



Mid-year newsletter July 3, 2025

THE ROBERT L. RICHTER AWARD

...is to recognize an individual who is responsible for chapter newsletters, chapter publications, or communications to the chapter and/or to the public regarding the chapter, its members, and events.

There were three nominees submitted for the 2025 Robert L. Richter award and the Executive Board voted unanimously to present the 2025 award to David Meyers, F477215, with the Dogwood Chapter. Congratulations David!

FRVA 111th International Convention & RV EXPO, July 16-19, 2025

As I write this several of our members have already begun their travels out to Gillette. Like Barbara and I many of you combine visits with family, friends, and favorite places on long trips like this. I hope you enjoy yourselves. And, please be safe!

On a personal note, Barbara and I have had to cancel our trip to Gillette. We have had too many health issues pile up on us at the wrong time.

The Eastern Area has 14 delegates registered for the Annual (Governing Board) Meeting at Gillette. This represents 56% of our 25 eligible chapters having a voice at the Governing Board meeting. I am thankful for the several chapters that were able to recruit, and duly elect, temporary delegates. A special thank you for those individuals who agreed to serve as temporary delegates, especially those representing chapters other than their home chapters.

While registrations to date for Gillette suggest that attendance this year might be smaller than in previous years the planners and volunteers are all committed to having a great time.

DID YOU PROVIDE YOUR INPUT TO THE GOVERNING BOARD MEETING?

I checked into the June 19th Zoom workshop to alert the attendees of a special email due out in a few days that would invite members to complete a survey. And, as I informed you the FRVA Chapter Services team sent every FRVA member an email on 6/24/2025 entitled "Your Feedback is Important." I hope you took the time to read the email and not automatically trash it due to the title. The text of that email read in part:

As a valued member of FRVA, your feedback is important to us. The Governance Committee is inviting you to participate in this survey regarding general questions and items that FRVA's Governing Board will be voting on at the upcoming meeting in Gillette, Wyoming. The committee is looking for feedback from members who do not participate in governance on a regular basis.

The email included link to a survey asking the respondent questions about the contents of the Governing Board (GB)Booklet, and links to appropriate sections in the booklet, which contained important reports for approval, the proposed budget, issues to be discussed, and items to be voted upon. I believe this is the first time that the FMCA/FRVA has extended this opportunity to every FRVA member, both chapter and non-chapter members. I hope you took the time to read the booklet and respond to the survey. This was your individual opportunity to have a voice in the GB proceedings. I am anxious to see the results and to learn how it was used in the GB meeting!

STAYING INFORMED AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL

Each FRVA member has the opportunity to stay informed on the discussions and happenings at the National level. Just go to [FRVA GOVERNING BOARD](#) link and you will find the National President's latest newsletter, Executive Board meeting minutes, Area election results, proposed amendments, and much more. The updates in this area change frequently, typically monthly

MEMBERSHIP AND RECRUITING

Overall, the Eastern Area is potentially making slight gains in overall new members. The latest reports indicate 56 new members in March, 48 in April with an additional 44 new members in June. For some reason I did not receive a report for May. My intent is to compile these reports by region and state, and then share them with our Region Vice Presidents for flow down to chapter presidents. Think of this as an opportunity to welcome these new FRVA members into the Eastern Area, and answer what questions they might have. Instructions for this will be sent out soon. Collectively these numbers also represent 148 possibilities for recruiting new chapter members!

Remember I said potentially making slight gains? I still need to balance out those numbers with our non-renewals! I hope to have those numbers for you soon.

MORE TO COME: WE ARE AT A CROSSROADS!

I am sure there will be more news to share once we have the chance to absorb the outcomes of the 205 Governing Board Meeting.