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The next membership meeting will be on January 26 at 7:30 PM at the Williamson Library at Grand Central Terminal. Meet at the entrance to Track 23 on the upper level at 7:00 PM or 7:15 PM to be escorted to the library, which is in a secured area. Late arrivals should phone the library at (516) 660-1972. A \$5.00 admission fee is charged for non-members. **In the event of serious inclement weather, check the website www.nyrre.org or call (516) 660-1972 for cancellation information.**

PRESIDENT FOSBURG'S NOTES

Welcome back from your holiday festivities. It is now time to move full speed into rail activities. We elected officers and directors at our Annual Meeting on December 22. I was re-elected as President. Also re-elected were Vice President Mike Vitiello, Treasurer Steve Kalka, and Directors Paul Kalka, Michael Ditkoff, Art Ferguson, and Clarence Riley. New board members are Secretary Larry Penner and Director Bruce Leeds, the entrance host at membership meetings.

Some members had ballot problems. There were 6 director candidates running for 5 slots. Choices could only be made by Xs and check marks. More than 5 selections meant that only the first 5 candidates were awarded votes. Any marks on the ballot that didn't look like an X or checkmark weren't counted. There is no provision in the bylaws for write in votes and proxy/absentee ballots. Nominations from the floor have been abolished by the new bylaws.

I thank Director Al Roberts for his service to the NYRRE. He has been a member since about 1961. He held many roles before becoming President for 2 years starting with the 2014 Annual Meeting. We hope that he recovers from his medical condition and wish him all the best. We also wish Rick Carbone the best of health in the treatment of his medical condition. Good luck in your recovery, Rick.

Last month, we showed the PBS program *Treasures of New York State* which covered Rails-to-Trails. It took viewers on a unique journey along the various railway corridors that have been repurposed as recreational bike and pedestrian trails.

Many of our members have not renewed their memberships. Please don't let the membership train leave the station without you. Avoid seeing the RED stamp on your February bulletin by paying your dues by Feb. 28. Dues postmarked after that date is subject to a \$5 late fee.

Meeting in a restricted area requires a board member to escort members and guests to and from the Library. This also means that the doors must remain locked except for breaks and the end of the program. Our Board of Directors will discuss this issue at our next meeting.

Do you want old copies of the Bulletin that include Neil Moran's Stack Talk? Back issues are available at \$1 apiece. This covers postage. You may contact me at the post office box or info@nyrre.org. A list of the issues available will be made soon.

At our January meeting, Paul Gawkowski presents Amtrak's Southwest Chief from Los Angeles to Albuquerque and the Crescent from New York to New Orleans, the New Mexico Rail Runner between Albuquerque and Santa Fe and streetcars and light rail in the South and Southwest including New Orleans, Tucson, Phoenix and LA's Expo Line extension to Santa Monica and Gold Line Foothill extension to Azusa.

We have the best place in the tri state area to view the best rail entertainment. That place is our Williamson Library.