southwest. Other air options are Wilkes-Barre Scranton (AVP) through Delta, US Airways and United Airlines.

The Central PA Chapter looks forward to your attendance at the Spring 2014 Conference in Lewisburg, PA, questions can be directed to Mark Eyer- NRHS Director, District 2- at [meyer@dailyexp.com](mailto:meyer@dailyexp.com) or via phone at 717 574 1035. Full details and order forms for tickets and registration will be available in January 2014.





## 2014 Nomination Form Instructions

The NRHS is now soliciting nominations for all Officer and Board positions.

### Positions and Districts

Per the 2013 Bylaws of the NRHS the Board of Directors will consist of 25 members. Two (2) individuals will hold the Offices of President and Vice President, five (5) will be Global Directors and the remaining eighteen (18) will be District Directors. There are two Districts for At-Large members (A & B) and seven Districts for the Chapter members (1-7). (*See the accompanying charts.*)

The 2014 election is the second under the Bylaws previously adopted in 2011. In this election the two Officer positions and the nine Board positions which were two year terms will be on the ballot. All Board member positions will be four-year terms moving forward but the Officer positions remain at two-year terms.

All members in good standing will elect the President, Vice President and two Global Directors. Any eligible NRHS member may run for President, Vice President or Global Director regardless of their assigned District. Global Directors represent the entire NRHS membership. For this election the Global Directors will have a four year term.

Each member will also elect one District Board member based on the District where the member is assigned. Each of the District Board members will have a four-year term. Districts are determined if a member is an At-Large member or a Chapter member. For the At-Large members their assignment is based on their residential location to either District A or District B. (***See accompanying charts.***) Chapter members are assigned to one of the seven Chapter Districts, Districts 1 to District 7, based on the geographical location of their home chapter. This means a member may be assigned to a different District than their residential address because they live in another part of the country compared to their home chapter.

### Nominations

All NRHS members in good standing are eligible to run for any of the Officer and Board positions based on meeting the criteria set forth in the NRHS Bylaws Article VII, Section 7. This includes the following:

- a) They shall be members in good standing of the Society at the time of their nomination, upon taking office, and throughout their term of office;
- b) If chapter members, they shall maintain their membership through a chapter, whose location according to these bylaws, is within the district for which they are to serve, at the time of their nomination, upon taking office, and throughout their term of office;
- c) If an At-Large member, they shall maintain their membership at whose location according to these bylaws is within the district for which they are to serve, at the time of their nomination, upon taking office, and throughout their term of office;
- d) Shall have attained the age of eighteen years before taking office;

e) Shall not have been convicted of a crime which has been classified by any jurisdiction as a felony, nor have been convicted of a crime which has been classified by any jurisdiction as a misdemeanor and involving moral turpitude;

f) Shall not be under the conservatorship of any Court at the time of their nomination, upon taking office, and throughout their term of office;

g) Shall be ready, willing and able to attend meetings of the Board of Directors as they shall be convened from time to time.

h) Shall not have been a member of the Board of Directors for less than two years after reaching the specified term limit for consecutive years.

If a member desires to run for office and is qualified based on the above criteria, the member must submit a nomination application to the NRHS Electoral Committee Chair no later than the end of business March 31, 2014. The nomination application is available online at <https://admin.nrhs.com>. Send the nomination application form to NRHS Electoral Committee Chair, 5246 S. Newland Ave. Chicago, IL 60638-1125, or as an attachment to an email addressed to [secretary@nrhs.com](mailto:secretary@nrhs.com).

Once the nominations close on March 31, 2014, the Electoral Committee will create the ballot for each of the Districts. The membership mailing of the ballots will commence on or about June 1, 2014. Each ballot will be accompanied by an official pre-addressed return envelope. Only ballots returned in this envelope will be considered official ballots and counted. Ballots returned in any other envelope will not be counted and will be discarded. Ballots may be in another shipping envelope such as a UPS or FedEx envelope as long as the ballot is sealed in the official return envelope provided.

The election will close on August 1, 2014. All ballots must be postmarked no later than August 1, 2014 to be counted. Election shall be by a plurality of those votes legally cast. The results will be certified by the General Counsel of the NRHS and the Electoral Committee in late August, 2014. Winners of the election will be contacted by the NRHS Electoral Committee Chair once the vote has been certified. Results will be available on the NRHS website and will be published in the *NRHS News* and *NRHS Telegraph* after the vote certification and notification to the candidates.

The new Board of Directors will be seated at the 2014 Fall Conference. The last scheduled meeting of the current Board is at the National Convention in June, 2014 in Springdale, AR. The current Board remains in position until the seating of the new Board.

The Electoral Committee is responsible for the entire election process which includes the approval of qualifications of candidates, and oversight of the election process to assure that schedules and procedures adhere to the NRHS Bylaws and the laws of the State of Maryland.

## 2014 NRHS NOMINATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Member Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apartment Number: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_ Zip-Code: \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Chapter or At-Large Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Position Being Sought (circle):            President \_\_\_\_ Vice-President \_\_\_\_

Global Director \_\_\_\_

At-Large District A \_\_\_\_ At-Large District B \_\_\_\_

Chapter District: 1 \_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_ 4 \_\_\_\_ 5 \_\_\_\_ 6 \_\_\_\_ 7 \_\_\_\_

Biography (Limit to 250 words): *(The Committee suggests you include a passport-type photo of yourself for the ballot)*

Reasons for Seeking This Office (Limit to 250 words):

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.

Deadline for submitting this form is March 31, 2014.

**By submitting this nomination form to the NRHS, I certify that I have read and understand the Bylaws of the NRHS dated June 24, 2013. I certify that I am in compliance with all the requirements for this position as defined in the NRHS Bylaws including but not limited to those found in §7 thereof.**

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*Signature*

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*Date Signed*

### The Instructions for Completing the Nomination Form

Please fill out all the sections of the form. Be truthful, be accurate, stick to what you will do as an officer or director, and avoid any form of personal complaints or slander against any other NRHS member. If you deviate from those four principles, the NRHS Nominations Committee will invalidate your application form.

The nomination form is an Adobe standard file that you may complete online, or download and complete on its own. The form broken down into ten (10) individual elements as follows:

Name: Provide your full, legal name.

Member Number: Provide your NRHS member number from your 2014 NRHS membership card.

Address: Provide your USPS mailing full address, including apartment number (if applicable), and nine digit zip code.

Telephone Number and email address: Self-explanatory.

Home Chapter or At-Large Affiliation: Self-explanatory. If a chapter member, list only your home chapter.

Position Being Sought: Clearly mark which position you are seeking.

Biography: In 250 words or less, briefly describe your life and interests.

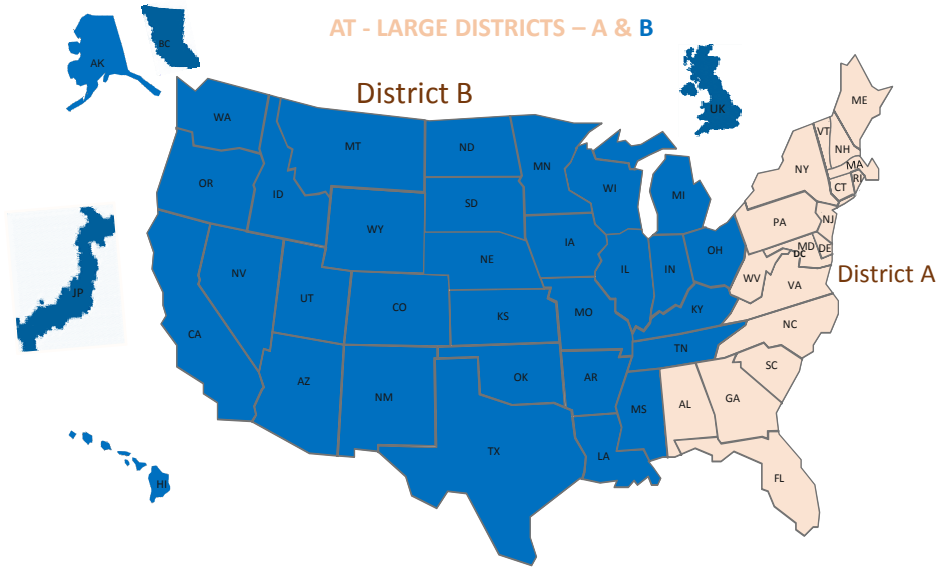
Reasons for Seeking This Office: In 250 words or less, tell your voters why you want this position. Clearly tell them what you expect to do as an officer or director on their behalf. Be truthful, be accurate, stick to what you will do as an officer or director, and avoid any form of personal complaints or slander against any other NRHS member.

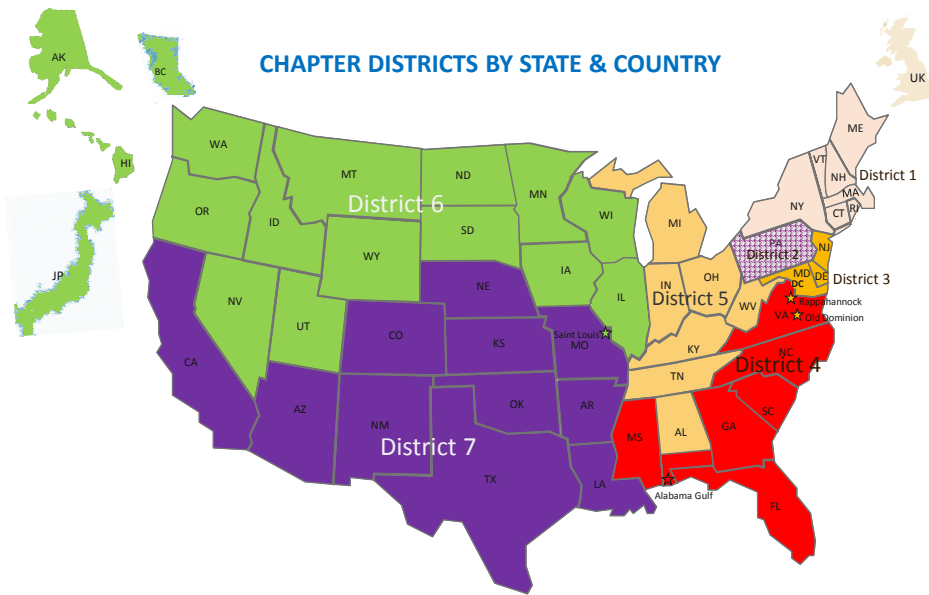
Signature: Self-explanatory. Failure to sign the form invalidates the form.

Date Signed: Self-explanatory. Failure to date the form invalidates the form.



AT - LARGE DISTRICTS – A & B





## Chapter Members' Districts

District 1 – ME, NH, VT, MA, RI, CT, NY, and the UK.

District 2 – PA.

District 3 – NJ, DE, MD, DC, and the Rappahannock and Old Dominion Chapters in VA.

District 4 – Rest of VA, NC, SC, GA, FL, MS, and southern AL (Alabama Gulf Chapter).

District 5 – Rest of AL, TN, KY, WV, OH, IN, MI.

District 6 – MN, WI, IL, St. Louis Chapter in MO, IA, ND, SD, MT, ID, WY, UT, NV, WA, OR, BC, Japan, AK, HI.

District 7 – Rest of MO, CA, AZ, NM, TX, LA, AR, NE, KS, OK, CO.