

**From The NARP/RPA By-Laws Regarding Resolutions:**

**Article VI; Section 9. Resolutions:** In order for a resolution to be considered by the Council of Representatives it must be (a) submitted by a Representative in good standing, and (b) no more than 180 words in length. Upon receipt of the proposed resolution, the Secretary shall confirm that the resolution is no more than the maximum word count and if not compliant, inform the proposer of such fact. If the proposed resolution is more than 180 words in length, the proposer may cure by reducing the length of the proposal and resubmitting same as long as this is accomplished no later than thirty (30) days prior to the start of the Council of Representatives meeting. If the proposed resolution is compliant with this Section 9 of Article VI, then the resolution shall be placed tentatively on the agenda, subject to the resolution being seconded at the meeting in order to be discussed, in which case the Secretary shall notify the proposer of such tentative assignment. The Secretary shall attempt to notify by e-mail all Representatives of the proposed resolution as soon as practical. The foregoing requirements shall not apply to resolutions proposed by the Board of Directors.

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**Resolution #1 – Submitted By M. Paul Shore of Virginia**

**Whereas,** For many years the editorial and advertising content of Amtrak's onboard magazine *The National* and its predecessors has frequently contained material that conveys derogatorily inaccurate impressions of American passenger train travel in general, and of Amtrak and its services in particular;

**and**

**Whereas,** Average members of the American public, accustomed to large American companies managing their public images with scrupulous professionalism, are liable to assume that the above-mentioned derogatorily inaccurate impressions are accurate and fully intentional;

**and**

**Whereas,** Such derogatorily inaccurate impressions are obviously damaging to Amtrak's customer acquisition, customer retention, journalistic coverage, and political support;

**Resolved,** That the Council of Representatives of the Rail Passengers Association urges Amtrak to institute a new system of complete and rigorous review of *The National*'s editorial and advertising content before each issue goes to press, following a meticulously developed set of standards, and led by a new employee of the Media Relations Department who combines a thorough technical knowledge of the railroad industry with a keen sensitivity to the way that industry is currently and potentially perceived by the lay public.

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**Resolution #2 – Submitted By M. Paul Shore of Virginia**

**Whereas,** One of the general public's principal sources of beliefs about Amtrak and its services is the fictional portrayal of Amtrak in films and television productions;

**and**

**Whereas,** Throughout Amtrak's history, there has been a proliferation of inaccurate and derogatory fictional portrayals of Amtrak and its services in films and television programs that use Amtrak's name and imagery and/or employ its technical cooperation;

**and**

**OVER PLEASE**



Resolutions Submitted For Consideration At The  
2018 Annual Council Business Meeting  
Being Held On Wednesday, April 18, 2018

**Whereas**, Such inaccurate and derogatory fictional portrayals are obviously damaging to Amtrak's customer acquisition, customer retention, journalistic coverage, and political support;

**Resolved**, That the Council of Representatives of the Rail Passengers Association urges Amtrak to institute a new program of complete, rigorous, contract-based control over the portrayal of Amtrak in fictional films and television productions that use the corporation's name and imagery and/or employ its technical cooperation, following a meticulously developed set of standards, and led by a new employee of the Media Relations Department who combines a thorough technical knowledge of the railroad industry with a keen sensitivity to the way that industry is currently and potentially perceived by the lay public.