

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Governing Board of Family RV Association was called to order by National President Paul Mitchell at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 16, 2025, in Gillette, Wyoming. The National President was present. Penny Gortemiller was assigned to assist National Secretary Pamela Richard with the minutes.

National President Paul Mitchell called on Chaplain Dane Bailey for the Invocation. President Mitchell then called for a moment of silence for the past national officers and members who passed away during the prior year, and those struggling with health issues. National Vice President Bob Weithofer led the Governing Board members in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. Dane Bailey led the Governing Board members in singing O' Canada and the Star-Spangled Banner.

The Executive Board was appointed to approve the minutes of the Governing Board meeting. The Nominating Committee was designated to serve as Sergeant at Arms. The voting procedures for this meeting were reviewed.

President Mitchell announced that the head teller for this meeting would be Bill Mallory. In addition, the following members were appointed as tellers for vote counting: LB Butts; Les Naylor; Roxane Parish; Darlene Neighbours; Mike Neighbours; Diana Donnelly; and Rodger Donnelly.

President Mitchell called on Bill Mallory for the Credentials Report. Bill reported that the quorum required for a Governing Board meeting is 51% of the total voting members. Out of 244 possible Governing Board voting members, a total of 151 voting members were represented, which equates to 62%, and thus a quorum was established.

The motion to accept the established quorum was carried.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to adopt the Standing Rules.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to adopt the meeting Agenda.

President Mitchell appointed Carolyn Dees to track the speakers and the number of times they speak, and he appointed Gloria Adcock to track the speaker's time.

President Mitchell introduced the head table as follows: Bill Mallory FRVA Nominating Committee Chairman; Robert Rosell, Parliamentarian; Bob Weithofer, National Vice President; Brian Bacik, FRVA Controller; and Barbara Smith, National Treasurer.

President Mitchell thanked Pamela Richard for serving as National Secretary and announced that the reading of the minutes of the August 2024 meeting, held in Redmond, Oregon, was waived with Standing Rule #4.

President Mitchell recognized Treasurer Barbara Smith to present the Treasurer's/Finance Committee report. He reminded the Governing Board that the fiscal year 2026 proposed budget would be discussed under new business.

Treasurer Barbara Smith shared that there are financial reports available online and can be viewed at any time. She reviewed several slides that were included as charts in the booklet. Barbara noted that increasing membership has been a challenge. The last positive membership month was August 2023. She reported that she has spoken to manufacturers, and they think we are at the end of a major downturn and predict the economy will get better. Barbara reported that the more members we have, the better we are. More members would equate to higher magazine circulation and could mean more leverage in the industry. Barbara reported that manufacturers are selling far more towable and fifth-wheel units than motorized units. She commented that the competitor organizations have lower dues.

Barbara reported the total revenue was \$5,434,181, expenses were \$5,959,273, for an operating loss of (\$525,091), which was better than last year. Barbara reported the net change in assets of \$702,700. She noted that FRVA has had to withdraw funds from the investment account for the bills. She noted that they are working hard to prevent taking from investments. The investment account balance is \$5,467,184.

Treasurer Smith referred to the Finance Committee report on page 24 in the Governing Board booklet. She reviewed the motions made during the Finance Committee meeting. To earmark 50% of the net operating earnings to each of the reserve funds; to set aside \$20,000 for the purpose of education; to accept the Wage Review Board's recommendation for salaries of \$1,969,926; and to pass the proposed 2026 budget with a surplus of \$20,121.

President Mitchell thanked Barbara Smith for serving as National Treasurer and Finance Committee Chairman. He also thanked the committee members: Dan Fogarty, Jim Giffin, Nick Gilliam, Steve Hedden, Ken Lewis, and Wilburn Young.

President Mitchell recognized Constitution and Bylaws Committee chairman Connie Pool to present the Constitution and Bylaws Committee report on page 25 in the Governing Board booklet. Connie noted that the committee mostly worked by email, reviewed several sets of chapter and area bylaws, as well as worked on the proposed Bylaws Amendments. Connie reported that the committee is presenting five proposed amendments to the National Bylaws. Connie reminded the Governing Board members that it takes a 65% majority vote of the Governing Board to approve the amendments.

On behalf of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, Connie Pool moved to approve Bylaws Amendment proposal #1, on page 26 in the booklet, to amend Article III, Membership, paragraphs (3)(c) and (10). President Mitchell called for a second, and the motion was seconded.

Connie reported that the Constitution and Bylaws Committee was in favor of sending the proposal to the Governing Board to delete the two international conventions in each fiscal year without paying registration fee for the category of Full Lifetime Member.

President Mitchell called for a vote, and the motion carried with two members opposed.

On behalf of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, Connie Pool moved to approve Bylaws Amendment Proposal #2, on page 27 in the booklet, to amend Article IX, Executive Board, Paragraphs (3), and (17). President Mitchell called for a second, and the motion was seconded.

Connie reported that Bylaws Amendment proposal #2, is to add the immediate past president as a voting member of the Executive Board. Connie noted that the Constitution and Bylaws Committee recommends the proposal.

Several Governing Board members were opposed to the amendment citing expenses, length of voting on the Board, the position being a non-elected officer and being an advisor. Also mentioned were new members being on the board that bring new ideas to the table.

President Mitchell called for a vote, and the motion was too close to call, so a rising vote was taken.

The motion failed with 64 votes “yes” and 80 votes “no.”

On behalf of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, Connie Pool moved to approve National Bylaws Proposal #3, on page 28 in the Governing Board booklet, to amend Article IX – Executive Board, Paragraph (4). President Mitchell called for a second, and the motion was seconded.

Connie Pool reported that the Constitution and Bylaws Committee recommends the proposal as presented, because it removes the restriction of RV-related business interest from the candidates interested in running for a National Officer position.

It was noted that the details would be inserted into the policy and procedure. It would be the Nominating Committee’s responsibility to make sure that the P&P is followed when vetting candidates. It was suggested that the amendment be sent back to committee for the details. One Governing Board member noted that we don’t need to exclude people from running for office when the Governing Board has the ultimate vote.

Debbie Bamer, F360114, with the Oregon/Washington Coaches for Christ chapter, moved to send the amendment back to committee. The motion was seconded and failed.

Bob Weithofer moved to amend the motion that the effective date be delayed until the Governing Board has time to approve the policy and procedure. The amendment was seconded.

It was noted that the Bylaws take precedence over the policy and procedure, and the Bylaws must be amended first.

President Mitchell called for a vote on the amendment, and the motion carried.

President Mitchell noted that the motion on the floor is to approve the Bylaws Amendment to Article IX, as amended, with the effective date after the Governing Board approves the accompanying policy and procedure. The motion carried.

On behalf of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, Connie Pool moved to approve Bylaws Proposal #4, on page 29, to amend Article IX – Executive Board, Paragraphs (6) and (7), as presented. President Mitchell called for a second, and the motion was seconded.

Connie Pool noted that this wording removes the partial term limitations from people who fill a vacancy on the Executive Board so that they can still serve two full two-year terms. She shared that both the Constitution and Bylaws Committee and the Executive Board agreed with the proposal.

President Mitchell called for a vote, and the motion carried.

Connie continued with Proposal #5, on page 30, to amend the National Bylaws to update the wording in Article XV, Commercial Council.

On behalf of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, Connie Pool moved to approve Proposal #5, to add the Commercial Council President as a non-voting advisor to the Executive Board and the Board of Directors. President Mitchell called for a second, and the motion was seconded.

Connie explained that the person could provide a broader insight to the business at hand and enhance decisions on the profit side of FRVA without a vote. She noted that both the Constitution and Bylaws Committee and the Executive Board agreed with the proposal.

Discussion continued with concerns being raised regarding the Commercial Council President being available, and should it be revised to include a designee. The parliamentarian noted that amendment would be out of scope, and therefore, out of order. A question was raised regarding the Commercial Council President being funded to attend. It was noted that there are no travel funds provided for attending meetings.

President Mitchell called for a vote, and the motion carried.

President Mitchell thanked Connie Pool for serving as chairman of the committee and thanked the other members: Phyllis Britz, David Fuller, Ira Miller, and Claire Porter.

President Mitchell recognized Chairman Bob Weithofer to present the Convention Committee report on page 31 in the booklet.

Convention Committee Chairman Bob Weithofer explained that it would be his preference to withdraw Gillette, Wyoming, as the summer International Convention site in 2027.

President Mitchell accepted the Convention Committee report for file, thanked Bob Weithofer for serving as chairman, and thanked the members of the Convention Committee: Wayne Cernie, Bill Dees, Rodger Donnelly, Gary Lyons, and Barbara Schleuse.

President Mitchell recognized Policy and Procedure Committee Chairman Don Schleuse to present the Policy and Procedure Committee report on page 32 in the Governing Board booklet.

Chairman Don Schleuse reported that the committee met three times during the year. He referred to the report on page 32 in the booklet.

Regarding Proposal #1, Policy and Procedure #1015, Membership Enrollment, Don Schleuse moved to approve the proposal as shown on page 36. President Mitchell called for a second, and the motion was seconded.

Don noted that the changes shown note that Pathfinder members apply for membership as listed except that they are not required to own an RV. Don also noted that the Executive Board agreed with the amendment.

The motion to approve Policy and Procedure #1015, carried as presented.

Regarding Proposal #2, Policy and Procedure #2012, Statement of Investment Policy, Don Schleuse moved to approve the proposal as shown on page 38. The motion was seconded.

Don noted that the changes to this policy and procedure adds cryptocurrency as a prohibited asset in the policy. ***The motion carried.***

Regarding Proposal #3, Policy and Procedure #3009, Chapter and Associate Chapter Application, Don Schleuse moved to approve the proposal as shown on page 43. The motion was seconded.

Don noted that the changes to this policy and procedure are to clarify that family and life membership numbers count toward the certified chapter members. ***The motion carried.***

Regarding Proposal #4, Policy and Procedure #3017, Nomination and Election, Chapter Officers Responsibilities, Don Schleuse moved to approve the proposal as shown on page 46. The motion was seconded.

Don noted that the changes to this policy and procedure are to clarify that the Chapter Alternate National Director is an optional position. ***The motion carried.***

Regarding Proposal #5, Policy and Procedure #3022, Chapter National Director and Alternate National Director Responsibilities, Don Schleuse moved to approve the proposal as shown on page 48. The motion was seconded.

Don noted that the changes to this policy and procedure are to clarify when it is appropriate to appoint a Chapter Temporary Delegate versus electing a Temporary Delegate.

Several Governing Board members noted that they did not like the policy stating that cancelled registration must be listed as proof that they had an emergency and could not attend the meeting. It was noted that the current policy allows for a seven-day notification and should accommodate any emergency. It was pointed out that if the National Office does not have the correct paperwork for the roll call sheet, then it creates chaos at registration.

Ken Lewis, F257360D, with the Tri-State Traveliers chapter, moved to send the Policy and Procedure back to the committee. The motion was seconded and carried.

Regarding Proposal #6, Policy and Procedure #3000, Area Associations-Creation, Operations, and Dissolution, Don Schleuse moved to approve the proposal as shown on page 51. The motion was seconded.

Don noted that the changes to this policy and procedure add specific procedures for when an Area Association is dissolved. Discussion followed regarding the difficulty of finding officers. It was noted that as soon as an officer is elected, they should start looking for a replacement. It was reported that the chapters must understand the consequences of not finding officers in a timely manner. It was suggested that the area's assets should be distributed according to their bylaws.

The motion to approve Policy and Procedure #3000 carried.

Regarding Proposal #7, Policy and Procedure #4010, FRVA Review Council Responsibilities, Don Schleuse withdrew this proposed amendment from consideration prior to voting.

The Policy and Procedure Committee report was accepted for file. President Mitchell thanked Don Schleuse for serving as Chairman and thanked the members of the Policy and Procedure Committee: Ken Lewis, Chris Miskell, Larry Morrison, and Glenn Nulty.

President Mitchell recognized Chairman Randy Johnson to present the AMS Committee report on page 60 in the booklet.

AMS Committee Chairman Randy Johnson explained that the committee held workshops to coordinate efforts with the IT staff to replace the Association Management System computer software. A question was raised regarding the costs of the old system and Randy reported that it has been about \$160,000 for licenses and programming needs per year. He noted that those costs go away on October 1 when the contract ends. Randy noted that the documentation for the new system is being written and standard development tools are being used. It was reported that it took several months to update the dues structure after last year's Governing Board voted to raise the dues. Randy noted that changes such as that can be made immediately going forward. Randy noted that there is a future possibility of FRVA taking money on behalf of the areas and chapters for rallies, etc.; will be looked at after the initial software has been completed. This process will be different than the way we are handling area rally registrations. Randy noted that because this is a new system, there will be issues that will need to be fixed.

The AMS Committee report was accepted for file. President Mitchell thanked Randy Johnson for serving as Chairman and thanked the members of the committee: Sam Matzen, Dwight Sloan, David Tanous, and Bob Wallace.

President Mitchell recognized Chairman Bob Weithofer to present the Contract Committee report on page 63 in the booklet.

Contract Committee Chairman Bob Weithofer explained that the committee reviewed 17 contracts, looking at the benefits of a contract to make sure FRVA is being treated fairly, and that FRVA members benefit from the contracts/vendors that we partner with. He noted that the contract committee has been beneficial and hopes to continue.

The Contract Committee report was accepted for file. President Mitchell thanked Bob Weithofer for serving as Chairman and thanked the members of the committee: Andy Deal and Paul Pacior.

President Mitchell recognized Chairman Rett Porter to present the Enhancing FRVA Committee report on page 66 in the booklet.

Enhancing FRVA Committee Chairman Rett Porter explained that the committee is ready to submit the employee handbook changes to the attorney, as mentioned in the written report.

The Enhancing FRVA Committee report was accepted for file. President Mitchell thanked Rett Porter for serving as Chairman and thanked the members of the committee: Bill Dees, JD Harris, James McDaniel, Sam Poteet-Libby, and Roger Stickley.

President Mitchell recognized Chairman Rodger Donnelly to present the Executive Director Search Committee report on page 68 in the booklet.

Executive Director Search Committee Chairman Rodger Donnelly explained that in addition to the report in the book, they have had about 150 applicants for the position.

The Executive Director Search Committee report was accepted for file. President Mitchell thanked Rodger Donnelly for serving as Chairman and thanked the members of the committee: Bob Weithofer and John Jacobs, and noted that he also serves on this committee.

President Mitchell referred to the Commercial Council Report on page 58 in the booklet. President Mitchell called on Ed Thor for the committee report.

Ed Thor noted the challenges that are faced by the Commercial Council of rally attendance being lower than in the past. He noted that he sees it with other organizations as well. He stressed the importance of the Governing Board members knowing what is happening in the industry. He commented that it is not the same industry as several years ago. Ed reported that of the 15,000 motorized units sold last year, 66-69% of sales were gasoline vehicles. Those sales are dropping every month. He noted that the manufacturers can no longer afford to bring display vehicles to the show. Ed reported that the manufacturer shows are doing maintenance for their owners at their shows. Ed reported that the marketing message must change in order to attract people to an event such as this. Ed discussed that the dealers have an issue with the dates for the Sedalia, Missouri, event being over the July 4th holiday.

One Governing Board member noted that a Bylaws Amendment just passed including the Commercial Council President as an advisor to the Executive Board for their future meetings. Ed said he had been asked for years to have a voice on the Board. He welcomes the opportunity to participate.

President Mitchell accepted the Commercial Council report for file and acknowledged the Commercial Council members listed in the convention program.

President Mitchell called on Connie Pool to present the Governance Committee's Report on page 69 in the Governing Board Booklet; and she also referred to the handout that was distributed at check-in.

Connie Pool, Governance Committee member, noted that the committee had one recommendation to come forward and explained that the committee requested the survey of Governing Board meeting actions be sent to gain insight from members prior to this meeting. One Governing Board member noted that the survey was not identified as FRVA when it came. Others noted it landed in junk folders. One board member noted that he would have liked to see all of the comments, not just the percentages.

The Governance Committee report was accepted for file. President Mitchell thanked Ken Carpenter for serving as Chairman and thanked the members of the committee: David Fuller, Glenn Nulty, Connie Pool, and Don Schleuse.

The meeting was recessed for lunch at 12:01 p.m., and reconvened at 1:05 p.m.

While the after-lunch quorum count was being calculated, President Mitchell noted that the FRVA Review Council report was on page 59 in the booklet and accepted their report for file.

President Mitchell recognized Harry Hentschel for the Member Services Committee Report on page 73 of the Governing Board booklet. Harry referred to the handout or the annual report that was distributed during the check-in process. Harry noted that the committee is to review benefits and partnership agreements. The committee developed a template to use for reviewing existing benefits. They provided seminars at the conventions and asked for items that the members would like to see. The committee explored member suggestions that were received. Six were approved; six were not approved or sent to the Executive Board.

Harry noted that the committee works closely with the Contract Committee when reviewing partnership agreements. Several contracts were re-written for proposals to ensure FRVA is receiving the best possible member benefit. They are reviewing quality benefits over the quantity of the benefits.

President Mitchell thanked Harry Hentschel for serving as Chairman of the Member Services Committee and thanked the other members of the committee: Chris Holtzman, Dianna Huff, Paul Pacior, Stephen Pick, and Barry Zimmerman.

President Mitchell referred to the Governmental and Legislative Affairs Committee Report on page 70 of the Governing Board booklet. There were no questions. The report was accepted for file and President Mitchell thanked Ken Carpenter for serving as Chairman of the Governmental and Legislative Affairs Committee and thanked the other members of the committee: Steve Bertling, LB Butts, and Ed Thor.

President Mitchell recognized John Jacobs for the Recruitment and Retention Committee Report on page 74 of the Governing Board booklet.

John Jacobs referred to the report in the book and provided information that retention became a focus of the committee during the past year. He detailed several ideas the committee discussed, including the Affiliate program. John stated that the chapters can request to participate in the Chapter Recruitment Program where they will receive a unique QR code. If used, chapters will earn \$10 for each new member recruited. He mentioned the commercial recruitment program and that face-to-face recruiting had not been focused on since 2018. John mentioned the "RV Curious" seminars being presented for people who are new to RVing. These evolved into the "RV Essentials" seminars that promote the RV lifestyle. John mentioned that there is a complementary program in which the manufacturers offered free memberships. He noted that there was no tracking or follow-up to that program, and as a result, new members did not know that they were members. He referred to the new comp program with LTV and noted they are planning to support FRVA. John asked that any officers of a manufacturer's chapter to meet with him during the event. John said another focus will be on surveys for member satisfaction.

The report was accepted for file. President Mitchell thanked John Jacobs for serving as Chairman of the Recruitment and Retention Committee and thanked the other members of the committee: Meagan Butler, Brian Little, Bernie Harchar, Maureen Milne, and Tom Selvidge.

The after-lunch quorum count was reported as follows: out of 244 possible Governing Board voting members, a total of 157 voting members were represented, which equates to 64%, and thus a quorum was established.

President Mitchell thanked Ned Boston for serving as Chairman of the Risk Management Committee and noted that the committee will have additional members shortly. Their action item is listed as item #15 on page 77.

National Treasurer Barbara Smith noted that action item #15, regarding insurance renewal figure, should be updated to the amount of \$376,000.

President Mitchell recognized and thanked the Technical Advisory Committee for the many hours they have dedicated to reviewing technical articles printed in *Family RVing* magazine: Bruce Chong, John Clarke, Steve Froese, Mark Glover, Wilt Greenwood, and Roger Marble.

President Mitchell referred to the Actions on page 76 in the Governing Board Booklet.

Governing Board members requested to pull items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 for separate discussion and voting. The remaining items were informational and did not require a vote.

Action item #1, regarding the residential properties adjacent to the Clough Pike national office: President Mitchell noted that FRVA is spending money for upkeep, taxes, and landscaping on residential properties that cannot be used by FRVA and the request is to authorize the sale of the two pieces of property.

One Governing Board member asked where the funds will go from the sale. It was noted that the funds should go into the investment account.

Debbie Bamer, F360114, with the Oregon/Washington Coaches for Christ chapter, moved to amend the motion that the funds from sale of the property, if the sale is approved, be put in the investment account. The amendment was seconded and discussion followed.

One Governing Board member noted that it makes no sense to put the money in the investment account when it may be needed elsewhere at the time of the sale.

The amendment failed.

Additional questions were raised, including whether FRVA is making money on the property; whether the land is paid for; what the cost basis is for the property; the size of the property and how much it is worth; and would there be capital gains on the sale? A request was made that the Governing Board have the assessed value available before making the decision. It was noted that the property costs between \$10,000 and \$15,000 a year for taxes, maintenance and landscaping. It was suggested that if the property is of no use, then it needs to be sold.

The motion to sell the adjacent residential properties was carried.

Action item #2, discussion followed regarding the authorization of the Executive Board to conduct a study to consolidate the two properties (Clough Pike property and the Round Bottom Road property) into a single facility. If it is physically and financially feasible, the Executive Board is authorized to proceed with the consolidation of and sale of the surplus property.

It was explained that National President Paul Mitchell and National Vice President Bob Weithofer have been looking into consolidating excess property. Round Bottom is a warehouse with room to bring all the staff into one building. This property also has the campground facilities. Vice President Bob Weithofer stated that he has a civil engineering background. He has looked at zoning requirements and is convinced that FRVA can house the staff in one building. It was reported significant renovation would be needed, including restroom facilities and staff parking lots.

Discussion followed regarding consolidating operations, not properties, as the motion states. President Mitchell asked the Governing Board if there were objections to adding the word “operations” in the first sentence and again in the second sentence. There was no objection. The motion reads as follows:

“That the Governing Board authorize the Executive Board to conduct a study to consolidate the operations at the two properties (Clough Pike property and the Round Bottom Road property) into a single facility. If it is physically and financially feasible, the Executive Board is authorized to proceed with the consolidation of operations and sale of the surplus property.”

Darryl Wiede, F446716, with the Happy Tennessee Travelers chapter, moved to amend the motion to delete the last sentence. The amendment was seconded.

Discussion followed that kicking the can down the road and not getting rid of a facility will be a burden on FRVA. It was reported that a 2016 study was conducted that included a timeline and noted that several campground spots would be lost for staff parking. A former Executive Board member from 2016 commented that the amount of funds gained from the sale would not cover the renovations needed at the Round Bottom Road property. It was noted that the study is nine years old, and there were more staff to accommodate at that time than we have now. A request was made for the value of the property in order to make a good decision. One Governing Board member commented that the commercial real estate market is currently depressed in Cincinnati.

The amendment to delete the last sentence failed.

President Mitchell noted that the motion on the floor is the original proposal with the word “operations” listed in both sentences.

Discussion followed by a licensed mechanical contractor, Rodger Donnelly, who noted that there are two HVAC units at the Round Bottom location that are only four years old. The HVAC units at the Clough Pike building have a life expectancy of 20 years that are currently 26 years old and will need to be replaced. It was also noted that it will be a minimum of \$120,000 to fix the boilers and plumbing for the fire suppression system at the Clough Pike location. One Governing Board member noted that the building is wearing out. A question was raised as to whether we should rent out that location in order to gain income. One Governing Board member noted that FRVA should not be in the landlord business, as major repairs are needed on the building and FRVA cannot afford to financially do that. One Governing Board member asked whether FRVA should sell both properties and look for another location. It was noted that nothing was done with the 2016 study, because the renovations cost more than the sale of the building.

The motion carried as modified.

President Mitchell noted that the motion on the floor is Action item #3, regarding the commercial membership dues. It was reported that this recommendation came as a way to energize commercial membership. A Governing Board member asked the rationale for lowering the commercial dues. It was noted that the reason is to drive commercial membership. President Mitchell noted that the discounted commercial membership dues, according to the action item, expires at of close of business. The rate going forward is \$99 for commercial membership dues. ***The motion carried.***

President Mitchell noted that the motion on the floor is Action item #4, regarding the convention locations of Perry, Georgia, and Sedalia, Missouri, for the 2026 International Conventions.

It was noted that Action item #4 was pulled for separate discussion because of the date of Sedalia, Missouri, being held over the Independence Day holiday. Several members of the Governing Board were excited to hear that the city of Sedalia will include FRVA in their fireworks display for the general public.

The motion carried to accept the 2026 International Convention locations of Perry, Georgia, and Sedalia, Missouri.

President Mitchell noted that the motion on the floor is Action item #5, regarding the convention locations of Perry, Georgia, and Gillette, Wyoming, for the 2027 International Conventions.

President Mitchell noted that it is his intent to push back the Gillette, Wyoming, convention out until later. ***A motion was made, seconded and carried to delete Gillette, Wyoming, from consideration for 2027.***

The motion to approve Perry, Georgia, for the winter of 2027 International Convention carried.

President Mitchell noted that the motion on the floor is Action item #6, regarding the recommendation to change the Governing Board quorum. ***The motion reads as follows: "To recommend that the Governing Board quorum be amended to: A quorum for the transaction of business at the Governing Board meeting is 25% of the voting chapters or 75 members from the voting chapters, whichever is less."*** President Mitchell noted that the quorum has been very close in the past, and the intent is to make sure that we can conduct business. It was clarified that this recommendation goes to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee to prepare a Bylaws Amendment for next year. ***The motion carried.***

President Mitchell presented the President's Report. He reported that FRVA is headed in the right direction; many changes have been made in the past several months; expenses have been cut; members are being tracked; FRVA money is being accounted for; and a cohesive relationship has been built with the staff. We are working together to make FRVA better.

The President's Report was filed.

President Mitchell reported that there was no unfinished business.

Under new business, President Mitchell stated that the Membership Dues topic remains on the Governing Board agenda each year, and he noted that there were three items to be addressed prior to finalizing the budget. The first item is Commercial Membership dues.

Charlie Adcock, L311374, with the Past National Officers chapter, moved that commercial membership dues be set at \$69, in order to attract more commercial members. The motion was seconded and carried.

President Mitchell noted the second item is the initiation fee of \$10. He noted that the fee was eliminated last year; and that the \$99 fee covers the expense. ***Randy Johnson, F451539, with the LTV chapter, moved that the \$10 initiation fee be eliminated. The motion was seconded and carried.***

President Mitchell noted the last item was the family dues rate. ***Ken Lewis, F257360D, with the Tri-State Travelers chapter, moved to lower the family membership dues rate to \$99. The motion was seconded.***

Discussion followed that the proposed budget calls for dues at \$100. That would result in a loss of \$3,600 in the budget.

National Treasurer Barbara Smith, F329936, moved to amend the motion to change the dues rate to \$79. The motion was seconded.

A question was asked as to what dues rate the budget was based on. It was noted that the rate was based on \$100. Several Governing Board members commented that the dues should remain as is. It was also noted that with the multi-year discount changes we are sending the wrong signal. Lowering dues to \$79 would also cause a shortfall in the budget that has to be covered.

The motion failed.

President Mitchell reiterated that the motion on the floor sets the dues rate to \$99. The motion carried.

President Mitchell called on Treasurer Barbara Smith for the 2026 budget discussion. Barbara referred to the dues chart handed out during check-in. She reviewed the percentage of dues for each category measured. Barbara fielded a question regarding advertising. She noted that FRVA works with an advertising agency to help with magazine advertising sales. Barbara reviewed the highlights from each departmental breakdown that makes up the overall budget. She offered to email the corporate budget summary to the national directors. Barbara compared several figures from the old format used, noting that the 2026 budget surplus is \$20,121.

Ken Lewis, F257360D, with the Tristate Travelers chapter, moved to adopt the 2026 proposed budget, with a surplus of \$20,121. The motion was seconded.

Discussion followed on the budget format, and a request was made to produce the old, consolidated budget format going forward. A question was raised about the \$79 dues, and it was noted that if that motion had passed, there would be a considerable shortfall to be made up.

Bob Weithofer, National Vice President, moved to amend the budget and zero out the initiation fee and remove the line item. The motion was seconded and carried.

Bob Weithofer moved to reduce the marketing initiative by \$15,879, to cover the shortfall from the budget. The motion was seconded and carried.

President Mitchell clarified that the motion on the floor is now to adopt the budget, as amended.

The motion to approve the 2026 proposed budget as amended carried.

Connie Pool, Foretravel International chapter, moved to suspend Standing Rule 16 to extend the meeting beyond the 5:00 p.m. hour. The motion was seconded and carried.

President Mitchell called on Bill Mallory for the Nominating Committee Report.

Bill Mallory, Nominating Committee Chairman, noted that this was an unusually challenging year for the Nominating Committee with replacing the National Vice President position when Paul Mitchell moved to the National President's position. The Nominating Committee also had to assume the duties of the Review Council for the Governing Board meeting in Gillette. He noted that he has suggestions for changes relating to the Nominating Committee duties. He referred to page 79 in the booklet for the Nominating Committee's written report. He thanked the other members of the Nominating Committee: LB Butts, Les Naylor, Roxane Parish, and Mike Neighbours.

Bill announced that the casting of the ballots would begin for the 2025 National Officer Election and, per Standing Rule #11, all members are requested to remain on the floor during voting.

Bill Mallory called for nominations from the floor for the office of National President. There were none. Nominations were closed. Paul Mitchell spoke on his own behalf. Barbara Smith spoke on her own behalf.

The vote count taken for the office of National President was as follows: out of 157 possible, there were 3 invalid ballots, 102 votes for Paul Mitchell and 52 votes for Barbara Smith.

Bill Mallory called for nominations from the floor for the office of National Vice President. There were none. Nominations were closed. Bob Weithofer spoke on his own behalf. Les Naylor spoke on his own behalf.

The vote count taken for the office of National Vice President was as follows: out of 157 possible, there were 101 votes for Bob Weithofer and 56 votes for Les Naylor.

Bill Mallory called for nominations from the floor for the office of National Secretary. There were none. Nominations were closed. Glenda Milner spoke on her own behalf. Don Schleuse spoke on his own behalf.

The vote count taken for the office of National Secretary was as follows: out of 157 possible, there were 109 votes for Glenda Milner and 48 votes for Don Schleuse.

Bill Mallory called for nominations from the floor for the office of National Treasurer. There were none. Nominations were closed. Ken Lewis spoke on his own behalf. With no nominations from the floor, Ken was elected by acclamation.

President Mitchell declared the results of the 2025 national officer election as follows: Paul Mitchell, National President; Bob Weithofer, National Vice President; Glenda Milner, National Secretary; and Ken Lewis, National Treasurer.

President Mitchell announced the results of the National Area Vice President Elections held earlier this year as follows: Julia Chesnut, F451082, Midwest Area; Bill Newton, F448330, Northeast Area; Wayne Cernie, F407711, Rocky Mountain Area; Dianna Huff, F363612, South Central Area; and Bill Dees, F354115, Southeast Area.

President Mitchell noted that the newly elected national officers would take office following the Annual Membership Meeting to be held on July 19, 2025.

There was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:29 p.m.



Pamela Richard
National Secretary



Paul Mitchell
National President