

Proposal 1

As written:

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 - c. The single bottom rocker showing Chapter identification of the State/Province abbreviations and Chapter and number as assigned in Section 5:01 may also be worn.
 - d. The Club 10-inch, 3-piece patch or any part of it shall not be worn on anything but the back of the vest.
 - e. No member shall wear any 1% MC marking on or with their Red Knights Vest. This includes, but not limited to, Apparel, patches and pins. All other markings are to be in good taste and consistent with the image of the Club.
 - f. If a Chapter chooses to write into their SOG that only Red vests can be worn, it is up to that Chapter to enforce their rule.
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 - c. The **single** bottom rocker showing Chapter identification of the State/Province abbreviations and Chapter and number as assigned in Section 5:01 may also be worn. **A member with affiliations in more than one chapter may elect to display more than one bottom rocker to acknowledge their membership status in multiple chapters, as space on their vest allows.**
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Logic:

A unilateral change in the bylaws, adding the word “single” in two areas in Section 1:05 was made in September 2021 without input or vote by the RKMC Membership. This change goes beyond “clarification” and enters personal views of members of the board and the bylaw committee. This change – or not to change – should be at the voice of the membership and not left specifically to the bylaw committee or the board. There are many of members across the club that have multiple crests arranged on their vest. The enforcement of the current bylaw has not been consistent across the organization. A change recognizing the potential to display multiple rockers would adhere to later wording in the bylaws that state, “markings are to be in good taste and consistent with the image of the Club” while allowing members to acknowledge proud membership in

multiple chapters throughout the world. Those that have been promoting their multi-chapter affiliation or multiple classifications via their top and bottom rockers have been worn to Conventions, to Regional Rallies, and the European Convention in the past without conflict, setting a past precedent.

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 - e. g. The wearing of 10" top and/or bottom rockers is prohibited by Australian members while in Australia. International Members traveling to Australia must receive written authorization from the Region 8 Director prior to wearing their vest in Australia.
2. All other items to be worn on the front or back of the vest shall follow these guidelines:
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Proposal 3

As written:

SECTION 2:01 ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

1. Active membership shall be available to Past or Present Firefighting personnel of an established Fire Department, which is under the command of a Fire Chief or Public Service Director whether they are Career, Industrial, Military, On Call, Part Paid, Volunteer, or Wildland and who presently own or have access to a Motorcycle and have a current legal Motorcycle endorsement. An Active member, who can no longer ride a motorcycle may retain their active status. Emergency Medical Technicians and Medics are eligible to be members if they are employed by an established Fire Department.

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Logic:

Emergency Medical Technicians and Medics are currently accepted into Active Membership of the club under Section 2:01(1). Fire Alarm Operators and Dispatchers, under the direction of a Fire Chief and employed by an established Fire Department, carry the responsibility to obtain and direct resources for fire ground support.

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Logic for Proposals 3, 10, & 12: Article 3, Section 3:02 states that “Only Active Members of the Club, who have previously served a Chapter or Association as President or Vice President or as a State or Provincial Representative for a minimum of two years, may serve on the International Executive Board...” and, Article 5, Section 5:02 “Chapter Officers” specifically states “Only Active members may hold the office of President and Vice-President of a Chapter.”, and, Article 4, Section 4:02 “State/Province/Region Association Officers” specifically states that “To be eligible to be an Officer of the Association, one must be a currently paid member of a Constituent Chapter and International.”, and, Article 4, Section 4:02 does not preclude any membership qualification as defined in Article 2 “Membership” from holding any office in an Association, and, Emergency Medical Technicians and Medics hold Active Membership of the Club under Section 2:01(1.) “Active Member”, and, Fire Alarm Operators and dispatchers, under the direction of a Fire Chief and employed by an

established Fire Department, were denied active membership at a vote of the membership at the Annual Business Meeting held in Lincoln, NH, in August, 2019, and Members of the Board of Directors at said meeting in New Hampshire stated that the By-laws specifically prevented that a non-firefighter member cannot hold office on the International Board, which is in direct contradiction to the above referenced By-law sections, and, there are multiple inconsistencies in reference to membership status versus eligibility for Association, State, Regional, Provincial and International officer positions.

Proposal 5

As Written:

SECTION 2:02 CHARTER MEMBERS Charter membership shall be restricted to Active Members who are on the original roster, when the Chapter was accepted by the International Executive Board and to any Active member who joined the Chapter within one (1) year of the Chapter's being accepted by the International Executive Board and accepted by the Chapter Executive Board. A Charter Member of a Chapter who moves or transfers his membership to another Chapter may retain his/her Charter Rocker.

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Logic:

A Charter member of my chapter, New York 50 should not be able to move to Florida leaving New York 50, and Join, say Florida 4 and retain charter membership status. You should only be able to be a charter member of the chapter you helped charter, UNLESS you remain a dual member and KEEP membership with both chapters. With this logic any member may leave their "home chartered" chapter and Join mass-1 as a new member in that chapter but remain a "charter member" while changing the bottom rocker to Mass 1.

Proposal 6

As written:

SECTION 2:03 ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

Associate membership shall be offered to a person who has been proposed, in writing, for such membership and accepted in good standing and, in the opinion of a majority of the Chapter's Executive Board, has substantially contributed to the promotion of the Club for a minimum period of six (6) months. Final approval shall be by a majority vote of the Chapter members at a meeting held at the conclusion of the six-month (6) period. Associate members shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of the Chapters Active Members. Once a member has been accepted as an Associate member and for various reasons no longer is able to ride a motorcycle they may, at the pleasure of the chapter majority retain his/her membership as an Associate member. Associate membership may also be available to any person who is an employee of a Fire department and not qualified for Active membership. This type of associate membership shall not be included in the 10% restriction as stated above and will be recorded as a FD Associate in the chapter and master rosters of the Organization.

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membership. This type of associate membership shall not be included in the 10% restriction as stated above and will be recorded as a FD Associate in the chapter and ~~master~~ rosters of the Organization.

Logic: Eliminate reference to “Master” Roster in by laws. Line 9 under section 3:18 three times. It would not affect bylaw 3:17 which refers to a master mailing list in sub section 8

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Proposal 8

As written:

SECTION 2:10 INTERNATIONAL DUES

3. Members-at-Large and their Social member's annual dues will be set by the majority vote at the Annual Corporation Meeting. Dues are from January 1st to December 31st of each year and renewals are due January 1st of each year. Any MAL dues, not paid by March 31st of the year they are due, will be placed on restricted service. Any MAL dues not paid by March 31st of the second year, will be removed from the roster. The Membership dues will be prorated for applications received after August 1st at a rate of twenty-five percent (25%) reduction for the third (3rd) quarter and fifty percent (50%) for the fourth (4th) quarter of the year.

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Logic:

Correct quarters as defined to match when rosters are due the International Treasurer per SOG's 12:06A Limited Service (quarter 1 Jan-Mar, Quarter 2 Apr-Jun, Quarter 3 Jul-Sep, Quarter 4 Oct-Dec)

Proposal 9

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2. New Chapter dues shall include a thirty-five-dollar (\$35.00) application fee plus twenty dollars (\$20.00) per new member.

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Logic: Removes the confusion of when dues are due and when restrictions are enacted. It also cleans up the By-Laws to equalize Chapter and MAL dues dates.

Proposal 10

As written:

SECTION 2:11 ANNUAL MEETING

The Club's Annual Convention will be held on third (3rd) week of August. Any request to change this date shall be submitted to the International Board 36 months prior to the year of the convention in question. The International Board will review and discuss the request and reply back after the date of the next scheduled Executive meeting at which the request will be discussed. The Annual Meeting of the International Executive Board (The Annual Corporation Meeting) shall be held at the convention site as designated by the International Executive Board for hearing and action upon the reports of elected officers and transacting such other business as has properly come before the International Executive Board. The place and time of such meeting may, however, be fixed by consent of a majority of the International Executive Board. The Annual Convention locations shall be accepted up to five (5) years in advance. Chapters or Associations shall present their intentions to host a convention at the Club's Annual Meeting. Delegates at this meeting shall vote for the location in question. The successful bidder may withdraw their request up to three (3) years prior to the awarded convention date, after which they are required to honor their request to host the convention in the year they have requested. During the five (5) year period, they will give status reports to the membership. Three (3) years from their convention, they will make a full report as to the status of their conventions plans. The reports shall be made in writing to the International President at least thirty (30) days prior to the Club's Annual Meeting. Any Chapter that has not progressed to a level that the International Executive Board feels appropriate three (3) years prior to their convention will be cautioned that the Annual Convention may be reassigned if progression is not in evidence. At two (2) years prior to the convention, if the International Executive Board does not believe that the Chapter or Association can successfully meet the requirements for the Annual Convention, it will be reassigned. At one (1) year prior to the convention, a final report will be presented with the agenda and activities of the convention to the International Executive Board. The total membership shall have details and registration available no later than November 1st of the convention's previous year. Any hosting chapter that doesn't comply with and meet the requirements of the Report submissions required as outlined in the Procedures Manual for the hosting of the Annual Convention shall put at risk their entitlement to any or all funding from the International as per Section 10:05 of the International SOG's. The funding allowance to maintain the \$75.00 or lower registration for a convention will only be issued after the above mention reports have been filed within the stated time frame.

As Proposed:

SECTION 2:11 ANNUAL MEETING and BI-ANNUAL CONVENTION

The Club's Annual **Convention** meeting will be held on third (3rd) week of August. **The Bi-annual Convention will be held on the third (3rd) week of August in even years, commencing in the year 2024.** Any request to change this date shall be submitted to the International Board 36 months prior to the year of the convention in

question. The International Board will review and discuss the request and reply back after the date of the next scheduled Executive meeting at which the request will be discussed.

The Annual Meeting of the International Executive Board (The Annual Corporation Meeting) shall be held at a location set by the Board in the odd years, and the Annual Meeting of the International Executive Board in even years shall be held at the Bi-Annual ~~the~~ convention site as designated by the International Executive Board for hearing and action upon the reports of elected officers and transacting such other business as has properly come before the International Executive Board. The place and time of such meeting may, however, be fixed by consent of a majority of the International Executive Board. The Bi-Annual Convention locations shall be accepted up to ~~five (5)~~ ~~six (6)~~ years in advance. Chapters or Associations shall present their intentions to host a convention at the Club's Annual Meeting. Delegates at this meeting shall vote for the location in question. The successful bidder may withdraw their request up to three (3) years prior to the awarded convention date, after which they are required to honor their request to host the convention in the year they have requested. During the ~~five (5)~~ ~~six (6)~~ year period, they will give status reports to the membership. Three (3) years from their convention, they will make a full report as to the status of their conventions plans. The reports shall be made in writing to the International President at least thirty (30) days prior to the Club's Annual Meeting. Any Chapter that has not progressed to a level that the International Executive Board feels appropriate three (3) years prior to their convention will be cautioned that the Annual Convention may be reassigned if progression is not in evidence. At two (2) years prior to the convention, if the International Executive Board does not believe that the Chapter or Association can successfully meet the requirements for the Annual Convention, it will be reassigned. At one (1) year prior to the convention, a final report will be presented with the agenda and activities of the convention to the International Executive Board. The total membership shall have details and registration available no later than November 1st of the convention's previous year. Any hosting chapter that doesn't comply with and meet the requirements of the Report submissions required as outlined in the Procedures Manual for the hosting of the Annual Convention shall put at risk their entitlement to any or all funding from the International as per Section 10:05 of the International SOG's. The funding allowance to maintain the \$75.00 or lower registration for a convention will only be issued after the above mentioned reports have been filed within the stated time frame.

Logic:

The annual conventions have become expensive to host and expensive to fund. By going to bi-annual conventions, it is conceivable that more members may attend, and the cost to the International Budget would be greatly reduced. SOG 10:05 could be changed by the Board to \$2.00 per member to assist the host chapter, with no actual increase in budgeted funds. Regional Rally attendance could be supported by the Board and improved if they were held in the odd years, affording the Executive Board more opportunity to meet with members at a local level. The board members could use the regional rally platform to get direct input to issues at hand and use this information to better guide the Club.

Proposal 11

As written:

SECTION 3:02 QUALIFICATION AND ELECTION

Only Active Members of the Club, who have previously served a Chapter or Association as President or Vice President or as a State or Provincial Representative for a minimum of two years, may serve on the International Executive Board. Incumbents must notify the Nominations Committee in writing of their intent to seek re-election no later than 180 (one hundred eighty) days prior to the Annual Business Meeting.

As Proposed:

SECTION 3:02 QUALIFICATION AND ELECTION

Only Active Members of the Club, *who are current or past Firefighters and* who have previously served a Chapter or Association as President or Vice President or as a State, *Regional* or Provincial Representative for a minimum of two years, may serve on the International Executive Board.

Proposal 12

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SECTION 3:02 QUALIFICATION AND ELECTION

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Proposal 13

As Written:

SECTION 3:06 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS

The International Executive Board will hold a minimum of three meetings a year at dates and locations chosen by the Board. One (1) of the meetings held shall be within 5 days prior to the Club's Annual Meeting, one (1) shall be held in the Fall and one (1) shall be held in the Spring. All International Board members are expected to attend both the Spring meeting and the meeting that immediately precedes the Club's Annual Meeting. The President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer are to attend the Fall meeting. All reports of International Officers and Committee Chairpersons shall be sent to the International Secretary Sixty (60) days prior to the Club's Annual Meeting.

As Proposed:

SECTION 3:06 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS

The International Executive Board will hold a minimum of three meetings a year at dates and locations chosen by the Board. One (1) of the meetings held shall be within 5 days prior to the Club's Annual Meeting, one (1) shall be held in the Fall and one (1) shall be held in the Spring. All International Board members are expected to attend **both the Spring meetings, and the meeting that immediately precedes the Club's Annual Meeting. The**

~~President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer are to attend the Fall meeting.~~ All reports of International Officers and Committee Chairpersons shall be sent to the International Secretary Sixty (60) days prior to the Club's Annual Meeting.

Proposal 14

As Written:

SECTION 4:02 STATE/PROVINCE/REGION ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

The Officers of the Associations shall be: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Road Captain (Optional) and Chapter Representatives. The Chapter Representatives shall be the President of a Constituent State/Province/Country Chapter or an annually elected/appointed Representative plus one Member-at- Large. The Association Executive Board shall be elected in alternate years at the Association's annual meeting: The President and Secretary in even years, the Vice-President and Treasurer in odd years. To be eligible to be an Officer of the Association, one must be a currently paid member of a Constituent Chapter and International. President shall be elected to two-year terms as outlined in this Section and referred to in the International Constitution and By-Laws. All communications from the International Executive Board concerning the Associations shall be directed to the President and/or State/Province/Region Representative. It shall be his/her responsibility to forward the information to the concerned member.

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Logic:

I feel that an officer who serves as an executive board member should be elected and not appointed by the State Association President.

Proposal 15

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President and Secretary in even years, the Vice-President and Treasurer in odd years. To be eligible to be an Officer of the Association, one must be a currently paid **Active** member of a Constituent Chapter **and International or Member-at Large**. **President Officers** shall be elected to two -year terms as outlined in this Section and referred to in the International Constitution and By-Laws. All communications from the International Executive Board concerning the Associations shall be directed to the President and/or State/Province/Region Representative. It shall be his/her responsibility to forward the information to the concerned member.

Proposal 16

As Written:

SECTION 4:03 STATE/PROVINCE/REGION ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the State/Province/Region Associations shall be made up of members of the Club who live or are members of Chapters within the boundaries of the State/Province/Region in which the Association exists. Members must be paid up members of their Chapters and International. Members-at-Large must be paid up members of the Club. Members who live outside the State/Province may become members of the Associations but may not have a vote or hold an elected office.

As Proposed:

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Logic:

I don't feel that a member should be forced to be a member a State/Province/Region Association.

Proposal 17

As Written:

SECTION 4:04 ASSOCIATION OFFICERS DUTIES

5. Road Captain (Optional)

6. The Road Captain shall coordinate and safely lead any trips or rides that my take place during an Association activity. In addition:

- a. Shall work with the Association Executive Board in keeping statistics of accidents of members of the Association.
- b. Shall keep current with changes in the State/Province/Region Government Legislative Branch concerning motorcycle activities.
- c. May establish riding procedures as to how the Association rides in a group with the approval of the Association Executive Board.
- d. Shall check motorcycles for safety violations prior to any Association rides or trips.
- e. May be a member of the Association Executive Board as the Board directs but will be appointed only by the Association President annually.

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7. Legislative Branch concerning motorcycle activities.

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b. Shall check motorcycles for safety violations prior to any Association rides or trips.

c. May be a member of the Association Executive Board ~~as the Board directs but will be appointed only by the Association President annually.~~ Shall be elected bi-annually at the State Associations Annual Meeting on odd years.

Logic:

An executive board member should be elected into a position on the executive board and not appointed to an executive board position. The president can appoint a person whom will swing the vote into the president's favor, it would not be a true democratic process, rather cause a dictatorship. This could cause further turmoil for the members of the association