



Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club
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RED KNIGHTS INTERNATIONAL MEETING AGENDA

August 23rd, 2025

1. Meeting called to Order at 8:07 am CDT.

2. Roll Call:

a. International Board

President Spike Ostiguy: Present

Secretary Michael Woods: Present

Region 1 Dir. Ken May: Present

Region 3 Dir. Mark Mullen: Present

Region 5 Dir. Lance Coit: Present

Region 7 Dir. Tom Van Der Kley: Excused

Vice President Norm Beausoleil: Present

Treasurer Scott Ryan: Present

Region 2 Dir. Randy Smith: Present

Region 4 Dir. Chuck Marks: Present

Region 6 Dir. Brian Singleton: Present

Region 8 Dir. Andrew Young: Present

b. Chapter:

i. Chapters registered for Convention: 79

ii. Voting delegates present: 64

iii. International Officers Present: 11

iv. Has a Quorum been met: Yes

3. Opening remarks:

a. Welcome from the International President.

b. Moment of Silence led by the International President.

4. Rules for Meeting:

a. Sergeant at Arms:

i. John Stephenson IL 14

ii. Robert Basile IL 23

iii. Alvin Robbins IL 14

b. Must check in/out with the Sergeant at Arms.

c. 2 minutes speaking on the issue.

d. Voting, raise the hand with the wristband.

5. Officers' Reports:

a. Motion to accept International Officer's reports:

i. The President to call for a Motion to accept as published.

1. Motion by: Ernie Berthold, New Jersey 19

2. Second by: Monty Timm, Wisconsin 5

3. Vote: "Yes" 68 and "No" 0 outcome: Passed



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- b. Committee Reports:
 - i. Financial Audit:
 - 1. The International Treasurer presented the financial report.
 - a. See attached Financial report for details.
 - 2. The President will call for a Motion to accept as published.
 - a. Motion by: Charles Marriner, New Jersey 31
 - b. Second by: Roger Van Kollenburg, Australia 5
 - c. Vote: “Yes” 69 and “No” 0 outcome: Passed
 - ii. Convention Reports:
 - 1. 2026- Australia 5 presented by Roger Van Kollenburg.
 - 2. 2027- Ontario 1 presented by Michael Nandkishur and Phuong Thai.
 - 3. 2028- 2030 - TBD If no applications are presented to the Board, ABM will be held by the International Board at a place and time TBD.
 - c. Membership:
 - i. Chapters:
 - 1. Dec. 31st, 2023: 457
 - 2. Dec. 31st, 2024: 466
 - ii. MALs:
 - 1. Dec. 31st, 2023: 232
 - 2. Dec. 31st, 2024: 280
 - iii. Members:
 - 1. Dec. 31st, 2023: 9991
 - 2. Dec. 31st, 2024: 10204
- 6. Memorial:**
- a. 54 total names to the Memorial since the last Convention.
- 7. Memorial Fund Donations:**
- a. \$3,169 in donations.
- 8. Insurance:**
- a. Event Insurance:
 - i. We have insured 46 with 7 pending events so far in 2025.
 - b. AD&D:
 - i. American Income and Life has paid out \$20,000 on 5 Claims with 2 pending since its enactment.
- 9. Old Business:**
- a. No old business carried forward.
- 10. New Business:**
- a. Chapter recall review:
 - i. Motion to recall the following charters:



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1. AL 5, AUS 4, ENG 3, IL 12, IN 10, ME 7, ME 13, NB 2, NY 52, NC 10, NC 11, NS 5, OH 8, and TX 15.
2. The President will call for a Motion to accept as presented.
 - a. Motion by: Mark Liescke, Illinois 2
 - b. Second by: Heather Drew, Alabama 13
 - c. Vote: "Yes" 69 and "No" 0 outcome: Passed

11. Bylaw Proposals review and vote:

- a. Quick refresher on procedure and rules:
- b. 2025 Bylaw Change Proposals are printed for your review.
- c. Voting Delegate Roll call:
 - i. The Secretary performed the roll call.
 - ii. Voting Delegates on the floor: 68 *noted change from beginning count
- d. By-law voting is as follows:
 - i. Proposal #1: By-law organizational chart reinsertion.
 1. Motion by: Ernie Berthold, New Jersey 19
 2. Second by: Mark Millirons, Georgia 2
 - a. Delegates on the assembly floor 68
 - b. 66% to pass 46
 - c. Yes, votes cast: 68 (**Passed**)
 - ii. An additional delegate entered the floor. Delegate recount: 69
 - iii. Proposal #2: Multi-by-law sections representative change.
 1. *Motion on the floor to forgo the 34-minute video and International Treasurer do a quick overview.
 - a. Motion by: Tom Cassie, Massachusetts 4
 - b. Second by: David Emery, Vermont 2
 - i. Delegates on the assembly floor: 69
 - ii. 66% to pass: 46
 - iii. Yes, votes cast: 69 (**Passed**)
 2. Motion by: Tyler Bisbee, Maryland 7
 3. Second by: Robert Laford, Massachusetts 2
 - a. Delegates on the assembly floor: 69
 - b. 66% to pass: 46
 - c. Yes, votes cast: 69 (**Passed**)
 - iv. Proposal #3: By-law section 1:06 anthem.
 1. Motion by: Mark Liescke, Illinois 2
 2. Second by: Robert Binnall, Massachusetts 15
 - a. Delegates on the assembly floor: 69
 - b. 66% to pass: 46
 - c. Yes, votes cast: 45 (**Failed**)
 - v. Proposal #4: By-law section 2:01 active member and section 2:03 associate membership.
 1. Motion by: Heather Drew, Alabama 13
 2. Second by: Zack Arnold, Illinois 14



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- a. Delegates on the assembly floor: 69
 - b. 66% to pass: 46
 - c. Yes, votes cast: 68 (**Passed**)
- vi. Proposal #5: By-law section 4:02 state/province/region association officers.
 - 1. Motion by: Roger Van Kollenburg, Australia 5
 - 2. Second by: Monty Timm, Wisconsin 5
 - a. Delegates on the assembly floor: 69
 - b. 66% to pass: 46
 - c. Yes, votes cast: 66 (**Passed**)
- vii. Proposal #6: By-Law section 7:01 amending, adding, or removing a by-law.
 - 1. Motion by Chris Rogers, New Jersey 33, to amend the proposal on the floor.
 - a. Chair did not accept, as it was perceived as an “intent” change.
 - 2. Point of Order called by Tom Cassie, Massachusetts 4, stating numerous conflicts within the proposal.
 - a. Chair accepted the point of order. The proposal fails to move.

12. Election of Officers:

- a. There were no contested races.
- b. Nomination Chair or designee to cast one vote for the following slate of officers, vote accepted by the Secretary.
 - i. Vote cast for President, Treasurer, Region 1, Region 3, Region 5, and Region 7 Directors by Nomination Chair or designee.
 - ii. 2025-2026 International Officers are:
 - 1. President: Richard “Spike” Ostiguy
 - 2. Vice President: Norm Beausoleil
 - 3. Secretary: Michael “Woody” Woods
 - 4. Treasurer: Scott Ryan
 - 5. Region 1: Kenneth May
 - 6. Region 2: Randy Smith
 - 7. Region 3: Mark Mullen
 - 8. Region 4: Chuck Marks
 - 9. Region 5: Joel Nelson
 - 10. Region 6: Brian Singleton
 - 11. Region 7: Tom Van Der Kley
 - 12. Region 8: Andy Young

13. Good of the Order:

- a. Voting to Host 2028, 2029, or 2030 Convention.
 - i. Randy Smith, Region 2 Director, presented a proposal received from New Brunswick 1, 4, and 7 for the 2028 Convention. They request to host this convention in St. Johns, New Brunswick. They originally had the 2020 convention, which was canceled due to COVID-19.



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1. Motion by: Sheldon Scott, Nova Scotia 1
2. Second by: Scott Ryan, Prince Edward Island 1
3. Yes, votes cast: 69 (**Passed**)
- ii. William Taylor, North Carolina 26, and Dale French, North Carolina 13, presented a proposal to host the 2029 Convention in Western North Carolina in the Cherokee, North Carolina area. They presented a PowerPoint presentation to the membership.
 1. Motion by: Tom Cassie, Massachusetts 4
 2. Second by: Oscar DeLeon, Texas 4
 3. Yes, votes cast: 69 (**Passed**)
- iii. No presentation for 2030
- b. Committee appointment process:
 - i. 2025 Committee Appointment Process
 1. We now look towards our next set of tasks, and the appointment of our committee Chairs is high on the agenda. This year, we will be appointing Chaplain, By-law, Nomination, and Help-A-Knight Chairs. We would like to start this process as defined in SOG 1:05 and ask that everyone interested in a position send in their Letters of intent/resumes to the International Secretary no later than October 7th, 2025.

14. From the floor:

- a. David Emery, Vermont 2, congratulated the host committee for an outstanding job on this year's convention. He also gave accolades to the current International Board members and encouraged members to run for those positions.
- b. Rytis Juzolenas, Illinois 23, gave thanks to the International Board for their hard work. He proposed a topic of discussion that the International Board misses out on most all the Convention activities do to the heavy workload required. He believes it's not fair, and we should consider adding a day so the Board may have a free day to participate in activities.
 - i. The International President explained our agenda during the Convention timeframe. To be transparent with the membership, he explained that the board will discuss this at the FBM, but wanted to be clear that the Board wants to be physically responsible and good stewards of our membership's funds.
- c. Oscar DeLeon, Texas 4, gave thanks to the International Board for their hard work. He also gave a reminder that Scooter Stampede is the first week of October and encouraged everyone to attend.
- d. Jason Barnes, Iowa 2, wanted to recognize Lance "Popeye" Handle, as he is currently in the hospital in critical condition due to heart issues. They are collecting funds to help in his time of need. Any help would be greatly appreciated.
- e. Justin McKenzie, Alabama 2, asked how the Assign App. Was coming, and if there was any news on it.
 - i. International Secretary Michael "Woody" Woods gave an update on the free-to-us app. called Assign. It was the intent to release the app by ABM this year, but due to the large amount of work for the admin side, we did not make it in time. The intent for the app is to empower our membership with all the information in the palm of their hands. Everything from governing documents



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and TMLAs to submissions of rosters can be done with this app. The new plan is to roll this out region by region by the end of the year. Education will be done via an E-Learning within the app itself.

- f. Dave Emery, Vermont 2, proposed a discussion point on moving the BBQ to Saturday night and the Banquet to Friday night, as many members leave the banquet early to start packing for their long journeys home. The host committee puts a lot of hard work and time into the Banquet. He also brought up that the International Quartermaster was not here at the convention.
 - i. The International President did apologize for that, as it was an oversight. With the last several Conventions overseas and lost years with Covid cancellations, it was just a simple oversight. The Quartermaster would not have been able to be here anyway, but due to privacy issues, this will not be elaborated on.
- g. Monty Timm, Wisconsin 5, asked how the website was coming along.
 - i. The International President advised that there were rumors that it was going to be released at a certain point, but it is a work in progress with the members' side and an open website. It should be rolled out by the end of the year.

15. Closing Remarks from President:

- a. Thank you, and conclusion.
- b. Board meeting right after Adjournment.

16. Adjournment:

- a. Motion by: Ernie Berthold, New Jersey 19
- b. Second by: Mark Millirons, Georgia 2
 - i. With all in favor at 11:29 am CDT.

	2022	2023	2024	
Expense	Actual	Actual	Budget	Actual
Board International Travel	2,440	-	-	-
Board Meetings	37,043	41,240	52,500	52,698
CLP	1,492	-	1,000	-
Computers	1,943	2,461	2,000	(350)
Convention Grant	10,037	9,782	9,900	13,509
Convention Reg	630	-	675	820
Donations	-	-	-	-
Electronic Vote	2,100	5,280	1,900	-
Events - Assoc	2,100	3,300	5,000	2,554
Fees Bank	408	68	500	344
Fees Legal	6,123	13,208	10,000	38,395
Fees Misc	113	78	-	210
Grand Tour	1,626	1,850	1,200	699
Grants - Promotion	-	200	400	400
Grants - Startup	-	500	500	-
Heaven 1 Trav	8,722	5,767	6,000	3,012
Honorarium	22,500	22,500	22,500	22,500
Insure Board	1,821	2,598	2,700	-
Insure Chap Evt	3,942	3,751	2,000	3,241
Insure Int Evt	-	-	-	(193)
International Sponsored Events	1,250	-	2,500	237
Misc Travel	7,601	4,979	5,000	7,497
Office	866	928	1,000	1,088
PayPal	3,915	5,776	6,500	5,893
Phone	-	-	-	-
Postage	731	1,117	1,200	752
Printing	1,557	4,663	4,000	-
Publicity	2,000	2,543	3,000	671
Rebate	-	-	-	-
Regalia Brd	2,010	6,235	1,000	3,612
Regalia QM	(60)	-	-	-
Repairs Eqpt	-	665	100	-
RK Memorial	20,031	16,813	32,575	27,979
RKR	(450)	-	-	-
Webpage	3,347	3,502	3,200	7,126
TOTAL	145,837	159,801	178,850	192,693

DUES	167,820	151,258	165,000	173,946
Memorial Donations	9,317	14,371	-	3,169

Available For Reserve	31,299	5,827	(13,850)	(15,578)
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RK Memorial Reserve	(28,754)	1,379		9,144
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ASSETS

Cash	209,315	233,467	221,344
Receivables	39,245	29,272	40,480
Prepays	(0)	(0)	(0)
Investments			
Cash & Investments	248,560	262,738	261,824
Property	326,417	313,360	300,826
Loan RKR	4,000	-	-

Total Assets	578,977	576,098	562,649
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LIABILITIES

Mortgage	126,358	109,610	103,179
Payables	-	1,182	1,182
Prepaid dues	97,548	104,409	112,970
Total Liabilities	223,907	215,201	217,330

Net Assets	355,070	360,897	345,319
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Opening Retained	323,771	355,070	360,897
Operating Income	31,299	5,827	(15,578)
	355,070	360,897	345,319

Closing Retained	578,977	576,098	562,649
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