2015 FRRS Election

For the membership:

We realize there has been a lot of confusion and concern surrounding the 2015 Board of Directors election. In this issue of the Train Sheet, we will address many of the issues and questions surrounding the election.

For an overview and explanation of many of the issues that led to this situation, we have a letter from FRRS Legal Counsel David Ludington. This explains the legal filings and actions surrounding the election.

Concerning statements and allegations that have been made during the election, we have a statement from FRRS CPA and Tax Preparer Chad Hoesing concerning financial items and a listing of statements and responses concerning other allegations.

As for the current state of the election, we have no final answer as we go to press. The mailings to the membership were discovered to have several errors, including many Family levels not receiving their second ballot, a lack of ballot secrecy envelopes and a potential for votes to not be confidential. Some of the reasons this has occurred are addressed in David Ludington's letter. In summary, in an effort to keep the ballot above question, the FRRS agreed to let outside parties compose, mail and count the ballots and the errors occurred once the responsibility was taken from our election committee.

Currently, the FRRS Board has requested that the current ballot be invalidated and the ballots reprinted and re-mailed to correct the errors. This was done after hearing from numerous members unhappy with the ballot as performed by the group given the task by the court agreement. Among those who weighed on requested the current ballot be invalidated were all the former election chairs going back to 2004.

We apologize for the confusion surrounding the election and hope the answers in this issue provide some clarify. If you have any other questions, please contact us via email at info@wplives.org or call the museum at 530.832.4131 and leave a message. Someone will get back to you as soon as possible.