

# **BYLAWS**

## **SHALOM ROAMERS CHAPTER OF THE FAMILY RV ASSOCIATION (FRVA)**

**Adopted October 6, 2025**

### **ARTICLE I - CHAPTER NAME**

The name of this not-for-profit organization shall be the Shalom Roamers Chapter, an associate chapter (hereinafter referred to as "chapter") of the Family RV Association, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as "FRVA").

### **ARTICLE II - OBJECT**

1. **PURPOSE:** This chapter exists to promote social, recreational, and informational exchange activities that celebrate our Jewish RV community.
2. **AREA:** This chapter shall be authorized to function in North America.
3. **SCOPE:** This FRVA associate chapter will have members with a mutual interest in celebrating our Jewish religious and Recreational Vehicle (RV) activities and drawn nationwide within the scope of FRVA.
4. **SOCIAL CLUB:** The EIN as filed with the Internal Revenue Service is based upon the chapter being a social club with no employees.

### **ARTICLE III: MAINTAINING FRVA ACCREDITATION**

1. This chapter must maintain a minimum of seven family unit FRVA memberships.
2. The chapter secretary shall furnish to the national office of FRVA, no later than December 31st each year, a membership list, a list of chapter officers, and assurance that a business meeting was held.
3. **ANNUAL AUDIT:** An annual audit of the chapter's financial books and records shall be undertaken and reported to the membership.
4. **APPLICATION OF NATIONAL CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS:** This chapter accepts and agrees that the chapter Bylaws shall conform to any mandatory requirements stipulated in the FRVA Constitution, Bylaws and Member and Volunteer Handbook.

### **ARTICLE IV - MEMBERS**

#### **1. ELIGIBILITY:**

- A. To be eligible for and to maintain membership in the chapter, a person must be in good standing with FRVA, and meet the dues requirement and provisions set forth in the bylaws of this chapter.
- B. Membership in this chapter shall be open to any family unit or individual regardless of race, age, gender, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, marital status, or disability.
- C. This chapter welcomes all FRVA members.

## 2. DEFINITIONS:

A. The term "family unit," is defined as a person; his or her spouse, or partner; dependents of each, regardless of age; non-dependent grandchildren and great-grandchildren aged 18 and under.

B. The term "membership," is defined as either a family unit or an individual or individuals owning or owned a qualifying recreational vehicle (RV) who share a current FRVA membership number.

C. The term "member," is defined as each adult who, jointly or individually, constitutes a membership. The rights of each member are defined in the description of each category contained in Article III (3) of the FRVA Bylaws.

3. **VOTING AND HOLDING OFFICE:** A member must meet the requirements of FRVA membership in order to vote or hold office in this chapter.

## 4. DUES AND FEES:

A. Annual payment of chapter and national dues enables persons to become active members and entitled to all rights and privileges of the chapter and FRVA. The annual dues for membership in the chapter shall be an amount as the Board shall establish.

B. Renewal dues from chapter members become due and payable no later than January 30 each year.

C. **INITIAL APPLICATION:** Application for new membership shall be accompanied by payment of annual chapter and national dues (unless already an FRVA member). If an initial application is accepted after December 1, then the dues shall be regarded as covering the next membership year. Members who join mid-year shall pay a pro-rata amount of the Chapter annual dues until the following January.

D. **INITIATION FEE:** New and reinstated members may be required to pay an initiation fee in an amount to be established by the chapter Board.

E. **ARREARS:** Any member whose dues remain unpaid for more than 30 days after becoming due shall be considered delinquent and membership canceled.

## **ARTICLE V - CHAPTER ADMINISTRATION**

1. **AUTHORITY:** This chapter shall be democratically self-governed, deriving its existence and authority from the consent of its membership assembled in meeting(s).

2. **ORGANIZATIONAL YEAR:** The fiscal and membership year of the chapter shall commence on January 1 and end on December 31.

### 3. **CHAPTER MEETINGS:**

**A. TYPES:** The term "meeting" shall include RV rallies, campouts, dinner meetings, and any other gatherings suitable to the function of the chapter. Meetings may also be held via online methodologies.

**B. BUSINESS MEETINGS:** In each fiscal year, the chapter shall hold one business meeting each November at which a quorum is present for the purpose of electing the chapter Officers and Directors. The meeting can be a gathering in one area or where some or all of the members communicate with other members through electronic means such as the Internet. Said meeting shall be duly

announced in advance to the membership, including adequate description of how to participate, via email or Shalom Roamers social media.

**C. BOARD ELECTION:** The voting general membership is to elect chapter officers: a president, a vice president, a secretary, and a treasurer (the secretary and treasurer can be combined should no candidates for each are available); and two directors at the annual business meeting. In the absence of candidates, the Board may appoint the unfilled officer/director positions.

**D. CHAPTER QUORUM:** A quorum for the transaction of business at any duly called chapter meeting is 25% of the chapter family unit memberships or seven (7) family unit memberships, whichever is less.

**E. CHAPTER VOTING:** Except as specified elsewhere in these bylaws, a simple majority vote of family unit members in good standing, eligible to vote and voting shall be required to elect officers and directors. Voting will be one vote per each family unit member. Voting is to be in person, or by mail, email, or other electronic means as determined by the Board when a total membership vote is required or advisable. Note: When the election or other proposed matter to be decided is conducted by mail, email, or other electronic means, provisions must be made for write-in votes, and may not be voted on at a meeting.

**F. PARLIAMENTARY PROCESS:** The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern this chapter's proceedings to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Constitution and Bylaws of FRVA, and the bylaws of this chapter.

## **ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

1. **DUTIES OF OFFICERS:** The duties of elected officers shall be as defined in the FRVA Member and Volunteer Handbook. ALSO:
  - **President**
    - The President shall oversee the operation of the chapter
    - Formation and supervision of committees
    - Run the meetings
  - **Vice-President**
    - Takeover in the absence of the President
  - **Secretary**
    - Filings of any required documents (such as the Fictitious name registration of Shalom Roamers due every five years)
    - Maintenance of the membership roster
    - Correspondences to members
    - Manage meetings/agenda
  - **Treasurer**
    - Manage the chapter funds
    - Create and file the IRS annual tax documents (Form 990n)
  - **Directors**
    - Provide added thoughts for items presented at meetings and to vote on issues brought forth for a vote.
2. **TERMS OF OFFICE:** The elected officers and directors of this chapter shall serve a two-year term of office, or until their successors are elected.

### **3. RIGHTS AND LIMITATIONS:**

- A. An individual FRVA member may hold either a single office in each of two chapters or two offices in one chapter. A member may hold the office of national director or alternate national director in only one chapter.
- B. Any member in good standing and eligible to hold office may be nominated from the membership for any elective office.
- C. No official or member shall become vested of any right, title to, or interest in any chapter property, except as required by law.
- D. No official or member shall receive any compensation, directly or indirectly,

### **4. BOARD:**

- A. The officers and directors of the chapter shall constitute the Board.
- B. The Board shall have general supervision of the affairs of the chapter. None of its acts of the Board shall be in conflict of the chapter purpose or FRVA.
- C. The Board shall have the power to make the financial decisions of the chapter.
- D. The Board shall have the power to govern the policy making of the chapter.
- E. QUOREM – The presence, in person or via electronic means, of a simple majority of officers and directors.
- F. VOTING – a simple majority of the Board present at a meeting.

### **6. COMMITTEES**

**Rallies** – Rallies are an important aspect of Shalom Roamers social activities. Rally organizers are encouraged to create and manage the rallies and shall receive help from the executive director and the membership. Rallies are to be financially supported by rally fees created by the organizers. Excess funds shall go into the chapter treasury.

**Membership**

**Media**

**Nominating/Elections**

**Ad hoc**

## **ARTICLE VII - AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS**

**1. MANDATORY AMENDMENTS:** FRVA National Bylaw Amendments and Member and Volunteer Handbook - Policy and Procedures amendments applicable to chapter operations are not subject to a vote by the chapter membership.

### **2. AMENDING PROCEDURE:**

- 1. These bylaws may be amended by a simple majority vote of the Board voting at a duly called meeting, providing that prior notice of at least 30 days has been given of the proposition(s) to amend.
- 2. Any member of the chapter may propose to the Board amendments to the bylaws.
- 3. Voting may be conducted at a Board meeting, OR by mail, email or other electronic means
- 4. Approved amendments to these bylaws become effective immediately upon their adoption, or at such time as specified in the amendment.

### **3. DISTRIBUTION:**

- 1. Copies of changes, additions, amendments, or revisions to these bylaws shall be forwarded to the national FRVA office.

## **ARTICLE VIII - STANDING RULES**

This BOARD may adopt Standing Rules to provide guidelines and procedures by which the chapter may function and operate.

## **ARTICLE IX - LIQUIDATION AND DISSOLUTION**

This chapter of FRVA may be dissolved by a majority vote of chapter members per the chapter voting guidelines. All of the remaining assets of the chapter shall be contributed to the purposes for which the chapter is organized, or to a qualified non-profit charity or charities.

*The voting for the adoption of these Bylaws fulfilled the previous Bylaws process of amendments. At the time of the proposal there were 32 total voting units and the minimum number of 21 FOR votes to create this new document was obtained October 6, 2025. There were 0 (zero) AGAINST votes.*