

Eastern Area (EA) Senior Vice-President Report for 2026

I assumed the position of Senior VP in February 2026 at the end of David Fowler's term of office.

In March we attended the International Convention at Perry GA as the hosts. I acted as the Welcome Bag Captain with assistance from many Eastern Area members, cataloging, inventorying, stuffing and delivering over 1,200 member & 200 vendor bags. At the request of the EA President Gary Lyons, we then assisted at all the volunteer seminars, validating sign-ups, giving out bonus bucks and volunteer pins. As part of the Over the Mountain chapter we also helped with the morning coffee & donuts.

After discussions with Gary Lyons on FRVA/EA recruiting efforts, I attended the FRVA Ambassador Seminar to gather information which could be useful in EA recruiting for FRVA. After the session I volunteered to Gary that I would take the lead creating a framework for EA support to FRVA recruiting, with an emphasis on smaller, more local RV shows and events. After several weeks of writing and editing, I finished with a framework with simple training on recruiting, guidelines for the program, reimbursement information and possible Standing Rules changes needed to support. All this was presented to the EA Board of Directors and published on the EA website. Final approval is up for vote at the 2026 EA Annual Meeting.

To update an exceedingly old guideline, I undertook a review and recalculation for the 2015 Regional VP Chapter visit expense reimbursements. The original policy was based on the Regions vs the Chapters with a flat rate given to each Region. I rewrote the guideline to base visitation budgets on chapters, so the budget is more in line with the actual number of visits needed. This revision has been referred for Approval during the 2026 EA Annual Meeting.

In July we attended the International Convention at Sedalia MO. At the Eastern Gathering it was announced that Nancy Pierce was elected as the new Eastern Area President (FRVA National VP for the Eastern Area). Planning for GEAR was immediately started. I attended a meeting with the Tri-Area Rally committee on the FRVA proposed combine of three FRVA Area rallies into one location. Previous EA BOD meeting had approved looking at the approach, while an EA Executive BOD meeting after the Tri-Area meeting voted against attempting this for 2027. Gary Lyons as the committee head at the time, for Rallies & Conventions notified FRVA National of the decision. EA did commit to revisiting this

approach in the future. As such I volunteered to create an outline on how a 'multiple area' rally would be planned and executed, with specific responsibilities and roles for each included Area.

In September with a local Chapter President ready to take the lead, I reached out to the Promoter for the Greenville RV Show (7-10 Jan 2027). After coordination on the contract with FRVA, I signed the contract & EAMA paid the greatly discounted booth fee.

Coordination has started with Wayne Cierne, FRVA Ambassador Chair and we should have all the recruiting supplies well before the show. As of this writing, there were 3 chapters interested in helping staff the booth. Inquiries have been forwarded to other Regional VPs on RV Shows in their region, by the same promoter. A second possibility for recruiting at the Richmond RV Show in February 2027 has come up and work is starting on it.

Acted as 'sounding board' for EA President and multiple Regional VPs.

Attended all monthly EA workshops and presided when Gary Lyons was unable to attend, was late on the call or Nancy lost internet.

Attended first meeting of the Standing Rule Committee.

Attended several FRVA Ambassador Committee meetings to stay in the loop for current recruiting efforts.

Attended as an observer, several of the FRVA President's Governing Board Update meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

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