

**Richmond Bridge Association
Annual Meeting
May 13, 2026**

The Richmond Bridge Association held its annual Meeting on Wednesday, May 13, 2026 at the Faison Center.

President Barry Fratkin called the meeting to order at 6:20 PM and welcomed all to the annual dinner, meeting and elections, and bridge game. A quorum was present.

Minutes of previous Board meetings are available on the RBA website.

Treasurer Anne Atwood was not present but Barry Fratkin recognized and thanked Anne for her service as RBA Treasurer.

2025 Congeniality Award:

Barry Fratkin presented the 2025 Congeniality Award to Margaret Anderson.

Election of Officers and Board of Directors Members:

Nominating Committee chair Rhysa South presented the Nominating Committee's slate of Officers and Board Members for the next two years. Members of the Nominating Committee were Rhysa South, Harry Alferink, and Judy Chvala.

The following Officers and Board members were elected by acclamation. Their term of office will be July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2028. Our Bylaws state that the beginning of a term will coincide with the beginning of the RBA fiscal year.

President:	Ed Kinlaw
Vice President:	Patty Bell
Treasurer:	Darlene Selz
Secretary:	Karen Hamlett
Board Members:	Tom Billups Mathis Powelson Jim Wetzel Carol Martin

Masterpoint Awards:

Barry Fratkin announced the winners of the 2025 Ace of Clubs and Mini McKenney awards.

Bylaws Update:

Barry Fratkin presented the proposed Bylaws amendment to update Article VII of the Bylaws to change the RBA fiscal year. Currently the fiscal year is June 1 to May 31.

The proposed change is to make the RBA fiscal year July 1 to June 30, to match our tax year. The motion passed.

Longest Day:

Jane-Page Watson announced plans for our annual Longest Day games to support the Alzheimer's Association. Three games will be held on June 20 at the Bridge Center at 10, 2, and 7.

RBA Hall of Fame Award:

Ed Kinlaw read a resolution honoring Barry Fratkin and recognizing Barry and Winnie Fratkin as members of the Richmond Bridge Association Hall of Fame. The RBA Hall of Fame Plaque has been updated with their names. The Resolution is attached to these minutes.

Additional Board Members:

Incoming President Ed Kinlaw will be appointing four additional individuals to the Board of Directors. He encouraged members who are interested in serving on the Board to contact him.

The meeting was adjourned by Barry Fratkin at 6:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Hamlett
Richmond Bridge Association Secretary

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Resolution Honoring Immediate Past President Barry Fratkin and Recognizing Barry and Winnie Fratkin as members of the Richmond Bridge Association Hall of Fame

WHEREAS, the Richmond Bridge Association has benefited from the dedicated and forward-thinking leadership during both tenures of its Immediate Past President Barry Fratkin; and

WHEREAS, Fratkin with his indispensable life partner, his spouse Winnie Fratkin, has demonstrated exceptional commitment in organizing and successfully hosting Regional and Sectional tournaments, enhancing both the visibility and reputation of the Association; and

WHEREAS, Fratkin led the smooth and effective transition of the Association through the extensive fund raising and renovation of the Association's building space, ensuring continuity of operations and an improved environment for members and guests; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the building space, Fratkin oversaw significant enhancements to the parking lot, contributing to greater accessibility and convenience; and

WHEREAS, through his leadership and outreach, the Association experienced meaningful growth in membership, strengthening the vitality of our bridge community; and

WHEREAS, his careful stewardship and strategic decision-making resulted in improved financial stability and a stronger fiscal position for the organization; and

WHEREAS, the Association from 1996-2019 intermittently recognized significant contributions by its members through a Hall of Fame Plaque and the Fratkins' contributions are worthy of this recognition; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Richmond Bridge Association expresses its sincere gratitude and appreciation to its Immediate Past President Barry Fratkin for his outstanding service, leadership, and lasting contributions and to Winnie Fratkin for her significant supportive role throughout all these efforts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be entered into the official records of the Association and that the names of Barry and Winnie Fratkin be added to the Hall of Fame Plaque maintained by the Richmond Bridge Association.

Adopted this 13th day of May, 2026.