



National Society Descendants of American Railroad Workers
Regular Meeting
Virtual by Zoom
14 Sep 2025

President Elaine Baldasare called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM Eastern Time.

The invocation was given by Linda Kay White, Chaplain.

Twenty-two members were present when the meeting was called to order. A quorum was present.

President Baldasare introduced the officers of the society that were present:

Vice President	Beverly Schuele
Chaplain	Linda Kay White
Treasurer & Registrar	Aaron Cross
Recording Secretary	Lorraine Sims
Corresponding Secretary	Kim Defibaugh

Also introduced were:

Executive Board Advisor	Janisue Rigel
Parliamentarian	Gwen Causey

President Baldasare reminded members to check our website and Facebook page often for updates.

Glenn Martin was unable to attend but he provided a video for our program "*Joshua Leach - Founder of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen.*" The Society will make a \$50 donation to the Railroaders Memorial Museum in Altoona, PA.

President Baldasare welcomed four of our ten new members that joined in 2025: Vickie Carmichael, Sherry Cornett, Steve Havlovic, and Susan Michael. We have admitted 22 new members since March, 2024.

The minutes of the 9 Mar 2025 meeting were emailed to the membership on 13 Aug 2025. Lorraine Sims made the motion that we dispense with the reading of these minutes and approve them as distributed. The motion passed. The minutes will be posted on our Members Only website.

Reports of officers:

President – Elaine Baldasare reported progress of our society.

Vice President – Beverly Schuele gave her report.

Chaplain – Linda Kay White filed her report.

Treasurer – Aaron Cross reported we have a balance of \$19,149.86.

Registrar – Aaron Cross reported we have 131 members.

Corresponding Secretary – Kim Defibaugh reported on her activities. She stated there were 41 registered for today’s meeting, noting at one point there were 25 participants.

Old Business

1. The Executive Board had several discussions regarding insignia and ribbon for the National President and Past National President. Due to the expense, the Board is tabling discussions on a pin for now. A status of our insignia purchases from Citypride was given.
2. Please download our brochure from our website to have some on hand to pass out.
3. Janisue Rigel, Linda Kay White, and Bev Scheule were appointed to the Membership Committee.
4. At the 9 Mar 2025 meeting, Kelly Dugas, Brenda Reeder, and Margaret Powell were elected to serve on the Nominating Committee. Please contact them if you are interested in serving.

Announcements

Our Annual Meeting will be held in March, 2026 and will be held virtually.

The benediction was given by Linda Kay White, Chaplain.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 4:43 PM Eastern Time.

Lorraine Sims, Recording Secretary