



RSI Project Committees

RSI's goals are accomplished through the work of its project committees, which serve the RSI membership in a variety of areas. Our committees encompass the diverse nature of the supply industry and provide members with an opportunity to get involved by supporting and advancing railway supply industry goals in both the public and private sector. They also provide networking and professional development opportunities within the industry.

On average, our committees meet quarterly either in person or via teleconference. Some of RSI committees are restricted to companies that manufacture certain products others are open to any member company

American Railway Car Institute Committee (ARCI): The American Railway Car Institute (ARCI) has represented the North American freight car building industry for over 75 years. Membership consists of major North American freight car manufacturers. The role of the ARCI is to work in coordination with the Association of American Railroads on freight car design standards, to tabulate and report North American freight car orders, deliveries, and backlogs, and to represent the specific interests of railcar builders in federal legislative and regulatory matters.

Affiliate Membership: Though membership on the ARCI committee is restricted to North American freight car builders, anyone can become an affiliate member. Typical affiliate members are component suppliers for the freight car industry, leasing companies, and financial institutions. Affiliate members receive quarterly freight car statistics and have an opportunity to be on the Engineering & Design Subcommittee.

The cost of being an Affiliate Member of the ARCI is \$2,000 a year plus the cost of membership with the Railway Supply Institute. The cost of the ARCI is well worth the value as the RSI ARCI is the only organization that tabulates and publishes freight car statistics and works with the Class 1 railroads in the development of freight cars. The ARCI does not charge members to attend meetings or for meal functions, it is an all inclusive amount.

Quality Assurance Committee: This committee works closely with railroad quality assurance professionals to ensure that member companies receive the information they need to implement superior quality programs and meet the challenges for today's marketplace. In addition, this committee also helps plan the RSI Annual Quality Assurance Conference which is held in conjunction with our Annual Meeting and Convention in Chicago.

Washington Affairs Committee: Open to all members, but with an emphasis on member companies in the Communication & Signaling, MOW and Passenger industries. This committee and its working groups represent these segments of the industry in Washington, DC. Legislative issues of interest include: supporting the Class I railroads efforts opposed to reregulation; lobbying against bigger trucks; supporting the Section 130 highway-rail grade crossing program; supporting railroads in securing tax incentives to increase capacity, securing federal investment for Positive Train Control and High Speed Rail and supporting Amtrak's legislative goals. In addition, the committee works very closely with Operation Lifesaver to reduce the deaths and injuries at highway-rail grade crossings and along railroad rights-of-way through education programs for the public.

Equipment Leasing Committee: Comprised of representatives from several prominent freight car leasing companies, responsibilities include evaluating key regulatory and public policy issues affecting the leasing industry and to guide RSI policy development in this area.

Standard Coupler Manufacturer's Committee: Membership on this committee is restricted to those companies that produce standard Association of American Railroads (AAR) couplers. The committee promotes AAR standard coupler technology worldwide and deals with technical matters affecting the use of that technology.

The committee meets periodically to deal with matters confronting standard coupler manufacturers. The committee also works with the railroad industry to develop coupler standards that reflect the latest in technology and foundry practices.

State Tax Committee: This committee, which is comprised of companies that own and lease railroad freight cars, monitors and acts on state legislative and regulatory issues that affect the taxation of privately owned freight cars.

Committee on Tank Cars: The Committee for Tank Cars (RSICTC) addresses issues of importance to tank car builders and owners. Membership on this committee is *restricted* to companies engaged in the manufacture, ownership, or leasing of railroad tank cars. The committee regularly reviews tank car requirements through its membership on the AAR Tank Car Committee and remains at the forefront of the latest research to improve tank car safety. This committee represents the tank car manufacturers in federal, legislative and regulatory matters. In addition, it jointly sponsors with AAR, the RSI/AAR Tank Car Safety Research Project. The Tank Car Committee has two subcommittees, the Engineering/Technical and the Railroad Service Relations Subcommittees.

To join a committee, please fill out the information below. You can mail, fax, or email form to: Railway Supply Institute, Inc, 50 F Street, NW / STE 7030, Washington, DC 20001. Fax to: (202) 347-0047 Email to: trainor@railwaysupply.org.

Please add a separate sheet if necessary, members are not limited to the amount of committees they join. Note that some committees are restricted.

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