

Inner Workings of the Association of American Railroads (AAR)

Associate Member Program and Associate Advisory Board (AAB)

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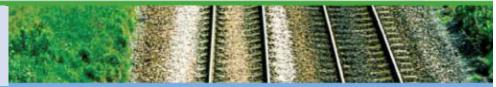
- Associates Program Initiated in 2002
 - Review of program in 2005 resulted in creation of Associate Advisory Board (AAB) and voting representatives on some AAR Committees.
- Program Goals:
 - To expand the diversity of participation in AAR activities.
 - To help provide a strong, united voice for the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





- 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 (<u>www.aar.org</u>)
 - New associate members Website area.





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.





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.





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





Annual AAR Activities





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





Associate Advisory Board (AAB)





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.
- <u>Term:</u> 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)

- Jack Thomas, Chair
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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





AAR Committees (with Associates, 2 Year Terms)

Committee Name	# of Seats	# of Railroad Seats
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





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

Committee Name	# of Seats	# of Railroad Seats
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





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

Committee Name	# of Seats	# of Railroad Seats
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





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





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





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?
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