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### **Nominee for Northwest Area Vice President**

#### **General Statement**

The last two years have been very FMCA involved for us starting with chairing our Area Rally Registrations for both 2008 & 2009, election as Vice President on the Northwest Area Association Executive Board, served as a special delegate for one of our Area's Chapters at both St Paul and Bowling Green Governing Board Meetings, and served two years on FMCA's National Long Range Planning Committee. Four notable achievements of those committee meetings are the New Associate Chapter Option, complete redesign of the FMCA Web Site, the Web Site becoming a profit center, and successful demonstration of live interactive video internet seminars. This 21st Century approach to seminars proved that FMCA can deliver important content to Area Association Events and reduce costs at the same time. I also identified and referred our current Area Web Master to the Association President for recruitment resulting in a great new web site at a substantial cost reduction for us.

#### **Qualifications**

Besides the above, I was also a Chapter Vice President-Wagon Master for two years, Chapter President for three years, rally hosts (2002 - 2008), and Chapter Delegate to the Area Association Meetings (2003 - 2008). Before joining FMCA in 2001 I already had an extensive back ground in Community, Regional, and National Volunteer positions. I also retired from a career involving extensive public relations for the State of Washington. The agency's motto is "Service with Humility" (see detail resume' on page two).

#### **Vision Statement**

Four events, two major ones, are already on the Area Association Calendar. Two Area Association Meetings, hosting the 2010 International Convention in Redmond, OR and organizing our 2011 Area Rally currently scheduled for Puyallup, WA. Although I have specific suggestions to help with both, and beyond, it would be inappropriate to mention specifics while awaiting the election of our replacement Area President/National Vice President. I will work with all our Area Executive Board Members to help establish an agenda, support that agenda, continue to build the Northwest Area Association, and provide support to the Area Chapters and membership.

#### **More About Me**

Because I am more than a compilation of my life experiences and training I have summarized the following from a personality evaluation. I tend to be introspective, pragmatic, informative, and expressive. Yes, sometimes I talk too much and at other times I think out loud (i.e. talk to myself). Although I recognize and respect structure and order (traditions) I tend to question doing things the same way just because that was the way it was done in the past. If I perceive there is a different way of doing something that will ultimately improve the process I will attempt to get it changed. I tend to be intensely curious, always looking for new projects to work on, and have an entrepreneurial character. Designing and improving mechanisms and products (i.e. Rallies, Rally Registrations, By-laws, etc.) is a constant interest of mine.

Although I have a variety of ideas, I am primarily interested in ones that can be used to make or improve products or actions. I see the design and planning stages as a means to an end, the goal being a successful “event”. Experience has shown me that I can find effective and pragmatic solutions during the design, planning, and implementation stages whether individually tasked with a project or when working as a member of a group.

I am usually laid back, nonjudgmental, and good conversationalists (if background “chatter” or music doesn’t keep me from hearing you). I strive to be informative in my social exchanges and can explain my own ideas, in understandable terms, as well as comprehend the complex ideas of others.

Experience has again shown me that I am capable of rising to meet the demands of challenging situations; a good leader of pilot, start up, or recovery projects that test my abilities; enjoy finding new ways to do things; and have the social skills and drive to implement these ideas.

Thank you for your Chapters support in this election and after as we all work together in support of the Northwest Area, Area Chapters, and our members

**FMCA  
Leadership  
Experience**

Vice President Northwest Area Executive Board 2008-Present), Member Long Range Planning Committee (2007-2009), Early Security Captain Redmond Convention (2007), Two years Northwest Area Association Nominating Committee Chair (2005-2006), Columbia Basin Cruiser Chapter President (2004-2007), Tram Volunteer (2005) Co-Chair Area Rally Trams (2006), Co-Chair Information Booth Redmond Convention (2004), Columbia Basin Cruisers Vice President and Wagon-master (2003-2005), Area Rally Registrations Chair (2008-2009), Columbia Basin Cruisers Newsletter (2003-2005), Area Rally Information Booth (Volunteer) Moses Lake (2002) and Albany (2003).

**Volunteer  
Leadership  
Background**

Rotary Club: Treasurer, various committee chairs and committee memberships; Boy Scouts: Council Board, Council Training Chair, Wood Badge Course Director, Jamboree Scout Master, Order of the Arrow Advisor, Scoutmaster. Other: Soccer League Chair; Red Cross Board Member and Instructor. Volunteer Recognitions: Paul Harris Fellowship, Rotary; Scoutmaster Award of Merit, NESA; Distinguished Silver Beaver, BSA; District Award of Merit, BSA; Order of the Arrow Vigil Honor, BSA; Distinguished Service Award, Walla Walla JC’s.

**Personal  
Background**

Wife, Della, married 42 years; Owner of successful IT business (1983 – present); Retired Washington State Patrol serving assignments in transportation management, public relations and safety education, and crime scene reconstruction (1968 – 1993). Besides college and business courses other continuing education include “New Age Thinking in Management” and Jack Canfield’s (Chicken Soup) “Facilitating Skills Seminar”.

**Interests**

Spending time with family, FMCA Chapters, puppy “Skittles”, skiing, and enjoying the challenges of volunteer and professional leadership and of course traveling in our Motor Home.