



# ELECTRIC RAILROADERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.

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## SYNOPSIS OF THE 1969 CORPORATE MEETING

This report is sent to all members-in-good-standing in accordance with our By-Laws. Since our membership is world-wide, only a few members are able to attend annual meetings. Accordingly, our By-Laws provide that any action taken at such meetings shall not become effective for fifty days after the meeting. The purpose of this report is to advise members of actions taken and to give them an opportunity to voice, in writing, any oppositions they may have. If written opposition to any action or actions taken, from members not in attendance at the meeting, is received by December 31st, 1969, and such opposition represents at least 5% of the active membership, the President is required to call for a referendum on such action or actions, such referendum to be voted on by the membership at large via mail ballot.

This year's meeting was held in New York City on November 8th. All six elected Directors of the Association were present, namely, President Leo Ross, Vice-President Hugh Dunne, Vice-President & Recording Secretary Elaine Rinke, Vice-President In Charge of Divisions Henry Raudenbush, Secretary Herman Rinke and Treasurer Gerald Landau. Including the Directors, a total of 35 members-in-good-standing were present, having come from points in the States of New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia.

In his report President Ross announced the death, during the year, of three members of prominence in the E.R.A. They were -

Mrs. Harriet Sprague (ERA-522, Honorary), widow of Frank Julian Sprague (ERA-1, Honorary) who was the inventor of the multiple-unit control which made possible the familiar "M-U" rapid transit and suburban trains. In her will Mrs. Sprague bequeathed \$250 to E.R.A.'s Frank J. Sprague Memorial Library of electric railroaders, which has been maintained at our headquarters since 1941.

Mr. Maxwell C. Raulerson, (ERA-2115, Honorary) former Treasurer, and President.

Mr. David E. Rogoff, (ERA-1934) former Sprague Librarian, and President.

President Ross also reported on the financial situation of the E.R.A., and announced that the Board of Directors had awarded a permanent Honorary membership to Mr. Jack May, former Editor of HEADLIGHTS, for his editorial and administrative contributions toward the improvement of that publication.

The membership also heard reports from the Secretary, the Membership Committee, the Nominating Committee and from the Trip and Convention Committee. Plans for holding our 1970 convention in Montreal were announced.

By elections held during the meeting, the following were organized for the year 1970:

Membership Committee: Roger Arcara, Joseph Gould, Alan Hannock

Nominating Committee: Albert Field, Arnold Joseph, Henry Raudenbush

Inspector of Elections: James Zimmer

Under New Business the meeting turned its attention to the seven proposals to amend the By-Laws which were detailed to all members-in-good-standing on the reverse side of the announcement of the meeting placed in the mails with the May issue of HEADLIGHTS. Actions on the proposals were as follows:-

Proposal No. 6 was withdrawn.

Proposals 2, 3 & 5 were passed without change.

Proposal 1 was amended by addition of one more reference to "postal card" to be deleted from Art. V, Section 10. Line 3. It was passed as amended.

Proposal 4 was amended to delete the words "made and" from line 1 of Section 2, Art. XIV thus causing that Section to read as follows:- "Amendments of the By-Laws shall be adopted only by a two-thirds vote of the active members present and voting at an annual or special meeting of the membership." As amended, this proposal was passed.

Proposal 7 was passed after the proposed addition "a Legal Counsel" was changed to read -  
"a Legal Counsellor"

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