



JOIN THE INDUSTRY'S MOST INFLUENTIAL RAIL NETWORK

The AAR is the leading authority on freight rail standards, operations, policy and industry collaboration. Through exclusive access to Class I railroads, technical committees and regulatory expertise, AAR helps businesses stay ahead of market and policy shifts.

Our Associate Program connects rail car owners, suppliers, manufacturers, engineers and service providers with decision-makers and technical experts.

Gain direct engagement and networking, exclusive industry intelligence and a platform to contribute to industry advancements.

In a competitive market, insider access to industry trends, policy developments and standard setting discussions are essential for success and the Associate Program positions your business to lead, innovate and thrive in the evolving rail industry.

ENGAGE WITH INDUSTRY LEADERS & BUILD STRATEGIC RELATIONSHIPS

Associates gain exclusive access to industry networking, technical committees and policy discussions that shape the future of freight rail. Active participation allows Associates to strengthen industry connections, influence industry discussions, collaborate on key initiatives and stay at the forefront of rail sector developments.

- Attend AAR's Annual Associates Meeting and Gold Associates Luncheon to connect with Class I railroad decision makers.
- Participate in exclusive industry forums, technical committee and policy discussions to gain insights, collaborate on key issues and enhance your industry presence.

ACCESS INSIDER INTELLIGENCE & REGULATORY UPDATES

Freight rail is a heavily regulated industry and staying ahead of evolving standards is essential for suppliers and service providers. As an AAR Associate, you gain access to essential data, research and industry updates that inform business strategies and operational decision-making.

- Receive regular updates on market trends, regulatory changes and policy developments impacting rail operations through a monthly newsletter and educational webinar series.
- Gain insights from AAR's proprietary analysis and research, including Rail Time Indicators, Freight Cars in Storage and MxV Rail Technology Digests.
- Enjoy discounted access to AAR and MxV Rail technical publications covering safety, operational standards and industry best practices.

ENGAGE IN OPERATIONAL & TECHNICAL STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT

Associates can play an active role in shaping the future of rail by participating in AAR technical committees and research initiatives.

- Join the AAR concentration area that best aligns with your business needs, including Safety, Security, Hazmat and Technical Services.
- Participate in industry-wide initiatives focused on improving rail technology, efficiency and sustainability.

ASSOCIATE PROGRAM TIERS

SILVER

\$8,250

**Dues prorated by quarter*

Designed for companies seeking industry insights, networking and engagement, Silver Associates receive:

- Access to AAR technical reports, industry data and committee insights.
- Invitations to key AAR industry events, technical committee meetings and webinars.
- Participation in two industry concentration areas.
- Discounted rates for AAR and MxV Rail technical publications and select industry conferences.
- Company listing on the AAR website and in the AAR Member Directory.

GOLD

\$16,500

**Dues prorated by quarter*

Designed for organizations looking to deepen industry engagement and play an active role in shaping policy and operational discussions, Gold Associates receive all Silver benefits, PLUS:

- Eligibility to serve on the Associate Advisory Board (AAB).
- Eligibility to serve as a voting member on select AAR committees.
- Invitation to the exclusive Gold Associates Luncheon with AAR and railroad leadership.
- Participation in all ten concentration areas, giving expanded industry influence and technical engagement.

CONCENTRATION AREAS

To provide our Associates with information about their fields of interest, AAR offers additional services in various aspects of the industry.

TECHNICAL SERVICES

Guidance on interchange rules, regulatory updates and technical advancements that impact rail operations. Engage with industry standards and best practices to support safe and efficient equipment interchange across the network.

HAZMAT

Monitor regulatory developments, industry policies and operational practices related to the transportation of hazardous materials. Stay up to date on compliance requirements, safety initiatives and environmental considerations affecting rail transport.

ENVIRONMENT & TANK CAR

Access insights into tank car safety, environmental compliance and regulatory initiatives. Keep pace with industry standards, best practices and emerging policies shaping the sustainability and performance of tank car operations.

ENGINEERING & TRACK MAINTENANCE

Follow track infrastructure developments, engineering standards and maintenance best practices. Access information on regulatory updates, research initiatives and collaboration efforts to enhance rail system reliability and safety.

CAR SERVICE & CAR HIRE

Understand key trends, policies and operational considerations affecting railcar utilization, car hire processes and equipment management. Stay engaged with industry discussions on asset efficiency and fleet optimization.

DAMAGE PREVENTION & FREIGHT CLAIMS

Stay updated on freight loss prevention strategies, liability trends and damage mitigation techniques. Access data-driven insights into claim management, cargo handling improvements and industry standards to reduce risk.

COMMUNICATIONS, SIGNALS & TRAIN CONTROL

Gain knowledge on rail communication technologies, train control systems and signal operations. Gain insights into spectrum management, electronic standards and regulatory developments shaping the future of rail network control.

SECURITY

Stay updated on rail security initiatives, including physical and cybersecurity measures. Understand key threat assessments, risk mitigation strategies and industry-wide security advancements to enhance rail system resilience.

SAFETY

Access critical information on regulatory compliance, incident prevention and industry-wide safety performance. Stay engaged with emerging best practices, international collaborations and safety initiatives to support rail safety leadership.

PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE

Stay informed on freight-passenger rail coordination, Positive Train Control (PTC) implementation and regulatory developments. Understand evolving policies and industry trends that enhance operational efficiency and service integration.