



FRIENDS OF THE RAIL NPC

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Circular to Members

Dear FOTR member,

Re: Annual General Meeting, Saturday 3rd February 2018

It is almost that time of the year, FOTR AGM time, again.

Given the many difficulties experienced by FOTR this year, some of which remain to be resolved, your Board has decided to hold the AGM as early as practical next year to get it done and dusted as soon as is possible.

We have identified Saturday 3rd February 2018 at 14:00 as the best date and time for the AGM; one which the board thinks would suit almost everyone. It will be held at FOTR's Hermanstad Depot as usual.

Accordingly, the "Formal Notice" is attached to this communication, together with a "Form of Nomination" for those who harbour insane desires to be elected to the Board.

For those who cannot attend in person, a "Form of Proxy" is also attached.

It is a fact that members who intend to stand for election to the Board of Directors have always experienced great difficulty in meeting up ahead with fellow members to have them physically propose and second them on the relevant form. To overcome this problem, at the AGM held in 2016, it was resolved to amend clause 26.2 of the FOTR Constitution to also allow nominations to be made from the floor at the AGM. The nominee must be a member in good standing who must indicate his willingness to stand and his intention to serve the Association diligently. Nominations from the floor must be supported by a proposer and seconder in good standing and be sent to or handed to the Secretary in writing before the election. This option is provided in addition to the original procedure wherein nominations were required to be submitted in writing 28 days in advance.

The Friends of the Rail Association, NPC

Registration No. 1995/009790/08

Directors 2017: SG Appleton* (secretary), A Attwell, NH Berelowitz (chairman), L Labuschagne, Z de Lange (treasurer), CE Janisch (vice-chairman), G Kovacs, SJ Smith, AC Victor
(* = British)

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Once again we would really appreciate it if those intending to stand for election to the Board would provide a short motivation, a brief CV and a portrait photograph for circulation to members ahead of the meeting for their information. This is not mandatory, but would be nice to have, so that those who do not know you can feel included.

In terms of article 43 of the Association's Constitution, you are also entitled to propose resolutions and to raise such points for discussion as are permitted to be raised and discussed at an AGM. Notice, including the subject and reasons for raising such points, must be made in writing to the secretary on or before 26 January 2018, in order to be confirmed as valid and included in the Agenda.

With best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish underneath the name.

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