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BRANCH COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP - NOMINATION PAPER - 2014

The West Midlands branch of *Railfuture* has TEN positions on its committee, all of which are elected each year by all current members of the branch. A postal ballot will be conducted and the results will be announced at the AGM in Birmingham on Saturday 12th March 2014.

There are four *senior* officer positions that are elected by the ballot. A nominee (candidate) can stand for only ONE of these four positions. Alternatively the nominee may stand as an ordinary member of the committee. A nominee who stands for but fails to be elected to a senior officer position does not have an automatic right to become a committee member.

There are other officer positions, which the committee will appoint from within its ranks at the first committee meeting following the election. These positions include, but are not limited to, minutes secretary, media liaison and newsletter editor. Any of the four senior officer positions for which there was no candidate will also be appointed from within the committee.

1. Please write CLEARLY & LEGIBLY throughout.
2. Nominee, Proposer and Secunder must, at the time of submission, be paid up members of the Railway Development Society Ltd (*Railfuture*) and a member of the WM branch.
3. Complete this form fully (attaching an election address) and return **Railfuture West Midlands branch secretary, 19 Redwood Road, Kings Norton, Birmingham, B30 1AE** to arrive by **Saturday 29th MARCH 2014**. Nomination papers received after this date will not be accepted. No acknowledgement will be sent unless an SAE is provided.

All nominees must read and accept the declaration on the reverse of this form, and attach to it an *election address* not exceeding 200 words which will be included on the ballot paper or in the next newsletter if there is no election (owing to insufficient candidates to trigger one).

We wish to nominate: (name) _____

of: (address) _____

Postcode: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Email: _____

For the position of [Enter 'X' in ONE box only]

Chair <input type="checkbox"/>	Vice Chair <input type="checkbox"/>	Secretary <input type="checkbox"/>	Treasurer <input type="checkbox"/>	Member <input type="checkbox"/>
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NOMINEE: (signature) _____ DATE: ____/____/2014

PROPOSER: (name) _____ (signature) _____

Postcode or membership no: _____

SECONDER: (name) _____ (signature) _____

Postcode or membership no: _____

CANDIDATE'S DECLARATION

Committee members, particularly those holding the four senior positions, are delegated responsibility by the directors for the day-to-day management of the branch, its finances, and the public face of the society at a local level. Considerable trust is placed in such people.

By signing this form the nominee declares their willingness to stand for election to the *Railfuture* West Midlands branch committee and, in order to comply with our insurer's criteria for providing insurance to officers, confirms that the following declaration is truthful:

I confirm that I have not:

- been convicted or charged (but not yet tried) with a criminal offence (other than a motoring offence),
- received an official caution for a criminal offence within the last three years (other than a motoring offence),
- ever been declared bankrupt and/or been a director of a company which has gone into liquidation, administration or receivership,
- ever knowingly failed to conform to legislation pertaining to Health & Safety at Work activities.

Also, no Insurer has ever:

- declined a proposal,
- not invited a renewal,
- cancelled or refused to renew a policy,
- imposed special conditions or requested extra precautions to be taken by me or any partner or director or officer in my business.

If I am unsure whether I am subject to any of the above provisions but still wish to stand for election I will advise the Company Secretary of my circumstances in advance and include a note on my nomination form that the Company Secretary has been advised.

I confirm that I will advise the Company Secretary if, during my tenure of office, I become subject to any of the above provisions.

I understand that I will be expected to sign the prevailing code of conduct for directors and officers of the Railway Development Society Ltd in order to take up my elected position.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE ROLE OF COMMITTEE MEMBER

The committee is vital to the running of every *Railfuture* branch. We have a very friendly group of people who care about the railway in the West Midlands but would appreciate some new members who have something to contribute, particularly younger people, women and those from ethnic minorities as *Railfuture* is under-represented in all of these areas. In order to grow in the future we also need to encourage people who have not been involved with *Railfuture* in the past. Please do consider standing for election.

You do not need to be an expert on the railways, finance, or management. You do need enthusiasm, willingness to help, a friendly nature and hopefully have a sense of humour. It is vital that everyone on the committee can work together as a team.

Committee members give up at least two hours each month to attend meetings. They would also be expected to contribute towards the news letter, help out at meetings, public events, and occasional activities such as helping to conduct station passenger counts.

Committee members also represent *Railfuture* at meetings with other organisations, such as Centro, have chances to go 'behind-the-scenes' when the rail industry allows us to do so.

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