Dear Train Mountain Member,

As your TMRR secretary I am pleased to provide you with an update on the activities of your Board of Directors.

Since the annual meeting in September 2017 the Board has held no meetings but has, as provided by the Bylaws, proposed, discussed and adopted three Email Resolutions.

First, an existing meet fee billing practice for premium members was formally authorized on November 3, 2017.

Second, on November 18, 2017 a resolution regarding the 2018 Operations meet which extended the length of the meet, designated a members' subcommittee and provided a limited fund for meet items and supplies was adopted.

Third, acting on the bylaw allowing a "formal written policy regarding the details of the membership election process", Email Resolution 2018-1 was unanimously adopted by the Board February 27, 2018.

All of the above will be entered in the TMRR Corporate records at the Office at Central Station.

Given the wide interest in the third resolution it is also presented below.

## PROCESS FOR NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors will publish in the April and May *The Mountain Gazette* a notification of elections to be held in August to include the following:

- 1. Number of Director positions to be filled.
- 2. Expected qualifications as stated in the Bylaws.
- 3. Directions for submitting an application requesting to be Nominated by the Board.
- 4. A request for a statement from the applicant describing personal qualifications, reasons to be elected to the board and a recent photo which will be published with the ballot to voting members.
- 5. Applications for nomination are to be submitted to the TMRR Vice President and be received on or before June 30.
- 6. A reminder to members that only candidates NOMINATED by the Board of Directors may be voted upon. There is no mechanism in the TMRR Corporate Bylaws for a write-in candidate.

The Board will establish a Board Nominations Committee chaired by the Vice President for examining and evaluating applications received. The criteria for acceptance are ONLY those specified in Section 2 of the Bylaws. Should any application be rejected by the Nominations Committee they must notify the entire Board of its action. Because this is a personnel matter, all discussion and comments concerning any application shall be held in closed session. The

information discussed at such closed session shall be held confidential pursuant to applicable state and federal law. Only the results of the discussion may be disclosed and the reason for any negative decision may be disclosed only to the applicant. The Nomination Committee will submit its final list of Nominations to the Full Board by July 10.

Voting will be announced in the July *The Mountain Gazette*. A ballot will be prepared, and the nominees and their qualification statements published vie Email and, as necessary, regular mail. Voting will take place over a two week period by Email or regular mail following the format specified in the announcement. Results will be tabulated by TMI and reported through the TMRR Secretary to the TMRR President by September 1. The TMRR President will arrange for the successful candidate(s) to participate in the Annual Meeting.

**END OF POLICY STATEMENT** 

Respectfully, Dick Peterson, Secretary March 6, 2018