

Moving forward



I am honored to have served the membership of the National Railroad Construction and Maintenance Association for the past two years. I would like to thank the Executive Committee, Bill Dorris of RailWorks and Chris Daloisio of Railroad Constructors and the entire board of directors for their support.

Tammy Mathews of RailWorks has chaired the Safety Committee for the past two years and has done an excellent job of leading her team. David Armstrong with Commercial Insurance Associates has played an active role working on the safety committee, especially on the Safety Awards program. John Zuspan of Track Guy Consultants continues to donate his time and efforts to leading the development and production of the NRC Safety Training videos and his involvement has been invaluable, thank you John.

Our membership has continued to grow as a result of the hard work of our Membership Committee, chaired by Stephanie Freeman of Coleman Industrial Construction. Stephanie and her committee members have achieved great results gaining new members and retaining current members. Thousands of e-mails, phone calls and personal visits have been made in this effort and, as a result, our membership has almost doubled since 2006. Congratulations to Stephanie and her committee for their role in helping to create the NRC's growth.

I can't begin to thank Chuck Baker and his staff for their support over the past two years. Chuck, Matt Ginsberg and Ashley Bosch have done a great job leading the NRC, managing the association's daily operations and keeping our membership advised of legislative activities that

concern our industry. With the staff from Chambers, Conlon & Hartwell LLC, our active board of directors and our strong membership, I am sure the NRC will continue to grow and flourish.

Congratulations to Nathan Henderson of R.J. Corman Railroad Group, who joins the board of directors this month. I also congratulate those incumbents who were re-elected to new three year terms: Stephanie Freeman of Coleman Industrial Construction, Jim Hansen of RailWorks Corporation, Norm Jester of Herzog Contracting Corporation, Jody Sims of Stacy and Witbeck and Mark Snailham of Balfour Beatty Rail.

As soon as another successful NRC conference has ended, the NRC will pivot to the next events. Make sure to save the date for Railroad Day on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C., on Thursday, March 13, 2014. The NRC participates in this annual extravaganza with the American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association and the Association of American Railroads and it is a crucial day that lays the groundwork for the rest of the year of hopefully successful government relations and advocacy that the NRC engages in on behalf of its members. Registration and hotel information will be available at http://www.aslrra.org/meetings_seminars/Railroad_Day_on_Capitol_Hill.

Also save the date for NRC Rail Construction and Maintenance Equipment Auction in Ashtabula, Ohio, on Thursday, May 1, 2014 (<https://www.nrcma.org/ps.railroadequipmentauctions.cfm?ID=180>).

Until next time, work safe and keep those around you working safe.

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