Please Note: Walkups are welcome at the Eastern Region Meeting in Burlington, Vt. Oct 8-10. Click here to learn more. We hope to see you there!

Railroad Retirement Board Discusses Dual Benefit Payments

The latest question and answer installment from the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) discusses the affect of social security and other government benefits on a railroad retirement annuity.

For annuitants who are eligible for social security benefits and/or other benefit payments, the RRB adjusts their dual benefit payments. People who do not report dual entitlement to the RRB may experience benefit overpayment, and excess money would have to be repaid, possibly with interest and other penalty charges.

ASLRA Continues to Advocate for Short Lines with Funding Bill

The end of the fiscal year has come and gone and a government shutdown was avoided, or at least delayed until December 7. Even though a new bill for FY19 has largely been agreed to, the FY18 funding levels and policies have been extended until December 7 to give Congress more time to finalize the new package. ASLRA will continue to be engaged with Congress on the details of the new bill that are relevant to short lines, such as funding levels for the BUILD and CRISI grant programs and policy issues surrounding maximum truck sizes and weights.

New Members
ASLRRA is pleased to welcome the following new members to our organization:

American Railroad Signals, based in Tulsa, OK, is a provider of railroad signal systems and signal-related products in North and South America. President Eddie Burns is our primary contact and can be reached on eburns@americanrailroadsignals.com or (307) 365-9367.

Iron Horse Terminals, based in Beaumont, TX, is a full-service switching and storage terminal, offering railcar cleaning and repair services. General Manager Cody Birdwell is our primary contact and can be reached on cody@ironhorseterminals.com or (713) 732-7655.

ORR Safety Corp., based in Louisville, KY, is a family-owned safety distributor representing over 600 industry-leading manufacturers. It provides equipment and services for all aspects of industrial safety, occupational health, industrial hygiene, and fire protection. Bob Johnson, vice president of transportation sales, is our primary contact and can be reached on bobj@orrcorp.com or (816) 759-3438. Many thanks to ASLRRA's JR Gelnar for his assist with this returning member company.

ASLRRA Events

Registration is Still Open: ASLRRA’s Central/Pacific Region Meeting AND F & A Seminar and General Counsel Symposium

Central/Pacific Region Meeting, San Diego, Calif., Nov 12-14
Click here to register today! Also, don’t miss the California Short Line Railroad Association’s fall reception and train ride Nov 11 - 12!

Finance & Administration Seminar and General Counsel Symposium, San Diego, Calif., Nov 14-16
ASLRRA’s General Counsel Symposium and Finance & Administration Seminar is the must-attend event of the fall for all small railroad personnel in the finance and legal sectors. These conferences offer dynamic agendas with top-notch speakers and engaging sessions that will benefit human resources, finance, and legal professionals at all levels of your organization. Click here for a complete list of presentations or to register.

Eastern Region Meeting - Walkups are welcome! Join us at the Hilton Burlington Hotel, Burlington, Vt. Oct 8 - 10.

Webinars

Assessor Webinar Series - Communication - 10/18/2018
The Short Line Safety Institute will present a series of webinars focusing on what it has discovered after conducting 55 safety culture assessments. This webinar discusses effective communication and how to enhance communication practices.

Click here for more ASLRRA events.
Industry Events

Click here for a listing of industry events.

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