

The Canadian Association of Railway Suppliers is a not-for-profit organization that represents companies selling products or services to the railways. CARS helps members maximize their business opportunities by opening doors in the industry and at the government level both foreign and domestic.

### **CARS Board of Directors**

**Overview:** The Canadian Association of Railway Suppliers' board of Directors is made up of approximately 15 railway industry professionals including a President and Vice-President.

The term for directors is three years. CARS board represents a cross-section of companies involved in all aspects of railroading: freight, transit, supplier, contractor and consultant

The CARS board of directors are responsible for providing governance to the executive director. They ensure that the organization fulfills its mission by doing quality work. They recognize that in order to foster the organization's continued viability and growth, their participation in all aspects of CARS activities is necessary. CARS Board members pledge to personally contribute their time and talents toward this end.

### **Requirements**

Nominee must be a CARS member in good standing.

Nominee must be active in the railroad or transit industry.

Submit biography along with nominee form

### **Responsibilities**

Attend in-person to board meetings and participate in monthly conference calls

Actively participate in decision-making.

Maintain your membership and promote membership to others.

Share your area of expertise with the board and other members.

Serve on special committees.

Participate in the organization's conferences and meetings.

### **Board Member Qualities**

**Commitment:** Serving as a CARS Board member is both an honor and a reward, but it requires a demonstrated commitment to the organization and its mission and goals. Board members are required to attend each board meeting, serve or assist on committees, and be available to members.

**Time to Serve:** Participating fully in association activities requires extra time to prepare for travel and attend meetings. CARS board members will commit to 2 hours per month to prepare for and participate in conference calls/board meetings.

**Sound Judgment and Integrity:** Being a CARS board member means that decisions you make must be tempered with good judgment and integrity, you must also consider what is in the best interest of the association as a whole. Discussions held at board meetings are strictly confidential.

**Strategic Thinkers:** CARS is looking for candidates who are strategic thinkers and visionaries who will help determine CARS' short- and long-term goals and future direction.

**Reimbursement:** Board members are responsible for their own travel to and from meetings of the Board. There is no financial compensation for serving on the Board.

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## **Benefits**

Board members have the opportunity to meet and work with other rail industry leaders.

Board members have the opportunity to network with colleagues in other segments of the industry.

Board members meet with various top industry officials and leaders on CARS behalf.

Provides an opportunity to identify needs and to support and achieve organization and professional goals.

Board members will have the opportunity to steer the association in a direction that could benefit their company

**If you are a member of CARS and would like to be a candidate or nominate someone for the board, please contact Sylvia Newell at [Sylvia\\_newell@railwaysuppliers.ca](mailto:Sylvia_newell@railwaysuppliers.ca).**