

Eastern Area Motorhome Association
Workshop Notes
16 April 2026

Gary Lyons called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. with the following people in attendance: Phyllis Britz, Sue Cipa, Carol Graham, Ed Herbert, Jeff Hughes, Joe Kromash, Brian Parnes, Tina Parnes, Nancy Pierce, Gillian Raye, Mike Smalley, and Clarissa Sherrow.

Gary opened the meeting with a brief update on the status of the Family RV Association migration to the new software system noting some additional delays. The Chapter module deployment is scheduled for late May 2026.

FRVA Annual Meeting

Gary provided an update on recent discussions with FRVA. In preparation for the Annual meeting at Sedalia, the Director for Chapters and Governance will forward an email to Chapter Secretaries requesting validation of Chapter President/National Director information for the roll call. Gary asked that EAMA Officers remind their members to ensure emails and communication preferences are updated on the FRVA website. Governing Board booklets will be forwarded soon on voting issues to be raised at the meeting. The Governing Board meeting will take place June 30th, 2026, prior to the start of the 113th International Convention and RV Expo scheduled for 1-4 July, 2026. Topics for discussion include:

- Article XVII, Chapters (2), (3), (5), (7), and (14). Reducing the member requirements for full Chapters from 15 members to 7, thereby eliminating the Associate Member status. This will reduce stress of maintenance of full chapter status.
- Article III (3)(1) Provide voting rights to those members previously listed at the Associate level.
- Article VII (8). Change quorum requirements from 51% to 25% of voting members or 75 members of voting chapters.

- Allow Chapter President to serve as alternate National Director if none is elected for the Chapter.
- The proposal for using electronic ballots is on hold pending additional clarifications. Gary stated that any EAMA Bylaws updates are on hold pending results from the annual meeting.

Gary reminded the group that the election for the Eastern Area President will also take place in 113th Convention in Sedalia. Nancy Pierce, President of the Over the Mountain Chapter, is the nominee.

Ambassador Program

The EAMA Senior Vice President, Brian Parnes, provided a brief update to the group on the Eastern Area Ambassador Program. Brian stressed that the EAMA program needs to be consistent with efforts and messaging at the National level. Funding for this program will also need to be addressed. The initial focus has been on adapting presentations used by FRVA to a more regional level and researching RV shows within the FRVA Eastern Region. The next step is to loop in the Eastern Area Regional Senior Vice Presidents. Additional information will be forwarded to them in the coming weeks to share with Chapter Presidents. Feedback on additional venues is requested. Bluegrass and NASCAR venues were suggested.

The meeting concluded at 8:16 p.m.