



BALTIMORE AND OHIO RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

2018 ELECTION BALLOT

INSTRUCTIONS: Only Active members of the Society may vote. Place an "X" in the box next to the name of each person for whom you wish to vote. Vote only for the number of names indicated for each position. Ballots marked for more than the number of names indicated for a position will be declared invalid for that position. You may also write-in a name for any position. Place an "X" in the box next to the write-in position and clearly PRINT the name of the person for whom you wish to vote. Names which cannot be read by the ballot committee will be declared invalid. Place your ballot in an envelope with your full name and address clearly shown in the upper left corner of the envelope. Envelopes without a legible name and address to check against the Society's membership rolls will not be opened. If you mail your ballot, please ensure that it will arrive no later than **Friday, September 14, 2018** at the following address:

Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Historical Society 2018 Ballot
% Bob Hubler
538 Lake Louise Dr SW
Lakewood, WA 98498-3152

If you attend the annual convention, you may instead bring your ballot with you to be voted at the Annual Membership Meeting.

Officers – 1 year term

President (Vote for One)

- Greg Smith
- _____

Vice President – Operations (Vote for One)

- Grant Berry
- _____

Vice President – Finance (Vote for One)

- George Stant
- _____

Secretary (Vote for One)

- Allen Young
- _____

Treasurer (Vote for One)

- Chris Winslow
- _____

Directors at Large – 3 year terms

Director at Large (Vote for Two)

- Mike Shylanski
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By Laws Change

Shall the proposed change to the Society Vice Presidents and Principle Office be Adopted?

- Yes
- No

Member Number _____



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2018 ELECTION BALLOT – BIOGRAPHIES

Grant Berry I would like to ask for your vote to serve as the next Vice President of Operations. In my research I have found that the VP is responsible for the Company Store, Website Administration, other duties as directed by the President and also now for the last two and a half years all of the operating responsibilities of our new building. During my first one and a half years I had the opportunity to work with Craig Close, the Store Manager, processing orders, inventory management and helping in the setup, staffing and teardown at railroad hobby shows. After the purchase of the building two and half years ago, the call went out for help in the necessary construction and rehabilitation efforts. Over the last nearly fifty years I have had experience with building houses, decks and additions so I felt I had the required skills that would be of help and volunteered. During this time at the Archive Center I have had hands on experience with demolition, building walls, installing insulation, drywall, dropped ceilings, floor refinishing and emptying more cans of paint than I can remember. I was very much involved in the preparations for our building dedication and open house. Since then I have been involved in the advertising, setup and hands on involvement in each of our mini-cons, dinners and community outreach activities.

I have also attended several RPM meets, local NMRA train shows and community events representing the Society and when possible making excess books, train models and videos available to raise funds for the B&ORHS. I am currently on the Board of Directors as an at-large member in addition to serving as the Building Manager and Assistant Archivist. All three of these positions have helped me greatly in being involved in donation processing and working with other members in working to get our building arranged and functioning in the most efficient manner as we move into the future. Over the years I have been fortunate to have been exposed to many construction, operations and administrative disciplines which I hope I have sufficiently learned from that I will be able to have a very positive contribution in serving as your next Vice President of Operations.

Mike Shylanski grew up in the great railroading town of St. Louis. When he moved to the Washington area in the late 1970s, he began watching B&O trains and was particularly fond of the Chessie System steam specials. He joined the B&ORHS in 1986 and is also a member of the NMRA, NRHS, and the C&O and Wabash historical societies. He has written articles for the NMRA Magazine, for our Sentinel and for the publications of other historical societies. Mr. Shylanski models the late B&O in HO, and has worked with several manufacturers on B&O and Chessie System rolling stock projects. An avid researcher, he is often to be found at the B&ORHS archives in Eldersburg or at the Maryland Rail Heritage Library. He has served as a Director at Large for the society since 2012. Also, he has conducted oral history interviews of former B&O employees for the B&ORHS. He is a veteran and worked for the U.S. Department of Defense, retiring in 2013. Mr. Shylanski has served on community planning and improvement organizations in central Maryland, heading several of them. "I would like to continue helping to preserve the rich history of the B&O railroad and ensure that being a society member remains fun for us all."

Gregory M. Smith Greg is current President and is in his third term. He is a retired educator and lives in Howard County, Maryland. With the help of Grant Berry, Building Manager, and many volunteers all of us have successfully transitioned to the current building and have completed 95% initial planned work. His goals for the coming year are to utilize the new building to enhance members and community knowledge of the B&O Railroad, maintain the current quality publications, continue to develop community outreach to promote the Society's activities and increase membership, and continue to establish a world class railroad research facility in our new home.

George Stant has been a B&O fan since childhood. He started modeling in B&O in N gauge, shifting to the more popular HO toward the end of his thirty-year navy career. George is also interested in "the real thing," having been a member of various railroad historical societies since the mid-1970s. In the early 1990s, he joined the BORHS while living in San Diego, California. In 2002, George moved to Maryland which permitted him to increase his involvement in the Society through attendance at conventions and mini-con's. In 2004, George began helping at the Society's archive sessions and, in 2005, assumed the position of Company Store Manager. He served as a Society Director at Large and Company Store Manager until the fall of 2007. Since 2007, he has served as Vice President for Finance. George has also taken on the additional responsibility of assisting with the maintenance and operation of the Society web site.

Chris Winslow first joined the Society in 1981. Since that time, he has been a Director, Bylaws Committee chairman, Nomination Committee chairman, and ordinary member. Mr. Winslow took over the duties of Treasurer of the B&O RHS on February 16, 2001. Since that time, he has worked to understand the financial operations of the Society. In addition to the normal duties as Treasurer, Mr. Winslow has worked to establish new financial operating procedures. These procedures have added increased financial oversight without moving the financial operations of the Society outside of the realm of an operation managed by volunteers. In addition to his Treasurer's duties, Mr. Winslow has been consulting with and assisting the archives staff in the maintenance and operation of its modernized network and computer system. Mr. Winslow has spearheaded the effort to convert the Society's archival holdings to a form that can be used by a commercial library grade archives management system. As of May 31, 2018, the archives staff has cataloged slightly more than 11,500 items. The data base includes a mix of drawings, photos, and records of published information such as the Sentinel. Mr. Winslow is a retired computer systems engineer and a former civilian employee of the United States Army. He is active in a number of volunteer organizations besides the B&O RHS and has resided in Columbia, Maryland for the past 34 years.

Allen Young joined the Society in 1984 while trying to learn more about the B&O Railroad from an HO-scale prototype modeling perspective. Since then, he's expanded his interests in the B&O to include O-scale modeling, dining car railroading, riding trains, photography, and sharing the hobby of railroading with his son Christopher. Allen started helping out with the Society's annual conventions at Wheeling WV in 1998, and has produced the convention flyer, attendee checklist, name badges and tour/event tickets for every convention



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from 2000 to the present. He was the Membership Chairman from 2001 to 2006. Allen filled a vacated Director's seat in 2001, and retained that position through 2011. Allen took over the vacated Secretary position in 2011, and has been re-elected to that post each year since. Besides the B&O RR HS, Allen also belongs to the B&O Railroad Museum, the Reading Technical & Historical Society, the Cheltenham Hills Model Railroad Club (Secretary), the Train Collectors Association, and the NMRA— Philadelphia Division. "I believe my previous Board tenure, my extensive experience as a business manager and project management consultant, combined with a strong customer service ethic and my love of the B&O Railroad, will continue to serve the Society well. My highest priority will always be to serve the needs of the membership, which is core to our Society's well-being and longevity."



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A recent evaluation of Society operations has indicated that it is appropriate to abolish the positions of Vice President – Operations and Vice President – Finance and create a new position named Vice President. The reality is that some of the duties specified by the two existing positions are actually being performed by others. An example of this is the budget. The budget is actually created by the Treasurer as the Treasurer has all of the information required to formulate the budget.

The text defining the new position is shown below.

SECTION 2: The Vice President shall act as the first assistant to the President of this Corporation for all matters regarding the business affairs of this Corporation and shall aid the President in performance of his or her duties. The Vice President shall in general, perform all duties incident to such office and other duties as from time to time may be assigned to said Vice President by the President or by the Board of Directors.

Note that the text does not call out a large number of specific duties. That is because the primary job of the Vice President is to be the first assistant to the President and respond to requests for assistance from the president.

The mechanics of the change are that Article VI, Sections 2 & 3 are abolished and replaced with the text for Article VI, Section 2 as shown above. As a result of this, all sections beyond Section 2 are renumbered. Throughout the document, all references to vice presidents have been changed to the singular form.

The proposed bylaw changes also change the location of the principal offices of the Society to Carroll County, Maryland. The text of the change for Article II, Section 1 is:

SECTION 1: The principal office of this Corporation shall be located in Carroll County, Maryland, unless changed by a majority vote of the Board of Directors, who may establish other offices within the United States of America as they may determine from time to time.

While our street address is Eldersburg, MD, we have chosen to have the bylaws state Carroll County, Maryland as Eldersburg is not an incorporated entity.

In order to ensure a smooth transition from one officer structure to another, these changes will take effect on January 1, 2019.