



***Eastern Area Motorhome Association
Annual Meeting Minutes
15 October 2026***

Roll Call. A roll call was taken and the Secretary declared a quorum for the meeting had been met.

Call to Order. The Annual meeting of the Eastern Area was officially called to order by Nancy Pierce, President, at 7:43 p.m. with the following people present.

Executive Board: Brian Parnes, Tina Parnes, Mike Smalley, Clarissa Sherrow, Steve Raileneu, Garnetta Mallory, Tim Keppler, Berkley Alexander

David Bowen, Gary Bowman, David Breeding, Chris Carroll, Sue Cipa, Karen Clark, Ron Garrett, Carol Graham, Douglas Graves, Ed Herbert, Matthew Hoelzel, Dwellion Howard, Mary Hunter, Micheal Keith, Joseph Kromash, Dana Kromash, John Marano, Diane Mierzwa, Len Mierzwa, Bill Murton, Robbi Perry, Gillian Raye, Steve Raye, Charles Stuckwisch, Steven Tessier, C. Vaughn Wood

Secretary's Report. The Secretary announced that the meeting minutes from the 2025 Annual Meeting are posted on the EA website. There were no questions or comments. Dave Bowen made a motion to accept; Mike Smalley seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved as posted.

Treasurer's Report. The Secretary stated the Treasurer's report along with the 2026 Audit report are both posted on the EA website for review. Berkley Alexander, Treasurer, acknowledged the very thorough work of the Audit Committee on this year's Audit report. Ed Herbert proposed acceptance of the Treasurer's report; Gary Bowman seconded the motion. The Treasurer's report was accepted as written.

Officer Reports. Nancy Pierce announced that the following Officer reports are all posted on the EA website and available for review.

President	Nancy Peirce
Senior Vice President	Brian Parnes
Central Regional Vice President	Steve Raileneu
Southern Regional Vice President	Mike Smalley
Northern Regional Vice President	Clarrisa Sherrow
Western Regional Vice President	Garnetta Mallory

Old Business

There was no old business carried forward from the 2025 Annual meeting held at Myrtle Beach.

New Business

Officer Elections. The Nominating Committee listed the slate of candidate as follows:

Western Regional Vice President – 1. Ron Garrett, 2. Mary Glover
Southern Regional Vice President – Mike Smalley
Northern Regional Vice President – Clarissa Sherrow
Treasurer – Sonia Kuppert

- Michael Keith proposed a motion to close the nominations; Ed Herbert seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, and Nancy Pierce declared the nominations closed.
- Brian Parnes made a motion to vote by acclamation on the positions having only one candidate; Gary Bowman seconded the motion. The officers for the Southern Regional Vice President, Northern Regional Vice President and Treasurer positions were approved.
- The attendees held a vote for the Western Regional Vice President candidates. Ron Garrett received the majority vote and was approved.
- All four Officers took the EA Oath of Office. Ron Garrett and Sonia Kuppert will take office 1 January 2027 in accordance with EA Bylaws.
- Nancy Pierce thanked Berkley Alexander and Garnetta Mallory for their years of service and dedication to the Eastern Area and Family RV Association (FRVA). Nancy also announced the recent passing of Gary Lambert, President Cardinal Virginians chapter. A donation was made by EA.

Executive Board Expense Guidelines

Nancy Pierce asked if everyone had a chance to review the new guidelines and asked for any final comments and questions. None were raised. Mike Smalley made a motion to accept the guidelines; Jeff Hughes made a motion to second. The Executive Board Expense guidelines were approved as written.

Ambassador Recruitment Guidelines

Nancy Pierce asked if everyone had a chance to review the new guidelines and asked for any final comments and questions. None were raised. Gary Bowman made a motion to accept the guidelines; Gillian Raye made a motion to second. The Ambassador Recruitment guidelines were approved as written.

Area Updates and Announcements

- **GEAR 2027**

Clarrissa Sherrow announced the following:

- The contract for the Lewisburg, WV, fairground has been secured
- One of the entertainers has been acquired
- The golf cart information has been provided by the vendor
- Working with caterers for breakfast, lunch and dinner meals
- Activities/Games planning is underway. The town of Lewisburg is holding a local event on the last day of GEAR; attendees will be encouraged to support the town.
- There are still a number of Committees needing Chairpersons. The Volunteer list is posted on the EA website. Chapters are encouraged to step up. Roughly 88 volunteers are needed to support GEAR activities.

- **Standing Rules Update**

Mike Smalley stated that the proposed standing rules have been drafted and submitted to the Executive Board. They will be forwarded to the Chapter Presidents and National Directors with a goal for a Board of Directors vote at the November meeting.

- **Eastern Area Ambassador Training.** Open to any interested EA member to be held via MS Teams November 12, 2026, 7:00 p.m.
- **2027 Chapter Rally schedules.** Nancy reminded everyone to submit their schedules to the Regional VP's, Senior VP & President
- **FRVA Monthly Governing Board.** Nancy stated the next FRVA governing Board meeting with Chapter Presidents & National Directors is scheduled for October 22, 2026, 3:00 p.m.
- **Monthly EA Workshop.** Next EA Workshop is scheduled for November 19, 2026, 7:30 -9:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Mary Hunter proposed a motion to close the meeting; Bill Murton seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and Nancy Pierce adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

TINA PARNES
Secretary, Eastern Area