

Hello everyone,

It has been brought to my attention that FRA Administrator, Ron Batory, will not be able to speak at our January 8, 2019 dinner.

I was advised that Mr. Batory was looking forward to the event, however, with the partial government shutdown, it is the policy of the various affected federal agencies not to permit federal employees to make speeches or presentations during this period.

It is in the hopes of the Western Railway Club Board of Directors that Mr. Batory will be able to reschedule. Unfortunately, we are not certain when that will be, but we are exploring dates with the Union League Club, and plan to have the January 8 dinner rescheduled before May 2019.

On behalf of the Western Railway Club Board of Directors I apologize for any inconvenience this has caused.

For those of you who have sent a check to me, I will be sending those back to you in the next few days.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that the 2019 Railroader of the Year is CN President and Chief Executive Officer, Jean-Jacques "JJ" Ruest. The RROY will be held on March 12, 2019 at the Union League Club of Chicago. The reception hour starts at 5:00 pm, with the dinner following at approximately 6:00 pm. I am currently taking reservations for this event, as well as cocktail hour sponsorship. The sponsorship for the RROY is \$1000. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 847-877-1514 or wrclub13@comcast.net

Thank you for your continued support with the Western Railway Club.

Lorie Mochel
Executive Secretary

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