

**FMCA Northwest Area
Business Meeting Minutes
Ko-Kwel Hotel & Casino - North Bend, OR
April 21, 2026**

The Northwest Area Business Meeting was called to order by Area President Barbara Schleuse at 1:04 p.m.

Executive Board members present were President Barbara Schleuse, Sr. Vice President Bobbi Radford, Vice President Debbie Bamer, Vice President Ed Stutz, Treasurer Debbie Scherck. Secretary Kathie Balogh attended via Zoom. Vice President Jerry Lehenbauer and Past President Dennis Martin were unable to attend.

Secretary Report:

The minutes of the September 23, 2025, meeting had previously been distributed and are available for your review. Secretary Kathie Balogh made a motion to correct the minutes because of an error in the election results. The correct results are: Senior Vice President Bobbie Radford, Vice President Ed Stutz and Secretary Kathie Balogh. The motion was seconded by Barbara Holmes and carried unanimously.

Kathie discussed the Governing Board Meeting in Sedalia. The Roll Call sheets have been sent to Chapter Secretaries. If your chapter needs representation at the Governing Board Meeting, please contact Kathie at akcbalogh@gmail.com or call 503-530-0166.

Treasurer Report:

President Barbara Schleuse gave the Treasurer's report. She will be giving all the books to new Treasurer Debbie Scherck at this meeting. Barbara has filed the income tax and made all the necessary changes at the bank. Our accounts are as follows:

Checking: \$123,161.00

Savings: \$ 67,536.00

TOTAL: \$190,697.00

The Audit report was given by Debbie Bamer. Debbie reported that there were no problems and everything was well organized.

President Barbara Schleuse introduced our newly elected Treasurer Debbie Scherck.

Old Business: none

New Business:

President Barbara Schleuse recognized our next Northwest Area President Don Scherck. Congratulations to Don! Don spoke about the importance of volunteering for Area, Chapter and National officer positions.

Elections will be held at the September 22, 2026 Planning Meeting for 2 Vice President positions, the Treasurer position and the 3 Nominating Committee positions. The current Nominating Committees will be sending out requests, for candidates for the above-mentioned offices, to the Chapter Presidents at the end of May.

Don Schleuse discussed the April 1st changes to the ARCH (Travel Assist Program). Don said that written information can be found on the FRVA website and brochures are being printed for distribution to the chapters; they will be available at National and Area rallies. Don presented a report on the Bylaws and P & P's that will be presented at the 113th National Convention in Sedalia, MO in July.

From the P & P Committee:

P&P 1017 Updated to reflect the current dues amount of \$99

P&P 1028 Updated to reflect the current commercial dues amount of \$69

P&P 2005 Updated to reflect changes approved at the 2025 GB. A term of service of less than a complete two-year term in any officer position shall not be counted as part of the term or year limit. Also included is the elimination of mail in ballots.

P&P 2015 Allows for electronic ballots

P&P3012 Updated to change anniversary recognitions beginning with the first five years and continuing with an additional \$50 for each five year anniversary.

P&P 3022 Updated to clarify that a chapter temporary delegate can now be appointed.

P&P 3025 Being deleted

P&P 3026 Being updated to allow for changing of new chapter banners.

P&P 4008 Updated to allow for electronic ballots, changes the amount provided to the Nominating Committee to \$1,000 and to add some qualifications for officer positions.

From the Constitution and Bylaws Committee:

1. A proposed Bylaws Amendment to Article II – Definitions, Paragraphs (1)

This proposed amendment clarifies the definition of a family unit.

2. A proposed Bylaws Amendment to Article III, Membership, Paragraphs (3)(f) and (4); and Article IX, Executive Board, Paragraph (4)

This proposed amendment gives Associate Members the right to vote and hold office in chapters and some area association positions which benefits both chapters and areas in

providing more members qualified to hold office. The amendment still restricts Associate members from serving in a National Officer position.

3. A proposed Bylaws Amendment to Article VIII, Governing Board, Paragraph (8)

This proposed amendment approved by the 2025 Governing Board reduces the quorum for the Governing Board to transact business.

4. A proposed Bylaws Amendment to Article XVII, Chapters, Paragraphs (2) (3), (5) (7) and (14)

This proposed amendment removes the Associate Chapter category, reduces the number of required members required to seven.

5. A proposed Bylaws Amendment to Article XVII, Chapters, Paragraph (5)

This proposed amendment allows Associate Chapters to have a voice on the Governing Board and designates the chapter president to be the voting delegate or appoint a voting delegate to the Governing Board.

Debbie Bamer read the email from Al Zimmerman regarding his illness. Butch and Julie Evans gave an update on our Past President Dennis Martin's health issues. Debbie had cards for the attendees to sign and she would send them.

Barbara Schleuse welcomed Elaine Zimmerman and Ed & Keri Pratt from the Northwest Trek Fun Club to the meeting.

Amy Bailey and Lucinda DiNovo from the Ko-Kwel Hotel & Casino stopped in to welcome the Northwest Area back to the facility.

Don Scherck said that he would appreciate everyone's help when he is installed in Sedalia, MO at the 113th National Convention. Also, Don mentioned the importance of staying in contact with our chapters.

Barbara Schleuse introduced our Northwest Area webmaster and commended her on the beautiful website. Thank you Debbie!

Chapter Anniversaries:

Great American RV	2006	20 years
Lewis & Clark	1986	40 years
NW RoVers	1986	40 years (previously Monaco Northwest)
NW Bus Nuts	1981	45 years
Olympic Peninsula Ramblers	1986	40 years

Future events:

June 17 – 20, 2026 Northwest Area Rally, Ko-Kwel Casino Resort, North Bend, Oregon

July 01 – 04, 2026 FRVA's 113th Convention, Sedalia, Missouri

July 04 – 06, 2026 FRVA's Midwest Area Rally, Sedalia, Missouri

September 21 – 23, 2026 Fall Planning Meeting, Linn County Expo Center

January 2027 FRVA's Western Area Rally, Indio, CA

April 20 – 22, 2027 Spring Planning Meeting, Linn County Expo Center

March 17 – 20, 2027 FRVA's 114th Convention, Perry Georgia

May 31 – June 06, 2027 Northwest Area Rally, Linn County Expo Center

Adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Kathie Balogh

Secretary – Northwest Area