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Travel at your own pace
STAY CALM UNDER PRESSURE

BE BRAVE

ENJOY TIME alone



Live Wild

BE mindful



BE STRONG

**and keep moving
forward**

RURITAN NATIONAL CONVENTION
JANUARY 24-25, 2025
GREENVILLE, SC

Ruritan

2025 National Convention

**Welcome to the
93rd Annual
Ruritan National Convention
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January 24-25, 2025**



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National President's Message



Welcome to the 2025 Ruritan National Convention in beautiful Greenville, South Carolina! We are excited to have you here as we celebrate an exciting and historic 2024 for Ruritan. Together, we honor our ongoing commitment to serving communities across the nation.

Your dedication and passion for fellowship, goodwill, and community service are what makes Ruritan the strong and vibrant organization it is today.

Thank you for being part of this journey, and we look forward to an unforgettable convention together! I also want to wish you the very best in the coming year.

*2024 National President
Robin Davenport*

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Convention Co-Chairs Message



Hello and welcome to beautiful Greenville, South Carolina! We're delighted to have you here for the 2025 National Convention. This year's event has shaped up to be one of our best yet.

The Convention Committee has worked tirelessly to plan an incredible two-day experience, filled with engaging activities, insightful sessions, and opportunities to connect with fellow attendees.

We've made some exciting changes to our program and introduced new events designed to inspire, educate, and entertain. We're confident this convention will leave you with lasting memories and valuable takeaways.

Thank you for being a part of this special gathering. Let's make it an event to remember!

2024 Convention Co-Chairs

Jim and Jonathan LaFollette

#RuritanStrong

2025 Convention Program Committee

Jim LaFollette - 2000 National President/Convention Co-Chair

Jonathan LaFollette - Past National Director/Convention Co-Chair

Robin Davenport - 2024 National President

David Grimm - President's Aide

Sarah Kelly - Executive Director

Crystal Andrews - Events Coordinator

Convention Sponsors

**Karaoke DJ
2000 National President
Jim Lafollette and
First Lady Janie
\$450**

**Former First Ladies Rose
2024 National President
Robin Davenport
\$500**

**Registration Lanyards
Boost Engagement
\$500**

**Banquet Table Centerpieces
1999 National President Rick
Poff and 2024 National
Secretary Juliann Poff**

Convention Sponsors

**President Reception Favors
2017 Foundation President**

Pat Davis

\$1,800



Martin Arthur
CPAs

Podium Centerpiece

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Welcome Table Apple Cider

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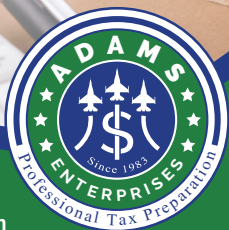
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WEDNESDAY

Foundation Trustee Meeting

8 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Asheville

THURSDAY

National Board of Directors Meeting

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Kings Mill & Greenbriar

**Candidates, Incoming
District Governors, and Lt.
Governors see Diane to
have your photo taken.**

Registration and Information

1 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Lobby

Vendor Booths

1 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Lobby

Youth Workshop - Bingo

3 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Conference Room Second Floor

Candidate Tables

1 p.m. - 7p.m.
Lobby

Sgt. at Arms Committee Meeting

8 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Columbia

Ruritan Supply

1 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Lobby

Caucuses available starting at 9:30 p.m. in
Columbia, Florence, Harbour Town, Kings
Mill, Greenbrier, and Charleston Rooms.

Silent Auction

1 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Palmetto Club

Nominating Committee Meeting with Candidates

5 p.m - 6 p.m.
All candidates should attend.
Harbour Town

Chair Meeting with Friday's Participants

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Asheville

FRIDAY

2024 District Governors and Outgoing Board Members Breakfast with the President

7:45 a.m - 8:45 a.m.

Private Dining Area in the restaurant

District Governor, Lt. Governor, Zone Governor Training with President-Elect

All 2025 District Governors Must Attend

Eat breakfast before you head to your training.

9 a.m - 11 a.m.

Kings Mill

Becky Lane

Club President and Vice President Training

9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Greenbrier

Ron Uthus

Club Secretary and District Secretary Training

9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Florence

Beverly Tanner

Club Treasurer and District Treasurer Training

9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Harbour Town

Jimmy Bristow

Club Director Training

9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Spartanburg

Larry Bowman

FRIDAY

Registration

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Lobby

Youth Workshop

9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Conference Room Second Floor

Vendor Booths

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Lobby

First Timer's Reception

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Restaurant Area

Candidate Tables

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Lobby

Join us from 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. in the
Embassy Ballroom for an
Opening Ceremony Reception.

Ruritan Supply

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Lobby

Caucuses available starting at 10:30 p.m.
in Columbia, Florence, Harbour Town,
Kings Mill, Greenbrier,
and Charleston Rooms.

Silent Auction

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Palmetto Club

Chairs Meeting with Saturday Participants

11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Asheville

Bylaws Committee to receive delegates

11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Columbia

APNP Meeting

9 a.m.

Private Dining Area in the Restaurant

Resolutions Committee to receive delegates

11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Charleston

Opening and Flag Ceremony

Embassy Ballroom

2 p.m.

Presiding: 2000 National President Jim Lafollette

Welcome

Jim Lafollette

America

Perry Marshman, National Director

Invocation

Julie Marshall, National Director

Presentation of the National President

Jim Lafollette

The president's escort is Convention Co-Chair

Jonathan Lafollette.

Welcome

Robin Davenport, 2024 National President

Memorial

Julie Marshall

Flag Ceremony

2017 National President Danny Privott and Mary Lou Privott

Announcements

Sarah Kelly, Executive Director

FRIDAY

**President's Reception
Embassy Ballroom
*Immediately following the
Opening and
Flag Ceremony***

Friday Business Meeting

Embassy Ballroom

4 p.m.

Presiding: Robin Davenport

2024 National President

Welcome

Jim LaFollette, 2000 National President

Invocation

Julie Marshall, National Director

Introduction of the National President (please stand)

Jonathan LaFollette, Past National Director

Credentials First Report

Sarah Kelly, Executive Director

Adoption of Convention Program

Robin Davenport

Welcome from Greenville

TBD

Nominating Committee Report

Linward Hedgspeth, 2020/2021 National President

Candidate Speeches

Bylaws Ballot Items

Bylaws Committee

Ron Reid, Billy Hobbs, Julie Marshall

Ruritan National Foundation

Phillip Bradshaw, 2023/2024 Foundation President

Presentation of Rudy Youth and Ruri-Teen of the Year

Robin Davenport and Perry Marshman, Youth Committee Chair

Presentation of Ruritan of the Year

Robin Davenport

Announcements

Sarah Kelly

Recess

Tailgate Party



Friday
8 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Join us for the Ruritan Tailgate Party! Who will win the title for the best decorated booth? Be there to find out! This year, we're excited to introduce karaoke for the first



time—come show off your talent. Don't miss out on classic favorites like the cake walk, pottery wheel, and photobooth. Plus, cheer on your friends in the scooter race!

**PHOTO
BOOTH**



It's going to be an evening full of food, fun, and fantastic fellowship!

SATURDAY MORNING VOTING

Embassy Ballroom

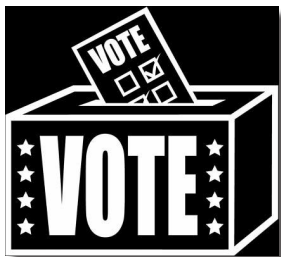
8 a.m. - 9 a.m.

**Registration will be open from
7 a.m - 8 a.m**

All delegates that have registered by 4 p.m. Friday with an email address will receive a link to cast their ballot electronically. If you feel uncomfortable voting electronically, paper Scantron ballots are available in the Embassy Ballroom prior to voting. Delegates that register Saturday morning must vote by paper ballot.

Delegates have a WHITE name badge.

Non-delegates have a BLUE name badge.



**Only delegates will be
allowed to vote.**

Saturday Business Meeting

Embassy Ballroom

10 a.m.

Presiding: Robin Davenport

2024 National President

Welcome

Robin Davenport

Credentials Second Report

Sarah Kelly, Executive Director

Introduction of the National Board

Robin Davenport

Recognition: Members Years of Service

Recognition: Ruritan Forever Participants

Recognition: Golden Key Recipients

Recognition: Gold Community Service Clubs

Recognition: Outgoing Board and Committees

Membership Awards

District Growth Awards

Communication Awards

Other Awards

Ruritan National Foundation

Phillip Bradshaw, Foundation President

National Treasurer's Report

David Thompson

National Secretary's Report

Juliann Poff

Executive Director's Report

Sarah Kelly

Resolutions Committee

John Biery, National Director

Bylaws Committee Report

Ron Reid, National Director

SATURDAY

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Saturday Business Meeting continued

2026 National Convention – Lexington, KY

Rick Poff, 1999 National President

Becky Lane 2024 National President-Elect

Jenna Erickson Lexington KY Representative

Teller's Report and Election Results

Sarah Kelly

Declaration of Election Results

Robin Davenport

New Business

Announcements

Sarah Kelly

**All silent auction items must be picked
up by 10 a.m.**

Foundation Live Auction

12 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Palmetto Club

Youth Workshop

2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Conference Room Second Floor

Color Temperment and

Why Stories

Saturday Workshops

Growth That Makes Growth Exciting

1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Spartanburg

Millard Thacker

Do you think growth in membership matters? Do you want to learn how to boost membership, Growth and enhance engagement? If your answer is “yes” then come to this workshop! It might be exciting!

Triage - Stopping the Flow of Members Leaving - Retention

1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Florence

Sandy Burner-Cave

Learn practical approaches to retain members by addressing their needs and preventing attrition.

Communication

1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Charleston

Dean Marzocca

So, ya had a fund raiser, y'all picked up trash, a military vet was honored, or new officers were installed but who knows about it. Why have a secret and not tell the world. I'll show you how to make it known what a Ruritan really is... we'll have a fun time with a serious subject.

How to Become an Effective Leader

1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Columbia

Alex Sowers

Are you concerned about your family, your community and the state of our organization? Are you willing to serve those in your community? If you answer “yes” to any part of these questions, join us at our workshop on Effective Leadership.

Thinking Outside the Box - Gathering New Ideas

1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Harbour Town

Doug Parr

Discover innovative ways to solve problems, generate fresh ideas, and approach challenges from new perspectives.

Saturday Workshops

Generational Compass

Moving your Club in the Right Direction

1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Kings Mill

Gene Burgess

Working across the generations to develop your “Ruritan Why”. Join us as we explore opportunities to include all ages at the Ruritan table.

Starting a New Club

1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Greenbrier

Sarah Kelly and Juliann Poff

Ready to expand your community impact? Join us for the ‘Starting a New Club’ workshop and discover some strategies, tools, and tips you need to launch new Ruritan clubs in your area. This session will empower you to grow our network, foster community spirit, and strengthen our service reach. Let’s build Ruritan together!

Growing Young- Gathering Young People

2:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

Columbia

Zack McCallie

This class will offer thoughts and ideas on how to get those younger involved in our organization. We will discuss a variety of methods and even projects to do to draw those younger members in. Come check out the class at the National Convention and learn a new method or two.

Ruritan Playbook

2:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

Florence

Jeff Roadcap and John Biery

Do you wish, as Ruritans, we could be the leaders in helping our communities at an even greater level than we are now but just aren’t sure how to go about it? Come to the “Playbook” workshop and learn how this quick reference guide can provide fresh ideas about how to enrich our members & clubs and how to grow our Ruritan family.

Saturday Workshops

Teamwork Makes the Dream Work

2:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

Kings Mill

Jerome Rhodes

Enhance your club's collaboration skills by learning how to foster teamwork, trust, and shared goals among members.

Conflict Resolution

2:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

Greenbrier

Charlie Bowman

You attend a meeting, and you can't agree with another members idea and thought your idea was better....and the disagreement starts. How do we solve this without hating one another? Visit this workshop and see if we can't work this out, with agreement and respect.

Community Service Reports

2:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

Charleston

Cassandra Flanagan

Learn how to create comprehensive community service reports that effectively showcase your club's impact and contributions.

Future Candidates: Inspiring Teamwork and Leadership

2:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

Harbour Town

Rick Poff

Passionate about making a difference in your community? Considering running for office? Come learn about working as a team, motivating districts and clubs, and preparing for leadership success!

Town Hall Discussion in Carolina Ballroom

- Strategizing

- New Ideas

3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday Installation Banquet

Embassy Ballroom

6 p.m. (Doors open at 5:45 p.m.)

Presiding: Jim Lafollette

2000 National President

Welcome

Jim Lafollette

Invocation

Julie Marshall

DINNER

Presentation of Head Table

Jim Lafollette

Recognition of DRM's

Sandra Burner-Cave and Larry Cave: Seven Bends Club

Gary Collier: Cedar Grove TN Club

Brenda Hisghman: Southern Fauquier Club

Dreama Johnston: Barren Springs Community Club

Zack McCallie and Vonnie Meyers: Lenoir City Panthers

Ruri-Teen Club

Kathy Newcomb: Hurt Community Club

Howard & Beverly Tanner: Irvington Area Club

Recognition of Gwaltney Award

Kevin and Pamela Smith

Recognition of 2024 National President

Jim Lafollette

Outgoing President remarks

2024 National President Robin Davenport

Installation of 2025 Officers

1999 National President Rick Poff

Ruritan National Foundation Remarks

2025 Foundation President Guy Cox

Installation of 2025 National President

Rick Poff

Address of 2025 National President

Becky Lane

Announcements

National Secretary Juliann Poff

Pledge

Juliann Poff

Introduction of Entertainment

Jonathan Lafollette

Entertainment

SUNDAY

Worship Service

Embassy Ballroom

8 a.m.

Doors open at 7:45 a.m.

Welcome

National President Bobby Wrenn

Hymn (all stand)

Past National Director Donna Poulton

Invocation

National Director Julie Marshall

Sermon

2020/2021 National President Linward Hedgspeth

Closing Prayer

Julie Marshall

National Board Meeting

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Kings Mill and Greenbrier

Eat breakfast before you come.

SUNDAY

Convention Exhibitors

J&J Farms



Dreama - Wind Spinners & Tumblers



Exhibitor Hours

Thursday 1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Convention Exhibitors

Slanesville Ruritan Club Applebutter



Larry Sumpter - Real Time Pain Relief



Internal Financial Solutions, LLC

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Ballot Items

Ballot Item One

Approved Board Motion 24-07-04

The Ruritan National Bylaws ARTICLE I Name/ Emblem/Politics, Section 3. Reads as follows:

“This organization and its members shall be non-sectarian and non-partisan and shall take no action endorsing or condemning any candidate or measure which is to be submitted to the vote of the people.”

The Board approved striking the current wording and inserting new wording as follows:

“This organization shall be non-sectarian and non-partisan.”

Reason for the motion: Ruritan National cannot dictate that members be non-sectarian and non-partisan. The proposed language provides a clear statement that does not override the rights of individual members while protecting the non-profit status of the organization and clubs. It promotes consistency and prevents conflicts arising from ambiguity.

Will take effect immediately upon approval by a 2/3 vote of the delegates at the national convention.

BALLOT ITEMS

National President-Elect

Gary Swink

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CLUB: Member of Kerrs Creek Club for 46 years, with 45 years of consecutive perfect attendance; Kerrs Creek Club Secretary, Treasurer (multiple years), Vice President, and President (multiple years, including 2023); Organized club's first annual golf tournament which successfully raised funds for scholarships and Ruritan Foundation; Ruritan of the Year, Tom Downing, and Ruritan Forever.

DISTRICT: Served in almost every capacity as a member of the Natural Bridge District Cabinet for over a dozen years; Natural Bridge District Governor 1988 and District Lt. Governor 1987; Key organizer of the Va. Association of Ruritans in 1988; Implementor of the Va. Adopt-a-Highway program with the first two groups (Ruritan Clubs) to adopt a highway.

NATIONAL: Board of Directors (1990-1992); National Treasurer (1994-1996); Special Ways & Means Committee (1992); Convention Parliamentarian (1993) and Board of Directors Parliamentarian (2009); Served on convention committees including Resolutions, Nominating, and Publicity & Public Relations; Helped organize the first Rudy Bear Drop; Workshop presenter and emceed convention sessions on multiple occasions; attended over 30 conventions; Non-Board member of Budget and Finance Committee (2022 to present).

EDUCATION: Graduated magna cum laude from King University with a double major in Economics and Business Administration while playing intercollegiate soccer

OCCUPATION: 30 years experience in healthcare finance, including final 2 years as hospital CEO, with a \$30 million budget and 425 employees; oversaw building and equipping of a new hospital facility; Chief Operating Officer of two for-profit companies, while CFO of the non-profit hospital; Invested as much as \$26 million of hospital funds; Retired from the City of Lexington after 8 years as Finance Director and having served as Interim City Manager.

OTHER: Member, Elder, Trustee, and Sunday School teacher at New Monmouth Presbyterian Church; Married to Dianne for 43 years, with two grown children and four grandchildren; Am a third-generation Ruritan.

National President-Elect

David Thompson

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CLUB: Member of Dinwiddie Club for 22 years; Dinwiddie Club President in 2006 and 2011; Dinwiddie Club Vice President in 2005 and 2010; Dinwiddie Club Director 2003-2005; Have served on the Audit Committee, the Nominations Committee, and Fundraising Committee and have served as Chair for that committee; Also served on the Dinwiddie Steak Fest Committee from 2004-2024 and have served as Chair, and the Dinwiddie Golf Tournament Chair. Also a member of the Red Oak VA Club since 2015, the Brookneal 21st Century Club, as a charter member since 2017, and was a member of the LaCrosse-Bracey Club from 2012-2016 where I served as the Secretary/Treasurer.

DISTRICT: Appomattox District Governor 2013–2014; Appomattox District Lt. Governor 2012; Appomattox District Zone 1 Governor 2007-2010; Appomattox District Zone 1 Lt. Governor 2001-2012; Appomattox District Zone 1 Ruritan of the Year in 2013; Appomattox District Publicity/Newsletter Chair from 2007-present; Have served on the Appomattox District Audit Committee, District Policy Committee, District Convention Committee; Awarded 1st place for the District Newsletter Media Award in 2013.

NATIONAL: National Treasurer 2018-present; Executive Committee and Budget and Finance Committee from 2018-present; National Director 2015-2017, assigned to the Bylaws Committee; National Convention Workshop Presenter 2015- present (Bylaws, Finance and Club Treasurer, Zone Governor workshops); National Convention Resolutions Committee in 2015; Sgt-at-Arms at the National Convention 2013-2014; District Governor Training 2013-2014; Bylaws workshop presenter at the Summer Leadership Conference 2015-2016; Finance workshop presenter at the Summer Leadership Conference 2021-2024; I am a Tom Downing Fellow; Golden Key Recipient and a Ruritan Forever.

EDUCATION: Graduated from Dinwiddie High School with an Advanced Diploma; Richard Bland College (A.S. in Computer Science); Kansas State University (B.S. in Interdisciplinary Studies); Mountain Empire College (Geographic Information Systems, GIS Certification); Numerous continuing education credits/classes/training for my GIS certification.

CANDIDATES

David Thompson - continued

OCCUPATION: Employed with the City of Hopewell (VA) as the Geographic Information System (GIS) Manager; Senior Planner and Zoning Administrator for 7 years for Dinwiddie Planning Department; Former Law Enforcement Officer with 14 years of service; 30+ years' experience in Local Government.

OTHER: Member of Crawford United Methodist Church and served on the Finance Committee and Audit Committee before its closing due to COVID; Current member of the Lebanon United Methodist Church; Petersburg/Dinwiddie Crime Solvers Board Member 2004-present; member of the Dinwiddie Volunteer Rescue Squad, EMT-ST from 1983-1990; Married to Jody with two wonderful children, Kelly and Scott; Kelly, age 35 is a proud graduate of William and Mary and Scott, age 30, proud graduate of Bridgewater College; Proud grandfather to our first grandchild, Bailey born in 2023 to Kelly and her husband Dave, what a joy and a blessing it has been.

National Treasurer

James M. Mills, Jr.
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CLUB: Charter member of the County Line Ruritan Club (2003). Member of Hiram Ruritan Club, Hiram GA from 1992-2002; Charter member of the Paulding Ruritan Club in 2002 and over the past 32 years, I have served in every office at the club level. I am currently the president of my local club.

DISTRICT: Served as Zone Governor three times for a total of 5 years, between 1996 and the present, in the GA / North AL District (24); Served the Georgia / North Alabama District (24) as Leadership Development Coordinator 11 years; Foundation Promotion Chair, 2 years, District Secretary 3 years; District Lt. Governor in 1998 and 2023 and District Governor in 1999 and 2024; District Ruritan of the Year in 2007

NATIONAL: Attended 27 National Conventions and served on the Sgt-at-Arms Committee; as a workshop presenter; in the Flag Ceremony and served on the Convention Planning Committee in 2010. In 2011, I served as the President's Aide Convention; was Elected National Director in 2002, and had assignments as District Director to my home district, as well as the Alabama-Florida and Cherokee Districts and the Central Florida Area. I was Chair of the National Leadership Development Committee in 2004; I served as National Secretary from 2013 to 2022; and I am a Ruritan Forever!

EDUCATION: Smiths Station High School, Smiths AL (1979); Phillips College, Columbus, GA (1982) with an AA Degree in Data Processing.

OCCUPATION: I have been employed at Yamaha Motor Corporation, USA since 1988; (36 Years) in various leadership roles ranging from Regional Service Supervisor, National Service Manager, Operations Department Manager and Procurement Division Manager (current role).

OTHER: I am married to Vicky for 44 years and we have two sons, James III (wife, Jamie and grandsons, Jasper and Hudson, (with a granddaughter due in March 2024), and Richard. We enjoy boating, fishing, and camping. I served for 5 years as the Treasurer for AMTECH, a National Association of Marine Technicians, for 10 years as the CFO for Cross Walk Chapel (a non-denominational Christian Church) in Hiram, GA, and I am the Treasurer since 2022 for Marietta First Church of the Nazarene in Marietta, GA

National Treasurer

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CLUB: Augusta Road Ruritan Club: Member since 2011; Augusta Road Club President 2015-2016; Augusta Road Club Treasurer 2012-2013, 2018 and 2020-present; Augusta Road Club Secretary 2021-present; Generations Ruri-Teen Sponsor 2022-present; Chair of the Citizenship & Patriotism Committee 2020-2022; Chair of the Social Development Committee 2020-present.

DISTRICT: Spartan District Governor 2014; Spartan District Lt. Governor 2013, 2018 and 2020-2023; Spartan District Youth Coordinator 2015; DRM for the Generations Ruri-Teen Club.

NATIONAL: Ruritan National Director 2018-present; Assigned National Director to the Columbia District 2018-present; Assigned National Director to the Georgia-North Alabama District 2019-2023; Assigned National Director to the Spartan District 2024; Member and Chair of the Publications Committee; Member and Chair of the Leadership Development Committee; Song Leader National Convention and Board of Directors; Song Leader for Worship Service at the National Convention; National Convention Workshop presenter; Summer Leadership presenter; Project FOCUS Committee Secretary; I am a Ruritan Forever and a Tom Downing.

EDUCATION: Liberty Baptist College (now Liberty University) – certificate program in Business Administration; Clemson University – Bachelor of Arts – Elementary Education.

OCCUPATION: Vulcan Materials Company – 38 years, Current role is Support Services Coordinator for South Carolina sites, Plant Office Admin for 20 years – responsible for plant level purchasing and budget.

OTHER: Big Creek Baptist Church Children's Sunday School Teacher, Nursery Worker, and Adult Choir; Cedar Shoals Baptist Church Youth Director, Choir Director, and Church Council; Woodmen of the World Hometown Hero; Married to Danny for 38 years (July); 2 sons and 1 daughter-n-love, 2 grandson's, 1 great-granddaughter, Fur-child Brutus an American/English Bulldog mix, Fur-grands Rebel a black Lab and Levi a dogo argentino; Love to read, sing karaoke, travel and meet new people.

National Secretary

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CLUB: Ruritan Member since 1990; Member of Belmont II Ruritan Club and Charter Member of the Floyd Community Ruritan Club; I have served in leadership roles since 1997, serving as Director (3 years), Secretary (3years), Treasurer (14years), Vice President and President (2 years)

DISTRICT: I have served the New River District as Zone Governor, District Secretary (4 years), Publicity Chair; Convention Chair (4 years); Lt. Governor; District Governor; Association of Virginia Ruritan Secretary

NATIONAL: Ruritan National Secretary 2023-2024; Member of the Long-Term Plan (LTP) Committee; DRM 2023; Ruritan Forever; Gold Key recipient and 2024 member recruitment bar recipient; Convention Workshop Presenter; Registration Committee; Sargent at Arms Committee; Convention Co-Chair (1/2-year 2022); I have attended multiple Summer Leadership Conferences and attended 30 National Conventions.

EDUCATION: Master of Business Administration-Management and Bachelors of Business - Management, American National University; Project Management Professional (PMP) Certification.

OCCUPATION: Senior Project Analyst, Security and Safety at Gannett Fleming, Inc.; Committee Administrator - Risk and Resilience Committee.

OTHER: American Business Women's Association - Charter Member of New River Express Network (2008). Past leadership roles include Treasurer, Vice President, and President. 2013 Woman of the Year; Married to Rick for 34 years. Children: Julie (Scott), Ritchie, Benjamin (Amanda), Christopher (Maddie); Seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

National Director One-Year Term

Marty Sewell

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CLUB: Member of Union City (KY) club since 1988; served as Club President 1993, 2005-2006, 2014-2015; Club Vice President 2013 and 2024.

DISTRICT: Served as District Governor in 2015 and 2016; District Lt. Governor 2014; District Growth and Development Coordinator in 2003 - 2005; **Zone Governor 2013 - present.**

NATIONAL: National Director 2017-2020 and 2024; Publications Committee Chair 2019; Advancement Committee 2024. Have attended National Conventions and Summer Leadership Conferences.

EDUCATION: Madison Central High School, Richmond KY.

OCCUPATION: Self-employed.

OTHER: Member of the Union City Volunteer Fire Department; Madison County Fair Director; Former Co-President Madison Central Project Graduation; member of the Union City Baptist Church.

National Director

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CLUB: Bloomingdale Club President 2020-2022; Club Vice President 2019 and 2023; Club Director 2018; Club Reporter 2021 & 2022; Chair of the Social Development Committee; Chair of the Business & Professions Committee; Chair of Christmas Parade Committee; Co-Chair of the Fall Fest; Club Ruritan of the Year in 2018; currently Chair of the Social Engagement Committee; DRM for Ketron Ruri-Teen club formed in 2022.

DISTRICT: Tennessean District Governor 2023; Tennessean District Lt. Governor 2021 & 2022; District Ruritan of the Year three times (2020, 2021 & 2022).

NATIONAL: National Recruiter of the Year 2022; National Ruritan of the Year in 2022; Ruritan Forever two times; Attended Ruritan National Leadership Conference in 2021 and 2022; Spoke at the 2022 Leadership Conference on Recruiting; Attended the National Conventions in 2022 and 2023; Co-hosted a workshop on recruiting and retaining members at the 2023 National Convention.

EDUCATION: Ketron High School Graduate

OCCUPATION: Retired – Over 40 years in the work force with over 20 years in supervisory capacity; I was 28 years in the printing/binding industry; I have worked in auto sales and insurance sales, warehousing and as a field rep/tech.

OTHER: Been married 27 years to Loretta; have two children together (Joshua & Gabriel); have two stepchildren (Brandon & Brandy); Have six grand kids and are currently fostering five of those grand kids; volunteered for awhile as a mentor.

National Director

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CLUB: Member since 2000, Parrottsville Club member 2000, Camp Creek Club member since 2021, Round Mountain Club member since 2022 and Riders United Club member since 2023; Parrottsville Club President 2001-2002, 2016 and 2021; Parrottsville Club Vice President 2000, 2015 and 2020; Round Mountain Club President 2023; Round Mountain Club Director 2024; Charter member of the Round Mountain and Riders United Clubs; Outstanding Club President two times; Parrottsville Club Ruritan of the Year in 2005.

DISTRICT: Smoky Mountain District Governor 2007, 2017, and 2021; Smoky Mountain District Lt. Governor 2006, 2016, and 2020; Smoky Mountain District Youth Coordinator 2009-2011; Smoky Mountain District Foundation Chair 2019-2020; Smoky Mountain District Zone 1 Governor 2003-2005, 2010 and 2014-2015.

NATIONAL: National Director 2018-present; Have attended 16 National Conventions as a Delegate; Have attended 5 Summer Leadership Conferences; Have participated in the Flag Ceremony at the National Convention; Currently serving 2nd year on the Project FOCUS Committee; DRM for the Round Mountain Club; I am also a Ruritan Forever.

EDUCATION: Tennessee Tech University – B.S. Degree in Agricultural Science.

OCCUPATION: American Greetings/Plus Mark, where I am an Order Management Specialist.

OTHER: Attend Salem Lutheran Church; Currently serving on the Church Council; Member of the Watauga Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution; Married to Della Sue and have two children, Olivia and Ken.

National Director

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CLUB: Bethlehem NC Club: Member since 2011 and Kings Creek Club, Member since 2022; Bethlehem NC Club President 2018 - 2021; Bethlehem NC Club Vice President 2017; Bethlehem NC Club Secretary 2023-present; Bethlehem NC Club Second Secretary 2022.

DISTRICT: Western North Carolina District Governor 2024; Western North Carolina District Lt. Governor 2022-2023; Western North Carolina District Foundation Chair 200-2023; Western North Carolina Zone 6 Governor 2019-2021.

NATIONAL: National Convention 2023 and 2024; Summer Leadership Conference 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024; I am a Ruritan Forever.

EDUCATION: Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Mars Hill University; High School Diploma from Newton Conover Health Science High School.

OCCUPATION: I have worked in retail for Big Lots, in furniture sales; I worked in the restaurant industry for McDonalds and Bojangles; I worked with kids when I substitute taught for Catawba County Schools; I now do freelance work after discovering a passion for doing Power-Points, word documents and other items for businesses.

OTHER: Member of the Lions Club from 2023, Member of the Hickory Aviation Museum; Hobbies include the study of American and Comparative Politics, the study of History, the study of Military History; Other hobbies include Reading, Writing, Walking, Traveling.

National Director

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CLUB: Belmont II Ruritan Club: Member since 2015; Belmont II Club President 2022; Belmont II Club Vice President 2020-2021; Belmont II Club Director 2016-2018 and 2023-present; Lead execution of club fundraising efforts at Virginia Tech football games; Served on the audit committee for six years.

DISTRICT: New River District Governor 2020 and 2021; Assisted with organizing New River District Conventions.

NATIONAL: Attended six (6) National Conventions and have served as a Sgt-At-Arms; Attended the 2024 Summer Leadership Conference.

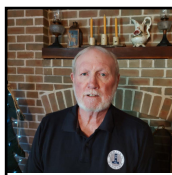
EDUCATION: Virginia Tech University– Bachelor of Architecture; Warren County High School in Front Royal, Virginia.

OCCUPATION: Virginia Tech University Dining Services for 30 years and currently serving as the Director, Have served in a variety of roles in dining services.

OTHER: Attend Trinity Community Church; Have served as President on the NRVA (H2okie Aquatics) Board of Directors; Married to Robin for 30 years, and we have one son, Takoda. I enjoy cooking, gardening, and entertaining family and friends.

National Director

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CLUB: Sumerduck Ruritan Club: Member since 2018; Sumerduck Club President 2022-2023; Sumerduck Club Vice President 2020; Sumerduck Club Director 2019 and 2024.

DISTRICT: Rappahannock District Governor 2024; Rappahannock District Lt. Governor 2023; Rappahannock District Zone 1 Governor 2024.

NATIONAL: National Convention 2024; Served as a Sgt-At-Arms at the 2024 National Convention; Summer Leadership Conference 2023 and 2024; I am a Ruritan Forever.

EDUCATION: University of Maryland, Bachelor of Science in Police Science; Virginia State Police Academy in Richmond, Virginia; Attended the Institute of Police Technology and Management School.

OCCUPATION: Virginia State Police Department, Virginia State Police trooper, Investigator, Human Resource Manager, Virginia State Police Academy Instructor, Firearms Instructor Training, Tact Team Member and Field Training Officer; Assistant High School Football Coach for 22 years for Liberty and Fauquier High School; Have received a Silver Star Valor from the Commonwealth of Virginia.

OTHER: I have been married to Brenda for 43 years, and we have two sons, Luke and Ben. I have four grandchildren. I am a Cattle Farmer and Football Coach.

National Director

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CLUB: Lynn's Crossroads Ruritan Club: Charter member since 1974; Lynn's Crossroads Club President 2005, 2010, 2013-2024; Lynn's Crossroads Club Vice President 2009 and 2012; Lynn's Crossroads Club Secretary 2013; Served on all committees and still serve on several committees; In October 2024, I will have 50 years as a Ruritan Member.

DISTRICT: Rocky Mt-Durham District Governor 2023-2024; Rocky Mt.-Durham District Lt. Governor 2022; Member of the Association of North Carolina Ruritans (ANCR).

NATIONAL: Served as an Ambassador at the 2021 and 2022 National Conventions; I am a Ruritan Forever and a Gold Key member with 15 plus members.

EDUCATION: Graduated from Southern Durham High School; Attended numerous classes at area community colleges.

OCCUPATION: Employed by IBM RTP for 42 years (28 ½ years with IBM and 13 ½ with three contract companies); Have been in the Emergency Response/Fire Protection department for 33 years; Serving as the Site Fire Marshal for 10 years.

OTHER: Member of Leesville Road Baptist Church for 42 years; Have served as a Deacon and as a Co-Youth leader at the church; Active volunteer firefighter with the Bethesda and Redwood Volunteer Fire Departments for 46 years and an EMT for 44 years; Have served in all positions in the Fire Department, up to the rank of Assistant Chief; Certified American Heart Association CPR and First Aid Instructor; Married to Geneva and have two sons, Thomas and Matthew, who are all Ruritans and Ruritan Forever; Daughter-in-law Cheyenne, also a Ruritan; Father, Jim (Buck) Ross, also a Ruritan Forever, and Uncle, Sam Ross, were charter members of the Lynn's Crossroads club and served as club directors for several years; Father-in-law, Willard Brantley, was a Ruritan as well as a Ruritan Forever and served as club President; Cousin Robert Ross and his son, Stoner, and Brother-in-law, Willard Brantley, are also Ruritans. My family has a combined total of two hundred and twenty-nine years of membership.

National Director

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CLUB: Damascus Ruritan Club: Member since 2008; Damascus Club President 2011-2013, 2017, 2020, and 2023-2024; Damascus Club Vice President 2015-2016; Damascus Club Director 2010; Served on the Citizenship and Patriotism Committee and served as chair two times.

DISTRICT: Ohio District Governor 2023-2024; Ohio District Lt. Governor 2022; Ohio District Zone 6 Governor 2016-2018; Ohio District Zone 6 Lt. Governor 2014-2015.

NATIONAL: Attended 5 National Conventions; Served as a Sgt-at-Arms the last 2 conventions; Attended Summer Leadership Conferences in 2022, 2023, and 2024' I am a Ruritan Forever.

EDUCATION: I Graduated High School and attended Scioto Technical College (currently Shawnee State University), where I received an Associate degree in plastic engineering Technology. I Attended Ohio University and studied Industrial Engineering, and I attended Franklin University and studied Management Science.

OCCUPATION: Worked in Manufacturing Management for 42 years; First line Supervisor, Production Manager for 12 years; The last 30 years as a Plant/Division Manager and typically oversaw multiple facilities and up to 300 employees; Vice President the last 20 of the 30 years; Served on the board of Directors for the last 5 years on my career, serving on the Governance Committee; Was a member of the NACD (National Association of Corporate Directors).

OTHER: Attend the Friends Church in Damascus, where I have served as a greeter for 20 years; Involved with the Angel Tree Ministries (Prison Ministries); Was a member of the Ebenezer Masonic Lodge in Wooster, OH; Involved with the Salvation Army as a volunteer and contributor.

Foundation Trustee

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CLUB: Ruritan member since 2000; Member of the Rustburg, the Long Island and of the Brookneal 21st Century, which I am a charter member; Rustburg Club President 2005-2006; Rustburg Club President 2005-2006; Rustburg Club Vice President 2004; Rustburg Club Secretary 2023; Rustburg Club Treasurer 2023-present; Rustburg Club Director 2014; Brookneal 21st Century Club Director 2017-2018 and 2021-present; Long Island Club Director 2024; Have chaired each of the Community Service Committees; Worked with annual club sponsored Christmas Toy Drive. Partnered with several clubs to revitalize the club, both of which have met the National President's challenge of adding 5+ members.

DISTRICT: Peaks of Otter District Governor 2017; Peaks of Otter District Lt. Governor 2016 and 2024; Peaks of Otter District Leadership Development Chair 2009; Peaks of Otter District Foundation Chair 2017-2020 and 2023-present; Peaks of Otter Zone 2 Governor 2008 and 2022-2023. Member of the Association of Virginia Ruritans.

NATIONAL: Ruritan National Foundation President 2022; Ruritan National Foundation Trustee 2017-2022. Ruritan Forever, Tom Downing Fellow. Participated in multiple Summer Leadership Conferences including leading several break-out sessions.

EDUCATION: Averett College (University) Bachelors of Business Administration

OCCUPATION: Vice President/Investment Advisor - Wachovia and Suntrust (32 years); Business Unit Analytics - Liberty University (4 Years); Executive Director - Liberty University (3 years); Business Insurance Manager - State Farm (3 years).

OTHER: Rustburg Christmas Parade Committee, served as Vice President; Attend Thomas Road Baptist Church – Coordinate Ushers, including consolidating offering, Safety Team for Vacation Bible School; Married for 38 years, have one son and one (+1) grandchild.

**Number of
Votes Received**

National President Elect

Gary Swink (VA)	_____
David Thompson (VA)	_____
Floor Nomination:	_____

National Treasurer

James Mills, Jr. (GA)	_____
Donna Poulton (SC)	_____
Floor Nomination:	_____

National Secretary

Juliann Poff (VA)	_____
Floor Nomination:	_____

National Director One-Year Term

Marty Sewell (KY)	_____
Floor Nomination:	_____

National Director

Gary Collier (TN)	_____
Lynn Fillers (TN)	_____
Timothy Garrison (NC)	_____
Brian Grove (VA)	_____
Rufus E. Hisghman (VA)	_____
Marshall Ross (NC)	_____
David Wingett (OH)	_____
Floor Nomination:	_____

Foundation Trustee

O.H. Bobbitt (VA)	_____
Floor Nomination:	_____

Bylaws

Amendment #1	_____
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2024 NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Executive Committee

2024 Ruritan President

Robin Davenport

President-Elect

Rebecca Lane

National Secretary

Juliann Poff

National Treasurer

David Thompson

2023 Ruritan President

Michael Morrison

Executive Director, Advisor

Sarah Kelly

Budget and Finance

Michael Morrison (Chair)

Becky Lane (President-Elect)

David Thompson (Treasurer)

Gary Swink (Non-board member, 1st yr)

Alex Sowers (Non-board member, 2nd yr)

Advancement

Cassandra Flanagan (Chair)

Marty Sewell

Raymond Cade

Bylaws (Governance)

Ronnie Reid (Chair)

Billy Hobbs

Julie Marshall

Youth

Perry Marshman (Chair)

Pearl Underwood

Roger Peterson

2024 NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Leadership Development

Donna Poulton (Chair)

James Zehr

Debi Davis

Publicity/Public Relations

Zack McCallie (Chair)

Merlin Scales

Leon Alt

Publications

Lynn Fillers (Chair)

Larry Garrison

Patty Hamilton

Growth, Development and Member Retention

Roger Davis (Chair)

John Biery

Jeff Roadcap

Song Leader

Donna Poulton

Chaplain

Donna Poulton

Sergeant at Arms (NBOD)

Zack McCallie

Parliamentarian (NBOD)

Frank Guthrie 1995 National President

Phillip Bradshaw 2023/2024 Foundation President

Lavon Moore, PRP District 3 Director National Association of Parliamentarians.

2024 FOUNDATION TRUSTEES

President

Phillip A. Bradshaw

Vice President

Clinton Guy Cox

Treasurer

Josh Adams

Secretary

Debra Knesal

Promotion Chair

Alex Sowers

2024 PROJECT FOCUS BOARD

President

Roger Davis

Vice President

Lynn Fillers

Treasurer

Debi Davis

Secretay

Julie Marshall

Director

Cassandra Flanagan

2025 CONVENTION COMMITTEES

2025 Convention Program Committee

Jim Lafollette - 2000 National President/Convention Co-Chair
Jonathan Lafollette - Past National Director/Convention Co-Chair
Robin Davenport - 2024 National Director
David Grimm - President's Aide
Sarah Kelly - Executive Director
Crystal Andrews - Event Coordinator

Registration and Credentials

Craig Whitt - Staff
Diane Lawson - Staff
Kory Wirt - Staff
Sandra Lowe - Brushy Mountain Club member
Von Taylor - 1998 First Lady
Fran Bristow - 2007 First Lady
Anne Hedgspeth - 2020/2021 First Lady
Linda Broadwater - 2022 First Lady

Flag Ceremony

Danny Privott - Co-Chair, 2017 National President
Mary Lou Privott - Co-Chair

Sergeant at Arms

Bryan Flanagan - Chair
Mike Morrison - Co-Chair/2023 National President
2024 District Governors
2024 National Board of Directors

2025 CONVENTION COMMITTEES

Convention Workshop Committee

Donna Poulton - (Chair) National Director

Jim Zehr - National Director

Debi Davis - National Director

Becky Lane - 2024 President Elect/Ex Officio

Welcoming Committee

Donna Poulton - Spartanburg District

Resolutions Committee

John Biery, Chair

Parliamentarian

Brandon Walters, CP, PRP Director American Institute of
Parliamentarians

Nominating Committee

Linward Hedgspeth Chair and 2020/2021 National President

GENERAL INFORMATION

2024 Official Convention Minutes

The official minutes are included in the 2024 Annual Report.

Cell Phones, Beepers, and Other Devices

Please be courteous to presenters and fellow attendees. Turn off or silence your cell phone, beeper, or other electronic devices while in business sessions, workshops, and the Saturday banquet.

Announcements

If you need an announcement to be made from the podium during a meeting or meal, please complete the Announcement form available at the Ruritan Information Booth and give this to National Secretary Julliann Poff.

Welcome First Time Convention Attendees

First time attendees at our National Convention are wearing a GREEN RIBBON on their convention badge. Please make them feel welcome.

Recognize our Military Veterans

Ruritan military veterans attending this convention are wearing ribbons on their name badges designating their branch of service. Take a minute to thank them for the freedoms we enjoy today. If you are a veteran and you don't have a ribbon, you may get one at the Registration Counter.

Smoking Policy

Smoking is not permitted inside of the hotel or convention center and smoking is not permitted within twenty feet of the entrances and exits of the hotel. If someone smokes inside of a guest room, there is a minimum \$250 cleaning fee.

Official Business Meeting Agenda

Ruritan delegates will approve the Friday Business Meeting Agenda on page 14 and the Saturday Business Meeting Agenda on pages 17-18.

Standing Rules of the National Convention

Rule 1. Delegate Certification: Delegates of the National Convention shall attest that their club has certified them as a delegate on their registration form. Delegates will be assigned based on the order the registrations are received and until the allocated number of delegates for the club has been filled. An Alternate may be transferred to a delegate upon proper clearance by the Credentials Committee.

At the beginning of each business meeting the Registration/Credentials Committee will present the registration and credentials report.

Rule 2. Admission: For admission to the assembly hall and all Ruritan activities, all attendees will be required to wear the appropriate badge issued by the Registrations/Credential Committee.

Rule 3. Debate: Any delegate addressing the chair must identify himself or herself by name, club affiliation or office held if a Delegate-at-large. No member shall speak in debate more than once on the same question, or longer than two minutes without permission of the convention granted by a two-thirds vote without debate.

Rule 4. Certification: Each Convention delegate shall be certified only one time. Each certified delegate will be allowed only one (1) vote on each matter before the National Convention.

Rule 5. Conduct of Delegates: During the business meetings, delegates should, to the extent possible, be seated and keep the aisles clear. All cell phones and/or other types of electronic devices shall either be turned off or placed in a silent mode.

Rule 6. Nominations for Office: Nominees for each office to be filled by the convention shall be limited to one nomination speech of two minutes each.

Rule 7. Voting: All voting shall be held in accordance with the Bylaws of Ruritan National. The total number of votes for any office will be the number of votes recorded. A quorum shall consist of 50% plus 1 of all delegates in attendance.

Rule 8. National Bylaws Amendments: All proposed amendments to the Ruritan National Bylaws shall be referred to the Convention Bylaws Committee. Any active Ruritan member may present proposed changes to the Bylaws of Ruritan National to the Convention Bylaws Committee. The member shall provide the committee in writing, preferably electronic copy, a copy of each proposed change.

At a business session before the official vote, time shall be allowed for discussion of proposed bylaws changes identified on the ballot.

Rule 9. Convention Resolutions: All proposed Convention Resolutions shall be referred to the Convention Resolutions Committee. Any active Ruritan member may present proposed Convention Resolutions to the Convention Resolutions Committee. The member shall provide the committee in writing, preferably electronic copy, a copy of each proposed resolution. The Convention Resolutions Committee shall prepare suitable resolutions to carry into effect recommendations referred to it, and shall submit to the convention, with the Committee's own recommendations as to appropriate action, these and all other resolutions referred to the committee, except questions which by a vote of two-thirds of its members may decide not to report. Courtesy Resolutions need only to be summarized and not read in their entirety. The convention delegates, by a majority vote, may suspend this Rule and immediately consider a question, or may order the Resolutions Committee to report a question at a certain time, even if the Committee has voted not to report it.

Rule 10. Reports: All reports and other material for the permanent record shall be in writing, (preferably electronic copy) and, immediately upon presentation, shall be sent to the Secretary.

Rule 11. Announcements: Notices for announcements to the convention shall be in writing, signed by the person (or proper representative of the persons) under whose authority the announcement is issued and shall be sent to the Secretary.

Rule 12. Solicitations: There will be no solicitations at the National Convention except for; the sale of music or memorabilia by convention speakers and entertainment vendors, by exhibitors inside an approved exhibit booth, or those previously approved by the National Board of Directors. Members will not be assessed for any purpose.

Rule 13. Campaigning: Campaigning by future candidates for Ruritan National Offices (i.e., handing out literature/ brochures) will not occur until after election results are announced.

Rule 14. Parliamentary Authority: The rules contained within Ruritan National Bylaws and these standing rules shall govern this convention in all cases. In the absence of guidance in the Ruritan National Bylaws and these standing rules the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order will apply.

NOTE: The standing rules of the convention are adopted by the delegates at the first business meeting.

National Convention Statistics

First Business Session Report

Pre-Registered _____

Walk-Ins _____

Cancellations _____

Total Registered _____

No-Shows _____

Certified Delegates _____

National Convention Statistics

Second Business Session Report

Pre-Registered _____

Walk-Ins _____

Cancellations _____

Total Registered _____

No-Shows _____

Certified Delegates _____

2026 National Convention
January 23 - 24, 2026
Marriott Resort Lexington KY
Griffin Gate
Golf Resort and Spa

#RuritanStrong