



**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ATTENDANCE
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2, 2021
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM EST**

PRESENT

1.	Sylvia Newell	CARS	YES
2.	Hayley Heaslip	CARS	YES
3.	Frank Bognar	CARS	YES
4.	Doug Reece	Treasurer	YES
5.	Luigi Covello	Davanac Inc.	YES
6.	Tom Jackson	The Greenbrier Inc.	YES
7.	Robert Grassby	Strato Inc.	YES
8.	Susan Barrie	Wells Fargo Inc.	YES
9.	William (Bill) Whitford	Wabtec	YES
10.	Patrik Eliasson	REMCAN Projects LP	YES
11.	Christine Carrier	Cad Railway Industries Ltd	YES
12.	Denis Schaeffer	Sumitimo Corp.	YES
13.	Isabell Irvine	Universal Rail	YES
14.	Artem Kachynskyy	Sherwood Electromotion	YES
15.	Marco Campagna	Hovey Industries Inc	YES
16.	Grant Vale	Allied Track Services	YES
17.	Donald Laplante	Milrail Inc.	YES
18.	Mike Deckert	Flo Components	YES
19.	Brian Richards	ILJIN - USA Bearing ART	YES
20.	Ron Davis	Sperry Rail Service	YES
21.	Troy Scarrow	Midland Manufacturing Corp	YES
22.	Kara Bologna	Holland LP	YES
23.	Denis Robillard	Baultar Mechanical Solutions	YES
24.	Peter Scholtens	Integrity Rail Products	YES
25.	William Thompson	Ronsco	YES
26.	Mike Yared	L B Foster Rail Technologies Canada Ltd.	YES
27.	Aaron Branston	RailTerm	YES
28.	Ryan Lake	Stella Jones	YES
29.	Arash Barzegar	PNR RailWorks Inc.	YES
30.	Jason Klukas	National Steel Car	YES
31.	Linda Nantel	Procor	YES
32.	Sébastien Nadeau	ECA Oaklins	YES
33.	Stephen Bolte	Danella Rental Systems, Inc.	YES
34.	Taisha Poulin	Holland LP	YES

1. Reading of Notice of Meeting

- Susan Barrie declared the meeting duly constituted as notice had been given as required by our by-laws. Susan Barrie appointed Kim Carvell as secretary of the meeting.

2. Approval of Agenda

- The agenda for the meeting was approved as presented on a motion made by Patrik Eliasson and seconded by Robert Grassby. All in favor.

3. Review and Approval of Minutes of June 3, 2020

- The minutes of June 3, 2020 were approved as presented on a motion made by Susan Barrie and seconded by Luigi Covello All in favor.

4. Business arising from the Minutes

- None

5. President's Report

- Sylvia gave the president's report. She acknowledged the challenges we've experienced during this pandemic. She would also like to thank the Board of Directors and Staff for all of their hard work. Sylvia wanted to thank Jason Fries for all of his hard work as his two-year term has come to an end.
- Web traffic increased by 56% in 2020 from 2019. Branded attendee bracelets for Suppliers Suite, Events Renewed, Via Rail Sponsorship for NRD First Ever Virtual NRD Members Spotlight Program YouTube Channel Inside Track Recap and Member Video Feature Program.

6. Treasurer's Report and Budget approval

- Doug Reece was a previous Board of Director and since 2016 has taken on the role as the CARS Treasurer. Doug reported that CARS is still in a very strong financial position. The Association has been taking measures to adapt to operational challenges resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. The financial statements of the Canadian Association of Railway Suppliers (CARS) are currently under review and the professional judgement of Mitchell & Holmes, Chartered Professional Accountants, to provide an independent practitioner's review engagement report. The practitioner's responsibility is to express a conclusion on the financial statements based on their review in accordance with

Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements. The Association's financial statements and the review engagement report will be available to our members upon request.

7. Appointment of Auditors

- Mitchell & Holmes Chartered Professional Accountants, 302-150 Isabella Street, Ottawa, Ontario K1S 1V7

8. Committee Reports

- Marketing and Membership
 - i. CARS has seen social media growth and higher interaction rates with posting constancy on LinkedIn and Twitter. A new YouTube channel has been created where a number of videos can be found to date.
In August of 2020, CARS began the Members Spotlight program on all Social Media channels as well as the Member Feature Video Program. All members are encouraged to tag CARS in social media posts or in the comment section of your companies post and it will be shared by CARS.
 - ii. Before the pandemic in February 2020, CARS was able to host the CN Luncheon. CARS also hosted the annual Golf Tournament, that was remastered to fit provincial protocol at that time.
 - iii. CARS also hosted the first ever Virtual NRD which saw over 200 participants online throughout the day. We are aiming for a hybrid (Virtual and In Person) NRD for 2021.
 - iv. As for membership, CARS has been a small drop in numbers due to many variables pertaining to the COVID Pandemic (Budget cuts, board closures, etc.). However, we have had a number of new members also join the CARS community.
- Government Relations
 - i. Tele and Video Conferencing
 - GPAC conferences/sub-committees; VAI Rail; U.S. RSA; Global Affairs Canada .
 - ii. Canadian Transit Infrastructure Needs
 - iii. Corona Virus Pandemic – COVID-19 Vaccination Plan and Updates
 - iv. Letter Writing Campaigns:
 - Essential Worker Classification;
 - Vaccination of Essential Workers;
 - Offer of CRRC presentations; and
 - Request for special legislation to support Railway Manufacturing sector.
 - v. Transport Canada Stakeholders Updates:

- Participation in surveys of proposed policies; information session on COVID-19 and vaccination plan; survey on rail safety policy; and
- Participation in working groups dealing with Transportation of Dangerous Goods Training.

Scholarship

Scholarship was awarded to an individual in 2020.

9. Election of new Directors

- Sylvia Newell presented the Board nominations report, the increase in candidates was noted. She proposed that be put forth to serve, and that the following be elected as new board members for 3-year terms.
 - i. David Caron, Vice President, Business Development & Sales, Ekyrail Enterprises Inc.
 - ii. Aaron Branston, Vice President, Business Development and Integration, RailTerm
- On a motion made by Susan Barrie and seconded by Luigi Covello the nominations were approved. All in favor.

10. Other Business

- None

11. Next Meeting

- Spring 2022

12. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned on a motion made by Luigi Covello and seconded by Susan Barrie. All in favor.