

Area President Elections: An open letter to each member within the Eastern Area

In accordance with FRVA's Bylaws and Policies and Procedures the Eastern Area elects/re-elects its president every even numbered year. My two-year term began in 2024 and expires this year.

I will not be running for re-election as the Eastern Area President. When I accepted the nomination during the special election in 2024 it was with significant reservation since my wife had just begun her journey with significant health issues which continue to-date. After lengthy discussions we agreed that I would serve for only a single term. It is now time for me to keep that promise to my wife and devote more time with her. Thank you for the privilege of serving you these past two years.

Please note that the election process has a short and well-defined schedule. Please talk with your President or other individuals that you feel have the qualifications and vision to the lead the Eastern Area to the next level.

In accordance with FMCA's Bylaws and Policies and Procedures, the Area President nomination and election process are controlled by the National Office using the following schedule:

- **January 20, 2026:** Nomination and consent forms were emailed to each National Director in the Eastern Area
- **February 25, 2026:** Nomination forms must be received in the National Office by this date.
- **March 10, 2026:** Ballots listing all candidates will be mailed to each incumbent President and National Director
- **April 9, 2026:** Ballots must be postmarked no later than this date.
- **April 20, 2026** Ballot tabulation by FRVA's CPA will occur with notification shortly thereafter.

Please exercise this opportunity to contribute to the future of the Eastern Area!

Thanks again for allowing me to serve you.

Gary