

April 22, 2022

Dear National Directors:

Subject: National Vice President Election – International Area

The following member has been nominated for the position of Area Vice President representing the International 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."

Paul Mitchell, F165576

Enclosed, please find a resume for the above candidate along with a ballot. The final postmarked date for returning this ballot is **May 23, 2022**, and the ballots will be tabulated by FMCA's certified public accountant on June 2, 2022.

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 THE POSITION OF NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT  
INTERNATIONAL AREA**

**Paul G. Mitchell, F165576**  
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**FMCA Experience:**

Lisa and I joined FMCA in 1993 when we received a membership on the purchase of our third motorhome. In 2006 we began our involvement with the SOI Motorhome Chapter and have been instrumental in the growth and success of their Rose Parade Rally for the last 16 years.

I have been on the Executive Board for the International Area Organization (INTO) for the last 8 years. I was heavily involved in scouting and setting up our rallies in Shreveport, Tallahassee, Branson, Pima County Fairgrounds, Lebanon, and Calgary. Our rally attendance has continued to increase, and we are constantly looking for innovative ways to attract new members through our rallies.

During the last two years I have served as the President of INTO and as an Area President on the FMCA Executive Board. At the Area level, difficult decisions were made to cancel our 2020 Calgary Rally and our 2021 Lebanon Rally due to COVID restrictions. Our Lebanon Rally is back on for 2022, and we are looking for a great turnout and things getting back to some semblance of normal.

In addition to the INTO Rallies, I have attended the last 14 International Conventions, volunteering for the Tram Crew in Redmond, Madison, Pomona, and West Springfield. For the Chandler and Indianapolis national rallies, I was the Assistant Chief of Trams. In Perry 2018, I was selected to be the Chief of Trams. In Gillette 2018, I volunteered for security, and in Perry 2019 & 2021 I was the Communications Coordinator. Our Area was selected as the Co-host for the 2022 Tucson Rally and was responsible for the Advance Crew Cookout.

I have also volunteered at 15 Area rallies, working on Tables and Chairs at Western Area, Security at the Rocky Mountain Area, Trams at Midwest Area, Tram LT at South Central Area, Trams and Facilities at the Great Lakes Area, and Food Service at the Northwest Area. I have learned that volunteering is one of the best ways to meet people, gain a detailed understanding of FMCA, and is a great training ground to learn the many and varied aspects of the Areas' and FMCA's operation.

**Tour and Rally Experience:**

I have planned and conducted rallies throughout the US and Canada for the last 20 plus years. Additionally, I have scouted, planned, and conducted tours in the US, Mexico, and Canada, as well as New Zealand, Australia, Fiji, South Africa, and scouted RVing in Russia.

**Personal:**

Lisa and I met in Germany while serving in the US Military and have been married 40 years. We full-timed in our motorhome for nine years, and we still spend more time on the road than we do at our house. Our daughter and family live in Alaska, giving us a good reason to travel to see our two college-age grandchildren.

**Education and Employment:**

I have a Bachelor of Science Degree and Master's Credits in Public Administration. I am a combat-wounded veteran and retired from the US Army in 1992 after 21 years of service. Since my retirement I have worked in many areas, traveled extensively, and continue to look for interesting and exciting activities. FMCA and the International Area continue to provide me with many novel and interesting challenges.

**Summary:** I believe INTO and FMCA are in a pivotal position. Most of the baby boomers are retired with disposable income, and generation X is just coming into their retirement window. Increasing the FMCA benefits provided to our members is one of the keys to growing FMCA along with interesting and innovative rallies. INTO has capitalized on the current climate by developing new types of rallies to new locations, attracting a younger crowd. We have been able to get many of them involved in a Chapter that piques their interest, increasing the retention rate for FMCA. It is exciting to see the new Chapters getting started and the enthusiasm they generate.

I think my career and background, along with my two years as President of INTO, have prepared me for the continued challenges of leading this organization. I look forward to energizing our current members, recruiting new members, developing new Chapters, and working on the FMCA Executive Board to keep FMCA moving in a positive direction.

Paul G Mitchell