Quick Facts

• NARBW formed during the Roaring Twenties with the first chapter in the Twin Cities. Seven Twin Cities women, all employed in various offices of competitive railroads, met for the first time over dinner in January 1921.

• The second chapter was formed in Chicago a few years later. NARBW came into being and was incorporated in January 1, 1941.

• Today there are 20 NARBW chapters across America.

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For over 90 years, thousands of women have been proud to say, “I am NARBW.”

The purpose of the National Association of Railway Business Women (NARBW) is to stimulate loyalty and interest and foster cooperation and a better understanding within the railroad industry and its affiliates; create good public relations for the railroad industry; and undertake charitable, benevolent and social welfare projects.

- I am a part of something that provides me with a sense of camaraderie.
- I am a part of a group of women that share a common bond with me.
- I am a part of an association that contributes to the community.
- I am a part of an organization that has traditions and values.

I am NARBW.

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Why Join?

Camaraderie
There is something to be said about being a part of an organization where you can share your daily struggles as well as your successes, and that common bond emanates throughout the organization.

“I am a member of NARBW because I find it to be a highly respected organization and I love interacting with other railroad women.”

Networking
80% of new NARBW members are referred to the association by a co-worker. There is no other organization you can interact with that has 90 years of history, brings together women from all over the nation, and who work in all aspects of the rail industry. Networking with this diverse group of people is a hallmark of NARBW.

Community Involvement
Making a difference in the community through charitable and benevolent projects has always been a cornerstone of NARBW and members can be as involved as they like. Individually we make a start; together we make a difference.

Awareness and Education
NARBW keeps its members aware of news and pending legislation that impacts the railroads. Members are extremely active in supporting legislation favorable to the railroad industry by writing letters, contacting their elected representatives and educating the community.

Leadership
Through NARBW, members have the opportunity to gain board experience at the chapter and national levels. This experience allows members to improve their skills in areas such as public speaking and strategic decision making, development that could help a member reach new heights in her career.

Annual Convention
Our annual convention is the event that everyone looks forward to the most. Besides providing an opportunity to meet and exchange views with women working in rail and rail-related companies around the country, it is a chance to review and renew NARBW’s purpose.

Discussions revolve around:
- Industry and association news
- Leadership
- Legislative updates
- Other issues important to women

Scholarships
Annually, NARBW gives thousands of dollars in scholarships to our members and their relatives. Historically, these scholarships have gone towards funding undergraduate programs, trade schools and post-doctorate work.

“I am a member of NARBW because I love to volunteer and help out where needed. I love to be able to make a difference in someone’s life and have the great satisfaction of seeing someone else benefit from our group’s efforts.”

Recognition
Annually, we honor one member as our National Woman of the Year. In addition, throughout the year and at convention, NARBW acknowledges our members who have gone above and beyond with community activities and industry educational outreach.

Benevolence
NARBW has a benevolent fund to give members financial support in time of need.