

April 22, 2022

Dear National Directors:

Subject: National Vice President Election - Eastern Area

The following members have been nominated for the position of Area Vice President representing the Eastern 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."

Phyllis Britz, F423634  
Dennis Ducharme, F402669

Enclosed, please find a resume for the above candidates 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 EASTERN AREA VICE PRESIDENT

**Phyllis H. Britz, F423634**

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### **FMCA Experience:**

Attended 14 FMCA International Conventions.

- Participated in numerous chapter fairs
- Mentor Program 2019, 2021, and 2022.
- Volunteer Seminar Monitor.

Recruited over 100 new members for FMCA.

Staffed the FMCA Booth at the Hershey RV Show as part of the FMCA team 2013, 2014, and 2021.

Eastern Area Northern Region Vice President 2021 to the present:

- Visited seven of the nine chapters in the northern region during my first year.
- I worked on preparations for GEAR, including attending the planning meeting in Lewisburg, WV.
- Reached out to Eastern Area Chapter Presidents for input on their concerns and agenda items for a “Chapter President and Officers Roundtable Discussion.”
- Set up and participated in a site visit at the Pocono Raceway as a possible site for GEAR.

Home FMCA Chapter - Penn Coachmen:

- Penn Coachmen Senior Vice President 2015-2016.
- Penn Coachmen President 2016-2018.
- Penn Coachmen Senior Vice President.
- GEAR 2017 and 2018 created and facilitated the Chapter Presidents “Roundtable” Discussion.
- GEAR Volunteer for Security 2016-2018.
- Rally Master to several Penn Coachmen rallies, including the “Open Rally” at the Pocono Raceway.
- Wrote an article about Penn Coachmen for *Family RVing* magazine

Rolling Red Hatters Chapter

- National Director 2018 to present
- Co-Host Ladies’ Luncheon for several years

Currently a Chapter member of Penn Coachmen, Rolling Red Hatters, Executive East Pioneers.

## **Education and Work Experience:**

Graduated from Franklin Regional High School, Murrysville, PA.

Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Capitol University, Columbus, Ohio.

Worked as a staff nurse at Latrobe Hospital.

Worked 37 years for the Pennsylvania Department of Health at various capacities with increasing responsibilities.

- Public Health Nurse: a staff nurse at Greensburg, PA, and Reading PA.
- State Health Center Nurse Supervisor: Provided Community Health Nursing supervision to a two-county area, Berks, and Delaware counties in the Southeastern District. Supervised seven professional and five support staff.
- Southeastern District Epidemiology Manager: A management-level position at the regional office that covered four counties with indirect interface with four county health departments. Supervision ranged from nine to 15 professional staff. Part of the Emergency Preparedness team, communicable disease follow-up oversight, as well as vaccine-preventable disease follow-up. Worked closely with Infection Control Practitioners of multiple hospitals in the eight-county area.
- Southeastern District Nurse Administrator: A management-level position at the regional office that covered four counties with indirect interface with four county health departments. I supervised three Nursing Supervisors and four to five professional staff.
- Acting Executive Director of the Southeast District of the PA Department of Health. Supervised the District Management team. Reported to the Deputy Secretary of Community Health in The Department of Health.

## **Goals**

Support all Chapters of the Eastern Area:

- Make Chapter visits to meet with members and Chapter officers to share information and assist with issues identified.
- Make myself accessible to Chapter Officers with ongoing communication.
- Continue chapter officer support “Round Table Discussions” at GEAR.
- Recruit, recruit, and recruit. New members are needed to keep chapters growing Assist members in their recruitment efforts.

Work closely with the Eastern Area Executive Board members:

- Enhance communication between Board members and support a collaborative approach in planning future events and solving issues.
- As a team, make GEAR as successful as possible.

Improve communication at all levels:

- Work on improving communication with chapters and with FMCA.
- Strengthen the Eastern Area Newsletter.
- Promote the Eastern Area website and keep it current.

Promote FMCA and the RVing lifestyle.

**Personal Information:**

Married to my husband, Eric, for 46 years. We have a married daughter, a son, and a cat. We became avid soccer fans while our children were young and in school. I chaperoned the girl's high school soccer team on a trip to England and Scotland with my daughter.

We have family in Ohio, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey whom we visit and have provided care and support when needed.

We have had the great fortune to be able to travel in an RV since October 2011 when we purchased our first RV. This was the same year we joined FMCA and the Penn Coachmen chapter of FMCA. Eric and I enjoy seeing this great country, especially taking in the National Parks.

Other interests include travel, hiking, gardening, reading, playing cards, and baking.

## **CANDIDATE FOR EASTERN AREA NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT**

**Dennis Ducharme, F402669**

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### **Job History:**

Regional Manager for Investors Heritage Life Insurance Company May 1994 to December 31, 2018.

Responsibilities: Recruit, train, manage, and motivate agents.

I was responsible for 100 agents, to motivate, train agents, and keep production in my area at the goals set. I am a certified instructor for insurance CE classes in the State of Kentucky. I built the area from \$0 to \$5,000,000.00 per year.

Sales Rep to Funeral Homes in five states from 1984 to 1994.

District executive for Boy Scouts of America from 1975 to December 1983.

Treasurer of the Kentucky Funeral Supply Sales club for 25 years. From 1994 to 2016.

### **Volunteer positions:**

During my tenure as member of FMCA, I have served in numerous volunteer roles; National, Regional, and Chapter level.

Eastern Area Senior VP January 1, 2021, to present.

Membership/Member Services Committee January 1, 2016, to present.

Member of FMCA Review Council January 1, 2020, to present.

Eastern Area Western Regional VP 2014 to December 31, 2020.

President of the Kentucky Horse Shu Kru chapter, two terms as president.

Chairperson of the Ice Cream Social for several years at GEAR Rally.

Captain of Ice Cream Social at 2017 international convention in Indianapolis, IN.

Co-Captain of Ice Cream Social at Perry, GA, in 2019.

Van Driver, RV Basics, Perry, GA, 2019.