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2003 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held at the MIDLAND HOTEL, Midland Road, Derby on Saturday 29th March 2003 at 14.00 hours.

NOMINATIONS FOR SOCIETY OFFICERS

Nominations for the following posts are invited: Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, Editor, Publicity & Exhibitions Officer, Sales Officer and two other elected members of the Management Committee. At the present time each Committee member is offering himself for re-election for the post currently held.

Nomination forms are available from the Secretary, Roger Ellis, Alf-N-Alf Cottage, Kingsbury Episcopi, Martock, Somerset, TA12 6AZ, and should reach him no later than 15th March 2003.

(Please note that all Officers and members seeking nomination, as well as their proposers and seconders, should have paid the 2003 membership subscription prior to signing the nomination form. Failure to do so will make the nomination invalid.)

Members are advised that a list of candidates and a copy of any statements they may have made can be supplied by the Secretary providing that any such application is accompanied by a self-addressed envelope, and received no later than 15th March 2003. Any application for postal voting must again be accompanied by a self-addressed envelope and must reach the Secretary no later than 22nd March 2003. Completed ballot papers must reach the Secretary before the start of the meeting on 29th March 2003.

SPECIAL NOTICE (FOR OVERSEAS MEMBERS ONLY)

In order to overcome the problem of postal delays, the Secretary will accept requests and supply the information by E-mail to Secretary@SwissRailSoc.org.uk but the deadline dates will still apply. If you wish to correspond in this way please include your E-mail address for a reply.

MOTIONS FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Motions for the above meeting, proposed and seconded by members who have paid the 2003 subscription, should reach the Secretary by 28th February 2003. This will ensure that they can be included in the agenda together with any motions put forward by the Committee.

ROGER ELLIS

SECRETARY

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

2003 RENEWAL

The renewal form for all members for 2003 subscriptions is included with this issue.



All completed renewals should be forwarded directly to the Membership Secretary. Subscriptions for 2003 have all been held at last year's level. It is possible for members to pay for two years' subscription and this would save postage for you, slightly reduce any credit card surcharge as well as making a saving if subs are increased in the second year! USA members may still forward a US dollar cheque but payment for all other members must be in sterling, whether by credit card or by cheque or draft drawn on a UK bank and payable in the UK. Remember any credit card payment shows up as German Railway Society. Each renewal form has the appropriate subscription rate on it.

All members receive a renewal form with *Swiss Express*. If you have pre paid for 2003 please ignore it. A list of pre paid subscriptions will be no longer printed, but all such members should receive their 2003 membership card by mid December 2002.

At last! Please note that an SAE is not required this year and the inclusion of one will only slow down the process of renewal.

The aim is to give a speedy and efficient service and members should know their renewal has been received and processed by the return of their membership card and the encashment of their cheque. Forms are processed, usually, on the day of receipt. If you have not received your membership card within two weeks (for UK) you should contact me. Once again, members in the USA should send their renewal by ordinary airmail, as it has proved very reliable.

The number of subscriptions for 2002 is 1108 (end September), up already on last year although percentage renewal rate is slightly down.

I shall be present at the Mirfield exhibition on December 14th 2002 where members may renew and receive their new membership card.