

April 13, 2023

Dear National Directors:

Subject: National Vice President Election – Rocky Mountain Area

The following members have been nominated for the position of Area Vice President representing the Rocky Mountain Area. In accordance with Article XVI – Area Association, paragraph (4) of FMCA's Bylaws, "The Area Vice President, who also serves as the area association president, shall preside at area association meetings and/or conduct issue forums at FMCA conventions, and serve on FMCA's Executive Board."

Valarie Erickson Smith, F142560D
Connie Jones, F327809

Enclosed, please find a resume for the above candidates along with a ballot. The final postmarked date for returning this ballot is **May 13, 2023**, and the ballots will be tabulated by FMCA's certified public accountant on May 23, 2023.

Sincerely,



Kathie Balogh
National Secretary



Rett Porter
National President

Enclosures: Resume of Candidates
Ballot with Return Envelope (via postal service)

cc: Chapter Presidents (without ballot)
Alternate National Directors (without ballot)



Candidate for Rocky Mountain Area Vice President

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My family has been a member of FMCA since 1992 and I have been a member since 2011 when I purchased a class C. My husband and I now have a Class A diesel pusher and enjoy volunteering for area, regional and international rallies/conventions.

RMMA/FMCA Involvement

I have served on the board of a chapter and belong to chapters in all three regions of RMMA. I am the current Region 1 Vice President and have had the privilege of helping with the planning and execution of local chapter rallies, the Region 1 rally, and the RMMA Ramble. Ramble responsibilities included finding entertainment, catering, and vendors; scheduling seminars, and executing contracts for signature. I have served as the Seminar Captain as well as on the Parking Crew, morning exercise instructor, designated Chapter Temporary Delegate and Water Crew at FMCA International Conventions. I have recruited new FMCA members at the Quartzsite RV show and talked to many RVers to spread the word about the many benefits of being an FMCA member.

My husband, Brian, and I retired to Farmington, NM, in 2017, and have enjoyed many area, RMMA, and FMCA rallies. Since being elected as RMMA Vice President of Region 1, we have visited many chapters, hosted rallies and events and we look forward to continuing to do so in the upcoming years. I have helped transition a Good Sam club to FMCA and visited several of their rallies. We enjoy traveling around the country with our dogs, biking, hiking, sightseeing, and outdoor activities. I feel I have strengths in leadership and communication to continue to be an asset to RMMA and FMCA.

Background

Studied business at Ft. Lewis College in Durango, CO., and interior design at Arlington, TX. and have a certificate in Fitness and Sports Nutrition. I owned my own interior design business and was self-employed as a health and fitness coach.

Goals

If elected I would like to work with chapters and give them support and tools to go to local RV shows and dealerships to set up booths to get new members. Keep chapters informed about RMMA/FMCA and visit their rallies. Serve on committees to continue to support RMMA/FMCA in improving membership, member satisfaction, and benefits.

Vallarie Erickson-Smith

Candidate for National Area Vice President of Rocky Mountain Region

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Rocky Mountain Area (RMMA) Experience:

- **Currently serving as Area Vice President for remainder of eight month term.**
- **RMMA Area Senior Vice President**
 - Duties include visiting various chapters in the region, helping to plan RMMA Rambles and working with the President of RMMA.
- **Region 1 Senior Vice President**
 - RMMA Region 1 Senior Vice President. Leadership responsibilities for many FMCA chapters in the regions. Attend chapter rallies throughout our region to promote fellowship, unity and keeping a line of communication open
 - RMMA Wagon Master for Region 1 Rallies at Creede which included planning meals, and activities for all attendees.
- **RMMA Secretary**
 - Involves getting ready for elections, keeping all chapter information current and day to day activities to run smoothly.
 - Maintains executive board minutes, distribution of minutes to board members, notifies National Directors of FMCA requirements for elections, maintain voting credentials
- Helped plan and worked the RMMA Rambles.
- Current Wagon Master for Tucson RMMA Ramble for 2022-2023

FMCA National Experience:

Served in several volunteer positions for the benefit of all FMCA members in the following capacities:

- Currently serving as RMMA Area Senior Vice President
- Served as a member of FMCA's Education Committee to help launch FMCA University.
- FMCA Booth at Quartzsite for several years promoting FMCA and their benefits.
- Volunteered at Gillette (2021, 2018 & 2013), Indianapolis, Redmond, Chandler, and Albuquerque,
- Trams Captain at Gillette 2021
- Information Captain for Chandler and Gillette (2018,2013)
- Seminar Captain, Gillette (2018)

FMCA Chapter Experience:

- Rocky Mountain Chapter, Secretary (2 times)
- Newsletter Editor for Rocky Mountain Chapter
- Member of Rocky Mountain Chapter, 100+ Chapter, Desert Roadrunners

Work Experience:

- **ENT Federal Credit Union (10 years)**
 - Duties included: teller supervisor. Accountable for daily financial records, supervision of tellers, accountability for banking regulations and guidelines. Completed accredited banking courses.
- **State Farm Insurance (5 years in both Credit Union and claims)**
 - Duties included: Teller duties that included maintaining daily cash invoices and collections, customer service, and receptionist duties. Working with claims and people on a day-to-day basis. Completed many courses to stay in compliance with federal, state, and insurance requirements.
- **Family business**
 - Connie's Day Care Center
 - Duties included: Care and safety of children from ages infant through 3 years old.
 - Jack Jones Painting Company Secretary
 - Duties included: management decisions, payroll, accounting record maintenance.

Education:

- 1 Year College: General Studies
- Trade school in Keyboard Knowledge
- Accredited banking and financial courses

My Husband Jack and I have been married 28 years and reside in Colorado Springs, Colorado. We have 3 grown children and 6 Grandchildren.

Thank You,
Connie Jones