

NIPRA's Board Members Recognize Longtime President Fred Lanahan



Pam Holocher, NIPRA Vice-President, presenting award to Fred Lanahan, 2018.

Since its inception, in 2009, the Northern Indiana Passenger Rail Association has been under the leadership of railroad enthusiast Fred Lanahan. At the board's December 2017 elections, Fred decided it was time for the organization to have a new leader. Throughout his tenure Fred transformed the organization's charge from being a grassroots advocacy group to being a leading organization for bringing passenger rail back to communities of northern Indiana. Under Fred's leadership NIPRA's fundraising efforts secured over \$400,000, which was used to produce necessary project reports, including;

1. TEMS 2012 - Feasibility Study and Business Plan for the full project corridor from Chicago, IL through Fort Wayne, IN and on to Columbus, OH
2. HNTB 2016 - Existing Conditions Report for Phase I from Chicago, IL to Lima, OH, and
3. HNTB - 2018 Pre-NEPA Reports for phase I from Chicago, IL to Lima, OH.

His unsurpassed dedication to advance the organization's goals have resulted in generating many conversations with private and public stakeholders, garnering support from local, State and Federal officials, and obtaining recognition for the project's viability to the Midwest Passenger Rail Network by the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA). In addition to his leadership of NIPRA, Fred has also served on the Indiana Passenger Rail Alliance board, the Citilink board (Fort Wayne's public transit authority), and he was appointed to the Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Commission by Indiana Governor Mike Pence.