

FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY – AGENDA REPORT

DATE: August 9, 2012
FROM: Eugene Vicknair, Secretary
ITEM: Old Business
SUBJECT: **Archives / Historical Policies**

The following are my comments on the proposed policies for the Archives:

First and foremost, I want to thank Frank for all the work on this and thank those who did prior work that has been incorporated into this package.

Archives Removal

On the areas concerning removal of items from the archives, I would like to see it spelled out more clearly that there is a procedure for removing items from the designated archives areas. There are many circumstances where this is a necessity. We have trusted members hard at work scanning from their homes, for instance. Also, some materials will require special handling by contracted professionals, requiring materials leave our control. There are also times when we will want to take archive items to special events. The anniversary spike driving on Keddie Wye is one example.

We should have stipulations and procedures allowing for certain members to become “certified” to handle archives away from the storage areas (provided that cataloging and care policies are adhered to) for work. We should look at ensuring this can be done while incorporating those members who have been trusted so far to do work on the archives. Also, we need to specify procedures and policies for special use and removal, such as for professional work (restoration, scanning, etc.) and for special exhibit.

Director Oath

To be honest, I have never been a fan of such oaths. I have seen them too often used in non-political (and some political as well) settings as a sort of “gotcha” among rivals and opponents. To me, if I am elected and accept the position, then I am already under oath. However, I understand the purpose. I would propose the wording be changed as follows:

I, _____(NAME)_____, having been duly elected to the Board of Directors of the Feather River Rail Society by its Membership on _____, 2_____, do solemnly swear that I will honestly, faithfully and impartially perform the duties of director as outlined by law and FRRS policy, and that I will not be interested, directly or indirectly, in any contract let by the Feather River Rail Society, as prescribed by law, and to the best of my ability, that I will support and maintain the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, Policies and Procedures, and Rules and Regulations of the Feather River Rail Society, and the laws of the State of California and the United States of America for the duration of my elected term of office.

