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CALENDAR

September 14 - 22, 2013

2013 National Convention
Fairbanks / Anchorage, Alaska
NRHS
www.nrhs.com
Sales are now open.

November 8 - 10, 2013

Fall Conference
Advisory Council and Board of
Directors' Meetings
Claymont, DE
NRHS

January 10 - 12, 2014

Winter Conference
Board of Directors' Meeting
St. Louis, MO
NRHS

April 24 - 27, 2014

Spring Conference
Advisory Council and Board of
Directors' Meetings
Lewisburg, PA

June 10 - 14, 2014

2014 NRHS Convention
Springdale, AR
NRHS

NRHS RailCamp 2014

East - July 6 to 12, 2014
NorthWest - July 27 to
August 3, 2014

Bids are being accepted for future
Conferences. Contact Bob Bitzer for informa-
tion. Gopullman@prodigy.net

NRHS Internal Communications Improvements Underway

Greg Molloy

At the recent NRHS Summer Conference in Minnesota, there was considerable discussion about communication systems and how they need to be improved. The recent decision to increase NRHS national dues in 2014, and the delays in announcing both the decision and the reasons behind it, highlighted several shortcomings of our current internal communications. NRHS leadership, the Board of Directors and the Advisory Council were all in agreement that we have to do better in the future. At the same time, there was general understanding that the Society's financial constraints require us to make some prudent choices about how we approach the problem.

Current Systems Have Limitations

The NRHS has several current communication systems, and they all have all have their limitations, especially when there is a need to communicate widely on matters of current interest:

The *NRHS Bulletin* comes out quarterly and requires long lead times to prepare and edit content. The *Bulletin* is a historical journal and not designed for reporting current events. Because of this, NRHS

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decided years ago to drop current events coverage and time-sensitive member communications from the content of the *Bulletin*.

The *NRHS News* was started in part to provide more timely communication with members than was possible with the *Bulletin*, but the *News* also has its limitations. Even when it is on schedule, the bi-monthly schedule, the lead times to prepare and lay out material, and printing and mailing schedules generally mean two months or longer between a development and the story arriving in a member's mailbox. The *News* production is also dependent on a few dedicated individuals (for whom it is not primary employment) and taking advantage of available capacity at the printing plant. As we have seen recently, the production system does get disrupted when real life interferes with planned schedules.

The *NRHS Telegraph*, which is issued only as an electronic publication, has shorter lead times, but it comes out on an irregular schedule and it reaches only a limited audience. In addition, recent experience has reminded us that information in the *Telegraph* often doesn't spread much farther than the initial recipients.

Direct mail to members also has its limitations, which is why we use it only a few times per year for time-value communications. Direct mail costs us a lot of money for printing and mailing. Although it is faster than newsletter-style publications, there is still a time lag to prepare, print and mail the material, and this delay is magnified when time-sensitive content is involved. NRHS prefers to limit direct mail to specific applications where it can be planned in advance and is either legally required or directed toward a specific purpose for which direct mail has been shown to be effective.

Electronic communications (e-mail and social media) offer us the best option for fast and inexpensive communications. NRHS already uses e-mail communication extensively for specific groups, such as the Board of Directors, Advisory Council, and Electronic Billing Contacts. However, these are groups for which we have fairly complete lists of current e-mail addresses. When it comes to the gener-

al membership, we have e-mail addresses on file for only about a quarter of the members, and some of them may be obsolete. This is clearly an area that needs immediate attention, and we need your help.

First Step - Wider E-Mail Communication

NRHS needs to increase the use of E-mail messaging beyond its current limited usage. But today we can reach only the roughly 25% of our membership for whom we have e-mail addresses on file. While there are obviously some members who do not use e-mail, we have no reason to believe that the number of those who do is anything close to only 25%. The problem is collecting and maintaining the addresses in the national membership database.

NRHS needs the cooperation of all of our chapters to collect and report e-mail contact information for all members as part of the 2014 dues renewal process.

The lowest-cost way for NRHS to obtain this information for chapter members is for chapter electronic billing contacts to collect the information from members' dues bills and to report it as an update to member information. Having NRHS solicit the information directly from members and manually updating the database will be considerably more expensive and time-consuming.

The 2014 dues renewal mailing asks members to supply this information, and we need the chapters to reinforce this message. We also need your cooperation to collect and transmit this information as members report it.

In updating the Society's 2013 budget, the Board of Directors chose to solicit this information through the chapters this year and not commit to the higher cost of gathering this information directly from the national office. Before the end of the year, we must make a decision on how we will gather and maintain this information in 2014 and beyond, and how these efforts will be funded. We remain hopeful that initial results this year will help avoid a far larger investment in 2014.

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Posting of Additional Information

NRHS is still in the first year of starting up our new streamlined governance system, and we are still trying to find the right balance between confidentiality and communication of business information. This was another item of considerable discussion at the Summer Conference, and all agreed that NRHS should publish more timely business information to the chapters and the membership. The primary channel of communications to the chapters will be through the Advisory Council and the chapter national representatives.

NRHS will begin publishing some periodic reports on a more regular basis to a wider audience. The On-Board Report will be published monthly, and the first such report (membership as of June 30, 2013) has already been posted. Summary-level financial statements will likewise be posted on a quarterly basis. This will begin with the June 30, 2013 report when it is received later in July.

We are also working to get special reports published in a more timely manner. The slides from the joint discussion session of the Board of Directors and Advisory Council at the Summer Conference have been posted (see a separate article) with some additional information requested by several members of the Council. We are currently working to get the 2012 audit report reviewed and posted. Secretary Joe Maloney has started the review of the draft Board meeting minutes, and we are working to get documents such as this published in a more timely manner as well.

An Ongoing Process

This process is by no means finished, and we expect that communications improvements will continue to be refined as the Board of Directors and the Advisory Council continue to work together to identify issues and solutions. The new and expanded Relationships Committee will also be an important part of this discussion.

NRHS is investigating options for additional changes, such as an electronic version of *NRHS*

News or an electronic blog to supplement the printed newsletter. But as was discussed at the Summer Conference, this is a large project, and we first need to be able to reach more than a quarter of the membership.

Joint Meeting Slides Posted

Greg Molloy

During the 2013 NRHS Summer Conference the Board of Directors and the Advisory Council held a joint session to discuss the current state of the business and areas that need improvement.

At the start of the session, NRHS President Greg Molloy reviewed several background issues that are important to understand our current situation. These include:

- Some key past decisions about the design of NRHS that control the way we do things today (and some of the problems we have created),
- The current state of the business,
- The need to make more changes faster.

While this presentation guided some of the early discussion in the joint session, it was by no means the whole thing.

Several members of the Advisory Council requested that the slides from the meeting be updated to include some of the specific examples presented verbally and made available to all Directors and National Representatives. The slides were updated to include some of the meeting discussion points, and the revised material was posted to the Advisory Council portion of the Administrative Website on July 15. To access this material, go to:

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

and click on the link:

[What's Going on with the NRHS Presentation - Posted July 15, 2013.](#)

In the 2013 Summer Conference section.

Synopsis of the Summer 2013 Board of Directors' Meeting

The NRHS Board of Directors met in Bloomington, Minnesota, Saturday and Sunday, June 29 - 30, 2013.

The revised NRHS Bylaws are in effect. The membership will vote on the changes at the Annual Members' Meeting in Anchorage, AK on September 18, 2013, at 7:15 p.m. Alaska Daylight Time.

The Board elected three new members to fill vacancies. Tony White replaces William Wood who resigned; Patrick Molloy replaces Don Maxwell who resigned, and Skip Waters fills the vacant District 7 seat .

As of May 31, 2013, 92% of the membership has renewed; at the same time last year, the renewal rate was 91%.

President Molloy appointed the Electoral Committee for 2014. Chair will be Bob Ernst. Other members are Bob Murray, Tony White, and Larry Dyer.

Nathaniel Guest announced the recipients of the 2013 NRHS Railway Heritage Grants. The list of recipients is posted at: <http://www.nrhs.com/news/2013-heritage-grants-announced>

Work continues on resuming two RailCamp programs in 2014. Policy guidelines are being revised, and various insurance concerns have been addressed.

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

- **2011 Convention** - The Executive Committee approved the final report of the convention.
- **2013 Convention** Chair, Greg Molloy, advised that tickets sales continue to sell well and hotels are either filled or nearly so. If the convention were to run today, it would be financially in the black.
- **2014** - The Board approved the proposal for the 2014 convention to be held in June 2014 in Springdale, Arkansas. The convention committee will provide more details at the Fall 2014 Board meeting as contracts are negotiated with rail venues and hotels. Promotion and sales will begin after the 2013 convention.
- President Molloy reported that the NRHS is investigating options for **2015 and beyond**, and the Society wants to know about all ideas and suggestions now before firm proposals are developed. Because venues are becoming harder to find, the Board will be studying the future of the NRHS convention program.

Strategic Plan - The Board received reports from the Development Committee, Relations Committee, Transactional Business Committee and the Preservation Committee, as well as the Management Committee.

FY 2012 Audit - The auditors issued their report three days before this meeting, and NRHS Management needs to review and respond to several minor points raised by the auditors. The IRS 990 for 2012 is being reviewed by the Board and will be filed by the August 15 deadline. Once it is filed, the 990 will be available to the membership.

FY 2013 Budget - The Board approved a revised budget for FY 2013. The approved budget will be posted on the NRHS web site.

The 2013 NRHS Discount List has been posted on the NRHS web site, and will be published in the June issue of the NRHS News.

NRHS Legacy Initiative - Nathaniel Guest presented the Legacy Initiative, which will enhance NRHS existing brand and services, establishing NRHS as an entity that appeals to each tier in the market, consisting of

preservationists, historians, railfans and casual rail enthusiasts alike.

The Board revoked the charter of the North Alabama Chapter.

NRHS Conferences:

- The Board approved the Winter 2014 Conference in Saint Louis, MO.
- Bob Bitzer advised that he has received several proposals for future conferences. He continues to look for sponsors for the Winter 2015 Board of Directors' meeting, and the Fall 2015 conference and beyond. Please contact Bob at gopullman@prodigy.net to volunteer to host a NRHS conference.
- The experiment to conduct a Board of Directors' meeting via remote teleconferencing will be deferred until the Winter 2014 meeting due to problems involving the hotel in Claymont, DE, and FY 2013 budget constraints.

Advisory Council - Scott Andes reported on the joint session with the Board and the separate Advisory Council (AC) meeting later on June 29, 2013. The AC continued previous discussions about fundraising, finances and how the Board and AC need to work better together.

Dues processing for 2014 is underway. Spreadsheets for 2014 dues processing were sent to chapters in April 2013. Changes must be returned to NRHS by mid-June 2013. Dues bills will be sent to the membership the first week of September 2013.

The Fall 2013 NRHS Conference will be held in Claymont, DE, November 8 - 10, 2013.

Joseph C. Maloney, Jr.
Secretary

Notice Regarding September Advisory Council Meeting

Greg Molloy

The next Advisory Council meeting is scheduled to take place in Anchorage, Alaska on Wednesday, September 18 at 11:30am Alaska Daylight Time. The meeting will be held at the Hilton Anchorage, 500 West Third Avenue, Anchorage, AK, with the specific meeting room to be posted in the hotel.

The timing of the meeting has been selected to avoid direct conflict with most other scheduled convention events. In one situation, however, NRHS needs some advance information to avoid scheduling problems.

Convention event 1850, the Alaska RR Operations Center and Depot Tour, will begin with a job briefing at 8:00am. Because of capacity limitations in some of the workplaces, the participants must be divided into multiple groups with different departure times. Those participants who want to attend the Advisory Council meeting must be in one of the first two

departure groups (8:45am and 9:45am) to assure returning to the hotel before the meeting starts at 11:30am.

If you are planning to attend the Advisory Council meeting and you are also holding a ticket on convention event 1850, please notify us through info@nrhs.com that you plan to attend. This is especially important if you are a newly-appointed national representative, your chapter's alternate representative, or if you are not a member of the council but planning to attend the meeting. We need to know your intentions so we can pre-assign you to a tour that does not conflict with the meeting.

Please note that convention event 1840, the Alaska RR Shops Tour will begin with a job briefing at 2:00pm and will depart the hotel as a single group. We do not expect a conflict between the Advisory Council meeting and event 1840.

Convention event 1870, the Portage and Girdwood Tour, is an **all-day** event. Participants on that tour **will not** be able to participate in the Advisory Council meeting, as was stated in the registration materials.

Advisory Council Information

Bob Ernst

The draft minutes of the **Summer 2013 Advisory Council** meeting and other information regarding the Advisory Council 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.

2013 Convention Update

Greg Molloy

Sales remain open for the 2013 NRHS Convention in Anchorage, AK September 18-22, with pre-convention activities in Fairbanks September 14-17. To date, 340 people have registered for the convention, more than enough to put the operation in the black financially. Local promotion and ticket sales are getting under way in mid-July.

While some events and classes of service are sold out, coach tickets remain available for all trains, as well as a limited number of Gold Star tickets for three Anchorage-based excursions on September 19, 20 & 21. NRHS and Alaska RR have negotiated a flexible pricing arrangement depending on the number of cars needed for each train. NRHS will finalize the car counts in mid-August and release any un-needed cars back to the railroad, so our ability to handle last-minute sales may be limited.

NRHS has recently withdrawn one event because of inadequate sales - an inbound bus and hotel package from Skagway to Fairbanks. All other events in the program have more than enough sales to guarantee operation.

For the latest information and to order event tickets, visit the convention page at the NRHS website www.nrhs.com.

2014 NRHS Convention

Elrond Lawrence

The NRHS Board of Directors has voted to hold the 2014 Annual Convention and Membership Meeting in Springdale, Arkansas. Dates for this convention are currently scheduled for June 10-14, 2014.

Preliminary plans include three days of charter passenger trains on the Arkansas & Missouri Railroad, featuring their fleet of Alco locomotives. (The railroad just announced plans to buy three new EMD diesels, but all convention trains will feature Alco power). Other events under consideration include train rides on the Branson Scenic Railroad, Fort Smith Trolley Museum, and the Eureka Springs & North Arkansas Railroad. Also being planned are depot and shop tours, plus the first ever behind-the-scenes tour of the steam railroad at Silver Dollar City in Branson, Missouri.

Details and prices for 2014 convention activities will be released later this year, and ticket sales could begin as early as October. Stay tuned for more news in the coming months!

NRHS Members Proxy Ballots

NRHS members recently received the 2013 proxy via USPS. Unfortunately, that two page proxy was incomplete because it lacked the second two pages which included the specific changes to the NRHS Bylaws that the Board of Directors approved earlier this year.

The complete four page proxy was placed in the mail on July 18 to all NRHS members in good standing. Please encourage all NRHS members who will not be able to attend the NRHS Membership Meeting in Anchorage, AK on September 18, 2013 to return the ballot to the NRHS Secretary prior to September 1, 2013. Members should use the business reply envelope supplied with the corrected proxy.

It should be noted that the complete four page proxy letter is being sent to each NRHS member at no cost at all to the NRHS due to circumstances involving parties outside of the NRHS.

NRHS 2013 Fall Conference

The 2013 Fall Conference will be held in Claymont, DE on November 7 - 10, 2013. The Conference will include the Board of Directors' and Advisory Council meetings.

The Conference hotel is the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Claymont, DE. (near Wilmington, DE) with special room rates of \$91.00 + taxes, single/double.

A conference registration package will be electronically distributed to all Officers, Directors and National Representatives. The information will also be available online at the NRHS admin site. <https://admin.nrhs.com>.

Schedule of events

Thursday, November 7, 2013.

Conference registration opens after 7:00 PM at the hotel.

Friday, November 8, 2013

A chartered bus will take the group to the Strasburg Railroad to ride a single coach pulled by their small diesel switcher. This will be a re-creation of the first passenger trip the Strasburg RR ran when they reopened for business in 1959. Photo run-bys are planned. Lunch will be at Miller's Smorgasbord. Lunch payment will be by individual settlement. Following lunch, the group will tour the SMS Rail Lines shop and yard in Bridgeport, NJ. Ample time will be given to photograph their roster of Baldwin diesel switchers.

Saturday, November 9, 2013

The Board of Directors and the Advisory Council will hold their meetings during the day. Saturday's events will conclude in the evening with a banquet at the hotel. Steve Barry, Editor, *Railfan Magazine*, will present a multi-media rail program after the meal.

Sunday, November 10, 2013.

The Board of Directors' meeting on Sunday morning will complete the weekend's schedule of events.

NRHS Offers Public Relations and Marketing Support for Chapters

Struggling with writing a press release? Unsure how to reach an online audience? Need advice on where to send your special event news?

Many chapters are involved with special events, rail excursions, and restoration projects that introduce railfans and the public to our exciting railroad history - yet some chapters struggle with publicity and their stories don't get the proper spotlight. NRHS Public Relations Director Elrond Lawrence is now available to assist chapters with publicity advice and hands-on editing services.

Elrond can help identify the best marketing messages that will catch the attention of both railfans and local communities. He'll provide hands-on review services to help you determine which events are newsworthy, the best audiences to target, and ideas for online marketing. This includes help with the following:

News releases

Press releases are an important way to announce your news about an upcoming excursion or special event. Elrond can provide hands-on editing assistance to ensure your copy is effective, concise, and speaks in a journalist's language. It's equally important to know where to aim your news; if needed, he can assist with creating a media list of local news outlets.

NRHS publications and online publicity

We'll help you with submitting project news and articles to the *NRHS News*, our bimonthly newsletter, as well as promote your excursion or event in the society's Facebook and Twitter pages. When space allows, events and projects of broad interest can be posted on the NRHS.com news page.

Elrond has more than 20 years of public relations and journalism experience, working with companies such as Kaiser Permanente, the Ketchum agency, the San Jose Downtown Association, and *Trains* magazine. Take advantage of this resource by contacting him at elawrence@nrhs.com.

Chapter Address Changes

The following chapters reported address changes to the National Office:

North Jersey Chapter, NRHS

54 Poplar St
Closter, NJ 07624

Florida East Coast Chapter, NRHS

728 Nassau Road
Cocoa Beach, FL 32931

Scioto Valley Chapter, NRHS

P. O. Box 403
Wheelersburg, OH 45694

Chapter Website Changes

Rivanna Chapter, NRHS

<http://nrhsrivanna.blogspot.com>

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	James A. Dwyer
At-Large	Francis S. Matejka
Baltimore	Robert N. Riley
C.P. Huntington	Charles L. Skees
Cape Cod	Paul E. Eagan
Carolina Clinchfield	Donald Lee Johnson
Central Oklahoma	James T. Murray
Central Texas	Arthur Walter Plotts, Sr.
Cornell	Stephen A. C. Smith
Jersey Central	George R. Irwin
Lancaster	Howard S. Fox, Jr.
Lancaster	William J. Hart
Long Island - Sunrise Trail	James J. Earl
Long Island - Sunrise Trail	Edward S. Reitz
North Jersey	Frank S. Miklos
North Texas	Russ E. Covitt
Pacific Northwest	Rolland R. Grischow
Pacific Northwest	Laurel M. Prager
Pacific Northwest	Randy Rock
Philadelphia	Ruth Wolf
Promontory	Jack L. Carlson
Promontory	Wayne H. Johnson
Roanoke	Claudine Kytchen Miller
Southern Oregon	Frederic E. Smith

End of Track continued

Chapter	Name
St. Louis	Nadine D. Fee
Tampa Bay	Allen F. Evans, Jr.
West Jersey	Nathan J. Cope, Jr.
West Jersey	Raymond C. Young
Western Connecticut	Robert G. Westerfield

Board of Directors Elects New Members

The NRHS Board of Directors filled all of the vacant seats on the Board at the Summer Board of Directors' Meeting in Bloomington, MN.

The Board elected Tony White to fill the remainder of the District 1 four-year term which was vacated due to the resignation of William Wood.

The Board elected Patrick Molloy to fill the remainder of the District 4 two-year term which was vacated due to the resignation of Don Maxwell.

The Board elected Skip Waters to fill the remainder of the District 7 four-year term. No one was elected to this seat and was vacant until now.

If you would like to learn more about each of the new Board members go to the NRHS admin site at <https://admin.nrhs.com/AdvisoryCouncil>. The election biographies for each new Board member is listed in the Summer 2013 Meeting material.

Advisory Council Yahoo Group

The NRHS Advisory Council has started a Yahoo Group. It is called "AdvisoryCouncil-NRHS" and can be found at:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/AdvisoryCouncil-NRHS>.

The group is moderated by Del Kittendorf, National Representative of the Atlanta Chapter. 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 schedule meetings.

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.

Arkansas-Boston Mountains Chapter

Treasurer: Thomas S. Duggan, 15225 Lakewood Drive, Lowell, AR 72745-9222 08-Jul-13

Baltimore Chapter

National Rep.: Richard B. Shulby, A.I.A., 11109 Hidden Trail Drive, Owings Mills, MD 21117 25-Jun-13

Cornell Chapter

Membership Contact: Ronald E. Koger, 116 Candor Hill Road, Candor, NY 13743-1703 01-Jul-13

National Representative: Greg Dickinson, 1311 1/2 Hall Street, Elmira, NY 14901-1209 01-Jul-13

Fort Lauderdale Chapter

Historian: Vacant 03-Jun-13

Inland Empire Chapter

Treasurer: Vacant 12-Jul-13

Jersey Central Chapter

Vice President: Mitchell E. Dakelman, 334 South 3rd Ave., Highland Park, NJ 08904-2515 03-Jun-13

Kentucky Central Chapter

Historian: Vacant 03-Jun-13

North Jersey Chapter

Vice President: Vacant 25-Jun-13

Raritan River Chapter

Vice President: Kenneth W. Durrua, 307 Barton Ave., Point Pleasant Beach, NJ 08742-4814 05-Jul-13

Historian: Louis J. Luczu, 42 River Rd., East Brunswick, NJ 08816 05-Jul-13

Secretary: Philip Paladino, 10 Claton Ct., Milltown, NJ 08850 05-Jul-13

Rochester Chapter

National Representative: Rand L. Warner, 58 Park Circle Drive, Fairport, NY 14450-2537 13-May-13

Seven Railroads Chapter

Secretary: Dean O. Stevens, 2 Oscar's Road, Spencer, MA 01562 10-Jul-13

Tacoma Chapter

Secretary: Kevin E. Scheyer, 23010 30th Ave South, Seattle, WA 98198 05-Jul-13

Editor: John D. Tucker, 9225 - 11th Pine, Apt B, Lake Stevens, WA 98258-3416 05-Jul-13

Winston-Salem Chapter

Secretary: Steve Hutchison, 5332 Moss Creek Lane, Clemmons, NC 27012-8240 03-Jun-13

WELCOME ABOARD

The following list is all the At-Large members who have joined in May, 2013 to July, 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.

William Sallee	P.O. Box 763	Boston	MA	02123
Charles Van Der Eems	333 Van Winkle Avenue	Hawthorne	NJ	07506-1036
Mark Forman	300 West 23rd. Street 14 A/B	New York	NY	10011
Jeffery Genjian	300 West 23rd. Street 14 A/B	New York	NY	10011
Kirsten B. Osborne	133 Maple Manor Drive	Syracuse	NY	13212
Kurt R. Bell	30 Heritage Lane	Elizabethtown	PA	17022
Andrew Straatveit	204 Susan Dr.	Indian Head	MD	20640
C. L. Goolsby	10503 Meredith Ave	Kensington	MD	20895-2922
Willet Ardis	120 Mountain View Dr.	Rocky Mount	VA	24151
Kevin Gurley	167 Speas Ave.	Boonville	NC	27011
Hunter D. Phillips	14931 Rosemary Way Drive	Huntersville	NC	28078-4608
Ronnie McCallay	3 Moss Spring Ct.	Simpsonville	SC	29680
Wesley Palmer	4607 Creek Wood Place	Gainesville	GA	30507
Kenneth Kreitner	745 Echles Street	Memphis	TN	38111
Christopher Lynn	7959 Cove Harbour N.	Holland	OH	43528
Kelly Lynch	832 West Wayne	Fort Wayne	IN	46802
Jim Brazda	1482 Oban Way	Traverse City	MI	49696
Neal Vogel	8 S. Michigan, Suite 3801	Chicago	IL	60603
Charles Grigsby c/o CGrigsby Trains	803 Bluegrass Ln.	Champaign	IL	61822
Daniel H. Gladstone	5 Rebecca Street	Greenbrier	AR	72058-5568
Robert Parks	6923 Santa Fe Ave.	Dallas	TX	75223
Sylvia Marinez	14822 Spruce Park	Houston	TX	77082
Troy Renaud	14822 Spruce Park	Houston	TX	77082
Dawn K. O'Keefe	3587 Whetstone Way	Mead	CO	80542
Douglas K. Walsch	3587 Whetstone Way	Mead	CO	80542
Rodney Stuart	10755 Scripps Poway Pkwy., #307	San Diego	CA	92131
Paul R. Nichols	601 Pope Street, Apt 142	Saint Helena	CA	94574
Jeffrey P. Jones	P.O. Box 982	Mercer Island	WA	98040
Marybeth Snyder	5017 North Altamont Street	Spokane	WA	99217-6154
Harold R. Smith	9420 Jade St.	Anchorage	AK	99502
Muriel Wilson	7509 Auburn Pl.	Delta	BC	V4C6W9 Canada
Kent Wison	7509 Auburn Pl.	Delta	BC	V4C6W9 Canada

2014 Dues Renewals

Bob Ernst

The 2014 dues renewals are on schedule and will be mailed in early September. At this point the dues information received from each chapter is being processed for the printing of the renewals. Chapter Electronic Billing Contacts should watch for the renewals spreadsheets in September. A 2014 renewal schedule will be in the next *Telegraph* and will accompany the spreadsheets.

Chapters can continue to renew members for 2013 by using the "new member" spreadsheet from the last emailing and note the the member is a renewal.

Chapters should also continue to send in any new memberships. New members who join prior to September 1, 2013 will receive a renewal notice for 2014. New members joining after September 1, 2013 will retain their membership through 2014.

2013 National Railway Heritage Grants Announced

The National Railway Historical Society (NRHS) has announced 16 recipients of its annual National Railway Heritage Grants program. The 2013 grants total \$50,000 and are awarded to organizations such as historical societies, museums, and railroads including some that are affiliated with the NRHS as Chapters.

Six of this year's recipients are NRHS chapters while others include historical societies, museums, and operating railroads. Projects range from the restoration of rare locomotives, rolling stock, and trolleys to the digitization of rare artifacts and the collection of oral histories. For the first time, a grant was awarded to a railroad landmark listed on the society's "most at-risk" list announced in April 2013. Through these varied projects, NRHS funding will leverage hundreds of thousands of volunteer hours and in-kind matching donations—all in support of railroad preservation.

For the complete list of recipients and the projects that will benefit from the grants go to the NRHS website: nrhs.com.

NRHS Strategic Planning Committees

Bob Ernst

At the 2013 Winter Conference in Williamsburg, VA, the Board agreed to a new vision of the future: **NRHS will promote rail history and educate the public about rail heritage by unifying rail preservation organizations through funding, information, advocacy, outreach, and coordination.**

In order to achieve this vision and work through the current issues affecting the society, the Board approved the establishment of five committees and the scope of their work towards this goal.

Development committee

Scope: Conversion of the organization from membership to donor, new member acquisition, organizational memberships, outreach to railroad industry and other interested parties who may be able to provide financial support.

Members:

Bob Bitzer - Chair, Mark Eyer, Dave Flinn

Transactional business committee

Scope: Membership discounts, membership awards, emblem sales, rail heritage study tours, convention, excursions.

Members: Bob Bitzer - Chair, Phil McMeins, Dave Baniewicz, Bart Jennings

Relationships committee

Scope: How does NRHS support those chapters who will come on board supporting the new vision, provide service to the chapters that will provide value to them, and who can help realize the vision through support, and strategic partnerships?

Members: Wes Ross - Chair, Bill Bain, Duane Durr, Tony White, Skip Watters, Ed Graham, Scott Andes, Jon Baake, Gary Reinbolt

Preservation committee

Scope: Railway heritage activities, plaques, library print, library film, and global railroad heritage.

Members: Walter Zullig - Chair, Mia Mather, Larry Dyer, Joe Maloney, Bob Neman

Management committee

Scope: The analysis of The *Bulletin*, The *NRHS News*, The *Telegraph*, digital media including web and social media, Operation Lifesaver, membership records, legal and liability analysis, along with analysis of back office functions and efficiency.

Members: Jeff Smith - Chair, Jim Lilly, Steve Barry, Bob Ernst

Each of the committees will take input from all NRHS members and will welcome those who can bring an expertise to the scope of the committee. The committees will be making reports to the Board at each of the Conferences. Copies of the reports will be available on the NRHS admin website after each Conference.

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