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TO: Governing Board Members

The Governing Board will be voting on five proposed National Bylaws amendments during the July 16, 2025, Governing Board meeting in Gillette, Wyoming. The amendments are enclosed for your review.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE  
REPORT TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD  
MARCH 8, 2025**

The Constitution and Bylaws Committee held a video conference meeting on February 26, 2025, and the committee is forwarding the following recommendations to the Executive Board:

**1. A proposed Bylaws Amendment to Article III – Membership, Paragraphs (3)(c) and (4)**

This proposed amendment deletes the two international conventions in each fiscal year without paying registration fee for the category of Full Lifetime Member. The Life member who has rendered outstanding services for FRVA shall not be required to pay convention registration fees.

**2. A proposed Bylaws Amendment to Article IX, Executive Board, Paragraphs (3) and (17)**

This proposed amendment adds the Immediate Past President as a voting member of the Executive Board.

**3. A proposed Bylaws Amendment to Article IX, Executive Board, Paragraph (4)**

This proposed amendment removes the restriction for a member who is employed by or holds a management interest in an RV related association or company from serving on the Executive Board. *The Executive Board moved to keep the strike through wording in the third line as written.*

**4. A proposed Bylaws Amendment to Article IX, Executive Board, Paragraphs (6) and (7)**

This proposed amendment removes the restriction for a partial year to count towards a full term limit.

**5. A proposed Bylaws Amendment to Article XV, Commercial Council, Paragraph (5)**

This proposed amendment requires the Commercial Council President to serve as an advisor to the Executive Board.

The committee will determine whether additional changes are necessary to the Chapter Bylaws Format and Area Bylaws Format, which will be referred to the Policy and Procedure Committee.

The committee will craft an email communication regarding FMCA/FRVA DBA name changes for Chapters and Areas.

2025 PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENT

**PROPOSAL #1**

**Article III, Membership, Paragraphs (3)(c) and Paragraph (4)**

Amend this article to read:

- (3)(c) A Full Lifetime Member is a Full Member who elects to pay a single sum determined by the Governing Board. A Full Lifetime Member is not obligated to pay any further ordinary dues, nor is he/she required to own a recreational vehicle. A Full Lifetime Member, unless noted otherwise in these Bylaws, has the rights of a Full Member, ~~except that he/she may attend no more than two FMCA international conventions in each fiscal year without paying all admission or registration fees.~~ The Governing Board may limit the number of Full Lifetime Memberships.
- (4) A member must own a recreational vehicle or at least 1/3 interest in a recreational vehicle in order to vote or hold office in FMCA, a chapter, or an area association or to serve on a national committee. This restriction does not apply to Full Lifetime or Life Members.

**COMMITTEE RATIONALE:**

Paragraph (3)(c) concerns Full Members that purchased a Life Membership. They are granted the same privileges that are given to Life Members that have rendered outstanding service to Family RV Association or served as President (same thing). The Lifetime membership was to prevent that person from having to pay the annual dues as long as they live. Free convention admission or registration were not a part of the program. It has not been the practice of giving Lifetime member free convention admission or registration fees.

In paragraph 4, the sentence was added for clarification.

*The Constitution and Bylaws Committee recommends adoption of this amendment.*

*The Executive Board recommends adoption of this amendment.*

**PROVISOS:** Approval of this proposed Bylaws Amendment will cause changes in the following P&Ps:

P&P#1017 – Fees and Dues, Membership

2025 PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENT

PROPOSAL #2

**Article IX, Executive Board, paragraphs (3) and (17)**

Amend this article to read:

- (3) The Executive Board is comprised of the national officers of FMCA and FMCA's Immediate Past President ~~(non-voting advisor)~~.
- (17) The voting members of the Executive Board shall serve as the Board of Directors of any wholly owned subsidiary of FMCA, in accordance with the Code of Regulations. ~~FMCA's Immediate Past President shall serve as a non-voting advisor to the Board of Directors.~~

**COMMITTEE RATIONALE:**

Giving the Immediate Past President voting rights could give more credence to comments made and encourage more participation and attention by the past national president.

*The Constitution and Bylaws Committee recommends adoption of this amendment.*

*The Executive Board recommends adoption of this amendment.*

**PROVISOS:** Approval of this proposed Bylaws Amendment will cause changes in the following P&Ps:

P&P#2005, Executive Board, Nominations and Elections

P&P #2006, Executive Board Responsibilities

2025 PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENT

PROPOSAL #3

**Article IX, Executive Board, paragraph (4)**

Amend this article to read:

- (4) Any ~~voting full~~ FMCA member, ~~other than a member who is employed by or holds a management interest in an RV-related association or company,~~ is eligible for election to the Executive Board. A national officer may not hold a chapter office, area office ~~(except Area President),~~ or a second national position simultaneously. A ~~voting full~~ member may not accept a nomination for more than one national office simultaneously and must be eligible to serve the complete term of the office for which they are accepting.

**COMMITTEE RATIONALE:**

For a voting member who owns an RV related business that is limited in scope and/or location is therefore not eligible for election to a national office because they might have **undue influence** in the decisions of the Executive Board that would benefit their business. We, however, do not want a member that is financially involved with a major RV related business to hold an office on our Executive Board and be able to have undue influence over the decision-making process could benefit that individual substantially. We have a nominating committee and candidate applications that validate the candidates to ensure they meet the qualifications to hold a position on the Executive Board.

Because this is related to the election process, and this is an election year, the committee recommends an effective date after the Annual Membership Meeting in 2025.

*The Constitution and Bylaws Committee recommends adoption of this amendment.*

*The Executive Board moved to keep the strike through words in the third line, for clarity, and recommends adoption of this amendment.*

**PROVISOS:** Approval of this proposed Bylaws Amendment will cause changes in the following P&Ps:

Policy and Procedure #4008, Nominating Committee Election and Responsibilities

2025 PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENT

PROPOSAL #4

**Article IX, Executive Board, paragraph (6) and (7)**

Amend this article to read:

- (6) An individual shall not serve more than 2 two-year terms ~~or exceed a total of four years~~ in each of the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, respectively, in a lifetime. A term of service of less than a complete two-year term ~~one year~~ in any officer position shall not be counted as part of the term or year limit requirement.
- (7) Each of the Area Presidents shall be elected for a two-year term. An individual may serve no more than 2 two-year terms, or any combination of one-year and two-year terms not to exceed a total of four years, in the position of Area President in a lifetime. A term of service of less than a complete two year term ~~one year~~ in an Area President position shall not be counted as part of the term or year limit requirement.

**COMMITTEE RATIONALE:**

There have been cases where a member was elected or recruited to complete a term of an Executive Board member. If that person filled the position with more than one year left on that term, they would be denied the right to have 2 two-year terms.

The Committee sees no reason to restrict someone who is willing to serve in an officer position.

Because this is related to the election process, and this is an election year, the committee recommends an effective date after the Annual Membership Meeting in 2025.

*The Constitution and Bylaws Committee recommends adoption of this amendment.*

*The Executive Board recommends adoption of this amendment.*

**PROVISOS:** Approval of this proposed Bylaws Amendment will cause changes in the following P&Ps:

P&P #2005, Executive Board, Nominations and Elections

2025 PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENT

**PROPOSAL #5**

**Article XV, Commercial Council, paragraph (3)**

Amend this article to read:

- (3) The Commercial Council members shall elect two members to serve two-year terms as President and Vice President of the Commercial Council. [The Commercial Council President will also serve as a non-voting advisor to the FRVA Executive Board and the FMC Board of Directors.](#)

**COMMITTEE RATIONALE:**

As a non-voting advisor to the Board of Directors, that person could provide a broader insight to the business at hand and enhance decisions on the profit side of FRVA without a vote.

*The Constitution and Bylaws Committee recommends adoption of this amendment.*

*The Executive Board recommends adoption of this amendment.*

**PROVISOS:** Approval of this proposed Bylaws Amendment will cause changes in the following P&Ps:

P&P #4002, Commercial Council Responsibilities