



## AMERICAN SHORT LINE AND REGIONAL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION

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*The Voice of America's Independent Railroads*

Dear Prospective Associate Railroad Member:

Thank you for your interest in the American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association. We are pleased to have the opportunity to provide you with information about our organization and the benefits of membership. ASLRRRA represents over 480 small railroads located in all 50 states, as well as Canada and Mexico, and more than 400 suppliers of good and services to the rail industry. A few of the many ways in which ASLRRRA assists its members are explored below:

### **Advocacy & Governance**

One of ASLRRRA's most important functions is keeping its members abreast of government and industry affairs. In a related role, ASLRRRA monitors and testifies on legislative initiatives that impact small carriers before Congress and federal agencies, ensuring that the voice of short line railroads is heard in the offices of Washington's policy makers. To help members remain in compliance with new regulation, the Association distributes and provides clarification of final rules.

This past year saw unprecedented legislative and regulatory requirements, many stemming from the passage of the Rail Safety Improvement Act of 2008, H.R. 2095. This new law stipulated implementation dates for new regulations commencing in 2009 and phasing in through 2020. The same Congress that enacted H.R. 2095 last year is now hard at work on re-regulation legislation, antitrust legislation and increased truck size and weight laws, all of which have potential adverse implications for both large and small railroads.

The ASLRRRA is committed to heavily engaging with the Congress, FRA, Class I railroads, rail labor, shippers and industry manufacturers representatives to guide the final rules and legislation to protect the interests of short lines and our customers in the years ahead.

### **Safety & Training**

ASLRRRA believes strongly in the importance of promoting a safe workplace. Accordingly, we have developed a number of FRA-approved model programs for Class II and III railroads, including: Alcohol and Drug, Bridge, Continuous Welded Rail, Engineer Certification, FRA Emergency Order #26, Operating Rules, Roadway Worker Protection, and Power Brake rules. We help members to further achieve their safety goals with a series of Safety Training Seminars held in various locations through out the year. Finally, ASLRRRA's dedicated staff provides another tier of support and is available to answer safety- and training-related questions whenever necessary.

### **Meetings**

ASLRRRA members stay informed through a regular schedule of meetings: educational and training seminars, Railroad Day on Capitol Hill (an industry day in Washington, D.C.), three Regional Meetings, and an Annual Convention with more than 45 educational sessions including RailroadU and an Exhibition showcasing goods and services for small railroads. In addition to being a forum for information sharing, these meetings provide a prime venue for suppliers and railroaders to interact. A list of upcoming meeting dates is available at [www.aslrra.org/meetings\\_\\_\\_seminars/](http://www.aslrra.org/meetings___seminars/).

## **Member Tools**

ASLRRA members may use the Association's on-line E-Marketplace tool to contact over 400 Associate Members and place requests for bids on goods and services. We provide this time-saving, searchable database to our members at no additional cost. View [www.aslrra.org/our\\_members/Associate\\_Members/](http://www.aslrra.org/our_members/Associate_Members/) to learn more. Also included is a Classified Ad section where members can advertise for goods and services they wish to buy or sell. Visit [www.aslrra.org/member\\_tools\\_\\_\\_services/classifieds/index.cfm](http://www.aslrra.org/member_tools___services/classifieds/index.cfm) for more information.

## **News & Publications**

Offered in the *News & Publications* section of the ASLRRA website are copies of a few of our publications, including our bi-weekly newsletter, *Views & News* and the bi-monthly *Safety Bulletin*. Available on the Members' Only website are copies of the quarterly, *Bridge, Legal, Passenger, Secure, and Tech Tracks Newsletters*. *State Tracks* is issued twice a week and emailed to members. These publications help members remain up-to-date on developments in the short line and regional railroad industry and assist them in running a safe business. Also available for viewing online is the Association's Annual Report which provides an overview of occurrences and trends in the small railroad industry.

In addition, ASLRRA publishes the results of its comprehensive data study of national Class II and III railroads on a bi-annual basis. The resulting booklet, *Facts and Figures*, details statistics for the small railroad industry. The information contained in this booklet, which is available for purchase at a reduced rate for members, points to the scope of short line capabilities and services.

## **Working and Industry Committees**

In order to meet the needs of a varied membership base, ASLRRA has established a variety of standing committees, including Bridge, Finance & Administration, General Counsel, Legislative Policy, Passenger, Railroad Police & Security, Safety & Training, and Technical. Through membership with the ASLRRA, railroads have the opportunity to serve as committee members and make valuable contributions through their participation. Additionally, ASLRRA staff and members represent the short line and regional railroad industry through service on over 25 industry committees.

## **Special Services**

ASLRRA members can also benefit from the following programs as described in the attached Special Services file:

- CAPTRUST 401(k) Affinity Plan
- HCM/CheckPoint Payroll System
- NARS/National Academy of Railroad Sciences Training Programs
- Project S.A.F.E. (Safety Assessment and Facilities Evaluation)
- RRIF Loan Assistance Program
- Transportation Occupational Medical Consultants (TOMC) Hearing Testing & Conservation Program
- World Fuel Services Bulk Fuel Management Program

## **ASLRRA Membership**

Working for the interests of short line and regional railroads since 1913, ASLRRA's continuing mandate is to effectively represent and promote the interests of our membership. Aided in accomplishing this goal by a host of programs and services, we have an established track record of which we are quite proud.

We would be pleased to welcome you as a member of ASLRRA and begin providing you with all the associated benefits. Attached to this letter you will find a Benefits Summary, Membership Application and Dues Schedule. Please take a moment to review them and let us know if we can provide any further assistance.



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### **ASSOCIATE RAILROAD MEMBER - BENEFITS SUMMARY**

#### **General**

- FRA Record Retention Guidelines
- FRA Compliance Forms and Programs
- Hazmat Pocket Response Card\*\*
- Members Only Website Access
- Membership List
- NARS Training Program\*\*
- Publications – At Reduced Cost\*\*
- Summary of Threat Alert Systems\*\*

#### **Administrative**

- CAPTRUST 401(k) Affinity Plan\*\*
- Federal Tax Credit Guidance
- HCM/Checkpoint Payroll System\*\*
- Project S.A.F.E Safety Audits\*\*
- RRIF Loan Assistance
- Transportation Occupational Medicine Consultants (TOMC)  
Hearing Conservation Program \*\*
- World Fuel Services Bulk Fuel Management Program\*\*

#### **Communications**

- Annual Report
- Disaster Planning and Record Keeping
- National Data Survey Results\*\*
- Safety Bulletin (bi-monthly)
- Tracks Newsletters  
Bridge, Legal, Passenger, Secure, and Tech (quarterly) and State (twice a week)
- Security Alerts and Updates
- Views and News (bi-weekly)

#### **E-Commerce**

- ASLRRRA Public Web Site Listing (Railroad Member Marketing Directory)
- Hot Tracks/Press Release Posting
- Place Ads/On-Line Classifieds\*\*

\*\* Available at an additional fee



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### **ASSOCIATE RAILROAD MEMBER - BENEFITS SUMMARY**

#### **Meetings/Board/Committees**

- Advanced Electronic Meeting Notices
- *Post Meeting Access to Presentations*
- Reduced Meeting Registration Fees
- Sponsorship Opportunities\*\*
- Representation on ASLRRRA Board
- Legislative Policy Formation\*\*
- Standing Committee Representation (and member opportunity to serve)  
Bridge, General Counsel, Legislative Policy, Passenger,  
Railroad Police & Security, Safety & Training, and Technology
- Safety & Regulatory  
Bridges, Conductor Certification, Hours of Service,  
Medical Standards, Narrowbanding, and Positive Train Control

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**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP – ASSOCIATE RAILROAD MEMBER**

ASLRRA is a non-profit, incorporated association comprised of short line and regional railroads, with a Board of Directors elected regionally. The action of the Association is advisory only and not binding upon any of its members.

**Associate Railroad Membership:** Transit agencies, and tourist or excursion railroads located in the continental or territorial United States, Canada, or Mexico are eligible for a non-voting membership. Except as otherwise directed by the Board of Directors, there shall be a separate membership for each railroad

**The undersigned company hereby applies for Associate Railroad Membership in the American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association (ASLRRA):**

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Please provide a shipping address (FedEx, UPS) on a separate sheet. We cannot ship to a P.O. Box.

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax\* \_\_\_\_\_

Website \_\_\_\_\_ Main E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Contact E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ State(s) railroad operates in \_\_\_\_\_

Connecting carrier(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Route miles operated: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Company / Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Alpha Code: \_\_\_\_\_

The ASLRRA's newsletters are distributed via E-mail. Please list additional contacts on the following page.

**Company Contacts:**

Main Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Operating Officer \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Financial Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Engineer Cert Rep. \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Drug & Alcohol Admin. \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Company/Contact who recommended you join the ASLRRA:** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*By joining the ASLRRA you agree to occasionally receive unsolicited fax material from the ASLRRA, which may include information about other members and relevant business products or services.**

Office Use Only: EJO: Amt. Pd: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Rec'd: \_\_\_\_\_ Method of Payment: \_\_\_\_\_ Eff. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Region: \_\_\_\_\_

DW: Public Web / CLH: MMX & Status / CL: Welcome Packet & V&N / KMC: Member Website /MO: Outreach

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**ADDITIONAL CONTACTS – ASSOCIATE RAILROAD MEMBER**

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax\* \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Save Time: Check here if the address for this contact is the same address as the primary contact



Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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**AMERICAN SHORT LINE AND REGIONAL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION  
ASSOCIATE RAILROAD MEMBERSHIP DUES**

**ASSOCIATE RAILROAD MEMBER DUES:** Associate railroad membership is open to transit agencies and tourist or excursion railroads.

**Dues Rate:**            \$1,615 per year

**PAYMENT INFORMATION**

Check (payable to ASLRRA); Check/money order payments must be drawn in US dollars.

American Express

Visa

MasterCard

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Card Verification Number: \_\_\_\_\_

On AMEX, it is a 4-digit number on the front of the card, above the card number. On VISA or MC it is the last 3 digits of the number on back of card inside signature panel.

Print Cardholder Name: \_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL DUE: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder Billing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cardholder Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please complete and return with payment to the ASLRRA office. Thank you.**

**Members preferring to pay by credit card are requested to send an email to [eoconnell@aslrra.org](mailto:eoconnell@aslrra.org) advising authorization of amount to be credited. DO NOT SEND CREDIT CARD INFORMATION IN YOUR EMAIL.**

**ASLRRA CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE IX**

**Payment of Dues**

Each member shall pay such dues as may be determined by the Board of Directors as necessary for conducting the affairs of the Association.

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