



## AMERICAN SHORT LINE AND REGIONAL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION

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*The Voice of America's Independent Railroads*

Dear Prospective 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. ASLRRA represents over 450 small railroads located in 49 states, as well as Canada and Mexico, and more than 350 suppliers of good and services to the rail industry. A few of the many ways in which ASLRRA assists its members are explored below:

### **Advocacy & Governance**

One of ASLRRA's most important functions is keeping its members abreast of government and industry affairs. In a related role, ASLRRA 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.

### **Safety & Training**

ASLRRA 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: Engineer Certification, Drug and Alcohol, Continuous Welded Rail, and Roadway Worker Protection programs and Power Brake rules. We help members to further achieve their safety goals with a series of Safety Training Seminars held in various locations throughout the year. Finally, ASLRRA's dedicated staff provides another tier of support and is available to answer safety- and training-related questions whenever necessary.

### **Meetings**

ASLRRA members stay informed through a regular schedule of meetings: educational and training seminars; a Rail Industry Safety & Operations Conference; an industry day in Washington, DC, Railroad Day on Capitol Hill; three Regional Meetings; and an Annual Convention and 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/).

### **E-Marketplace**

ASLRRA members may also use the Association's online E-Marketplace to contact over 350 Associate Members and place requests for bids on goods and services. We provide this time-saving feature to our members at no additional cost. Our E-Marketplace also includes a Classifieds section where members can advertise for good and services they wish to buy or sell. Visit [www.aslrra.org/our\\_members/Associate\\_Members/](http://www.aslrra.org/our_members/Associate_Members/) 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*, bi-monthly *Safety Bulletin* and quarterly *Legal, Secure and Tracks Newsletters*. 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 working committees including Finance & Administration, General Counsel, Legislative Policy, Railroad Police and Security, Safety, Technical and Training. Through membership with the ASLRRA railroads have the opportunity to serve as committee members and make valuable contributions through their participation. Additionally, the ASLRRA Staff and members represent the short line and regional railroad industry by serving 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 Training Program
- Project S.A.F.E. (Safety Assessment and Facilities Evaluation)
- RRIF Loan Assistance Program
- Transportation Occupational Medical Consultants (TOMC) Hearing Testing & Conservation 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 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 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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**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:** Tourist and excursion railroads are eligible for a non-voting membership. Any railroad located in the continental or territorial United States, Canada, or Mexico, is eligible for full 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

Contact E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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

Company Contacts: (Please note additional addresses, phone numbers, etc. on a separate sheet if different from above)

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 \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Company / Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Alpha Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Route miles operated: \_\_\_\_\_

State(s) railroad operates in \_\_\_\_\_ Connecting carrier(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Class II, III, or S&T Carrier \_\_\_\_\_

Office Use Only

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

DW: Public Web / DM: V&N / CLH: MMX, Status & Welcome Packet / KMC: Member Website Rev: 4/09



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### ADDITIONAL CONTACTS – ASSOCIATE RAILROAD MEMBER

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

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



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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 tourist and excursion railroads.

**Excursion and Tourist Railroads:** \$1,410 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 \_\_\_\_\_ :

**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 [oneill@aslrra.org](mailto:oneill@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.

