

SAMPLE MEMBERSHIP DRIVE LETTER

Dear Fellow Student:

As a student enrolled in one or more engineering courses, you are eligible to join the _____ Student Chapter of the American Railway Engineering and Maintenance-of-Way Association (AREMA). As a Chapter Member, you will be able to vote, to hold office and to exercise your abilities in making the Chapter more effective. Chapter dues are (\$____.00) per (semester/year) and cover operation expenses (including refreshments after the meetings).

As you participate in chapter activities and learn more about railway engineering, you might consider becoming a Student Member of AREMA. Most of our chapter members belong to AREMA. The AREMA Student Member dues are \$20.00 per year. AREMA is currently offering a complimentary first year of student member dues. Other benefits include:

- Subscription to *Railway Track and Structures (RT&S)* and *Progressive Railroading*
- Becoming part of (and availing oneself of) a world-wide network of railway professionals;
- Employment opportunities through the railroads and industry consultants; and
- The opportunity to seek understanding of subdisciplines within the railway engineering field.
- Direct access to the industry professionals through Student Chapter Coordinator and Chapter Industry Liaison.

The first meeting this fall is on _____. We invite you to come by and meet our guest _____, who will make a short presentation on the topic _____. We will also view a videotape entitled, "____" produced by AREMA. Afterwards, we will serve light refreshments.

We hope you can attend this meeting.

If you have further questions about the Chapter or AREMA, please feel free to contact (Student Chapter Advisor _____, Room No. _____, Phone No._____) or myself at _____. You can also check out the AREMA Web site (www.arena.org) or our Chapter's Web site (_____).

Truly yours,

President