## Remember ERA in Your Charitable Giving and Estate Planning

Donations and bequests are a critical part of ERA's three-legged stool of financial support which also includes dues revenues and proceeds from book publications and trip/convention events. Your gift can provide you with tax advantages and other benefits while generating significant ongoing support to ensure that ERA is able to continue to offer exciting programs and events. ERA Zoom and in-person event programing could not survive much less thrive without the generous tax-deductible donations and bequests made by our members such as yourself. All planned gifts, large and small, are greatly appreciated!

## **Donations**

ERA is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt corporation. Your donations are fully tax deductible to the extent allowed by federal law. Consult your tax advisor in the event of any questions. Your gift to the ERA provides you with tax advantages and other benefits as you support ERA's programming! Your donation can be made online by going to erausa.org/donate and filling in the requested information on the form.

## Estate Planning – Making a Bequest to the ERA

There are a variety of ways to make a planned gift to the ERA, yet many people find that a bequest within their will is the most appropriate. If considering a bequest, please work with your legal and/or tax advisor to incorporate the language such as the following in your will:

- "I give, devise, and bequeath to the Electric Railroaders' Association, New York, NY ...
- -a portion of my residuary estate equal to %, or
- -the sum of \$, or
- -the following described property: (list)"

The above is just an example. Please consult your legal advisor for the language that meets your specific expectations and requirements.