

MEMBER VOTE: PROPOSED CHANGES TO FMCA'S CONSTITUTION

During its meeting on August 23, 2023, FMCA's Governing Board passed motions to amend the following FMCA Constitution Article: Article I, Name, Status, and Purposes. These changes are to allow FMCA to operate under an assumed business name for marketing purposes, and to shorten the Mission and Purpose Statements. The Governing Board also voted on Article VI, FMCA Numbered Identification Emblems. This change removes the description of the FMCA Emblem from the Constitution; however, it remains in the National Bylaws and policies and procedures.

If the majority of members approve these proposals, FMCA's Constitution will be amended as shown here. Please vote by completing the accompanying ballot and returning it to Mandel and Associates Inc., 431 Ohio Pike, Suite 201, Cincinnati, OH 45255 by December 31, 2023; or vote online by going to www.fmca.com/constitution-changes-2023 and submitting your online ballot via the website by December 31, 2023. **Please select only one voting method. One vote per member number. Multiple votes will not be accepted.**

**SCAN TO
VOTE
ONLINE**



ARTICLE I – NAME, STATUS, AND PURPOSES

Amend this article to read:

1. Name:

The name of this Corporation, as stated in the Articles of Incorporation, is Family Motor Coach Association, Inc., hereinafter referred to as FMCA.

2. FMCA may choose to operate under an assumed business name for the purposes of public identity, promotion, and normal or customary operations.

3. Organizational Status:

- A. FMCA is organized as a Corporation for an indefinite period under the laws of the State of Ohio.
- B. FMCA is a non-profit corporation having no capital stock whatsoever. If there should be any net earnings from any activities, the same shall accrue solely to FMCA and no part shall inure to any member.
- C. FMCA National Headquarters will be located at such locations within or without the State

PROPOSED CHANGES ARE INDICATED BY THE FOLLOWING MARKS

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Deletion: **blue text with a strikethrough**

of Incorporation as the Governing Board may designate.

PROPOSER'S RATIONALE

In order to reach a broader audience, FMCA seeks to operate under an assumed business name (dba) that identifies with a larger share of RV owners. Utilizing an assumed business name allows the organization to more effectively market itself without changing the underlying formal name of the organization.

GOVERNING BOARD RECOMMENDATION:

The Governing Board voted in favor of sending this amendment to the membership for a vote.

CONSTITUTION – BALLOT

INSTRUCTIONS: Printed in this issue of the magazine are proposed changes to the current FMCA Constitution. This is the return ballot. Mark your ballot by placing an "X" in the appropriate boxes, remove the ballot, and mail (postal mail only) to:

**Mandel And Associates Inc.
431 Ohio Pike, Suite 201
Cincinnati, OH 45255**

Full, Full Lifetime, and Life members are entitled to cast a vote. One vote per FMCA member number. Ballot must be filled out completely to be valid.

NAME AND FMCA MEMBER NUMBER

CITY AND STATE/PROVINCE OF MEMBER

SIGNATURE

**BALLOT MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT BY
DECEMBER 31, 2023**

ACCEPT THE CHANGES TO ARTICLE I OF THE CONSTITUTION

☐ YES ☐ NO

ACCEPT THE CHANGES TO ARTICLE I, 3. A. OF THE CONSTITUTION

☐ YES ☐ NO

ACCEPT THE CHANGES TO ARTICLE 1, 3. B. i. OF THE CONSTITUTION

☐ YES ☐ NO

ACCEPT THE CHANGES TO ARTICLE VI OF THE CONSTITUTION

☐ YES ☐ NO



ARTICLE I, 3. A. – NAME, STATUS, AND PURPOSES

Amend this article to read:

3. Mission and Purpose:

- A. The Mission of FMCA is to **educate, support, and encourage family and social RV lifestyles.** ~~bring together recreational vehicle owners who share similar interests in congenial traveling, recreational, and social activities in order to preserve and perpetuate the traditional ideals and spirit of friendly and wholesome family fellowship as manifested by the founders of FMCA.~~

PROPOSER'S RATIONALE:

The current Mission Statement is wordy, lengthy, and difficult to use for marketing, communication and motivational purposes.

GOVERNING BOARD RECOMMENDATION:

The Governing Board voted in favor of sending this amendment to the membership for a vote.

- and operate and to dispose of by sale, conveyance, or any other lawful method such property as decided by the Governing Board or as specified in the Bylaws; and
- iii. Enter into contracts, to issue notes, pledges or mortgages of FMCA, to promote the interest of same consistent with the purposes of FMCA; and to perform all acts necessary, incidental, and appropriate for the accomplishment of the purposes stated.
- iv. Other specific purposes shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Bylaws.

PROPOSER'S RATIONALE:

The current purpose statement is cumbersome and does not effectively communicate the rationale for FMCA's activities.

GOVERNING BOARD RECOMMENDATION:

The Governing Board voted in favor of sending this amendment to the membership for a vote.

ARTICLE I, 3. B. i. – NAME, STATUS, AND PURPOSES

Amend this article to read:

B. The Purpose of FMCA is:

- i. Promote good fellowship and cooperation among all FMCA members **and provide services to meet the needs of the RV community.** ~~represent recreational vehicle owners as a group and promote their best interests, foster the improvement of recreational vehicles and recreational facilities, promote effective communication for the common good of members, assist in the formation of Chapters, and strive for a high standard of conduct resulting in a favorable public image of FMCA and its members;~~
- ii. Acquire real and personal property of every nature and description by purchase, gift, deed, mortgage, lease or by other lawful method; and to develop, improve,

ARTICLE VI – FMCA NUMBERED IDENTIFICATION EMBLEMS

Amend this article to read:

The FMCA Emblem is a horizontal, oval design at the center of which is a vintage Flxible motor coach design surrounded by the words "Family Motor Coach Assoc."

PROPOSER'S RATIONALE:

A redesign or modification of the emblem/logo should not need to go through the involved process of changing the Constitution and Bylaws. The removal of this section and language specifying an emblem design should be able to be accomplished in accord with procedures outlined in Article X (Amending the Constitution).

GOVERNING BOARD RECOMMENDATION:

The Governing Board voted in favor of sending this amendment to the membership for a vote. ●