

## FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY – AGENDA REPORT

DATE: May 12, 2020 – 1800 hrs.  
FROM: Matthew Shuman – 2020 FRRS Election Committee Chair  
ITEM: Committee Reports 6  
SUBJECT: May 2020 Election Committee Board Report for May 16, 2020

Dear FRRS Board of Directors

The 2020 Election ballots were mailed out to the membership on April 2, 2020 beating the April 20<sup>th</sup> deadline by a significant margin. The ballot returns have been coming in steadily but are starting to slow down. At the time of writing this report 265 ballots have been received of the 604 sent to qualified members with only 13 more days until the May 29, 2020 deadline for ballots to be returned. That make this at 43.87% return thus far. We are still receiving ballots in small clutches, but they are continuing to dribble in, including a couple of foreign postmarks. Some ballots were received quickly by members while others appeared to have languished in the USPS system taking weeks to be received by members, if at all.

There have been two missing ballots reported thus far but the Committee addressed those immediately and mailed replacement ballots to those members after some verifications were performed. Those missing ballot replacements have been verified as received by the two members. There was one ballot that was totally messed up and soaking wet, torn open, etc. but again that was addressed quickly, and the new replacement ballot mailed out.

One notable looming date for the FRRS Board is May 16, 2020, today,

to whereas per the FRRS Election Policy paragraph ‘M’, the Board **SHALL**:

“(M)The Board at its May meeting shall select members of the corporation to serve as tellers to count the ballots. These tellers shall be neither, Directors, Candidates, or Relatives, by marriage or birth, of either a Director(s) or a Candidate(s). Tellers are to be selected by the Board of Directors and not the Election Committee.”

The COVID-19 virus orders appear that they will continue to stay in effect through the now postponed June 6, 2020 Annual Membership Dinner Meeting and Election, this Committee needs the FRRS Board to take actions to the standard election policy process. These need to be considered for this election year and for implementing into the Elections Policy for now and such cases in the future that could be enacted by the Board under whatever emergency conditions may arise. Even if they are not needed this election year, the Board needs to consider adding this to the Election Policy for the Future of the

organization. I will be representing the Election Committee Members on the May 16<sup>th</sup> conference call for this subject matter that needs to be dealt with at this meeting.

Another issue for the Board to consider is location. If one or all of the Election Committee needs to be at a certain location, there is the need for lodging, if it can be found or even available.

Some matters of concern to the Election Committee are:

- 1) Lodging at location determined.
- 2) Police/Sheriff in that county or city determined.
- 3) Running out of time for locations, lodging acquiring a responsible witness such as an officer, etc.
- 4) Other issues may arise as we think of them as well.

Please refer to the FRRS Elections page at [https://www.wplives.org/news\\_items/2020\\_election.html](https://www.wplives.org/news_items/2020_election.html) for additional information and deadlines.

We would again like to acknowledge the continuing efforts that our Webmaster & Train Sheet Editor, Mr. Paul Finnegan puts into the organizations Website and publications especially of the elections and its processes for the Election Committee (Great article by the way on the Election Chair in last month's Train Sheet). Paul continues to be very diligent and Pro-Active with this Election Committee and it is continually a breath of fresh air for us. Thank you again Paul, from the 2020 FRRS Election Committee.

At this time the 2020 Election Committee, Debbie Shuman, Ann Morningstar and Matthew Shuman would like to extend our hopes and thoughts and to urge all the FRRS Board and Officers and their families as well as the entire membership that you all remain Healthy and Well during these times of uncertainty.

***"Your 2020 Election Committee thanks you and is Proud to Serve the FRRS & WPRM."***

Sincerely,

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