

Choose to vote, then choose the NRC Conference



With election time fast approaching, I encourage everyone to take the time to understand the choices that you will have in the ballot box on November 6. For each race, for everything from city council, mayor and governor, to U.S. representative, senator and president, take a look at the candidates' positions and think about how their actions will affect the interests of you and your family, both personally and professionally. At every level of government, decisions are made every day that influence your life at work and at home.

The NRC staff is available to discuss with you the issues that involve the rail construction, freight rail and rail transit industries and where the federal candidates stand on those issues. Don't hesitate to contact anybody on the NRC staff with questions or comments at any time. Please remember that your vote is your voice and it does count.

Shifting my attention to the operations of the NRC, I would like to thank our Membership Committee for their continued hard work. NRC membership currently stands at a record high of more than 350 member companies and the annual retention is north of 90 percent.

The NRC Safety Committee has been actively participating in several FRA Railway Safety Advisory Committee (RSAC) working groups, including groups revising the Roadway Worker Protection (RWP) rules, writing new Minimum Training Standards requirements, increasing drug and alcohol testing regulations and improving track safety standards. NRC members play an important role in the RSAC working groups by bringing the views of rail construction and maintenance contractors to the attention of the group.

The NRC Safety Committee is also putting the finishing touches on our next two safety DVDs. John Zuspan, an NRC Board member and president of Track Guy Consultants, continues to do an excellent job producing our Safety DVDs. The next two DVDs, "Fall Protection in the Rail Industry" and "Safety around Flash Butt

Welding," will be made available at the NRC Conference in January.

This year's NRC Conference and joint NRC-REMSA Exhibition will be held at Loews Miami Beach Hotel in Miami, Fla., from Wednesday, January 9, through Saturday, January 12, 2013.

Registration is now available at <https://www.nrcma.org/form3.cfm?> and you can go to www.nrcma.org/go/conference for more information.

The conference will include close to 1,000 executives from the rail construction and maintenance industry, including a 100-plus company exhibit hall and speakers outlining capital programs from Class 1 railroads, shortline railroads and major rail transit agencies. I hope to see you there.

The main hall of the exhibition is now sold out, but good foyer booths are still available for the exhibition. You can sign up for a booth at: www.nrcma.org/go/exhibition2013 or contact Urszula Soucie of REMSA at 202-715-2921 or soucie@remsa.org.

To book your hotel room at Loews Hotel Miami Beach at the discounted group rate, call the resort at 877-563-9762 and mention that you are with the "NRC Conference" or reserve online here: www.nrcma.org/go/hotelreservations2013. This hotel block will sell out, so the sooner you book the better.

- Hotel information: www.nrcma.org/go/hotel
- Travel information: www.nrcma.org/go/travelinfo
- Attendee registration: www.nrcma.org/form3.cfm
- Exhibit booth registration: www.nrcma.org/go/exhibition2013

Please contact NRC Operations Manager Ashley Bosch at 202-715-1247 or abosch@nrcma.org with questions regarding the NRC Conference or see www.nrcma.org/go/conference for more information.

Work safe and keep those around you working safe.

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