

FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY – AGENDA REPORT

DATE: February 7, 2023
FROM: Matthew Shuman – 2023 FRRS Election Committee Chair
ITEM: Committee Reports #6
SUBJECT: Election Committee Board Report for February 11, 2023

Dear FRRS Board of Directors

The 2023 Election Year is progressing well. Nominations have closed and a “White Ballot” has been declared. The confirmed nominees are existing Board Members **Kerry Cochran, Greg Elems and Charlie Spikes.**

With the “White Ballot” declared the voting membership must be notified in writing of such. The following “White Ballot” postcard is being printed to be mailed to the FRRS voting Membership for petitioning:

“To the voting members of the Feather River Rail Society,

At the close of 2023 Board Election nominations, we have three candidates for the three open Board of Directors seats. By law, we are required to make notification of a potential “white ballot” election. In a white ballot, there is no mail-out election and the three candidates are automatically seated. This avoids the cost of mailing out ballots when there are an equal number of candidates to open seats.

While the time to submit candidate statements has passed, board eligible members are allowed to submit for a write in campaign up to March 15, 2023. If a member chooses to do so, they would be fiscally responsible for informing the membership of their campaign and getting members to write them in on the ballot.

This postcard is official notification of an impending white ballot and notice of deadline to submit for a write in campaign. The deadline is 11:59 PM on March 15, 2023 (postmark or email). Notice can be via email to election@wplives.org or via post mail to this address. Submit questions to election chair.”

This committee would again like to thank Paul Finnegan for his continued dedication to the FRRS organization and the commitment he has made to the FRRS in the communications area to our membership. He continues to help improve notifications to the membership and the world through the WPRM Website, Train Sheet and e-mails. He continues to make major strides at being sure that all receive the news of the FRRS & WPRM. Thank you for your continued dedication. We also want to acknowledge the FRRS Board’s present and past for their continued dedication to our membership and the FRRS and WPRM.

“Your 2023 Election Committee thanks you and is Proud to Serve the FRRS & WPRM.”

Sincerely,

Matthew S. Shuman - FL 1948

FRRS 2023 Nomination & Election Committee - Chairperson

election@wplives.org

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FRRS 2023 Election Committee Members:

Matthew Shuman - FL 1948 - Chairperson

Ann Morningstar – L 1967 - Co-Chair

Debbie Shuman - FL 1948 - Clerk/Catering Facilitator to the Election Committee

Updated - 2023 Election Calendar – Note: E-mails are an accepted form of written communication now for the FRRS.

~~January 1, 2023 through~~ ——— ~~Nominations open.~~

~~January 31, 2023~~ ——— ~~Nominations Close. No Late Nominations will be Accepted.~~

~~February 14, 2023~~ **(Not required by term of the “White Ballot” process per this Election Committee.)**
~~Candidate Statements must be received along with Payment. (Statements to be sent to Board within 5 days of statement closing date for Board review before February 28th.)~~

March 7, 2023 Last day Nominees may withdraw their name **in writing** to the Election Committee.

(New) March 15, 2023 End date for petitioning of a “White Ballot” that must be received in writing to this Election Board.

April 18, 2023 Ballots to be mailed out on or before April 18, 2023.

May 14, 2023 Board to select tellers to count ballots announce time and place of counting.

June 3, 2023 Ballots must be received. No late ballots will be accepted.

June 11, 2023 Annual FRRS General meeting and Election Announcement.

- **Note:** The Address correction and change Link should be posted in all media sites and e-mails to support our membership team: [Membership Change of Address2 \(wplives.org\)](https://wplives.org)

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