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Headlines

ASLRRRA Mourns Passing of Former D&I Railroad President and Small Railroad Committee Founder and Chair Jack Parliament



ASLRRRA is deeply saddened to announce the passing of [Jack Dale Parliament](#), former president of the D&I Railroad, active member of the Association and staunch short line advocate. He was 66.

Parliament was very engaged with and supportive of the ASLRRRA team and the short line industry as a whole, serving on the Association's Board of Directors and Executive Committee, and establishing the Small Railroad Committee on which he served as Chair until his retirement in 2019.

Throughout his tenure, Parliament stood up for small railroads and their employees, and his work helped amplify and address their unique issues and concerns. Under his leadership, the Small Railroad Committee worked closely with ASLRRRA staff to develop essential tools and resources to help small railroads succeed in a complex, heavily regulated industry.

Jack Parliament was an active driver of ASLRRRA's mission, helping develop important resources and tools for Association members.

Among the projects Parliament pushed for are the Association's live webinars and On Demand Webinars Resource Library and the Member Discount Program. His support for the Short Line Education Fund helped facilitate the creation of scholarships for employees of small railroads to attend important industry training, an effort that now awards more than \$10,000 annually.

"Jack truly understood the needs of small railroads and their employees and he saw education – accessible to everyone – as the key to improving industry safety and operations" said ASLRRRA President Chuck Baker. "In addition, Jack was a magnetic and charismatic figure – his presence at ASLRRRA brought joy and energy to the room every time. He will be missed but not forgotten."

ASLRRRA Senior Vice President of Education and Business Services Sabrina Waiss echoed Baker's thoughts. Waiss serves as staff liaison to ASLRRRA's small railroad committee and worked closely with Parliament on a number of important initiatives.

"Jack's leadership and vision helped establish some of the most important tools and resources we now offer to ASLRRRA members," said Waiss. "Part of his legacy is that he extended to small railroads a hand up through education; the seeds he planted have flourished and will continue to benefit the entire industry far into the future. He was a great colleague and mentor, and he will be truly missed."

Other ASLRRRA committee members shared their memories of Parliament. Barbara O'Neill, current Small Railroad Committee secretary and vice president of marketing at ASLRRRA member Richmond Pacific Railroad and Levin Richmond Terminal, worked with Parliament on the Small Railroad Committee.

"Jack was such a great person and colleague of mine in the railroad industry. We became friends at the various railroad industry events over the years. He recruited me to join him in starting the Small Railroad Committee and we worked together for several years," said O'Neill. "Jack's enthusiasm and love of the industry always made him a pleasure to work with on ASLRRRA projects and on the BNSF Caucus. He will be missed by so many. I am privileged to have called him my friend."

Current Small Railroad Committee Chair Dan Sabin, president of ASLRRRA member Iowa Northern Railway Company, talked about Parliament's warmth and friendliness.

"Jack and I first met at a UP [Union Pacific] conference in Omaha years ago. He had a serious, businesslike personality, but thirty minutes after I met him, I knew I had a friend for life," said Sabin. "He was thoughtful and generous with his time. He focused on ensuring leaders of the smaller railroads were comfortable in the ASLRRRA and made sure that everyone he met would feel welcomed. I think of him often and was pleased to be allowed to carry on his legacy with the Small Railroads Group."

Parliament's funeral service will be held on Thursday, Oct. 27 in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. The George Boom Funeral Home will [livestream](#) Parliament's services at 10 a.m. CDT.

ASLRRRA Regional Meeting Begins with Awards, Short Line Leaders and Agency News

ASLRRRA opened the General Session of its Central and Pacific Region Meeting today honoring the recipients of its President's Award for top safety performance. ASLRRRA Chair Stefan Loeb joined Central Region Vice President Kristin Bevil and ASLRRRA President Chuck Baker in recognizing this year's award winners.

After the awards, participants heard from the Short Line Leaders Panel featuring Iowa Interstate Railroad President and CEO Joe Parsons, OmniTRAX CEO Dean Piacente and Twin Cities & Western Railroad Company President and CEO Mark Wegner. Others who spoke during the General Session included Thomas Jayne and Robert Perbohner of the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) and Jonathan Lamb of the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), which recently released new cybersecurity requirements affecting certain ASLRRRA-member railroads.

Events continue today and tomorrow with breakout sessions and networking opportunities for participants. Also taking place are ASLRRRA's Finance and Administration Seminar and General Counsel Symposium, offering attendees the chance to learn about railroad topics directly related to the financial, human resources and legal career fields.

Special Thanks to All of Our Sponsors

We appreciate our members who make our events possible with their generous support. Many have sponsored both our Eastern and Southern Region Meeting and Central and Pacific Region Meeting.

We especially would like to thank Associate Business Member [A&K Railroad Materials](#) for being a Platinum Sponsor of key cards at both of our regional meetings. They are also sponsoring our [Nov. 10 webinar](#) focused on Part 219 education materials. Thank you, A&K!

Central Region Winners: ASLRRR recognized winners of the Central Region President's Awards at the Central and Pacific Region Meeting General Session today in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Representatives from the winning railroads accepted their awards from ASLRRR Board Chair Stefan Loeb, Central Region Vice President Kristin Bevil and ASLRRR President Chuck Baker. The winners were (clockwise from top right) The Belt Railway Company of Chicago, Terminal Railroad Association of St. Louis, Fort Worth & Western Railroad, Rio Valley Switching Company and Dallas, Garland & Northeastern Railroad.



Pacific Region Winners: ASLRRA also recognized winners of the Pacific Region President's Awards at the Central and Pacific Region Meeting. Representatives from the winning railroads accepted their awards from ASLRRA Board Chair Stefan Loeb and ASLRRA President Chuck Baker. The winners were (clockwise from top left) Montana Rail Link, Inc., Pacific Harbor Line, Inc., Central Oregon & Pacific Railroad and Texas & New Mexico Railway. Not pictured is Terminal Switching Services.

An advertisement for Bentley's digital twin technology. The background is a stylized, high-angle view of a train on tracks, with a digital overlay of a city grid and infrastructure. A teal banner across the middle contains the text: "MAKE BETTER DECISIONS ACROSS THE RAIL ASSET LIFECYCLE USING DIGITAL TWINS". Below this, a green button says "GET YOUR E-BOOK". The Bentley logo is in the bottom right corner.

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Regulatory Update

TSA Issues New Cybersecurity Directives for Critical Railroad Infrastructure Companies

Last Tuesday, the [Transportation Security Administration \(TSA\)](#) issued a [Security Directive](#) that may affect your company as part of the nation's critical railroad infrastructure. The requirements in this Directive became effective October 24, 2022, at 12:01 a.m.

The new Directive builds upon existing industry best practices and incorporates actions that our industry is already taking to address threats. In most cases, railroads affected have already met, and/or are continuing to meet all the requirements in the new Directive, as the initial Security Directive was issued in December of 2021. Some new railroads will be subject to the new directive, and the reissued directives from 2021. Those now being regulated should have received notice of this directly from TSA.

For more information, please see [this message](#) we sent last week, or reach out to Fred Oelsner at foelsner@aslrta.org.

FRA to Hold CRISI Grant Program Office Hours Webinars This Week and Next Week

The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) is holding Office Hours webinars to help organizations navigate the [Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements \(CRISI\) grant](#) application process.

The second and final webinar takes place tomorrow, Oct. 27 and will discuss the application's project narrative. [Click here](#) to register for the webinar.

Other CRISI resources from the FRA include a recording of the agency's [CRISI notice of funding opportunity \(NOFO\) webinar](#) and a list of [frequently asked questions \(FAQs\)](#) concerning the benefit-cost analysis required for CRISI applications.

CRISI grant applications are due Dec. 1. To help members apply for CRISI grants, which are one of the few federal grant programs for which short line railroads are directly eligible, ASLRRA has put together a list of tips and other resources on its [CRISI application information](#) webpage.

Legislative Update

Legislators' Current Recess Offers Opportunity for Railroads to Engage Representatives

Members of the House and Senate are in their hometowns until after November's midterm elections, offering short line railroads and suppliers a chance to invite their federal representatives to their facilities for a site visit.

A visit by a congressional lawmaker is invaluable for the connections it helps build and the excitement it generates. Giving representatives a first-hand look at the small railroads in their districts helps them better understand the vital role these businesses play in local, state and national economies. Lawmakers also come to know more about the issues affecting short lines and how they can make policy decisions that bolster railroad operations.

ASLRRA's Government Affairs Team can help Association members connect with members of their congressional delegation and can assist with scheduling a visit to their railroad or facility. Contact ASLRRA's [Zach Radford](#) or [Crystal Gitchell](#) for more information.



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Golden Scholarships • Jake Jacobson Memorial Scholarships

Employees of small railroads may apply for awards to pay for ASLRRA-hosted training seminars and other industry-specific education.

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Announcements

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Visit ASLRRA's [Member Discount Program](#) page to view ORR Safety's online e-catalog and start saving today!

Full Lineup of ASLRRA Training Seminars to be Posted Online Soon

ASLRRA will soon post a full calendar of training events for 2023. Upcoming training seminars will cover a wide variety of regulatory requirements including Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) Hours of Service (Part 228), Railroad Locomotive Safety Standards Inspection (Part 229), Car Inspection and Air Brake (Part 215 and Part 232) and ASLRRA's Leadership Development Training, Regulatory Module.

In the meantime, registration is already open for the Association's first training seminar of 2023, the Drug and Alcohol Training Seminar, which will be held Jan. 30 to Feb. 1, 2023, in Phoenix, Arizona.

Presented by FRA Drug and Alcohol Program Specialist Sam Noe and ASLRRA Vice President of Safety and Compliance JR Gelnar, this essential training includes an in-depth review of FRA Part 219 Drug and Alcohol Training and covers all sections of the rule and requirements for all railroads and contractors. Attendees will have an opportunity to engage in interactive discussion of rule requirements and practices with subject matter experts and fellow attendees.

This comprehensive two-day training is always in high demand and space fills quickly, so attendees are encouraged to register early to secure a spot. Visit aslrro.org/training to view full details on this and other 2023 training seminars and [register today!](#)

Apply for a Scholarship to Help Pay for ASLRRA Training

To help qualified employees cover the cost of attending industry training events, the Association administers [training scholarships](#) worth \$1,200 or \$425. Employees of small railroads can receive up to

\$1,200 in expenses for registration, travel and lodging through Golden Scholarships, or \$425 for ASLRRRA-hosted training through the Jake Jacobson Memorial Scholarship. View [scholarship criteria](#) and apply online!

Remember to Send in Veterans Stories and Work on Veterans Award Nominations

November 11 is Veterans Day and ASLRRRA wants to hear from members about the ways your company recognizes, appreciates, and engages with veterans in the workplace and the broader community, for Veterans Day and throughout the year. Throughout the month of November – which is also National Veterans and Military Families Month – ASLRRRA is collecting Veterans Engagement stories and photos to share in Views & News and on the [Veterans page](#) on our website.

Send us your stories and photos! And while you're at it, you can prepare your company's nomination for the ASLRRRA Veterans Engagement Award, which honors industry employers who demonstrate positive policies toward U.S. veterans and who implement unique programs and practices to hire, recognize, support, and engage with veterans in the workplace and the broader community. The 2023 Veterans Engagement Award winner will be recognized at ASLRRRA's Annual Conference and Exhibition, April 2-4, in New Orleans, LA.

Stories and photos may be sent to [ASLRRRA's communications team](#), while Veterans Engagement Award nomination criteria and form can be found [on ASLRRRA's website](#).



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ASLRRRA Webinars

Upcoming Live Webinars

[Using AI Technology to Improve Grade Crossing Safety](#) – Nov. 8, 2022

Accidents due to trespassing and grade crossing violations pose the greatest safety challenge to railroads and transit agencies. This webinar will serve to inform stakeholders about recent developments in artificial intelligence driven trespassing and grade crossing violation research conducted by the Rutgers University Rail and Transit Program. Speakers for this webinar are Project Engineer Asim Zaman and Rutgers Rail and Transit Program Director Xiang Liu.

[ASLRRRA Part 219 Education Materials and Correction Affidavits](#) – Nov. 10, 2022

Join Holly Rainwater, vice president of drug and alcohol programs at Spark TS, Mitch Harris, director of safety, training and regulatory compliance at Rio Grande Pacific, and JR Gelnar, vice president of

safety and compliance at ASLRRA to discuss the recently developed Part 219 drug and alcohol educational materials and multiple Correction Affidavits. A working group was established by the Safety and Training Committee to develop these materials to better assist the membership in the requirements of Part 219. Note: Templates and other materials are available for members on ASLRRA's [Website](#).

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NEW! [CRISI: A Workforce Development Project Case Study](#) – Nov. 15, 2022

The Federal Railroad Administration's Melissa Hatcher and Starr Kidida will provide an overview of the fiscal year 2022 CRISI grant program and share information on program eligibility, highlighting workforce development funding available through CRISI and offering a case study.

On-Demand Webinars

Can't Travel to the General Counsel Symposium? Find ASLRRA's Legal Webinars Online

Although ASLRRA's General Counsel Symposium is one of the best ways to stay up to date on important railroad legal issues, those who could not attend this week's symposium in Milwaukee can find recordings of the Association's most recent legal webinars in the On-Demand Webinar Library.

Recordings of these webinars are available at any time to members. Log in to [ASLRRA's On-Demand Webinar page](#) to view the following:

- Environmental Update – Who's on First?
- Strategically Defending a FELA Toxic Tort Case
- Section 88g: Protecting the Security of the Railroad Supply Chain

Visit ASLRRA's [webinar homepage](#) and log in to view all the on-demand offerings in the Association's webinar library. Most of the recordings also have a copy of the accompanying PDF presentation available for download. ASLRRA members can access recordings for free, while non-members can purchase a subscription.

Click [here](#) to learn more about ASLRRA's education offerings.

Industry Events and Announcements

ASLRRA Member Wins Award for Outstanding Service

ASLRRA member Iowa Northern Railway Company recently received the 2022 Premier Carrier Award from Tyson Foods Inc. The award recognized Iowa Northern for the outstanding service the company provides at the Tyson Foods facility in Waterloo, Iowa.

Iowa Northern has leased and operated the industrial park in Waterloo since 2019, where it provides switching and service support to Tyson Foods and other customers including John Deere. Iowa

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Northern's work with Tyson has allowed the food company to better understand the benefits of customized rail service and increase its rail shipments.

Click [here](#) for a calendar of industry events.

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