Railroads are the engine that keeps America’s economy moving

Thanks to continuing investments in technology, infrastructure and employees, railroads move safer, cleaner, more productively and more cost-efficiently than ever. One freight train removes several hundred trucks from our crowded highways. One commuter train takes even more vehicles off the road. Passenger and freight rail share the vital infrastructure that helps create a cleaner environment. As railroads work to meet the rising demand for new infrastructure to move people and products, the Association of American Railroads is working to promote the power of our industry to innovate, grow and compete effectively in the global economy.

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Affiliate Executive Board

Through the Affiliate Executive Board (AEB), railroad affiliate members enjoy a formal structure for the representation of their views within the AAR—one that enables them to contribute their input and expertise to operations decisions.

The Board’s primary purpose is to solicit nominations from all railroad affiliate members to serve as voting members on selected committees reporting to the Safety and Management Operations Committee. It selects representatives for committee assignments from among qualified nominees.

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How you benefit from the program

As a railroad affiliate, you will have a voice in the operations and the future of the freight and passenger rail industry. With public interest in rail transportation at an all-time high, both freight and passenger carriers will benefit from membership. The Association of American Railroads (AAR) coordinates the industry’s implementation of positive train control technology (PTC) and other important initiatives. As a railroad affiliate, you’ll be on the front line of developing the strategy that will implement PTC and connect freight and passenger lines.

Business critical information available exclusively to you

To provide our railroad affiliates with up-to-date, business-critical information, AAR offers special services in various areas of concentration.

For a complete list of these services, please visit the “Join AAR” section of our website, AAR.org.

Technical Services

Benefits Include: Subscription to AAR Circular Letters; a copy of the Field Manual of the AAR Interchange Rules and the Office Manual of the AAR Interchange Rules, with updates; Monthly summaries of Technical Services news and updates.

Hazmat

Benefits Include: News clips with the latest developments in the areas of tank cars, environment, nuclear waste and hazmat issues; AAR comments on hazardous materials issues of significant impact to the rail industry; updates on federal activity affecting hazmat issues.

Environment & Tank Car

Benefits Include: News clips with the latest developments in the areas of tank cars, environment, nuclear waste and hazmat issues; information and updates from AAR Tank Car Committee meetings; invitation to the Railroad Environmental Conference.

Engineering & Track Maintenance

Benefits Include: Dockets and updates from the Engineering Policy Committee; quarterly newsletter on engineering and track issues including updates from FRA; news clips on the track and maintenance area; liaison with federal agencies on engineering and track issues.

Car Service & Car Hire

Benefits Include: Agendas and minutes from AAR’s Equipment Assets Committee to keep equipment owners abreast of discussion areas impacting car utilization and compensation.

Damage Prevention & Freight Claims

Benefits Include: Newsletter on damage prevention; freight claims and safety updates with latest statistics on freight loss and damage trends; notice of testing completed by the Damage Prevention and Loading Services group; information resources through TTIC’s Damage Prevention and Loading Services staff.

Communications, Signals & Train Control

Benefits Include: Information relating to radio frequency spectrum including frequency coordination, petitions to the FCC, responses to petitions, and development of wireless communications standards; copy of electronic standards and specifications; information on FRA activity in the signal and train control area; invitation to participate on the

Security

Benefits Include: Overview presentation on the rail industry security program; periodic point papers and updates on the industry’s physical and cyber security programs; quarterly updates on priorities and progress in the rail industry security programs; invitation to participate in periodic informational teleconferences and an annual Joint Rail Sector Security Exercise.

Participation in all ten concentration areas

Going forward, AAR will continue to provide our railroad affiliates with valuable regulatory guidance and industry practices to fully inform our decisions surrounding safety and innovation. AAR standards, recommended practices and certification for our Mechanical Department ensures MTA meets stringent quality program standards for safe and reliable service. AAR is also a strong partner to ensure our Strategic Plan that focuses on our Customers, Our People and our Infrastructure are achieved.

Clyde Armstrong, Director, Regulatory Oversight at MTA Metro-North Railroad

Join AAR: Get on the inside track!

Help keep freight rail strong and efficient — and keep your business on the right track. To join the AAR, please fill out, detach and return this application with your payment.

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