## Report of the Committee to Revise the By-Laws

**Of** 

## The Friends of the Nevada State Railroad Museum

The committee met on January 12, 2008.

**Present were:** 

Russ Tanner, Chairman Mike Dunn Barry Simcoe.

The committee decided to hold an Open Meeting (Hearing) at 10:00 AM on February 23, 2008 in the Break Room of the Restoration Shop at NSRM. All members of the Friends are invited to attend and to submit their proposals for changes to the By-Laws. The committee will accept written proposals, together with the member's reasoning as to why change is needed, how their proposal effects this change and the impact it will have on the operations of the Friends organization. This should include negative (such as, but not limited to, costs in time or money) as well as positive impacts. All of this will be reduced to writing for the committee to present to the Board. Oral arguments for or against these proposals will be listened to and the committee members will ask questions as needed for clarification of the reasoning. Arguments may be limited if substantially the same points are repeatedly being made. No action will be taken by the committee on these proposals at this meeting.

Notice of this meeting is provided by this report, a paper notice posted on the Bulletin Board at the museum's Interpretive Center and on the Friends Web Page. The Web Page makes available a copy of the current By-Laws as well as instructions for submitting changes by E-Mail to the Webmaster or by U.S. Mail to the Friend's P.O. Box 1330 in Carson City (89702). Deadline for receipt of submissions by E-Mail or by U.S. Mail is February 20, 2008.

The committee decided that each proposal submitted will be presented to the Board of Trustees with a recommendation either to accept the change or to reject the change. The committee will note the reasons for their recommendation.

The committee decided to recommend the changes proposed by Russ Tanner for general housekeeping changes to the By-Laws. These will be presented to the February 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting so that duplication need not occur.

Barry Simcoe was assigned to create a proposal for a new Article for the By-Laws which would create an Audit Committee to periodically review the Treasurer's records and recommend any improvements.

Russ Tanner was assigned to create a proposal to change the current Article on Revision of By-Laws and to create a proposal to add an Article establishing Parliamentary Authority (e.g. Robert's Rules of Order).

Mike Dunn was assigned to add the above mentioned notice on the Friend's Web Pages together with all the supporting material.

Respectfully Submitted,

Russell F. Tanner, Chairman