



The Lexington Group, Inc.



The Lexington Group Application for Membership

Name: _____

Title: _____

Affiliation: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Business Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Home Address: _____

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Have you Included ALL of the Following?

- _____ Application form
 - _____ Resume or c.v
 - _____ Application letter
 - _____ 2 letters of support
- Incomplete applications will
NOT be accepted

Mission

The Lexington Group, Inc., an educational organization, seeks to promote a dialogue on railroad and transportation history and practice among academicians, practitioners, and others who have a serious interest in the history and tradition of transportation.

About our organization

The Lexington Group began in 1942 at the annual meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association (now known as the Organization of American Historians), held that year in Lexington, Kentucky. Nine attendees discovered that they shared an interest in transportation and transportation history. Since then, the Lexington Group has increased its membership to more than five hundred individuals in academia and industry. In 1997 the Lexington Group was incorporated as a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit educational organization.

What we do

Annual meeting

Each fall the Lexington Group hosts a three-day meeting where members present papers, tour transportation facilities, and discuss transportation issues in a contemporary and historical context. The annual meeting offers members an opportunity to form professional networks while exchanging ideas about transportation history and current practice.

Quarterly journal

Members of the Lexington Group receive the *Lexington Quarterly* which, among other items, contains notices of publications by Lexingtonians and reviews of recently published books on transportation and transportation history.

Support for research

The Lexington Group funds the Overton Research Fellowship in Transportation History, named in honor of Richard C. Overton, a noted railroad historian who was a founding member of our organization. Grants range from \$1500 to \$2500, in order to support research in transportation history, conducted at libraries and archives.

Membership requirements

While all of our members share an interest in railroads and other forms of transportation, enthusiasm alone is not sufficient for membership. The Lexington Group is composed of individuals who have demonstrated a significant professional commitment to transportation history or practice, particularly in North America. In order to become a member each applicant must demonstrate noteworthy achievement in one or more of the following areas:

- 1.) Current or prior academic employment in history, business, economics, or a related discipline which includes some coverage of transportation history or current practices.
- 2.) Production of a substantial body of published research regarding transportation history or practice.
- 3.) Current or prior employment as an executive, officer, member of upper management, or as an employed professional of a railroad or other transportation company.
- 4.) Current or prior employment in a management-level position by a state or federal department of transportation or a transportation regulatory agency.
- 5.) Other individuals who have received widespread recognition or expertise in a transportation-related field, as determined by the board of directors.

How to apply

Membership is by invitation only, and is subject to the approval of the membership committee and the board of directors. Individuals seeking membership must submit the following application materials:

- 1.) The completed application form from this brochure.
- 2.) A one-page resume or curriculum vitae that provides evidence of noteworthy achievement in the field of transportation history or transportation practice.
- 3.) A brief letter (approximately 500 words) in which the applicant:
 - a.) Provides a career narrative summarizing their significant accomplishments in transportation history or practice.
 - b.) Explains why they would like to be a member of the Lexington Group.
 - c.) Demonstrates how they might contribute to the mission and the ongoing activities of the Lexington Group.
- 4.) Recommendations from two current members in good standing of the Lexington Group.

All application materials should be sent to:

**Thomas Hoback, Chair
Membership Committee
The Lexington Group, Inc.
11555 Ridge Valley Ct.
Zionsville, IN 46077**

Any incomplete applications will be returned. Successful applicants will be notified by the chair of the membership committee and at that time they will be asked to begin payment of their annual dues of \$60.00. All members will be expected to abide by the policies of the Lexington Group and organizations with which it is associated, subject to revocation of membership.