



Inner Workings of the Association of American Railroads (AAR)

Associate Member Program
and
Associate Advisory Board
(AAB)

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AAR Associate Member Program

- ◆ Associates Program Initiated in 2002
 - ◆ Review of program in 2005 resulted in creation of Associate Advisory Board (AAB) and voting representatives on some AAR Committees.
- ◆ Program Goals:
 - ◆ To expand the diversity of participation in AAR activities.
 - ◆ To help provide a strong, united voice for the railroad industry.
- ◆ Gold and Silver Level Memberships available.
- ◆ Nine (9) Member Associate Advisory Board (AAB)



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AAR Associate Member Program

- ◆ **Six (6) Concentration Areas:**
 - ◆ Technical Services
 - ◆ Car Service / Car Hire
 - ◆ Environmental and HazMat
 - ◆ Damage Prevention and Freight Claims
 - ◆ Communications, Signal and Train Control
 - ◆ Passenger Service (New Area)
- ◆ **Full listing of benefits and services for each concentration area on AAR Website (www.aar.org)**
 - ◆ New associate members Website area.



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AAR Associate Member Program

Silver Level Membership (\$7,500 / Year, pro-rated quarterly)

- ◆ Intended for smaller companies with limited industry focus.
- ◆ **Benefits include:**
 - ◆ Company listing on AAR Member Website
 - ◆ Weekly AAR Newsletter
 - ◆ AAR Member Directory
 - ◆ Participation in One (1) Concentration Area.
 - ◆ Discounted AAR Publications.



AAR Associate Member Program

Gold Level Membership (\$15,000 / Year, pro-rated quarterly)

- ◆ Intended for larger companies with various industry involvement, interest in Washington, DC events bringing them together with Railroad Executives, and Federal Government Executive Branch officials.
- ◆ **Benefits include:**
 - ◆ Same benefits as Silver Membership.
 - ◆ Participation in all Six (6) Concentration Areas.
 - ◆ Eligibility to serve on the AAB and on approved AAR Committees as a voting representative.



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- ◆ **Benefits include (cont.):**
 - ◆ Invitations to special events:
 - ◆ Chafee Environmental Awards
 - ◆ Harriman Safety Awards
 - ◆ Railroad Day
 - ◆ AAR Board Receptions



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Annual AAR Activities



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Annual AAR Activities

- ◆ **Annual Associates Meeting**
 - ◆ Date TBA
- ◆ **Railroad Day on the Hill & Annual Rail Industry Dinner**
 - ◆ Date TBA
- ◆ **Annual TTCI Research Review**
 - ◆ March 2-3, 2010



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Associate Advisory Board (AAB)



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Associate Advisory Board

- ◆ **Purpose:** AAB is responsible for representing the interests of AAR Associate Members.
- ◆ **Board Composition:** Nine (9) voting Gold Members, plus two (2) non-voting AAR representatives appointed by the AAR President.
- ◆ **Term:** Three (3) Year Terms, with three member's terms being completed each year. Two consecutive terms max.
- ◆ **Nominations:** Annual solicitation for AAB seats from Gold members.



Associate Advisory Board (cont.)

- ◆ **Board Election:** Annual elections from nominations received, only Gold members can serve.
- ◆ **Board Chair & Vice-Chair:** Elected annually by the AAB.
- ◆ **Committee Appointments:** AAB votes on Gold Member nominees for positions approved on the Safety and Operations Management Committee (SOMC) and Network Efficiency Management Committee (NEMC).
- ◆ **Reporting:** AAB Chairman makes reports to SOMC and NEMC for Associates, as may be needed.



Associate Advisory Board (AAB)

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Non-Voting Representatives

- ◆ **Edward Hamberger**

President & CEO AAR

- ◆ **Robert VanderClute**

SR. VP Safety and Operations
AAR

- ◆ **Kelly Donley, Secretary**

AVP Communications AAR



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AAR Committees (with Associates, 2 Year Terms)

| <u>Committee Name</u> | <u># of Seats</u> | <u># of Railroad Seats</u> |
|--|-------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Arbitration & Rules Committee | 3 | 12 |
| 2. ATSI & EHMS Steering Committee | 1 | 9 |
| 3. Brake Systems Committee | 1 | 8 |
| 4. Car Repair Billing Committee | 3 | 10 |
| 5. Coupling System & Truck Casting Cmte. | 1 | 5 |
| 6. Equipment Engineering Committee | 3 | 8 |
| 7. Heavy Axle Engineering Research Cmte. | 1 | 17 |



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AAR Committees (with Associates, 2 Year Terms, cont.)

| <u>Committee Name</u> | <u># of Seats</u> | <u># of Railroad Seats</u> |
|--|-------------------|----------------------------|
| 8. Intermodal Car Performance Subcommittee | 3 | 5 |
| 9. Intermodal Operations Subcommittee | 3 | 8 |
| 10. Locomotive Committee | 1 | 9 |
| 11. Mechanical Vehicle/Track Systems Research Committee | 1 | 15 |
| 12. Open Top Loading Rules Committee | 1 | 12 |
| 13. Quality Assurance Committee | 1 | 6 |



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| <u>Committee Name</u> | <u># of Seats</u> | <u># of Railroad Seats</u> |
|---|-------------------|----------------------------|
| 14. Railway Technology Working Committee | 1 | 19 |
| 15. Specially Equipped Freight Car Committee | 1 | 8 |
| 16. Technical Services | 1 | 13 |
| 17. Technology Scanning Working Committee | 1 | 8 |
| 18. UMLER Committee | 2 | 8 |
| 19. Wheels, Axles, Bearings & Lubrication Cmte. | 3 | 8 |



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AAR Committees (without Associates)

Safety & Operations Committees:

- ◆ AEI Committee
- ◆ Asset Condition Visibility Task Force
- ◆ Committee on Locomotive Emissions & Energy
- ◆ Damage Prevention & Freight Claims Working Committee
- ◆ Environmental Affairs Committee
- ◆ GIS Committee
- ◆ Grade Crossing & Trespasser Prevention Committee
- ◆ Hazardous Material (BOE) Committee
- ◆ Interoperable Operations Working Committee
- ◆ Locomotive Repair, Billing & Interchange Rules Committee
- ◆ Medical Committee



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AAR Committees (without Associates)

Safety & Operations Committees:

- ◆ New Orleans Planning Group
- ◆ CREATE Planning Group
- ◆ Nuclear Waste Transportation Task Force
- ◆ PTC Policy Committee
- ◆ Railroad Security Working Committee
- ◆ Railway Electronics Standards Committee
- ◆ Risk Management Working Committee
- ◆ Signal Committee
- ◆ Tank Car Committee
- ◆ Terminal Oversight Committee
- ◆ Train Control Communications & Operations Committee
- ◆ Wireless Communications Committee



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AAR Committees (without Associates)

Network Efficiency Mgt Committees:

- ◆ Customer Service Standing Committee
- ◆ Equipment Assets Management Working Committee
- ◆ Information Technology Advocacy Committee
- ◆ Interline Revenue Management Working Committee



AAR Committees

- ◆ Associate Committee voting membership positions must first be approved by SOMC and NEMC.
- ◆ Presently, 32 Associate member voting slots on 19 SOMC and NEMC.
- ◆ In progress, survey to Associates to find committee interest where Associates are not currently voting members on SOMC and NEMC.
- ◆ New “Passenger Service” concentration area created to expand membership to commuter rail and companies providing products and services for PTC implementation.



Vision for the Associates Program

- ◆ Forward Progress
- ◆ Challenges
- ◆ Questions?
- ◆ For AAR Associate Member Information, contact Kelly Donley at kdonley@aar.org or 202.639.2343



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