



## Official Schedule of Events

### Election Schedule

<b>Call for Nominations:</b> Start of the 2026 Election Process	<b>Saturday, April 11, 2026 – 9:00 AM</b>
<b>Close of Nomination Period:</b> Deadline to submit nomination forms	<b>Saturday, May 9, 2026 – 9:00 AM</b>
<b>Verification of Nominee Eligibility:</b>	<b>May 9 – May 12, 2026</b>
<b>Distribution of Official Ballots:</b>	<b>Wednesday, May 13, 2026</b>
<b>Deadline to Return Ballots:</b> Close of Voting. Ballots must be postmarked by June 25, 2026 or delivered to the restoration site prior to that date.	<b>Thursday, June 25, 2026</b>
<b>Tallying of Results:</b>	<b>June 26 – July 8, 2026</b>
<b>Announcement of Successful Nominees:</b> NMHR Annual Membership Meeting	<b>Saturday, July 11, 2026</b>

### Purpose

To establish an open and transparent election process by defining the procedures under which the election of the Society's Board of Directors will be conducted, ensuring a fair and free election by the eligible membership.

### Reference

Society Bylaws, New Mexico Steam Locomotive & Railroad Historical Society, Inc.  
Amended and Ratified July 9, 2022



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## Procedure for Nominations

Board of Directors Election Nomination Form will be available beginning on the date and time identified in the Schedule, above. Interested parties may pick up a form at the restoration site or request one by sending a request to the vice president email below. Once completed, submit the nomination form by the deadline listed above. The form may be submitted electronically by email, via the United States Postal Service (USPS), or in person at the restoration site.

- **Email Submission:**  
Must be time-stamped prior to the nomination deadline  
Send to: **vice.president@nmheritagerail.com**  
Subject Line: *2026 Nomination*
- **USPS Submission:**  
Must be postmarked by the nomination deadline  
Mail to:  
New Mexico Heritage Rail  
P.O. Box 27270  
Albuquerque, NM 87125-7270
- **In-Person Submission:**  
May be delivered at the restoration site (Reefer).  
Forms will be date/time stamped upon receipt and placed in the secured nomination drop box.

Late submissions will not be accepted.

All nominees, including current Board members, must submit a nomination form.

All nominees and sponsors must be Members in Good Standing at the time of submission.

## Procedure for Submitting an Official Ballot

To be eligible to vote, a member must be in good standing and must have made the required membership contribution at least 30 days prior to the distribution of ballots.

Official ballots will be distributed by the date identified in this Schedule.

- **Distribution Method:**  
Ballots will be distributed by email unless a hard copy is requested. Members are responsible for printing ballots received electronically. Hard copies may be picked up at the restoration site or sent by USPS upon request.



## Ballot Submission Requirements

- Ballots must be submitted **by USPS or hand delivery only**.
- Electronic ballot submissions will **not** be accepted.
- Ballots must be **signed and dated** by the voting member.
- Ballots must be **sealed in an envelope** prior to submission.
- The envelope must be clearly marked "**Ballot**" on the outside.
- No additional correspondence may be included with the ballot.
- Refer the instruction sheet included with the Official Ballot for complete instructions.

## Mail-In Ballots

Ballots submitted by USPS must be postmarked no later than June .25, 2026. Members are encouraged to allow sufficient time for delivery.

## Hand-Delivered Ballots

Hand-delivered ballots must be received at the restoration site no later than the last scheduled workday prior to June 25, 2026. Ballots will be date/time stamped upon receipt and placed in the secured ballot drop box.

## Restoration Site Hours

Ballots may be delivered during normal operating hours:  
Wednesdays and Saturdays, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

## Important Note

The June 25 deadline is established by the Society Bylaws. Members are encouraged to submit ballots early to ensure eligibility.

Late submissions will not be accepted.