
General Superintendents Report
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During the September 4th, 2015 Board of Directors meeting, I presented to the board an item of new business, New Operating Department WEB pages.

Operations Department – Web Pages, Rule Books, Training Video

Written report provided.

Would like to create a drop down under Members Section for the Operating Department.

Example presentation provided showing proof of concept for Operations Dept. webpage.

At this time, general public would be allowed to view these areas. In future, some proposed areas would be password protected to operations members.

Today, ops department started shooting some video for training video.

Webmaster Carter let Board know that if they need / want anything put on the website, to just give him a call.

Cochran and Carter will work together off-line to discuss logistics for implementation.

Pointed out that other museums and regulatory agencies see us and watch our website. This will benefit our image and understanding of operations.

Noted that we are now on FRA inspection list for facilities.

Cochran would like to work closely with Mechanical Department and put all safety documents on the website in future.

Discussion of video for hand signal training.

All production so far is volunteer labor and donated cost.

Consensus direction to proceed.

President McClure expressed that we definitely need to be updating our documents and info.

While we moved forward with this proposal, Tom Carter and Eugene Vicknair discussed it ever further and the end result was that Tom gave rights to our new WEBMASTER Paul Finnegan to start working on the FRRS WEB pages.

I am very proud of all the work that Tom has done on the WEB pages over the years for us and with his turning over the WEB page to Paul we are moving into another new chapter of information available to our members.

Tom is still handling the Blog and the Facebook pages for us and I want to thank him for taking on this task.

During the off season, Rick Gruninger, Paul Finnegan, Kenneth Finnegan and I with input from other officers and members have met several times to revise, create and update information, policies, safety, and more materials for all the members of the society.

The added drop down menus under the Members box now has all the information that any operating crew member needs to gain more training, understanding, crew sign-ups, sleeper reservations, museum event sign-ups, operating training registration and much, much more. Please take the time to go to the WEB pages and look at all the new tabs and check out all the material that is posted.

Paul has also updated several of the other drop down boxes on the WEB pages. There is also new WPRM Photo and Video section that has been added.

Also in the off season, I have been working with VP Steve Habeck and Secretary Eugene Vicknair to get some of the Committees and Department heads corrected and revised. (if you see something that look wrong, please let me know)

DEPARTMENT HEADS

General Superintendent	Kerry Cochran		
Facilities	Charlie Spikes	fire	Frank Brehm
Mechanical	Bil Jackson	asst.	Seth Adams
Operations	Rick Gruninger	asst.	
Roadmaster	Greg Elems	asst.	Ethan Doty
Yardmaster	Steve Habeck	asst.	Loren Ross
Publications	Eugene Vicknair, Matt Elems		
Funding	Eugene Vicknair		
IT / Internet Ops (proposed to be renamed Signal Department)	Temp- Kerry Cochran	WEB master	Paul Finnegan
Steam CMO	Chris Allan		
Zephyr Project	Eugene Vicknair		
Restoration	Steve Habeck		
Contracts	FRRS Board/FRRS Attorney (David Ludington, Esq.)		
Museum Manager	Steve Habeck		
Shop	Bil Jackson, David Elems		
Administration	<i>vacant</i>		
Archives / Historical	Mike Mucklin		

COMMITTEE HEADS

Members

Site	Eugene Vicknair		
Acq/Deacq	Chris Allan	Erin Swain	
Membership	Eugene Vicknair		
By-Laws (sunset)	<i>Vacant</i>		
Elections	Dave Epling		
Policies & Proc.	Kerry Cochran		
Advertising	Eugene Vicknair/Big Fish Creations		
Headlight	David Pires	layout	Mike Mucklin
Train Sheet	Matthew Elems		
Excursions	Steve Habeck/Frank Brehm		

Model Railroad *David Epling*

Boy Scout Merit Badge David Epling Loren Ross

Along with all the above activities, I have donated a Dell server to the museum and Kenneth Finnegan is working on getting it tested, new operating system and video capture card so that we can get the museum web cameras back into operation.

This will also allow us to improve the computer network at the museum so that everyone can access stored files as needed.

Along these lines also, I need to work with the Mechanical department to get all their documents so that we can start to get them posted on-line also so members can gain access to them and when they need a form, they can print one out from the WEB pages.

I also have been working on an organizational chart for the FRRS, as several members have been asking who do I go too for this or that. This revised organizational chart has not been around for quite some time and we do need to have it updated and available for members.

The Organizations chart will be in the Crew Training this year.

