



Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club
Est. 1982 Boylston Massachusetts
"Loyal To Our Duty"



2024 Bylaws Revision Reference 8/17/2024 updates

BY-LAW SECTION 1:05 CLUB BACK PATCH

The motion was submitted by EU MAL Rep. Sven Coopman.
Motioned by Scott Ryan PEI 1 and seconded by Michael Woods IN 2.
Number of Delegates 51, "Yes" votes cast: 39 Passed.

(As written)

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 - f. For the purposes of this section, "rocker" means any curved patch greater than 4".
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Rationale:

As it is at the moment, the members at large can't show off their country pride like members of a chapter can. With this change the member at large could for example wear "FINLAND MAL" or any other country name as a bottom rocker.

BY-LAW SECTION 2:01 ACTIVE MEMBER

The motion was submitted by The International Board with Motion 2023-050.

Motioned by Scott Ryan PEI 1 and seconded by Norm Beausoleil MA 1.

Number of Delegates 51, "Yes" votes cast: 46 Passed.

(As written)

SECTION 2:01 ACTIVE MEMBER

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Rationale:

To extend the privilege of multiple chapter membership to all member classifications, except Member-at-Large.

BY-LAW SECTION 2:03 ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

The motion was submitted by The International Board with Motion 2023-052.

Motioned by Scott Ryan PEI 1 and seconded by Ray Oosterbaan Netherlands 1.

Number of Delegates 51, "Yes" votes cast: 46 Passed.

(As written)

SECTION 2:03 ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

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Rationale:

As written a long-standing Associate member would have to be removed if the number of active members decreased enough to affect the 10% rule.

BY-LAW SECTION 2:04 SOCIAL MEMBERSHIP

The motion was submitted by The International Board with Motion 2023-039.

Motioned by Scott Ryan PEI 1 and seconded by Roger van Kollenburg Australia 5.

Number of Delegates 50, "Yes" votes cast: 46 Passed.

(As written)

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Rationale:

Proposal 1 expands the list of relatives but does not include in-law relatives.

BY-LAW SECTION 2:06 MEMBERSHIP-AT-LARGE

The motion was submitted by The International Board with Motion 2024-015.

Motioned by Norm Beausoleil MA 1 and seconded by Don Brandt Pennsylvania 11.

Number of Delegates 50, "Yes" votes cast: 46 Passed.

(As written)

SECTION 2:06 MEMBERSHIP-AT-LARGE

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Rationale:

To clarify intent and avoid misunderstandings.

BY-LAW SECTION 2:07 LIFE MEMBERSHIP

The motion was submitted by The International Board with Motion 2023-044.

Motioned by Thomas Delboi Switzerland 4 and seconded by Roger van Kollenburg Australia 5.

Number of Delegates 52, "Yes" votes cast: 42 Passed.

(As written)

SECTION 2:07 LIFE MEMBER

Life Membership may be granted by the International Executive Board or the Executive Board of a Chapter to a member in good standing that has been a dues paying member for 25 or more years. Life membership may also be granted, at the discretion of the International Board, to a member for outstanding service who may not have 25 (twenty-five) years of dues paying membership or to a member that, due to disability, declining health or age no longer has a motorcycle license or the ability to ride a motorcycle. The organizational level proposing the member for Life Membership shall be responsible for international dues.

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Rationale:

There has been a lot of confusion on how and who presents these honors. The "INTERNATIONAL LIFE MEMBER" will now identify that it was awarded by the International Executive Board and the standard 10-inch "LIFE MEMBER" rocker may be issued by the Chapter Executive Board.

BY-LAW SECTION 2:08 JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP

The motion was submitted by The International Board with Motion 2023-045.

Motioned by Heather Drew Alabama 13 and seconded by Ray Oosterbaan Netherlands 1.

Number of Delegates 52, "Yes" votes cast: 50 Passed.

(As written)

SECTION 2:08 JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP

To qualify for junior membership, children or Grandchildren of Active and Associate members must be under the age of sixteen (16) years.

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Rationale:

When sending Tom the voting roster today I realized Junior MALs were included in the list. Restricting their inability to vote to just Chapter affairs was never in the cards. Second problem is that most email addressed for JR Members are their parent's which could result in one member receiving multiple ballots. I have deleted duplicate email addresses this time which means nobody gets two ballots.

BY-LAW SECTION 2:09 SPECIAL COMPASSIONATE HONORARY MEMBER

The motion was submitted by The International Board with Motion 2024-019.

Motioned by Don Brandt Pennsylvania 11 and seconded by Roger van Kollenburg Australia 5.

Number of Delegates 52, "Yes" votes cast: 40 Passed.



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SECTION 2:09 SPECIAL COMPASSIONATE HONORARY MEMBER

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Rationale:

To clarify the criteria for obtaining SCHM status. To allow for the transfer of Compassionate Honorary Status to another chapter without penalty in the event of a chapter dissolution.

BY-LAW SECTION 2:11 ANNUAL MEETING

The motion was submitted by The International Board with Motion 2024-009.
Motioned by Mark Mullen IL 14 and seconded by Ian Hurley MA 2.
Number of Delegates 52, "Yes" votes cast: 44 Passed.

(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



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(As proposed)

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.

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Rationale:

Inflation has risen to a point where the \$75.00 has become a burden, increasing registration to \$100.00 will help combat this current inflation.

BY-LAW SECTION 3:05 VACANCY

The motion was submitted by The International Board with Motion 2024-006.

Motioned by Thomas Delboi Switzerland 4 and seconded by Stefan Streif Switzerland 1.

Number of Delegates 52, "Yes" votes cast: 47 Passed.

(As written)

SECTION 3:05 VACANCY

Any vacancy in the International Executive Board occurring during the year will be filled as outlined below via the electronic voting process as outlined in Section 2:19 of these By-Laws. This includes positions deemed vacated by a sitting International Executive Board member running uncontested for a different position, for vacancies occurring within 180 days of normal completion of the term the International Executive Board may nominate a qualified candidate for the position.

The process shall be as follows:

1. The Presidents of all Chapters/MALs shall be notified within 15 days of any vacancy occurring within the International Board of Directors impacting their Chapter,
2. An election to fill the vacancy shall be completed within 90 days of the occurrence if the vacancy inclusive of the 15 days to notify Chapter Presidents/MALs plus 30 days for open nominations, 30 days to establish voting lists and 15 days of open voting.
3. If the vacancy occurs within 90 days of the Club's Annual Meeting for which the vacant position would normally be elected and there are no candidates nominated as a result of the normal election process, the 90 day election process indicated above shall be initiated at the closing of Club's Annual Meeting.
4. In the event that a qualified candidate is not nominated following the process stated above the position shall be filled for the remainder of the term by appointment of the International Executive Board. This appointment may be made at the conclusion of the 30 day period starting on the date of notification of impact Chapter Presidents/MALs.
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(As proposed)

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Rationale:

Nominations Chair Tom Caisse

As brought to the attention of the International Executive Board on 10/16/2023 by Nomination Chair Tom Caisse.

"I am writing to the International Board of Directors to inform them of a point of order that should have been called at the ABM as respects the International Constitution and By-Laws change to section 3:05 Vacancy."

"The untended consequence would then be the board operating for 90 days without one of its members and the extra cost and confusion of running potentially non-concurrent electronic elections with multiple ballots. Non-concurrency and confusion were the points of the current 180-day period wording of the original section 3:05 Vacancy which underwent several reviews by the IBOD before it was presented to the membership in the package of By-law changes that were necessary to transition to electronic voting.

if the intent is to expedite the process of filling what would become an open position when the incumbent is sworn into their position, then a lot more wording needs to be considered and the cost and confusion factor also taken into consideration.

As written, the Nominating Committee is putting the IBOD on notice that they cannot execute on the current Section 3:05 Vacancy and would suggest this be addressed prior to the situation arising.

I went back through the Nominating Committee history and found that this has only happened once since electronic voting was implemented in 2011. In 2014 we had a resignation at the ABM in PEI but the change suggested would not have impacted that."

Tom Caisse Nominations Chair 10/16/2023

By-Laws Committee Chair Rasmus Lillemose:

"The bylaws committee has worked on the discrepancy and agrees with the International Board and that the 3.05 must be reviewed once more. It is the Bylaws Committees opinion that a reverting to the last revision would be in the best interests of the organization." *Rasmus Lillemose By-Laws Chair 2/26/2024*

International Board of Directors:

The International Board of Directors has reviewed the "Point of Order" and by majority vote concurs with Nomination Chair Tom Caisse and By-law Chair Rasmus Lillemose. The Board feels that reverting to the last revision would be in the best interests of the organization. While we do understand and recognize the good intent that was intended by this revision, without further consideration of the effects caused, this cannot be enforced.

BY-LAW SECTION 3:24 BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

The motion was submitted by The International Board with Motion 2023-051.

Motioned by Scott Ryan PEI 1 and seconded by Stefan Streif Switzerland 1.

Number of Delegates 52, "Yes" votes cast: 52 Passed.



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SECTION 3:24 BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

The duties and power of the By-Laws Committee will be responsible for maintaining the Constitution, By-Laws and Rules & Regulations that govern the operations of the Club. This Committee shall be responsible for reviewing and updating all changes submitted to the By-Laws and the Rules and Regulations. All changes shall be submitted to the International Executive Board for their majority approval prior to being presented to the membership. Changes and additions sponsored by Chartered Chapters will be presented to the By-Laws Committee for review, duplication and wording prior to being advanced to the International Executive Board.

The Committee shall have the authority to make necessary changes in grammar, spelling, punctuation and wording that will not alter or change the intent of the By-Laws or Rules & Regulations, without the voting approval of the International Executive Board or the Membership.

All Chapter Presidents shall be notified of all Constitution, By-Laws and Rules & Regulations changes or additions within forty-five (45) days prior to the Annual Corporation Meeting.

(As proposed)

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Rationale:

“Within” forty-five (45) days is a presumed typo from the beginning which is now amended to ensure members have the changes at least forty-five (45) days. The process for amending the Rules and Regulations within that document itself, conflicts with this section as it was written.

BY-LAW SECTION 4:01 STATE / PROVINCE/REGION ASSOCIATIONS

The motion was submitted by Australia Chapters 5 and 6.

Motioned by Roger van Kollenburg Australia 5 and seconded by Ray Oosterbaan Netherlands 1.

Number of Delegates 52, “Yes” votes cast: 47 Passed.

(As written)

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A minimum of Two State/Province Association must apply to the Regional Director to form a Region Association. Outside of North America, Regional Associations may be formed by chapters in two or more countries (ie: European Union). Australia, due to their laws, may form a National Association for all chapters in Australia. It shall be called “The Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club® Inc. National Association of Australia. The Associations shall adopt the International Constitution and By-Laws and adopt their own set of SOG (Standard Operating Guidelines) to the extent that the transaction of State/Province/Region business SOGs are consistent with the International By-Laws.

They shall elect their own State/Province Representative and State/Province/Region Executive Board as defined in the International By-Laws, Section 4:02. The State/Province Representative or Regional Director shall serve as President or Presiding Officer of the State/Province/Region Association. The State/Province/Region Associations will support the International Corporation and the International Executive Board in its goals and activities and be an extension of the International Executive Board for the purpose of serving the members. The International Executive Secretary will forward guidelines for organizing a State/Province/Region Association upon written request of a Chapter President, Chapter Representative or State/Province Representative. The Regional Director shall assist in forming an Association. When State/Province/Region SOGs do not include a particular item or issue, the International Constitution and By-Laws will control.

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Rationale:

The Australian Association has collapsed effective 28/8/16 when control of the existing Association funds and records passed to the then Australian Ambassador Jason Collins. The notation in the bylaws regarding Australian Law has never been adequately proven to the membership, even when requested of multiple Association Presidents. The authors are unaware of ANY Australian Law that precludes the creation of multiple State Based associations if requested by the constituent chapters.

BY-LAW SECTION 4:04 ASSOCIATION OFFICERS DUTIES

The motion was submitted by The International Board with Motion 2024-013.

Motioned by Kenneth May NJ 19 and seconded by Roger van Kollenburg Australia 5.

Number of Delegates 50, "Yes" votes cast: 46 Passed.

(As written)

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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
 - c. Legislative Branch concerning motorcycle activities.
 - d. May establish riding procedures as to how the Association rides in a group with the approval of the Association Executive Board.
 - e. Shall check motorcycles for safety violations prior to any Association rides or trips.
 - f. May be a member of the Association Executive Board as the Board directs but will be appointed only by the Association President annually.

(As proposed)

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Rationale:

To allow for alternate Road Captains. To clarify responsibilities surrounding legislation. To grant a Road Captain the right to refuse participation for safety or statutory compliance reasons.

BY-LAW SECTION 5:01 CHAPTER GOVERNMENT

The motion was submitted by The International Board with Motion 2024-027.

Motioned by Chris Tiffany NY 30 and seconded by Stefan Streif Switzerland 1.

Number of Delegates 49, "Yes" votes cast: 44 Passed.

(As written)

SECTION 5:01 CHAPTER GOVERNMENT

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Rationale:

To move SOG 12:01 to the By-law to clarify that Chapters may create their own Standard Operating Guidelines but must be in line with International By-laws and SOGs. And to also indicate that members are not required to mandatory attendance to be in good standing with the Chapter.

BY-LAW SECTION 6:01 DISCRIMINATION

The motion was submitted by The International Board with Motion 2024-047.

Motioned by Pierre Halleux Belgium 1 and seconded by Tom Van Der Kley Germany 31.

Number of Delegates 50, "Yes" votes cast: 46 Passed.

(As written)

ARTICLE VI: DISCRIMINATION

SECTION 6:01 GENERAL

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(As proposed)

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Rationale:

To clarify the word "shall" means "must".