



NORTHEAST ASSOCIATION OF RAIL SHIPPERS BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPLICATION

Thank you for your interest in being a member of the NEARS Board of Directors.

The leadership and decision making body of the Northeast Association of Rail Shippers (NEARS) is the Board of Directors. They are given this power by the organizations' bylaws. To be a member of the NEARS Board of Directors, one must fill out this application, and be voted on by a majority of the members, in accordance to the bylaws of the organization.

Being a member of the NEARS Board of Directors is a big responsibility. Each member will have duties, tasks and assignments that must be completed to insure the success of NEARS. It is understood that we are all professionals, and have careers, other responsibilities and other commitments. Maintaining the balance between the responsibilities of NEARS and other responsibilities is key, and is not to be taken lightly. It is important to note that our bylaws require the Board Members to attend the mandatory meetings – 2 Board Meetings and 2 NEARS Conferences – per year. Circumstances beyond one's control may prevent a Board Member from attending an event, but if a Board Member misses consecutive meetings, the NEARS Board may not be a good fit for that Board Member. Please make sure before you apply for the Board that you are able to make the commitment.

Please fill out the following application and return it to the NEARS Executive Director

NAME: _____ TITLE _____

COMPANY: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE _____

TELEPHONE: _____ FAX: _____ E-MAIL: _____

IS YOUR COMPANY A: SHIPPER RAILROAD RAIL CAR LEASING COMPANY OTHER (CIRCLE ONE)

HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY SERVED ON THE NEARS BOARD OF DIRECTORS?: YES NO (CIRCLE ONE)

IF YES, WHEN AND IN WHAT CAPACITY?: _____

HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY SERVED ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ANY OF THE OTHER REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS (SEARS, SWARS, PNWARS, MARS)? YES NO (CIRCLE ONE)

IF YES, WHEN AND IN WHAT CAPACITY?: _____

HOW MANY YEARS HAVE YOU BEEN ATTENDING NEARS' EVENTS?: _____

HOW MANY YEARS HAVE YOU BEEN INVOLVED IN THE RAIL TRANSPORTATION INDUSTRY: _____



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DO YOU BELONG TO ANY OTHER TRADE ORGANIZATIONS? YES NO (CIRCLE ONE)

IF YES, PLEASE LIST THE ORGANIZATIONS YOU BELONG TO, AND IN WHAT CAPACITY: _____

HOW DO YOU FEEL NEARS WOULD BENEFIT FROM YOUR INVOLVEMENT ON THE BOARD? _____

WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING ARE YOUR SKILLS, EXPERIENCE OR INTERESTS?
(CIRCLE AS MANY AS APPLY, AND ADD ANY ADDITIONAL THAT APPLY TO YOU THAT YOU WISH TO MENTION)

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| INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) | MODERATING PANELS | PRINT DESIGN |
| DEVELOPING CONFERENCES | CHECK-IN/REGISTRATION | OTHER: _____ |
| MARKETING & ADVERTISING | STATISTICS | OTHER: _____ |
| BOOKING/COORDINATING SPEAKERS | FINDING MEETING VENUES | OTHER: _____ |

PLEASE TELL US ANYTHING ELSE YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE: _____

PLEASE SIGN AND DATE: _____

(APPLICANT SIGNATURE AND DATE)

PLEASE RETURN THIS APPLICATION TO:

SCOTT MCCALLA
NEARS
PO BOX 782
RUTLAND, VT 05702