

Vice-President's Report July 2015

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The ongoing issues with the challenger group have taken their toll on the FRRS and the WPRM. Eugene Vicknair, myself, and several other concerned FRRS members have put in hundreds of volunteer hours solely to answer the challenger allegations, and to deal with the election boondoggle. Unlike the challengers, I will present facts:

The FRRS will, upon recommendation of our attorney, go to court and attempt to have this farce of an election stopped, and re-done correctly. Our legal counsel has received a list of election errors that have been documented, and a list of members who have contacted us and notified us of problems, or demanded that the election be stopped. Those who contacted the election referee directly were told that she would have to contact Mr. Gillette to get answers to their questions, because she didn't know the answers. Mr. Gillette's influence is all over this election, from admission of printing labels and assisting his staff, to being contacted by the election referee for guidance. That is unsatisfactory. After being accused by this group of running fraudulent elections, I see they have decided to show us how to really screw one up.

The "Save Our Society" and "Friends of the FRRS", as the challengers tout themselves, should really be "Sink Our Society", and "Fiends of the FRRS". Why? What group of supposedly-concerned members would force the FRRS to pay

\$9985.05 in fees (as of July 2, 2015; I have the documentation) to lawyers, accountants, and our bookkeeper solely in response to their allegations and demands? Yet they make a big deal over some reimbursements legally paid by the FRRS in the past. That money could have gone a long way toward restocking the Gift Shop, obtaining supplies and parts for maintenance of our RAL locomotives, funding for the 165, or many other projects. And we still can't get any kind of answer from any of these challengers as to what their plans for the future of the FRRS and WPRM might be, most likely because they haven't thought that far ahead, because of their laser-focus on destroying the reputation and credibility of some current FRRS Officers. Available to the membership is a rebuttal put together by several concerned members of the FRRS, supplying real, factual answers to many of the long-standing allegations of the challengers, who have adopted the tactic of obtaining data, then creating a story of doom and gloom and untold treachery to surround this data, rather than ask for facts and supporting data from the proper sources. You can see this rebuttal at the webpage <http://election.wplives.org> or get a copy by emailing info@wplives.org and requesting it.

An election with 6 candidates for 3 Board seats would normally be a healthy move for a group like the FRRS, but this one has been turned into a quagmire by the challengers. I am thoroughly and completely disgusted with these challengers, and their support group, and their tactics, and I will never forget what this group is doing to the FRRS.