



Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club
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 "Loyal To Our Duty"



2023 FBM to 2024 SBM Motions



DATE: 12/13/2023

MOTION NUMBER: 2023-055

MOTION SUBJECT: SOG 8:02 Amendment

8:02 Starting a State/Provincial/Regional Association

As Written:

MEMBERSHIP:

The membership of the Association shall be made up of members of the Red Knights International who live within the boundaries of the State/Provincial/Region in question. Members must be in good standing with their Chapter and/or the International. Red Knight members who live outside the state may become an Association member but shall not have a vote or hold an elected office. Chapter membership in the Association is not mandatory. Inclusion to or exclusion from the Association shall be by vote of each chapter's membership. The Association shall accept any Chapter at a later date that votes to be part of the Association.

As Proposed:

MEMBERSHIP:

The membership of the Association shall be made up of members of the Red Knights International who live within the boundaries of the State/Provincial/Region in question. Members must be in good standing with their **Home** Chapter and/or the International. Red Knight members who live outside the state **of their home chapter** may become an Association member **but shall not have a vote or hold an elected office and be eligible to vote and/or hold an elected office in the state of their home chapter.** Chapter membership in the Association is not mandatory. Inclusion to or exclusion from the Association shall be by vote of each chapter's membership. The Association shall accept any Chapter at a later date that votes to be part of the Association.

Rationale:

Members whose home chapter is within a State/Provincial/Region Association should have the rights as a member eligible to vote and be elected to hold an Association office as long as their home chapter is a member of the Association.

MOTION PRESENTED BY: Ken May

MOTION SECONDED BY: Scott Ryan

VOTING

PRESIDENT
N/V

VICE PRESIDENT
Yes

SECRETARY
Yes

TREASURER
Yes

REGION 1
Yes

REGION 2
Yes

REGION 3
Yes

REGION 4
Yes

REGION 5
Exc.

REGION 6
Yes

REGION 7
Yes

REGION 8
Exc.

OUTCOME: Passed 9-0



DATE: 12/13/2023

MOTION NUMBER: 2023-056

MOTION SUBJECT: By-Law 3:25 Charges

Whereas: issues related to individuals are kept in confidence.
A vote was conducted for this motion to not be public: Failed

Whereas: the Board discussed in executive session charges under By-Law 3:25 for a member that has been convicted of Felony Arson in the 2nd degree.

Therefore: In accordance with By-Law 3:25, it is hereby moved that the Board brings charges against the individual member.

If passed, the Board will form an Investigation Committee to investigate these charges, determine if there is merit, and provide a ruling of discipline.

MOTION PRESENTED BY: Ken May

MOTION SECONDED BY: Chuck Marks

VOTING

PRESIDENT

Yes

VICE PRESIDENT

Yes

SECRETARY

Yes

TREASURER

Yes

REGION 1

Yes

REGION 2

Yes

REGION 3

Yes

REGION 4

Yes

REGION 5

Exc.

REGION 6

Yes

REGION 7

Yes

REGION 8

Yes

OUTCOME: Passed 11-0



DATE: 12/29/2023

MOTION NUMBER: 2023-057

MOTION SUBJECT: By-Law 3:25 IC 2023-021

IC 2023-021 findings were reported on Dec. 25th.

Board reviewed the recommendations of the Investigation Committee, and the Board accepts their recommendations 1, 2, and 3A.

MOTION PRESENTED BY: Scott Ryan

MOTION SECONDED BY: Allen Aurich

VOTING

PRESIDENT

Rec.

VICE PRESIDENT

Rec.

SECRETARY

Y

TREASURER

Y

REGION 1 REGION 2 REGION 3 REGION 4 REGION 5 REGION 6 REGION 7 REGION 8
N Y Y Y Y Y Exc. Y

OUTCOME: Passed 8-1-2



DATE: 12/29/2023

MOTION NUMBER: 2023-058

MOTION SUBJECT: SOG 14:02 Amendment

SOG: (as written)

14:02 International Board Officer Reports

Each member of the International Board shall submit a Convention Report to be completed by June 30th and an End of the Year Report to be completed by January 31st. The reports should include all activities of the Board member or committee during the year. These reports are to be emailed to the Secretary and to the Communications Chair for posting on the website. Revised 11/14/2014 Syracuse, NY, Revised 4/17/2015, Syracuse, NY Revised 4/18/2017 Baltimore, MD

(as proposed)

14:02 International Board Officer Reports

Each member of the International Board shall submit a Convention Report to be completed **by June 30th Sixty (60) days prior to the Club's Annual Meeting** and an End of the Year Report to be completed by January 31st. The reports should include all activities of the Board member or committee during the year. These reports are to be emailed to the Secretary and to the Communications Chair for posting on the website. Revised 11/14/2014 Syracuse, NY, Revised 4/17/2015, Syracuse, NY Revised 4/18/2017 Baltimore, MD

Rationale

A conflict was found with SOG 14:02 and By-law 3:06. This correction will bring the SOGs in line with the By-laws.

By-law: (for reference)

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 the meetings. 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.

MOTION PRESENTED BY: Michael Woods

MOTION SECONDED BY: Ken May

VOTING

PRESIDENT
Y

VICE PRESIDENT
Y

SECRETARY
Y

TREASURER
Y

REGION 1 REGION 2 REGION 3 REGION 4 REGION 5 REGION 6 REGION 7 REGION 8
Y Y Y Y Y Y Exc. Y

OUTCOME: Passed 11-0



DATE: 1/7/2024

MOTION NUMBER: 2024-001 MOTION SUBJECT: By-law 3:27 Hearing

Whereas: issues related to individuals are kept in confidence.
A vote was conducted for this motion to not be public: Failed

Whereas: the Board discussed in executive session under By-Law 3:27 a reconsideration hearing for a member who has been suspended by a Chapter.

Upon review, the Board finds the suspension out of order and the member's suspension is hereby rescinded.

MOTION PRESENTED BY: Norm Beausoleil MOTION SECONDED BY: Tom Van Der Kley

VOTING

PRESIDENT NV VICE PRESIDENT Yes SECRETARY Yes TREASURER Yes

REGION 1 Yes REGION 2 Yes REGION 3 Yes REGION 4 Exc. REGION 5 Exc. REGION 6 Yes REGION 7 Yes REGION 8 Yes

OUTCOME: Pass 9-0



DATE: 1/7/2024

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Whereas: issues related to individuals are kept in confidence.
A vote was conducted for this motion to not be public: Failed

Whereas: the Board discussed in executive session under By-Law 3:27 a reconsideration hearing for a member who has been suspended by a Chapter.

Upon review, the Board finds the suspension out of order and the member's suspension is hereby rescinded.

MOTION PRESENTED BY: Norm Beausoleil MOTION SECONDED BY: Tom Van Der Kley

VOTING

PRESIDENT NV VICE PRESIDENT Yes SECRETARY Yes TREASURER Yes

REGION 1 REGION 2 REGION 3 REGION 4 REGION 5 REGION 6 REGION 7 REGION 8
Yes Yes Yes Exc. Exc. Yes Yes Yes

OUTCOME: Pass 9-0



DATE: 3/19/2024

MOTION NUMBER: 2024-002 MOTION SUBJECT: IC 2023-056

Whereas: the Board held in executive session regarding IC 2023-056 a reconsideration hearing for a member who has been removed by the IC Committee.

Upon review, the Board agrees with the appellant to overturn the decision of the IC Committee.

MOTION PRESENTED BY: Ken May MOTION SECONDED BY: Scott Ryan

VOTING

PRESIDENT N/V VICE PRESIDENT N SECRETARY N TREASURER N

REGION 1 REGION 2 REGION 3 REGION 4 REGION 5 REGION 6 REGION 7 REGION 8
N Exc. N N Exc. N Exc. Exc.

OUTCOME: Fail 0/7



DATE: 4/11/2024

MOTION NUMBER: 2024-003 MOTION SUBJECT: By-Law Proposal 4:04 Amendment to the Amendment

RESCINDED WITH MOTION 2024-012

~~BY-LAW SECTION 4:04 ASSOCIATION OFFICERS DUTIES~~

~~(As written)~~

- ~~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~~
 - ~~e. 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)

5. Road Captain (Optional)

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

a.i. Shall work with the Association Executive Board in keeping statistics of accidents of members of the Association.

b.ii. Shall keep current with changes in the State/Province/Region Government

c.iii. Legislative Branch concerning motorcycle activities.

d.iv. 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.

v. The Road Captain will have the authority to not allow a guest or club member to ride on a ride if it is found that; they, their vehicle, or documentation is not up to the area's standards.

f.vi. May be a member of the Association Executive Board as the Board directs but will be appointed only by the Association President annually.

(Clean)

5. Road Captain (Optional)

a. The Road Captain or designated person shall coordinate and safely lead any trips or rides that may take place during an Association activity. In addition:

i. Shall work with the Association Executive Board in keeping statistics of accidents of members of the Association.

ii. Shall keep current with changes in the State/Province/Region Government

iii. Legislative Branch concerning motorcycle activities.

iv. May establish riding procedures as to how the Association rides in a group with the approval of the Association Executive Board.

v. The Road Captain will have the authority to not allow a guest or club member to ride on a ride if it is found that; they, their vehicle, or documentation is not up to the area's standards.

vi. May be a member of the Association Executive Board as the Board directs but will be appointed only by the Association President annually.

MOTION PRESENTED BY: Ken May

MOTION SECONDED BY: Allen Aurich

VOTING

PRESIDENT
NV

VICE PRESIDENT
Y

SECRETARY
Y

TREASURER
Y

REGION 1
Y

REGION 2
Y

REGION 3
Y

REGION 4
Y

REGION 5
Y

REGION 6
Y

REGION 7
Y

REGION 8
Y

OUTCOME: Passed 11-0



DATE: 4/11/2024

MOTION NUMBER: 2024-004

MOTION SUBJECT: By-law 5:01 Amendment

BY-LAW SECTION 5:01 CHAPTER GOVERNMENT

(As written)

All Chartered Chapters must be established by the International Executive Board in accordance with all the provisions of the International Constitution, By-Laws and Rules & Regulations. Each Chartered Chapter shall adopt the By-Laws and the Constitution of the International for the administration of its business or for the purpose of the incorporation of their chapter in their governmental area, may develop Chapter By-laws that are consistent with the International Constitution and By-Laws.

A Chartered Chapter, so established, may exercise full power and authority of a Chapter business SOG (Standard Operating Guideline) to the extent that the transaction of Chapter business SOG is consistent with the International By-Laws. Chapter Government is responsible for the organization of Corporate activities at the Chapter level, including the collection of International dues from Chapter members and overseeing Chapter membership and compliance of the International Corporation. Any proposed Chapter of a State, Province or Country applying to become a Chartered Chapter of the Club will be designated under a State, Province or Country identification with the next consecutive number or number selected and approved by the International Executive Board. A chapter number that has been inactive for five (5) years or more may be reissued with the exception of the number 1.

(As proposed)

All Chartered Chapters must be established by the International Executive Board in accordance with all the provisions of the International Constitution, and By-Laws, International Standard Operating Guidelines, and Rules & Regulations. Each Chartered Chapter shall adopt the By-Laws and the Constitution of the International for the administration of its business or for the purpose of the incorporation of their chapter in their governmental area, may develop Chapter By-laws that are consistent with the International Constitution and By-Laws.

A Chartered Chapter, so established, may exercise full power and authority of a Chapter business SOG (Standard Operating Guideline) to the extent that the transaction of Chapter business SOG is consistent with the International By-Laws. Chapter Government is responsible for the organization of Corporate activities at the Chapter level, including the collection of International dues from Chapter members and overseeing Chapter membership and compliance of the International Corporation. Any proposed Chapter of a State, Province or Country applying to become a Chartered Chapter of the Club will be designated under a State, Province or Country identification with the next consecutive number or number selected and approved by the International Executive Board. A chapter number that has been inactive for five (5) years or more may be reissued with the exception of the number 1.

The local chapter may, at its own will, develop a set of Standard Operating Guidelines for the operation of the chapter. These guidelines must conform to the intent of the International Constitution and By-Laws, International SOG's, and International Rules & Regulations. No chapter shall require mandatory attendance of chapter members at meetings, rides, or events in order to be in good standing, nor limit the member's voting privilege. Any disagreement because of the meaning of the Chapter's SOG must follow Section 12:02 Grievance Procedure of the International SOGs.

(Clean)

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A Chartered Chapter, so established, may exercise full power and authority of a Chapter business SOG (Standard Operating Guideline) to the extent that the transaction of Chapter business SOG is consistent with the International By-Laws. Chapter Government is responsible for the organization of Corporate activities at the Chapter level, including the collection of International dues from Chapter members and overseeing Chapter membership and compliance of the International Corporation. Any proposed Chapter of a State, Province or Country applying to become a Chartered Chapter of the Club will be designated under a State, Province or Country identification with the next consecutive number or number selected and approved by the International Executive Board. A chapter number that has been inactive for five (5) years or more may be reissued with the exception of the number 1.

The local chapter may, at its own will, develop a set of Standard Operating Guidelines for the operation of the chapter.

These guidelines must conform to the intent of the International Constitution and By-Laws, International SOG's, and International Rules & Regulations. No chapter shall require mandatory attendance of chapter members at meetings, rides, or events in order to be in good standing, nor limit the member's voting privilege. Any disagreement because of the meaning of the Chapter's SOG must follow Section 12:02 Grievance Procedure of the International SOGs.

Rationale:

To clarify that Chapters may create their own Standard Operating Guidelines which must be in line with International's.

MOTION PRESENTED BY: Scott Ryan

MOTION SECONDED BY: Chuck Marks

VOTING

PRESIDENT
NV

VICE PRESIDENT
Y

SECRETARY
Y

TREASURER
Y

REGION 1
Y

REGION 2
Y

REGION 3
Y

REGION 4
Y

REGION 5
Y

REGION 6
Y

REGION 7
Y

REGION 8
Y

OUTCOME: Pass 11-0



DATE: 4/11/2024

MOTION NUMBER: 2024-005

MOTION SUBJECT: SOG 17:02 Amendment

SOG 17:02 Flags, Anthems, and Banners at Annual Convention

(As written)

The International Secretary will have the flags of all countries that we have members at the Annual Convention. These flags will be displayed at the General Business Meeting and at the Banquet on Saturday. The National Anthem of all countries who have members in attendance will be played at the Banquet on Saturday night. The National Anthem of the host country will be played first. The International Secretary will have the International Red Knights Banners at the Annual Convention to be used as needed by the host Association or Chapter. Approved 11/19/2005 Board Meeting, Syracuse, N.Y. Revised 11/14/2014 Syracuse, NY

(As proposed)

The International Secretary will have the flags of all countries that we have members at the Annual Convention. These flags will be displayed at the General Business Meeting and at the Banquet on Saturday. The National Anthem of **the country hosting the Annual Convention** ~~all countries who have members in attendance~~ will be played at the Banquet on Saturday night. ~~The National Anthem of the host country will be played first,~~ **followed by the reading of all other countries present alphabetically.** The International Secretary will have the International Red Knights Banners at the Annual Convention to be used as needed by the host Association or Chapter. Approved 11/19/2005 Board Meeting, Syracuse, N.Y. Revised 11/14/2014 Syracuse, NY, **Revised 4/??/2023 Baltimore, MD.**

(Clean)

The International Secretary will have the flags of all countries that we have members at the Annual Convention. These flags will be displayed at the General Business Meeting and at the Banquet on Saturday. The National Anthem of the country hosting the Annual Convention will be played at the Banquet on Saturday night, followed by the reading of all other countries present alphabetically. The International Secretary will have the International Red Knights Banners at the Annual Convention to be used as needed by the host Association or Chapter. Approved 11/19/2005 Board Meeting, Syracuse, N.Y. Revised 11/14/2014 Syracuse, NY, Revised 4/??/2023 Baltimore, MD.

Rationale:

With Conventions being held overseas, the playing of the National Anthems has become a very lengthy process. In 2023 there were 17 countries and Anthems played, lasting around 23 minutes. This proposal, if passed would reduce it to the Country hosting the Convention.

MOTION PRESENTED BY: Michael Woods MOTION SECONDED BY: Tom Van Der Kley

VOTING

PRESIDENT		VICE PRESIDENT		SECRETARY		TREASURER	
<u>NV</u>		<u>Y</u>		<u>Y</u>		<u>Y</u>	
REGION 1	REGION 2	REGION 3	REGION 4	REGION 5	REGION 6	REGION 7	REGION 8
<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>

OUTCOME: Pass 11-0



DATE: 4/11/2024

MOTION NUMBER: 2024-006

MOTION SUBJECT: By-Law 3:05 Amendment

BY-LAW SECTION 3:05 VACANCY

(As written revision 9/9/2023 update)

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.

(Marked- Proposed revision reverting from 9/9/2023 update to 8/19/2023 version)

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.~~ with the exception of For vacancies occurring within 180 days of normal completion of the term the International Executive Board may nominate a qualified candidate for the position.

(Clean- Proposed revision reverting from 9/9/2023 update to 8/19/2023 version)

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, with the exception of vacancies occurring within 180 days of normal completion of the term. The International Executive Board may nominate a qualified candidate for the position.

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 it's 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.

MOTION PRESENTED BY: Norm Beausoleil

MOTION SECONDED BY: Randy Smith

VOTING

PRESIDENT
NV

VICE PRESIDENT
Y

SECRETARY
Y

TREASURER
Y

REGION 1
Y

REGION 2
Y

REGION 3
Y

REGION 4
Y

REGION 5
Y

REGION 6
Y

REGION 7
Y

REGION 8
Y

OUTCOME: Pass 11-0



DATE: 4/11/2024

MOTION NUMBER: 2024- 007

MOTION SUBJECT: SOG 2:04 Amendment

SOG Section 2:04 Investigation Committee

(As Written)

The Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club Investigation Committee is tasked with the investigation, hearing, and if found in violation, ruling of discipline. The discipline shall be either suspension or removal of Member(s) or Chapter or both. Creation of the Investigation Committee shall be done at the time the charges are brought against a Member(s) or Chapter or both. The Investigation Committee shall have three (3) Members consisting of the willing State/Country/Region Representatives surrounding the area of the charged Member(s) or Chapter or both. The Investigation Committee shall maintain communications with the International President on a bi-weekly basis during the process. Approved 4/25/2019 Baltimore, MD

(As proposed)

The Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club Investigation Committee is tasked with the investigation, hearing, and if found in violation, ruling of discipline. The discipline shall be either suspension or removal of Member(s) or Chapter or both. Creation of the Investigation Committee shall be done at the time the charges are brought against a Member(s) or Chapter or both. The Investigation Committee shall have three (3) Members **consisting selected from a pool of the willing State/Provincial/Country/Region Representatives surrounding the area of the charged Member(s) or Chapter or both.** **The State/Provincial/Country Representative of the accused shall not qualify.** The Investigation Committee shall maintain communications with the International President on a bi-weekly basis during the process. Approved 4/25/2019 Baltimore, MD, **Revised 4/??/2024 Baltimore, MD.**

(Clean)

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Rationale:

To allow for a larger representative base to serve on Investigation Committees and to ensure complete impartiality.

MOTION PRESENTED BY: Randy Smith

MOTION SECONDED BY: Tom Van Der Kley

VOTING

PRESIDENT
NV

VICE PRESIDENT
Y

SECRETARY
Y

TREASURER
N

REGION 1
Y

REGION 2
Y

REGION 3
Y

REGION 4
Y

REGION 5
Y

REGION 6
Y

REGION 7
Y

REGION 8
Y

OUTCOME: Pass 10-1



DATE: 4/11/2024

MOTION NUMBER: 2024-008

MOTION SUBJECT: SOG 1:08 Amendment

SOG Section 1:08 Nomination Process for the International Board of Directors

(As Written)

1. The Nominating Committee will manage the nomination process as set forth in the International Constitution and By-Laws and Section 1.05 of the SOGs.

(As Proposed)

1. The Nominating Committee will manage the nomination process as set forth in the International Constitution and By-Laws and **Section 1.05 of carried out as outlined in** the SOGs.

(Clean)

1. The Nominating Committee will manage the nomination process as set forth in the International Constitution and By-Laws and carried out as outlined in the SOGs.

Rationale:

Section 1:05 gives information on Committee appointments and does not reflect on International board nominations.

MOTION PRESENTED BY: Michael Woods

MOTION SECONDED BY: Ken May

VOTING

PRESIDENT
NV

VICE PRESIDENT
N

SECRETARY
Y

TREASURER
Y

REGION 1
Y

REGION 2
Y

REGION 3
Y

REGION 4
Y

REGION 5
Y

REGION 6
Y

REGION 7
Y

REGION 8
Y

OUTCOME: Pass 10-1

DATE: 4/11/2024



MOTION NUMBER: 2024-009

MOTION SUBJECT: By-law 2:11 Amendment

BY-LAW SECTION 2:11 ANNUAL MEETING

(As written)

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)

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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~~ **\$100.00** or lower registration for a convention will only be issued after the above mention reports have been filed within the stated time frame.

(Clean)

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.

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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.

MOTION PRESENTED BY: Ken Mahon

MOTION SECONDED BY: Mark Mullen

VOTING

PRESIDENT
NV

VICE PRESIDENT
Y

SECRETARY
Y

TREASURER
Y

REGION 1
Y

REGION 2
ABS

REGION 3
Y

REGION 4
Y

REGION 5
Y

REGION 6
Y

REGION 7
Y

REGION 8
Y

OUTCOME: Pass 10-0-1



DATE: 4/11/2024

MOTION NUMBER: 2024-010

MOTION SUBJECT: Convention Manual Amendment

Convention Manual

(As Written)

2. The CLP will meet with the hosting chapter/association to explain the International's expectations and requirements for the Annual Business Meeting (ABM) and the Executive Board Meeting (EBM). These will include but limited to:

- No other activities are to be planned during the time of the ABM.

(As Proposed)

2. The CLP will meet with the hosting chapter/association to explain the International's expectations and requirements for the Annual Business Meeting (ABM) and the Executive Board Meeting (EBM). These will include but limited to:

- ~~No other activities are to be planned during the time of the ABM.~~
- Activities may be planned during the time of the ABM; however, all registered Presidents and/or representatives are expected to attend the ABM.

Rationale

The Conventional Manual specifically states that there are to be no events scheduled during the ABM and this seems to make many unhappy.

MOTION PRESENTED BY: Norm Beausoleil

MOTION SECONDED BY: Tom Van Der Kley

VOTING

PRESIDENT
NV

VICE PRESIDENT
Y

SECRETARY
Y

TREASURER
N

REGION 1

REGION 2

REGION 3

REGION 4

REGION 5

REGION 6

REGION 7

REGION 8

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OUTCOME: Pass 9-2



DATE: 4/12/2024

MOTION NUMBER: 2024-011

MOTION SUBJECT: SOG 12:06 Amendment

SOG Section 12:06 Restricted Service

(As written)

Restricted Service is imposed on a Chapter, Member, or Member at Large when that chapter or person is either in arrears for their International dues, owes a balance on account to International, is placed on suspension by the International Board or does not have an approved Chapter Business Trademark License Agreement (TMLA). Restricted service means is that the Chapter, Member, or MAL is not considered in good standing with

International and therefore:

1. Will not be placed on the list of eligible voters for electronic voting of International Executive Officers. This list will be based on Chapter, Member, or Member-at-Large status 90 days prior to the Annual Corporation Meeting.
2. Will not be a voting delegate at the Annual Convention.
3. Will not have a vote or say in any general discussion that may take place at any Red Knight meeting or event.
4. May not hold or run for any office at the Chapter / State / Provincial / Regional or International level of the Red Knights organization.
5. May not order or purchase any goods from the RKR Regalia, Ltd. Quartermaster.
6. Are not allowed to wear the colors of the Red Knights.
7. Will not be eligible for Heaven One protocols. Revised 4/22/2022 Spring Meeting, Baltimore, MD

(As proposed)

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3. Will not have a vote or say in any general discussion that may take place at any Red Knight meeting or event.
4. May not hold or run for any office at the Chapter / State / Provincial / Regional or International level of the Red Knights organization.
5. Will not be issued TMLAs.
5. 6. May not order or purchase any goods from the RKR Regalia, Ltd. Quartermaster.
6. 7. Are not allowed to wear the colors of the Red Knights.
7. 8. Will not be eligible for Heaven One protocols. Revised 4/22/2022 Spring Meeting, Baltimore, MD.
Revised 4/??/2024 Baltimore, MD.

(Clean)



DATE: 4/12/2024

MOTION NUMBER: 2024-013

MOTION SUBJECT: By-Law 4:04 Amendment

BY-LAW SECTION 4:04 ASSOCIATION OFFICERS DUTIES

(As written)

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)

5. Road Captain (Optional)

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

a.i. Shall work with the Association Executive Board in keeping statistics of accidents of members of the Association.

b.ii. Shall keep current with **changes in the applicable** State/Province/**Federal Region Government**

c. **Legislative Branch legislation** concerning motorcycle **safety activities**.

d.iii. 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.**

iv. **Will have the authority to not allow a guest or club member to ride on a ride if it is found that they, their vehicle, or their documentation does not meet the area's standards.**

f.v. May be a member of the Association Executive Board as the Board directs but will be appointed only by the Association President annually.

(Clean)

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Director for the candidate with the majority vote of the Members at Large. The term of State/Provincial Representative shall be for a period of two years. The Regional Director shall notify the International Executive Board of the results of the election of State/Provincial Representative. If the State/Province fails to elect a representative the Regional Director may appoint one until such time the State/Province elects a representative. The State/Provincial/Country Representative shall be held to the same standards as the International Board set forth by all governing documents. Approved 11/13/2004 Board Meeting, Syracuse, N.Y. Revised 11/11/2006, Board Meeting, Syracuse, NY. Revised 11/14/2014 Syracuse, NY, Revised 4/17/2015, Syracuse, NY, 5/18/2023 Pell City, AL.

12:05D Members-at-Large Dues and Application fees

Member At Large (MAL) membership dues will run the same period as Chapter Members and their dues will be \$19.00 for a renewing Active member and \$14.00 for a renewing Social Member. The new Member at Large application fee will be \$10.00 plus the dues payable. New Chapter applications and Members of new Chapters. The rate for new members will be \$20.00 per all classifications. New chapter applications will be \$35.00. (approved by membership at ABM August 2007) Revised April 14, 2012, Revised 5/8/2018

13:01 RKMC of the Year, Goal of the Award

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(As proposed)

1:02 Liaison Consultant

An **a** Active **m** Member(s) of the RKMC International who serve(s) as an advisor to the International Executive Board, Regional Directors, State/Province Representatives, Chapter Presidents, and the general membership of the RKMC for Public Relations. This public relations duty includes relations between the RKIFMC and other motorcycle related organizations such as Motorcycle Clubs, Riding Clubs, Ride Associations, etc. This position is referred to as the Liaison Consultant or Consultant for short. More information may be found in the Liaison Procedural Manual. **Revised 4/??/2024 Baltimore, MD**

8:01 Elections of State/Province Representatives

The Regional Director may appoint one, until such time the State/Province elects a representative. All elections or appointments of State/Provincial Representatives shall be under the direction of the Regional Director. Each State/Province shall hold an election to elect their Representative. This election shall be held prior to the Annual

Convention of the year in which the election is held. Notice of this election shall be sent to all Chapters in good standing at least 60 days before the election. Only Active **mm** Members in good standing of the Red Knights Organization may be eligible for the position of State/Provincial/Region Representative. They must be endorsed by their Regional Director. Any person wanting to run for the position of State/Provincial/Representative shall notify the Regional Director of his/her intent 45 days before the election. It shall be the responsibility of the Regional Director to verify that all candidates meet the requirements. The Regional Director should notify all chapters in the State/Province of the list of candidates 30 days before the election. Only Chapter Presidents or their designees that are in good standing with the International at the time of the election are eligible to vote.

Each chapter shall have one vote. Members at Large shall vote separately and one vote shall be cast by the Regional Director for the candidate with the majority vote of the Members at Large. The term of State/Provincial Representative shall be for a period of two years. The Regional Director shall notify the International Executive Board of the results of the election of State/Provincial Representative. If the State/Province fails to elect a representative the Regional Director may appoint one until such time the State/Province elects a representative. The State/Provincial/Country Representative shall be held to the same standards as the International Board set forth by all governing documents. Approved 11/13/2004 Board Meeting, Syracuse, N.Y. Revised 11/11/2006, Board Meeting, Syracuse, NY. Revised 11/14/2014 Syracuse, NY, Revised 4/17/2015, Syracuse, NY, 5/18/2023 Pell City, AL, Revised 4/??/2024 Baltimore, MD.

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Rationale:

To help clarify Active Member is in reference to Membership Status, not activity of the member.

MOTION PRESENTED BY: Scott Ryan

MOTION SECONDED BY: Chuck Marks

VOTING

PRESIDENT
NV

VICE PRESIDENT
Y

SECRETARY
Y

TREASURER
Y

REGION 1
N

REGION 2
Y

REGION 3
Y

REGION 4
Y

REGION 5
Y

REGION 6
Y

REGION 7
N

REGION 8
Y

OUTCOME: Pass 9-2



DATE: 4/12/2024

MOTION NUMBER: 2024-015

MOTION SUBJECT: By-law 2:06 Amendment

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

(As written)

Persons who qualify for membership in the Active membership category (Section 2:01) may be granted Member-at-Large (M.A.L.) status by the International Executive Board. Limitation of membership shall be at the discretion of the International Executive Board. M.A.L.'s are members who are not members of constituent Chapters. They shall be under the control of the International Executive Board and the designated officer appointed to communicate with them. M.A.L.s are entitled to run for an elected office and serve on Committees (Section 3:02).

1. Any Member-At-Large wishing to transfer membership to a designated chapter may do so upon the written request to the International Secretary from the Chapter President that the M.A.L. is transferring to. There shall be no refund of M.A.L. dues or will any International dues be payable by the chapter he/she transfers to for the calendar year of the transfer. The M.A.L. shall notify his/her International Board Representative of his/her transfer.

(As proposed)

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Rationale:

To clarify intent and avoid misunderstandings.

MOTION PRESENTED BY: Norm Beausoleil

MOTION SECONDED BY: Scott Ryan

VOTING

PRESIDENT
NV

VICE PRESIDENT
Y

SECRETARY
Y

TREASURER
Y

REGION 1
Y

REGION 2
Y

REGION 3
Y

REGION 4
Y

REGION 5
Y

REGION 6
Y

REGION 7
Y

REGION 8
Y

OUTCOME: Pass 11-0



DATE: 4/12/2024

MOTION NUMBER: 2024-016

MOTION SUBJECT: SOG 15:02 Amendment

SOG 15:02 Registering to Vote at Annual Business Meeting

(As written)

The Chapter’s voting delegate shall sign in before voting at the Annual Business Meeting (ABM). The delegate will receive a wristband showing him/her as the voting delegate. If the Chapter delegate at the Annual Business Meeting is a member other than the Chapter President or Vice President, they shall have a letter and/or an email notification from the Chapter’s Red Knight email account designating them as the Chapter Delegate for voting purposes. A Chapter may not delegate voting rights to anyone who is not a member of that chapter or to a member whose Home Chapter is not that Chapter. A roll call of all chapters in attendance at the ABM will be taken to determine the number of eligible delegates qualified to vote on International business. A Sergeant at Arms will be appointed by the International President, who will maintain the roster of voters who leave and re-enter the ABM. This information will be given to the International President before each call for a vote. Revised 11/14/2014 Syracuse, NY, Revised 11/17/2023 Baltimore, MD.

(As proposed)

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(Clean)

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Rationale:

A chapter Delegate carrying a prescribed vote without the ability to change that vote because of the clarity in debate and/or amendment is considered Proxy voting (RORN 45.56). As currently written, if a Delegate were to change the vote as prescribed by the Chapter, this member could have charges placed on them by the Chapter. This would help protect the members and create a fair and educated vote on a proposed By-law change. It would also help define that a proclaimed Delegate is using Proxy voting as a “power of attorney” not a prescribed vote which is against the fundamental principles of deliberative assemblies.

MOTION PRESENTED BY: Scott Ryan

MOTION SECONDED BY: Randy Smith

VOTING

PRESIDENT
NV

VICE PRESIDENT
Y

SECRETARY
Y

TREASURER
Y

REGION 1
Y

REGION 2
Y

REGION 3
Y

REGION 4
Y

REGION 5
Y

REGION 6
Y

REGION 7
Y

REGION 8
Y

OUTCOME: Pass 11-0



DATE: 4/12/2024

MOTION NUMBER: 2024-017

MOTION SUBJECT: By-Law 4:02

BY-LAW SECTION 4:02 STATE/PROVINCE/REGION ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

(As Written)

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.

(As proposed)

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Rationale:

This will bring the State Association By-law in line with the Chapter By-Law pertaining to the Officers.

MOTION PRESENTED BY: Allen Aurich **MOTION SECONDED BY:** Chuck Marks

VOTING

PRESIDENT		VICE PRESIDENT		SECRETARY		TREASURER	
	<u>NV</u>		<u>Y</u>		<u>Y</u>		<u>Y</u>
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<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>

OUTCOME: Pass 11-0



DATE: 4/12/2024

MOTION NUMBER: 2024-018

MOTION SUBJECT: SOG 6:03 Amendment

SOG Section 6:03 Treasurer

(As written)

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4. Shall be the contact person with the law firm of Shutts & Bowen for the purpose of keeping our trademark/service mark and patent current.
5. The Treasurer shall keep a record of all funds given to Chapter or Associations for the purpose of promoting the Red Knights Organization stating how much was given, when, and for what purpose. He shall then file a report on each occasion of a grant being given out with the International Secretary.
6. The International Treasurer upon receiving applications that are not code numbered will contact the International Secretary before he/she begins processing it to ascertain that they are authorized applications.
7. The International Treasurer shall present for review by the International Board at its Fall Board meeting a proposed Operating budget for their input and consideration for the next calendar year. Revise 11/11/2006, Syracuse, NY. Revised 8/20/2008, Sandusky, Ohio Revised 03/20/2009 Syracuse, NY Revised 11/14/2014 Syracuse, NY

(As Proposed)

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Rationale:

The Law Firm listed is no longer used and it has been the Secretary that has been the point of contact for these items.

MOTION PRESENTED BY: Scott Ryan

MOTION SECONDED BY: Chuck Marks

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PRESIDENT
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VICE PRESIDENT
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SECRETARY
Y

TREASURER
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REGION 1
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REGION 3
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REGION 4
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REGION 5
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REGION 6
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REGION 7
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REGION 8
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OUTCOME: Pass 11-0



DATE: 4/12/2024

MOTION NUMBER: 2024-019

MOTION SUBJECT: By-Law 2:09 Amendment

BY-LAW SECTION 2:09 SPECIAL COMPASSIONATE HONORARY MEMBER

(As written)

The Special Compassionate Honorary Member title will be given to an existing member who is the surviving spouse, partner, or junior member of any member of a Chapter that was an Active Member, Associate Member or Honorary Member. This membership would be presented by the Chapter for tenure of the Chapters desire. There shall be no dues payable by this category of membership to the International Corporation

(As proposed)

The Special Compassionate Honorary Member (SCHM) title ~~will~~ may be given to an existing member who is the surviving spouse, partner, or Junior Member of any member of a Chapter that was an Active Member, or Associate Member ~~or Honorary Member~~. This membership would be ~~in effect presented by the Chapter for a period of time as determined by the chapter, tenure of the Chapters desire.~~ in effect presented by the Chapter for a period of time as determined by the chapter. ~~In the event of a SCHM chapter's dissolution, the State/Provincial/Country Representative may assist the SCHM with maintaining their status in another chapter.~~ In the event of a SCHM chapter's dissolution, the State/Provincial/Country Representative may assist the SCHM with maintaining their status in another chapter. There shall be no dues payable by this category of membership to the International Corporation.

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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.

MOTION PRESENTED BY: Randy Smith

MOTION SECONDED BY: Chuck Marks

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VICE PRESIDENT
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SECRETARY
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TREASURER
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REGION 5
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REGION 6
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REGION 7
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REGION 8
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OUTCOME: Pass 10-0-1



DATE: 4/12/2024

MOTION NUMBER: 2024-020

MOTION SUBJECT: International Board Procedural Manual

Move to adopt International Board Procedural Manual.

MOTION PRESENTED BY: Chuck Marks

MOTION SECONDED BY: Tom Van Der Kley

VOTING

PRESIDENT
NV

VICE PRESIDENT
Y

SECRETARY
Y

TREASURER
Y

REGION 1
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REGION 3
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REGION 4
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REGION 5
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REGION 6
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REGION 7
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REGION 8
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OUTCOME: Pass 11-0



DATE: 4/12/2024

MOTION NUMBER: 2024-021

MOTION SUBJECT: SOG 6:04 Amendment

SOG Section 6:04 Quartermaster

(As written)

All orders from Chapters to the RKR Regalia, Ltd. Quartermaster for patches/uniforms shall come from a Chapter Officer. No orders shall be accepted from individuals for patches/uniforms other than MALs. Revised 4/19/2013 Syracuse, NY Revised 11/14/2014 Syracuse, NY

(As proposed)

All orders from Chapters to the RKR Regalia, Ltd. Quartermaster for patches/~~uniforms~~ shall come from a ~~Chapter Quartermaster or a~~ Chapter Officer. No orders shall be accepted from individuals for patches/~~uniforms~~ other than MALs. ~~Country/Provincial/State Representatives may order their respective Rep patches.~~ Revised 4/19/2013 Syracuse, NY Revised 11/14/2014 Syracuse, NY, ~~Revised 4/??/2024 Baltimore, MD.~~

(Clean)

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Rationale:

Clarification that Chapter Quartermasters may order patches from the Red Knights Regalia.

MOTION PRESENTED BY: Scott Ryan

MOTION SECONDED BY: Norm Beausoleil

VOTING

PRESIDENT
NV

VICE PRESIDENT
Y

SECRETARY
Y

TREASURER
Y

REGION 1
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REGION 3
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REGION 4
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REGION 5
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REGION 6
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REGION 7
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REGION 8
Y

OUTCOME: Pass 11-0



DATE: 4/13/2024

MOTION NUMBER: 2024-022

MOTION SUBJECT: Ratify Committee Appointments

To ratify the appointments of Committee Chairs from the 2024 Spring Board meeting.

Newsletter Editor: Delainey Thorud MN 4

Chaplain: Theresa Palmer MD 4

MOTION PRESENTED BY: Ken Mahon

MOTION SECONDED BY: Chuck Marks

VOTING

PRESIDENT
NV

VICE PRESIDENT
Y

SECRETARY
Y

TREASURER
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REGION 1
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REGION 2
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REGION 3
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REGION 4
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REGION 5
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REGION 6
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REGION 7
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REGION 8
Y

OUTCOME: Pass 11-0



DATE: 4/13/2024

MOTION NUMBER: 2024-024

MOTION SUBJECT: RKIFMC Registered Agent

Motion to make Richard E. Ostiguy Registered Agent of the RKIFMC.

MOTION PRESENTED BY: Scott Ryan

MOTION SECONDED BY: Norm Beausoleil

VOTING

PRESIDENT
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VICE PRESIDENT
Y

SECRETARY
Y

TREASURER
Y

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OUTCOME: Pass 11-0