2026 GoRail Presidents Club

Attendees Directory



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Mike Ahten has over 29 years of experience in the heavy civil construction industry, specializing in bridges, structural concrete and sitework. Mike is attending this event on behalf of Anderzack-Pitzen to develop relationships with industry professionals and open up new business opportunities with clients.



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After spending over 20 years with construction companies Robert E. McKee and Kiewit, Ron moved to Austin in 1988 and founded Jay-Reese Contractors, Inc. His vast experience and foresight have aided him in leading the company forward through the ups and downs of the economy as well as the industry. Under Ron's guidance, Jay-Reese has striven to maintain a reputation as a company that builds high quality projects with a great level of integrity and attention to detail.



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Anthony Allen is the managing member of Allen CFO Group, LLC in eastern North Carolina, where he provides fractional CFO services, tax consulting, and accounting support. A Villanova University alumnus and CPA, he specializes in assisting nonprofits, small businesses, and professional service companies. His extensive career includes serving as a managing director at BDO USA, a partner at Hertzbach & Co., and as a founding partner at Fry & Allen, P.C.



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John is a Vice-President and Shareholder at Watkins Insurance Group where he has been employed since 2012. He specializes in Commercial and Personal lines. He is a graduate of Southwest Texas State University.



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Chase Armstrong joined R. J. Corman in 2012. He has held numerous positions including business development manager, corporate account manager, director of sales, and assistant vice president of commercial development before taking on the role of vice president of commercial development. In this position he oversees commercial activities for R. J. Corman's contracted services group which includes railroad services emergency and non-emergency, signaling, and material sales. Chase is responsible for building and executing sales plans for all R. J. Corman contracted services opportunities and communication with clients. He also has supervisory responsibility for territorial commercial development managers. Chase has a thorough understanding of the many facets of R. J. Corman and the railroad industry market landscape. He serves on the board of directors of the National Railroad Construction and Maintenance Association (NRC), and holds a Bachelor of Science in Government/Public Relations from Morehead State University.



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Adrian Arnakis leads the rail industry’s government affairs and advocacy efforts in Washington. Before joining the Association of American Railroads, Arnakis served for more than 13 years in the U.S. Senate, where she was a policy leader and trusted advisor on transportation and infrastructure issues.



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Chuck Baker joined the American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association (ASLRRA) as President in 2019. His previous 15 year career in the rail industry includes being a Partner at Chambers Conlon & Hartwell (CC&H), where, in addition to the ASLRRA, he represented clients such as the National Railroad Construction & Maintenance Association (NRC, where he also served as President), the OneRail Coalition, and the American Railway Development Association. He has significant experience in freight rail, passenger rail, rail transit, and rail industry contractor and supplier legislative and regulatory issues, in addition to rail coalition and association management. He currently serves as a Board Member of the Short Line Safety Institute and Chairman of the Board of the OneRail Coalition. Mr. Baker is a native of Baltimore, MD, and a graduate of Rice University in Houston, TX. He lives on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC with his wife Sarah and two daughters Nora and Lila.



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Jeff leads the KB Signaling business, combining the technologies and long history of General Railway Signal, Harmon Industries and GE Transportation Systems, supplying products and advanced technology throughout the world for both freight and passenger-carrying operators. Jeff has been with the company for over 28 years, serving in engineering, sales, strategy and executive management. In 1997, Jeff began as a systems engineer and has had various roles as program manager, product manager, engineering director, and vice president of sales, eventually moving to lead the business in 2020. Jeff serves as president of the Railway Systems Suppliers, Inc. trade association, is a member of the Institution of Railway Signal Engineers, holds 6 patents, and enjoys working with technology whenever possible. He earned his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Kansas State University, and his master's degree in engineering management from the University of Kansas.



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Michael Barr brings over two decades of experience in finance, investment management, and leadership across major financial institutions. His background includes senior roles at Neuberger Berman, Shockoe Capital, and Prudential Equity Group, where he developed a deep expertise in financial strategy, investment management, and client relations. He currently leads efforts to enhance investor relations and optimize the company's financial performance in addition to overseeing NS's integrated resource planning process, a key element of the company's forward-thinking strategy for sustainable growth. He also leads the sourcing team, responsible for the company's strategic supplier management program that optimizes supply chain performance. Barr joins NS after serving as Managing Director at Neuberger Berman, a global asset management firm, where he led industrial sector allocation and analysis within the firm's research portfolio. Throughout his career, Barr has worked closely with major transportation companies, including Norfolk Southern, CSX, and Union Pacific, gaining significant experience in transportation finance and industry dynamics. Barr holds a Bachelor of Arts in economics from the University of Virginia, where he developed the analytical foundation that has supported his success in the finance and investment sectors.



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Kriss Beudjekian is a results-driven supply chain leader with over 15 years of experience across Network Operations, Engineering, Mechanical, Procurement, and end-to-end Supply Chain Management within the railroad industry. He brings a strong enterprise perspective, connecting strategy to execution across both operational and corporate environments to deliver measurable business impact. In his current role, Kriss oversees Procurement and Supply Chain activities at Norfolk Southern, supporting the Mechanical and Fuel Operations pillars.



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As executive vice president, Curtis provides corporate oversight and strategic leadership to deliver business solutions to Ames partners. His experience and innovative approaches drive business growth across all of Ames' markets and geographies. He directs and supports the business development team across all market segments to ensure that the Ames mission, history, reputation, culture and capabilities remain at the forefront of building strong business relationships. Curtis joined Ames Construction in 2005 as a project engineer in their Southwest Region and

earned his Bachelor of Science in Construction Management from Ferris State University. He is a member of a variety of industry organizations, and executive committee member for the National Railroad Construction and Maintenance Association (NRC), as well as the chair of the Finance Committee.



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Aaron Braithwaite was appointed vice president of track operations in October 2018. With 18 years in the railroad industry, he is tasked with overseeing all track maintenance and construction operations from the East Coast to the Midwest. His vast experience includes a tenure at Cranemasters and seven years serving as the superintendent of the Southwest Region for a prominent commuter transit system. A firm advocate for safety and efficiency, Aaron consistently ensures the delivery of high-quality services to our railroad clients, guaranteeing punctual service delivery.



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Justin Broyles began with R. J. Corman in 2001, holding various leadership positions focusing on emergency services, storm response, construction, and national account management. After serving for three years at Patriot Rail as chief commercial officer, he rejoined R. J. Corman in 2018, becoming executive vice president, commercial affairs. In this role, he oversaw all commercial activity, including managing the marketing and sales teams, for R. J. Corman's 19 short line railroads. Justin was also responsible for Class I account management for all R. J. Corman companies and Storm Team efforts. With nearly 25 years of railroad industry experience, Justin has developed a robust background in corporate account management, rail-related services, new business development, negotiations, mergers & acquisitions, supply chain logistics, and growing strong client relationships. He holds a BS in business administration with an emphasis in marketing from Southern Illinois University. Justin holds several key positions in the transportation industry, serving as chair of the Surface Transportation Board's (STB) Railroad-Shipper Transportation Advisory Council (RSTAC) Board of Directors, Vice Chair of the American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association (ASLRRA), member of Short Line Caucuses of Norfolk Southern and BNSF, and Chair of the Short Line Safety Institute (SLSI).



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Robert J. Bullock, Jr. serves as Chief Corporate Affairs Officer at Florida East Coast Railway, a Grupo México Transportes (GMXT) company. He leads government affairs, public policy, and external affairs for FEC, advancing the railroad's interests before federal and state policymakers on issues ranging from freight infrastructure investment to rail safety regulation. He also oversees human resources, labor relations, safety, and compliance across FEC and its affiliated entities, and works

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Michael Burns is CSX's senior vice president, chief legal officer, and corporate secretary. Appointed in 2025, he oversees the company's legal and regulatory affairs, the corporate secretary's office, risk management, freight claims, police and infrastructure protection, environmental and hazardous materials, and audit functions.



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Leveraging more than 25 years of international leadership experience, Nick serves as Holman's Executive Vice President of Sales & Client Relations, responsible for driving growth and ensuring the company's fleet management solutions align with evolving client needs. Since joining Holman in 2019, Nick has played an integral role in strengthening the company's sales organization and deepening client engagement across the business. Previously, Nick served as the Managing Director of Holman's fleet management operations in the United Kingdom, where he led all aspects of the business and contributed to the company's broader global expansion. Prior to Holman, he spent more than 12 years with HP/Hewlett Packard Enterprise in senior leadership roles, leading complex international teams, overseeing multi-billion-dollar procurement programs, and delivering large-scale transformation initiatives. Nick is known for building high-performing teams and maintaining a strong client-focused culture aligned with Holman's commitment to service excellence. He holds an HNC in Business and Finance as well as a Professional Diploma in Purchasing and Supply (MCIPS) from Hertfordshire College in the United Kingdom.



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Ryan Cammack graduated from South Dakota State University in 2000 with a Bachelor of Arts in Animal Science and minors in chemistry and biology. He started his career working for Novartis/Syngenta where he stayed until joining the largest chemical provider to the railroad industry, Alligare, in 2007, where he headed the railroad business unit. In 2017, Cammack moved to the largest on-and off-track vegetation management company in the rail industry, Ferrovia, as chief operating officer.



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Betsy Cantwell is President at GoRail. Since joining GoRail in 2015, Betsy has lead the organization's advocacy and communications strategy to build public and political support for freight rail. Her work spans earned media, digital campaigns, grassroots mobilization, and message development—aimed at making freight rail policy accessible and compelling to the communities it impacts most. Betsy has played a key role in evolving the organization's communications and expanding its reach across local and national audiences. Before GoRail, she worked as assistant director of public affairs at George Washington University's Elliott School of International Affairs. Her career has included a wide range of communications work, from media relations and publication design to event management and video production. She holds a B.A. in political communication and an M.A. in global communication from George Washington University. Betsy now resides in her home state of New Jersey with her husband and two sons, where they enjoy exploring the outdoors and playing with trains.



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James Carey is Assistant Vice President of External Relations for Union Pacific Railroad. Based in Washington, D.C., he represents the company before federal lawmakers and regulators on issues impacting Union Pacific, its employees, customers, shareholders, and communities. A graduate of Clark Atlanta University with a degree in Business Administration and Marketing, Carey began his Union Pacific career as a college intern and has spent the past 16 years in a variety of commercial and leadership roles. His Union Pacific background includes assignments in Omaha, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, Detroit, and Houston, as well as six years leading commodity-focused sales teams, most recently as General Director of Petrochemicals. Drawing on extensive operational, commercial, and industry experience, Carey works to advance policies that support a safe, efficient, and growing

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Jonathan Carnes serves as CEO of "The Wheeling," which includes the Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway, the former Transtar railroads, and all affiliated companies. In February 2012, Jonathan joined Transtar as General Manager, later serving as President of Transtar and its railroad subsidiaries with U. S. Steel until July 2021, when U. S. Steel sold Transtar. Jonathan remained Transtar's President through the sale process and was named CEO in February 2023. Jonathan was instrumental in acquiring the Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway, the largest regional railroad in the United States, and has continued as CEO of the combined companies since January of 2026. Prior to joining Transtar, Mr. Carnes held various roles of increasing responsibility, most recently as President and Chairman at the Terminal Railroad Association of St. Louis and previously as General Manager at NKCR (an OmniTRAX Inc. company) and various positions at CSX. He holds two bachelor's from the University of North Florida and an MBA from the University of Pittsburgh, Katz Graduate School of Business.



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Kayla Carr is the Lead Project Coordinator for Anderzack-Pitzen Construction, where she has been a dedicated team member for over 14 years. In her role, she coordinates projects from bidding through completion, working closely with clients, contractors, railroads, and project teams to ensure successful project execution and strong customer relationships. Throughout her career at APC, Kayla has developed extensive experience in project coordination, contract administration, and client communication within the railroad and construction industries. She enjoys building lasting industry relationships and looks forward to connecting with both familiar colleagues and new contacts throughout the GoRail event.



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Bonnie Carter leads finance, administration, and development at GoRail, ensuring organizational efficiency and strategic growth. As part of her development role, she plans and executes donor events that celebrate the vital support of the rail suppliers and contractors who champion GoRail's mission. She also oversees human resources, fostering a positive workplace culture and providing the support that helps keep the GoRail team connected and thriving.



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Eric Carter serves as Vice President and General Manager of Birmingham Rail, a product brand of A. Stucki Company providing new and reconditioned rail, turnout, and track materials to railroad and industrial markets. He oversees operations across multiple locations, including Birmingham, Alabama; Houston, Texas; and Youngstown, Ohio, with responsibility for operational performance, customer satisfaction, and long-term growth. With nearly 20 years of experience in the rail industry, Carter brings a strong combination of strategic leadership and operational expertise. Prior to joining Stucki, he was Chief Executive Officer of Geismar North America, where he led business development and commercial strategy for a leading supplier of railroad equipment. Earlier in his career, he served as Vice President at Protran Technology, delivering safety and technology solutions for rail and transportation markets. Carter holds an MBA and a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from the University of South Carolina's Darla Moore School of Business. He also serves on the Board of Directors for the Railway Engineering–Maintenance Suppliers Association (REMSA). Known for his collaborative, results-driven leadership style, Carter is focused on building high-performing teams and advancing Birmingham Rail's market impact.



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Mike Cory is Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, responsible for overseeing CSX's operations strategy and coordinating all aspects of the company's Transportation, Mechanical and Engineering department performance. Cory joined the company in September 2023 after a 39-year career with the Canadian National Railway, where he contributed to establishing scheduled railroading as a transformative operating model for the rail industry.



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Sylvain Couture is the Vice-President and General Manager of the Railway Ties Division at Stella-Jones. He oversees procurement, operations, sales and logistics for the division across North America. With over 20 years of experience at Stella-Jones, Sylvain worked in different product categories at Stella-Jones, specializing in operational efficiencies, network optimization and project management. Sylvain holds a Bachelor of Engineering in Chemical from Sherbrooke University in Quebec, Canada. He's a board member of Wood Preservation Canada. Outside of work, he spends time with the family and likes to run in the morning.



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Fred Cozzi has been a leader in the rail industry for over 25 years. His commitment to this industry and the products that he has introduced to the market, have enabled the railroads to operate safer and more reliably.



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Keith Creasy is Vice President and North America Locomotive Platform Leader at Wabtec, where he is responsible for platform strategy, portfolio performance, and enterprise execution of the company's Tier 4 locomotive product line. In this role, he aligns technology, commercial, and operational priorities to drive customer value, accelerate growth, and strengthen Wabtec's long-term competitive position in the North American freight rail market. During his 18-year career with Wabtec, Keith has led numerous large-scale business and operational transformations, including the launch of new manufacturing operations, locomotive fleet modernization programs, strategic growth initiatives, and key customer partnerships. His experience spans engineering, manufacturing, supply chain, commercial operations, and product leadership, where he has consistently built high-performing teams and delivered sustainable business results. Keith holds a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering and an MBA from the University of Notre Dame.



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Wade Currens joined the Cranemasters team in 2019. Wade has 35 years of experience in the rail industry and has excelled in the specialized skills needed to complete a variety of projects. His years of experience allow him to lead his team in providing excellent service to the customer's complex and diverse needs. His responsibilities include providing leadership and operational excellence as well as focused performance for customers and safety. Wade is excited to lead his team to support our customers and Cranemasters to excel as leaders in the industry.



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Completing his 49th year in the railroad supply industry, Kenny most enjoys working with the next generation of railroaders, both supply and end users. He believes the future for our industry looks very bright for both with the talent he works with. Kenny's focus is the wooden crosstie and related timber segment, serving Stella-Jones Corporation as director marketing, primarily Class 1 railroads. He is a big fan of Alabama football and is a member of the Railway Tie Association as a 3 term past president. When not golfing, Kenny enjoys family pool time and fishing off the Alabama Gulf Coast at his home away from home.



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Greg Dalpe is executive vice president of freight car services, with responsibility for freight car, wheels/axles/bearings/parts, recycling and leasing for Progress Rail. Greg has 20 years of transformational leadership experience across industrial manufacturing segments. Prior to joining Progress Rail, he spent a decade in various leadership roles in operations, sales and marketing at Knorr-Bremse (KB). Before KB, he worked in private equity, leading operations and quality with Davis-Standard, Kenney Manufacturing and SMTC Manufacturing. Greg holds a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Rhode Island College in Providence, R.I., and a master's degree in operations design and leadership from Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Worcester, Mass. He is a Certified Lean Six Sigma Black Belt. As a civic and philanthropic volunteer, Greg is an executive board member of The Children's Home of Jefferson County, N.Y.



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Sam Doerr serves as executive vice president of infrastructure for Progress Rail, where he leads the company's global track and signaling business. In this role, Sam is responsible for driving strategic growth, operational excellence, and innovation across the infrastructure division. Sam joined Progress Rail in 2023 as senior vice president of locomotive product and program management. During his tenure, he played a key role in shaping product strategy, strengthening customer value propositions, and improving program execution. His leadership enhanced the commercial pipeline and advanced project management within the locomotive business. With more than 15 years of experience in business development and product management in the rail industry, Sam brings deep expertise and a forward-looking vision to his current role. He holds a bachelor's degree in Industrial Distribution and Technology from Purdue University and an MBA from Duke University.



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has served on five industry boards, chaired the ASLRRA Marketing Committee, and participates in Railroad Day on the Hill advocacy in Washington, D.C. At Hulcher, Shasta is focused on strengthening customer partnerships, expanding capabilities, and building a high-performing commercial organization positioned to make Hulcher the first call when railroads and industries need safe, dependable emergency response and industrial services.



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Katie Farmer was named president and chief executive officer for BNSF Railway in 2021, and also leads BNSF's Board of Directors. Prior to her current role, she served as executive vice president, operations since September 2018, where she oversaw the entire operations organization; before that, she served as vice president, service design and transportation support since July 2017. Prior to her operations roles, she led BNSF's largest business unit as group vice president, consumer products. Katie began her career with the Burlington Northern in 1992 as a management trainee in Fort Worth, TX and has held leadership positions in every major function of the company including operations, marketing, and finance.



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Rand Ghayad is Senior Vice President of Policy and Economics and Chief Economist at the Association of American Railroads, where he leads the organization's economics, research, and data strategy. He oversees the development of economic analysis, industry research, and data products that inform public policy, support member railroads, and strengthen the freight rail industry's role in the North American economy. His work focuses on translating complex data into actionable insights that help industry leaders, policymakers, and stakeholders make better decisions and advance evidence-based policy.



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Arielle Giordano is Vice President of Government and Industry Affairs at Genesee & Wyoming. She is responsible for managing G&W's government affairs strategy and team at the federal, state, and local levels. Prior to joining G&W, Giordano was Assistant Vice President of US Government Affairs for Canadian Pacific Kansas City. Before joining CP in 2018, she served as Counsel for the US House of Representatives, Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials under former Chair Bill Shuster. While attending law school, Giordano worked for the U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary, under Chair Chuck Grassley. Giordano holds a J.D. from the Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law in Washington, DC and a B.A. in political science and history from Monmouth University in West Long Branch, NJ.



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Jeremy has 30 years in the rail industry, all in the operating department. He started his rail career in the mechanical department and has held positions at Union Pacific's dispatching center and most recently in their transportation operations team. Jeremy currently supports the safe and efficient operations of Union Pacific's mechanical car and locomotive departments.



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Rodney Gordon joined Conrail in 2013 as assistant superintendent of operations responsible for field operations. In 2017, he transitioned to service delivery and support, which includes responsibility for their dispatch center, customer service center, service design, joint facilities, industrial development, and auto terminals. Prior to joining Conrail, Rodney was regional vice president for Watco Companies East Region, which included operations in Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Alabama. In this position, he served as the leader for the region overseeing operations,

finance, mechanical and engineering forces. During his time at Watco (2008-2013) he was responsible for the acquisition/startup of several short line railroads. Prior to Watco, Rodney worked for Canadian National Railroad (1998-2008) in various management positions starting as general yard coordinator in Pontiac, MI and had progressed to division superintendent in Battle Creek, MI by the time he left for Watco in 2008. Rodney is a graduate of the University of Michigan. He also is past president and currently serves as a member of the Executive Committee of the American Association of Railroad Superintendents.



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David Grun has more than a decade of experience in the railroad industry and has served as Director of Sales – Railroads for the past five years at Rocky Mountain Steel Mills. In addition to his professional responsibilities, he currently serves as Chairman of the Membership Committee for the National Railroad Construction and Maintenance Association (NRC), where he helps support engagement and growth within the rail industry. He also serves as VP Membership and Marketing for the North American Maintenance Railway Club (NAMRC). Prior to entering the rail sector, David earned a degree in Finance from the University of Minnesota Duluth. He is passionate about building strong industry relationships and advancing rail infrastructure solutions across North America. Outside of work, David enjoys spending time outdoors and pursuing a variety of outdoor recreational activities.



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Jennifer Hamann was appointed executive vice president and chief financial officer (CFO) January 1, 2020. She is responsible for managing all facets of Union Pacific's financial activities, controls and policies including accounting, tax, real estate, investor relations, treasury, audit, and capital planning. She further assumed responsibilities for strategic sourcing, inventory management, warehousing, and logistics effective Sept. 1, 2023. As CFO, Hamann also serves on the Grupo Ferroviario Mexicano and TTX Company boards of directors. Hamann began her Union Pacific career in 1992 as a member of the corporation's audit staff. In 1998, she moved to the railroad's human resources department, holding various management positions. Hamann joined the corporate treasury group in April 2002, when she was named assistant vice president-investor relations. In April 2011, she was named general auditor of the corporate audit staff. Hamann moved to marketing and sales as vice president and general manager-automotive in February 2016, a position she maintained until returning to finance as vice president-planning and analysis in October 2017. She was named senior vice president-finance in April 2019. Prior to joining Union Pacific, Hamann received a Master of Business Administration from the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO). She also has fulfilled the requirements and examinations necessary to receive a Certified Public Accountant certificate.



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Jim Hansen's 40+ years of rail industry experience stretches back to the mid-1970s, where he began his career in the maintenance-of-way welding department for the Burlington Northern (BN) Railroad. After more than a decade at BN, he assumed a sales position with ESCO Equipment Service Company, rising to vice president of national sales. Hansen then served four years as the North American sales manager for Stanley Railroad Products. In 2007, he transitioned into business development for North America at RailWorks Corporation, where he served as vice president for nine years. Hansen has been the president of the North American Maintenance Railway Club for more than 25 years. Under his leadership, the membership of the club has grown from about 100 to over 600 members today. He also serves on the executive committee of the National Railroad Construction and Maintenance Association as the secretary/treasurer and holds a leadership position on the Association of American Railroads associate advisory board.



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Alan Hollis has more than 30 years of experience developing business plans that support profitable growth and advance new market strategies. He currently serves as Vice President of Rail and Emerging Markets. Before joining Orion Steel, Alan held several executive-level positions across multiple industries, most recently serving as President of Charger Industries, Inc., where he restructured operations and improved efficiencies, making the company more profitable and competitive. Alan holds Bachelor of Science degrees in Physics and Mathematics from the University of Houston–Clear Lake and has completed executive education programs through Texas A&M University.



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As the Association of American Railroads (AAR's) president and chief executive officer, Jefferies advocates for and works with member railroads to ensure the continued viability of America's railroad industry. Prior to assuming the role on January 1, 2019, Jefferies was the senior vice president of AAR's government affairs where he led the development, promotion and implementation of legislative priorities for the AAR. Before joining the AAR, Jefferies cultivated more than a decade of experience working within government. From 2009 to 2013, Jefferies served as a senior policy advisor to the chairman of the U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation. In this role, Jefferies provided policy guidance on a host of transportation issues, including railroad economic regulation, rail safety and passenger rail. Jefferies also led the successful development, negotiation and reauthorization of major infrastructure legislation and managed the successful conference of Committee legislation relating to the 2012 surface transportation reauthorization law, MAP 21. Jefferies began his career in government serving as a senior advisor to the mayor of Lexington, Kentucky, before transitioning to the federal government. Prior to serving in the United States Senate, he worked for the U.S. Department of Transportation, Office of the Inspector General and the U.S.

Government Accountability Office. In these roles, Jefferies led program reviews on a variety of issues including infrastructure development, international trade, major weapon systems acquisition and federal contracting. Ian received his Master of Science in Public Policy and Management from Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, PA and his Bachelor of Science in Economics from the University of Kentucky in Lexington, KY.



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With a decade of experience working in the rail industry, Nate covers the Western United States and parts of New England for GoRail. His background in local, state, and federal government makes him an effective transportation and public policy leader. He served as a legislative aide in the Massachusetts State Senate before working in Boston's Trial Court system. At the age of 24, Kaplan ran for the office of state representative in his hometown in Central Massachusetts and after a landslide victory, he became the youngest candidate in that district's history to receive a major party nomination. Kaplan's passion for politics continued to thrive after he relocated to Los Angeles. He founded a 501c3 nonprofit, SeePolitical, to educate the electorate by producing and distributing unbiased animations to heighten civic awareness and explain the electoral process. Kaplan received a master's degree in public policy at the University of Southern California while working as a communications director, legislative director, and district director for the Los Angeles City Council, where he worked on issues of transportation, social policy, economic development, land use, public safety, sustainable cities, affordable housing, and policies to improve the quality of life for communities in California. As a seasoned public affairs professional, Kaplan is often invited to guest lecture and moderate panels on a host of transportation related topics. He resides in Colorado.



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Jason Leone is with Accommodations Plus International (API), where he focuses on client engagement and strategic partnerships. With a background spanning operations, product management, and professional services, Jason brings a well-rounded perspective to solving complex challenges across the transportation industry. He has led cross-functional teams and initiatives aimed at improving operational performance, enhancing crew experiences, and delivering measurable value. In his

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Since 2010, Drew has worked a member of the Norfolk Southern government relations department with a focus on federal affairs, grassroots advocacy and political programs. He currently serves on the board of directors of Virginia21, a nonpartisan advocacy organization for Virginia's college students as well as a member of the National Association of Manufacturers Transportation Working Group. In 2025, Marrs took on the role of director on the GoRail Board of Directors. He is a two-time graduate of Virginia Tech.



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Jill Mulligan was appointed executive vice president and chief legal officer in 2022 with responsibility for legal and regulatory matters. Jill joined BNSF in 2007 as a general attorney and was promoted to associate general counsel, regulatory in 2012. In December 2015, she was promoted to vice president and general counsel, regulatory, where she was responsible for overseeing a variety of legal matters including litigation, transactions, economic and safety regulations, inter-carrier relations, labor and employment. Since June of 2020, Jill has also had oversight of the claims department, with responsibility for incident response, investigation and handling of personal injury and property damage claims. Additionally, Jill oversees audit, environmental and compliance matters. Prior to joining BNSF, Jill was a member of the transportation group at the law firm of Steptoe & Johnson LLP, located in Washington, D.C. While at Steptoe, Jill advised railroad clients on regulatory and commercial litigation matters, rulemakings and adjudicatory proceedings before the Surface Transportation Board.

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As GoRail's Midwest State Director, Mike Neal brings more than 15 years of experience across state government, regulatory oversight, political operations, and public affairs. He has a strong track record in legislative strategy, stakeholder engagement, and coalition-building, and is known for translating complex policy and infrastructure issues into clear priorities and practical outcomes for communities, employers, and taxpayers. Mike's work centers on building trusted relationships with state and local elected officials, community leaders, and key stakeholders—helping local priorities lead the conversation and connecting them to federal decision-making through coordinated advocacy. He has extensive experience communicating complex issues in a practical, locally grounded way and helping leaders translate policy into action. Before joining GoRail, Mike held senior leadership roles with the Office of the Indiana Treasurer of State, the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission, the Indiana National Guard, and the Office of Indiana Governor Mike Pence. He also founded Neal Consulting Group, supporting political campaigns and issue advocacy initiatives, and has led advance operations for the White House. Neal holds a master's degree in management and leadership from Western Governors University and resides in suburban Indianapolis, Indiana with his wife Kristen and their three children.



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Lee became chief executive officer at DCLI in January 2024 after having served as president since November 2019. He joined the company as vice president of finance in 2013 and played a key role in establishing business processes and building out the finance organization following their carve out from Maersk. Lee was promoted to senior vice president and chief financial officer in 2017 and in that role was at the center of DCLI's acquisition of TRAC Intermodal's domestic chassis business. He has been a member of the team engineering each successful sale of the company: from Littlejohn to EQT to Apollo to the current owners. Prior to joining DCLI, Lee spent ten years with one of the largest telecoms in the US, FairPoint Communications, where he held various roles in finance and strategy and helped grow that company from $200 million to over $1 billion in revenue.



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Africa business based in Johannesburg, South Africa. Before assuming Africa and global commercial leadership responsibilities, Oso built a broad-based global career at GE, beginning in 2002. He completed the Financial Management Program (FMP), served on the Corporate Audit Staff, and led major strategic transactions across NBCU, GE Energy, Aviation, Consumer & Industrial, and GE Capital as an executive in GE's Global Business Development team. His professional background includes $34B+ in closed M&A transactions and more than a decade of expatriate experience across Europe, the Middle East, and Africa. Widely recognized for his strengths in sales strategy, pricing, transformation leadership, commercial excellence, and cross-functional execution, Oso remains an active contributor to global dialogues on digitalization, rail transformation, and emerging-market industrialization. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Accounting from Morris Brown College and is a certified Six Sigma Black Belt. He is currently based in Atlanta, Georgia, USA.



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