

ROTH IRA DIRECT DONATIONS

It has come to our attention that a new IRS law was enacted in 2006 that allowed anyone with either a traditional or Roth IRA account who is 70 1/2 years or older can designate all or part of their required annual distribution to be given directly to a qualified charitable organization. Our Feather River Rail Society meets that qualification.

Normally IRA distributions are taxed as earned income (you didn't pay tax on the IRA contribution when you put the money in.) This distribution qualifies as a deduction from your gross income for the year. This is a tax savings for you and a benefit for our organization.

If you would like to make this donation to our organization you should consult with your IRA custodian for the appropriate forms. This donation does not affect your regular itemized or standard deductions.

The FRRS tax ID number is 68-0002774.

2008 BOARD ELECTIONS

The nomination period for 2008 FRRS Board of Directors election opens on January 1, 2008 and closes on January 31, 2008.

ANY member in good standing can declare their intention to run for the Board seats available in 2008. This can be done by sending a letter to the museum marked 2008 FRRS Election or by emailing to election@wplives.org. Postmark or email must be no later than January 31, 2008. Anything after that day will be disregarded.

The 2008 Election Chairman is David Epling.

2008 Election Calendar

January 1-31

Director Nominations open for 2008 elections

March 1

Election Withdrawal Deadline

April 19

Election Ballots mailed to membership

May 3

Appointment of Election Tellers

May 24

Ballot Return Deadline - 5 PM

June 7

Annual Membership Meeting - 7:30 PM
Election Results

2008 WPRRHS CONVENTION

The 12th Annual Western Pacific RR Historical Society Convention will be held April 11-12, 2008, in Sacramento, California. The convention will be at the Clarion Hotel Mansion Inn, located at 700 16th Street, Sacramento, CA, 95814.

Additional information on the 2008 WPRRHS Convention will be posted shortly on the WPRRHS webpage (www.WPRRHS.org or reachable by link from the Society's main www.WPLives.org website). If you are interested in being a convention presenter, or if you have any questions, please contact 2008 Convention Chairman, Tom Campbell via email at wpcon2008@yahoo.com.

Sacramento was, of course, an important point throughout the Western Pacific's history. The railroad's main shops were located here until the Stockton Diesel Shop was built in the 1970's. After that, the Jeffrey Shops continued servicing freight cars. Sacramento was also home to subsidiary Sacramento Northern and was the northern terminus for subsidiary Central California Traction Company. When the WP embraced Centralized Traffic Control, the dispatching center was located in Sacramento, right behind the depot at 19th and J Streets. The depot still stands today, housing a Spaghetti Factory restaurant.

So please be sure to join us for a great time at the convention!