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Dear Governing Board members,

You're invited to join me for a Governing Board update on January 29, 2026, via Teams webinar. During this live update Governing Board members will receive the most current information about what's happening at FRVA. Our plan is to continue to provide this type of update for Governing Board members continuously leading up to the summer meeting in Sedalia, Missouri. Here's the link to register for the webinar: [Governing Board Update | Meeting-Join | Microsoft Teams](#)

In this mailing you will find updates, requests for actions, and information about upcoming activities.

I have asked Vice President Bob Weithofer to include a Governing Board update. See attached.

Area President elections: This mailing includes [nomination forms](#) for the Area Presidents from the Eastern, Great Lakes, International, Northwest and Western areas. These officers will serve a two-year term, taking office in Sedalia, Missouri, in July 2026. Nominations are being requested from the National Directors in those areas. If you or someone you know of would like to run for this position and you have questions, please feel free to reach out to the current officer, and/or the Chapter Services Department at the FRVA national office.

Also included in this mailing is a flyer announcing that FRVA is accepting nominations for the Robert L. Richter Award and the Kenneth T. Scott Pipe Dreamer Award. The deadline to nominate an individual for either of these awards is March 15, 2026.

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Please note that we are finalizing chapter certification. This process enables your chapter's national director to vote in the Governing Board meeting, and for the Area President. If you have any questions about this process or want to confirm that your chapter is eligible to vote, please contact the Chapter Services Department at [chapters@frva.com](mailto:chapters@frva.com).

There will be a Chapter Fair at the upcoming Perry, Georgia, event in March. Be sure to reserve a table for your chapter. The Chapter Fair will be held on Tuesday, March 17, 2026. The deadline to register for a table is March 6, 2026.

FRVA is once again hosting the Driven To Care Silent Auction in Perry. Attendees can participate in a couple of ways. First, chapters, areas, exhibitors, and individuals are encouraged to put together a box or basket filled with items fellow RVers would like to have. Examples could be things for the RV, gift cards, packaged food and drink, etc. A basket for the ladies? Or maybe something for the guys. Be creative. The second way is by bidding on the items that are donated. The proceeds from the auction will be donated to the Halo Group again for 2026.

Bids will be taken Wednesday and Thursday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Information Center in McGill Marketplace. On Friday, bids can be made from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at which time bids will close. That afternoon, those with the winning bids will be contacted and must come to the Information Center to pay for and receive their item.

Registration for FRVA's 113<sup>th</sup> International Convention and RV Expo in Sedalia, Missouri, is included in this mailing. The Governing Board meeting will be held in Sedalia. Make sure your National Director, Alternate National Director or a Chapter Temporary Delegate will represent your chapter at the meeting. Further information about electing a Temporary Delegate will be forthcoming. Make plans now to attend. Come help us celebrate America's 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday! We look forward to seeing you there.

We thank you for keeping up to date with information to share with your chapters and fellow Family RV Association members. Until next time,

Paul G. Mitchell  
FRVA National President