



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



DATE: 1/16/2025

MOTION NUMBER: 2025-002

MOTION SUBJECT: Heaven One

Minnesota 4 be given an opportunity to correct the 2025 Roster and dues situation. Enabling the RKIFMC to recognize and Honors Joe Patnaude of Minnesota 4 on the Heaven 1 Roster and Red Knights Memorial Park.

MOTION PRESENTED BY: Brian Singleton

MOTION SECONDED BY: Chuck Marks

VOTING

PRESIDENT

N

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

Exc.

REGION 8

Y

OUTCOME: Pass 9/2



MOTION NUMBER: 2025-003

MOTION SUBJECT: By-law 3:27 Appeals Hearing

DATE: 3/30/2025

Whereas the Board on March 30th, 2025, discussed in executive session under By-Law 3:27 a reconsideration hearing for members who have been removed by a Chapter.

Upon review, the Board finds the removal out of order and the members' removal is hereby rescinded.

MOTION PRESENTED BY: Scott Ryan

MOTION SECONDED BY: Andy Young

VOTING

PRESIDENT

Exc.

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: 4/13/2025

MOTION NUMBER: 2025-004

MOTION SUBJECT: By-law 3:27 Appeals Hearing

Whereas the Board on April 13th, 2025, an appeals hearing was conducted in executive session under By-Law 3:27 regarding members who have been removed by a Chapter.

Upon review, the Board finds the removal out of order and the members' removal is hereby rescinded.

MOTION PRESENTED BY: Ken May

MOTION SECONDED BY: Brian Singleton

VOTING

PRESIDENT
N/A

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: 4/24/2025

MOTION NUMBER: 2025-005

MOTION SUBJECT: Rules and Regulations update

(As written)

Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club Inc.

Rules and Regulations

The Rules & Regulations of the Red Knights are not attached to the Constitution and By-Laws and exist for the purpose of controlling current and emergency circumstances that may arise and not requiring changes to the International By-Laws for inconsequential considerations. The International Executive Board may use the Rules & Regulations without changing the intent of the Red Knights' philosophy, precepts, objective and missions.

Section 1: Members shall conduct themselves in such a manner as to reflect credit upon themselves, their Fire Departments and the Red Knights.

Section 2: Members shall always observe all State/Provincial/Country traffic laws.

Section 3: Members shall always keep their Motorcycles in good safe operating condition. Also, when riding on the road, all motorcycles shall be street legal.

Section 4: Members should go out of their way to assist the motorcycling public and endeavor to improve the image of motorcyclists and the Red Knights.

Section 5: When on Chapter runs, each member shall be under the direction of the Road Captains and his/her assistant regarding formations, traffic control, route travel, etc.

Section 6: The Chapter Executive Board shall keep an accurate Chapter membership list and it is their responsibility to keep it current, forwarding it to the International Treasurer quarterly, noting any changes.

Section 7: Each member shall be allowed to wear the Club uniform and patches whenever he/she is riding or at other times but shall not do anything to discredit it. Abuse of alcoholic beverages or non-prescription drugs while riding a motorcycle and wearing any Red Knights clothing or apparel that will identify that person as a member of the Red Knights, will not be tolerated.

Section 8: It is requested that all Red Knights insignias (Club Logos) be removed from any motorcycle, automobile, helmet, clothing, etc., prior to the sale of same to a non-member.

Section 9: Upon conflict with this document, any Chapter having a question may submit it, in writing, to the International President for consideration or interpretation, enforcement and discretion of the majority of the International Board and to be consistent with the Constitution and By-Laws of the corporation. The ruling of the International Board shall be binding on all concerned parties.

Section 10: If available within his/her State/Province, any Active Member who wishes to obtain Red Knights registration plates for their motorcycles may do so. It is the responsibility of the state/province/country representative or state/province/country association President to follow that jurisdiction's rules governing issuance of said license plates regarding the assignment of Red Knights numbers to its members.

Section 11: Expenses of all Committee Chairpersons appointed by the International Board may be authorized for payment by the International Treasurer including the costs of reports, mailings, phone costs and requested attendance for travel, housing and meals related to Red Knights business. Such expenses will have receipts sent to the International Treasurer prior to being paid.

Section 12: The bottom rocker on the back of, vests shall contain the two letter abbreviation of the State/Province in North America, the word Chapter and the numerical number of the Chapter assigned by the International Board at the time of acceptance. Example; (NH CHAPTER 9). The RKIFMC will use full country name, "Chapter" in English, and assigned number designations for those areas outside the United States or Canada, unless otherwise authorized by the International Board. Example; (AUSTRIA CHAPTER 1). All previously purchased and worn bottom rockers shall be grandfathered effective 2/15/2005.

Section 13: The Red Knights International Firefighter Motorcycle Club® Inc. and the subordinate Chapters shall not endorse, support or align themselves with any other Club, group, or organization that does not conform to the doctrines of the Red Knights, or of their State/Provincial/Country Laws.

Section 14: These Rules & Regulations may be amended at an International Annual Meeting or Board Meeting by a majority vote (51%) of the International Board present and eligible to vote. Notification shall be sent to the By-Laws Committee of the proposed action and has been given to all members of the Board by the International President. The International Secretary is directed to send out notice of the proposed action. Chapter Presidents shall be notified of the approved additions and changes as they apply.

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REVISION DATES:

Revised 11/19/2005 Board Meeting, Syracuse, NY.
Revised 04/08/2006 Board Meeting, Syracuse, NY.
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Revised 08/26/2007 Board Meeting, Boylston, MA.
Revised 11/09/2007 Board Meeting, Syracuse, NY.
Revised 8/20/2008 Board Meeting, Sandusky, Oh.
Revised 6/23/2020.

Revised 02/12/2006.
Revised 08/09/2006 Board Meeting, NYC
Revised 04/17/2007 Board Meeting, Syracuse, NY.
Revised 09/06/2007.
Revised 1/19/2008.
Revised 3/20/2009 Board Meeting, Syracuse, NY.

(As proposed)

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Revised 09/06/2007.
Revised 1/19/2008.
Revised 3/20/2009 Board Meeting, Syracuse, NY.
Revised 4/24/2025 Board Meeting, Baltimore, MD.

Rationale:

Clean up spelling, grammar, and punctuation. Also, to remain consistent with the By-laws.

MOTION PRESENTED BY: Andrew Young

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
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REGION 6
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REGION 7
Y

REGION 8
Y

OUTCOME: Pass 11-0



DATE: 4/24/2025

MOTION NUMBER: 2025-006

MOTION SUBJECT: SOG 4:06 Amendment

(As written)

4:06 Selling of RKIFMC® Trademarked Items

Items that have been approved through the RKIFMC® Trademark License Agreement process may be sold by the Chapter/Association to members and the public as approved. Chapters/Associations may sell items at events, place them on the International Website, or place them on the Chapter/Association website. Chapters/Associations or individuals will neither advertise nor place items for sale on any public auction/selling site (ie. eBay, Craigs List, Amazon). If a Chapter/Association has an approved TMLA, but the Chapter/Association does not control the links on a page, permission to use the Red Knights® names and images may be rescinded. As per the RKIFMC® Trademark License Agreement: “The applied for goods must be approved by the Executive Board prior to any production incorporating the Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club®, Inc. intellectual property, including patents, trademarks, and copyrights. The applicant agrees to accept the license subject at the sole pleasure of the Executive Board of the Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club®, Inc.” If it is determined by the International Board, that a violation of the use of said Red Knights® names and images have been committed, legal action may be commenced. Approved Syracuse NY 11/9/2012 Revised 11/14/2014 Syracuse, NY.

(As proposed)

RKMC general merchandise, RKMC Chapter-specific, and Chapter-specific Items that have been approved through the RKIFMC®RKMC Trademark License Agreement process may be sold by the Chapter/Association to members and the public as approved. Chapters/Associations may sell items at events, place them on the International Website, or place them on the Chapter/Association website. Only Chapter-specific items may be sold to the general public. Chapters/Associations or individuals will neither advertise nor place items for sale on any public auction/selling site (ie. eBay, Craigslist, Amazon). If a Chapter/Association has an approved TMLA, but the Chapter/Association does not control the links on a page, permission to use the Red Knights® names and images may be rescinded. As per the RKIFMC®RKMC Trademark License Agreement: “The applied for goods must be approved by the Executive Board prior to any production incorporating the Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club®, Inc. intellectual property, including patents, trademarks, and copyrights. The applicant agrees to accept the license subject at the sole pleasure of the Executive Board of the Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club®, Inc.” If it is determined by the International Board, that a violation of the use of said Red Knights® names and images have been committed, legal action may be commenced. Approved Syracuse NY 11/9/2012 Revised 11/14/2014 Syracuse, NY.

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Rationale:

This will help better identify and clarify what items may be sold to whom.

MOTION PRESENTED BY: Tom Van Der Kley

MOTION SECONDED BY: Randy Smith

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: 4/24/2025

MOTION NUMBER: 2025-007

MOTION SUBJECT: SOG 3:03 Amendment

(As written)

3:03 Executive Board Uniform

The official winter Class A uniform for all board members will be long sleeve white shirt, black tie, red vest, black pants with red strip down leg. Outerwear garments may be worn as needed. The official summer Class A uniform for all board members will be short sleeve white shirt, black tie, red vest, black pants with red strip down leg. Black shoes (with black socks) or boots are to be worn with both Class A uniforms. The Class A shirt shall have the Shoulder Braid attached to the left side around the sleeve and the braid shall be red and black in color, collar brass (optional) should be attached to the collar stays, your choice of RKMC or RK in Gold or Silver. The official Class A uniform will be worn at the annual business meeting, for the installation of new Board members, award presentations, and funerals, or at any meeting/event/presentations at the direction of the International President or where an individual Board member feels it is required. The official Class B uniform will be short sleeve polo/button up shirt with the member's position embroidered on it. The official Class B uniform may be worn at any other meeting/event where the Class A uniform is not required. Each board member should acquire their own uniform.

(As Proposed)

3:03 Executive Board Uniform

Class A

The official **winter** Class A uniform for all board members will be a long-sleeved white **uniform** shirt, black tie, red vest, black pants with **1/2"** red strip/**braid** down **the outside seam of each** leg. **Outerwear garments may be worn as needed.** Black shoes (with black socks) or boots are to be worn with both Class A **and B** uniforms. The Class A shirt shall have the **S**houlder **B**raid attached to the left side around the sleeve and the braid shall be red and black in color, collar brass **(optional)** should be attached to the collar stays, **your choice of** RKMC **or RK** in Gold **or Silver (color).** Outer garments may be worn as needed.

Class B

The official **summer** Class **AB** uniform for all board members will be a short-sleeved white **uniform** shirt, black tie **(optional)**, red vest, black pants with **1/2"** red strip/**braid** down **the outside seam of each** leg. Black shoes (with black socks) or boots are to be worn with both Class B uniforms. **Collar brass should be attached to the collar stays, RKMC in Gold (color).** Outer garments may be worn as needed.

Class C

The official Class **BC** uniform will be a short-sleeved polo/button-up shirt with **R.K.I.F.M.C. and the board member's position embroidered on the left breast it.** The official Class **BC** uniform may be worn at any other

meeting/event where the Class A or B uniform is not required. Each board member ~~should~~ shall acquire their own (grey, red, black) uniform. ~~Vests optional, red being the preferred color. Outerwear garments may be worn as needed.~~

~~The official Class A uniform will be worn when performing Heaven One Protocol.~~

~~The official Class A uniform will be worn for the annual gala ceremonies of the International Convention.~~

~~The official Class AB uniform will be worn at for the a Annual b Business m Meeting of the Corporation.~~

~~for the installation of new Board members, award presentations, and funerals,~~ or at any meeting/event/presentations at the direction of the International President or where an individual Board member feels it is required.

Approved by the Board on November 19, 2005, at Board meeting in Syracuse, N.Y SOG Approved, 4/7/2006, Syracuse, NY Revised Syracuse NY 11/8/2012 Revised 11/14/2014 Syracuse, NY, Revised 8/17/2022 Johnstown, PA.

(Clean)

3:03 Executive Board Uniform

Class A

The official Class A uniform for all board members will be a long-sleeved white uniform shirt, black tie, red vest, black pants with ½” red strip/braid down the outside seam of each leg. Black shoes (with black socks) or boots are to be worn with both Class A and B uniforms. The Class A shirt shall have the shoulder braid attached to the left side around the sleeve and the braid shall be red and black in color, collar brass should be attached to the collar stays, RKMC in Gold (color). Outer garments may be worn as needed.

Class B

The official Class B uniform for all board members will be a short-sleeved white uniform shirt, black tie (optional), red vest, black pants with a ½” red strip/braid down the outside seam of each leg. Black shoes (with black socks) or boots are to be worn with both Class B uniforms. Collar brass should be attached to the collar stays, RKMC in Gold (color). Outer garments may be worn as needed.

Class C

The official Class C uniform will be a short-sleeved polo/button-up shirt with R.K.I.F.M.C. and the board member’s position embroidered on the left breast. The official Class C uniform may be worn at any other meeting/event where the Class A or B uniform is not required. Each board member shall acquire their own (grey, red, black) uniform. Vests optional, red being the preferred color. Outerwear garments may be worn as needed.

The official Class A uniform will be worn when performing Heaven One Protocol.

The official Class A uniform will be worn for the annual gala ceremonies of the International Convention.

The official Class B uniform will be worn for the Annual Business Meeting of the Corporation, or at any meeting/event/presentations at the direction of the International President or where an individual Board member feels it is required. Approved by the Board on November 19, 2005, at Board meeting in Syracuse, N.Y SOG Approved, 4/7/2006, Syracuse, NY Revised Syracuse, NY 11/8/2012, Revised 11/14/2014 Syracuse, NY, Revised 8/17/2022 Johnstown, PA, Revised 4/24/2025, Baltimore, MD.

Rationale:

To clarify and classify the differences between Class A (long sleeve) and Class B (short sleeve). Adding a Class C uniform. These are our “work” uniform, as defined by Blauer

MOTION PRESENTED BY: Spike Ostiguy

MOTION SECONDED BY: Ken May

VOTING

PRESIDENT
NV

VICE PRESIDENT
Y

SECRETARY
Y

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

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OUTCOME: Pass 11-0



DATE: 4/25/2025

MOTION NUMBER: 2025-008

MOTION SUBJECT: SOG 14:02 Amendment

(As written)

14:02 International Board Officer Reports

Each member of the International Board shall submit a Convention Report to be completed 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, Revised 12/29/2023 Zoom.

(As proposed)

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Rationale:

To give more time to the Newsletter Editor to produce the Newsletter closer to the beginning of the year.

MOTION PRESENTED BY: Spike Ostiguy

MOTION SECONDED BY: Scott Ryan

VOTING

PRESIDENT
NV

VICE PRESIDENT
Y

SECRETARY
Y

TREASURER
Y

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
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OUTCOME: Pass 11-0



DATE: 4/25/2025

MOTION NUMBER: 2025-009

MOTION SUBJECT: SOG 2:03 Code of Conduct – Electioneering
Amendment

(As written)

2:03 Code of Conduct

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Electioneering:

No International Board Member or Committee Member shall actively be involved in electioneering for any candidate running for election to the International Board on any social media platform. Forms of electioneering include posting, sharing, or commenting on all social media platforms, both personal and professional accounts. This includes passive electioneering; referring to the wearing of any election material, material posted to or shared within all social media platforms, email platforms, and showing support for a particular candidate over the other. No Board or Committee Member shall use their position, or assets due to their position, to assist themselves or any other Member running for any elected position. Members shall be able to use any format available to promote themselves running for a position only by using their personal emails or accounts.

Added 11/6/2020 Fall Meeting, Revised 10/27/2022 Baltimore, MD.

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(As proposed)

2:03 Code of Conduct

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Rationale:

To clarify the existing language.

MOTION PRESENTED BY: Andrew Young

MOTION SECONDED BY: Chuck Marks

VOTING

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OUTCOME: Pass 11-0



DATE: 4/25/2025

MOTION NUMBER: 2025-010

MOTION SUBJECT: By-Law Representative change

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(As written)

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The Regional Directors shall be the liaison Officers of the International Executive Board for the Representatives, Chapter Presidents and Chapter Members, in case of a grievance. The Regions covering North America shall be Region 1, Region 2, Region 3, Region 4, Region 5 and Region 6. Region 7 will cover the European Countries and Region 8 will cover the countries of the South Pacific. Regions shall be reviewed annually by the International Executive Board so all Regional Directors' duties are relatively equal.

2. Shall receive notice of applications from the International Secretary and may inform the Representative that there is interest in the Region to activate a Chapter. The Director will assist in following through with the inquiry and activation, making sure that all newly Chartered Chapters have a solid membership foundation

with the intention of eliminating potential problems before they occur.

4. Shall establish a relationship with the Chapter Presidents to elect a Representative within the Region. This election shall occur at the State/Province annual meeting, with each Chapter President or Authorized Delegate present being entitled to one (1) vote. Any Delegate must have a letter signed by the Chapter President authorizing them to vote the Will of the Chapter they represent. The Chapter President may opt to provide authorization of a Delegate via email. The email must be received from the official Chapter email address and be addressed to the Representative and copied to the Regional Director. Letters authorizing a Delegate may be presented at the meeting. If only one name is submitted, that member will become Representative by default. The Regional Director shall submit the results to the International Secretary.
7. Shall assist the Representatives in coordinating promotions and events that the Chapters within their Region may be sponsoring. The Director should attend applicable trade shows, rallies, and conventions and promote the Club.

SECTION 3:20 STATE, PROVINCIAL AND COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES (“REPRESENTATIVES”)

The Representatives are representatives for all Chapters and Members- at-Large in his/her State, Province or Country. The Representative shall be an Active member within that State/Province/Country.

He/she will have the following duties and responsibilities:

1. The Representative shall promote and ensure that all inquiries about the Club be given current information.
2. The Representative shall check with Chapters in the State/Province/Country they represent and send semi-annual reports, in writing, to the Regional Director responsible for the region in which his/her Chapter is located.
3. When called upon by a Chapter, Association, Member, or Member-at-Large in his/her State/Province/Country, he/she shall answer to that call. If the problem is such that it requires immediate action then he/she shall call upon the Regional Director of the region in which his/her Chapter is located to inform him/her of the problems and be advised on what to do.
4. The Representative shall from time to time check with Fire Departments in their State/Province to acquire interest in implementing a Club Chartered Chapter.
5. The Representative shall keep a current roster of all Chapters in his/her State/Province/Country and, if any changes are made, notification shall be forwarded to the International Treasurer for updating of the International Roster and Mailing List. He/she shall assist with collecting the International Annual dues from delinquent Associations, Chapters and M-A-L's when asked by the International Treasurer. All non- paying delinquent Chapters shall be reported to the Regional Directors, then to the International Executive Board.

ARTICLE IV: STATE/PROVINCE/REGION/NATIONAL ASSOCIATION GOVERNMENT

SECTION 4:01 STATE / PROVINCE/REGION ASSOCIATIONS

A State/Province/Region body of Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club[®] Inc. Chapters can be formed under the direction of the Representative or Regional Director. It shall be called “The Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club[®] Inc. State/Province/Region Association of “_____”.

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). 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 Representative and State/Province/Region Executive Board as defined in the International By-Laws, Section 4:02. The 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.

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 Representative. It shall be his/her responsibility to forward the information to the concerned member.

SECTION 4:04 ASSOCIATION OFFICERS DUTIES

1. Representative/Association President/Region Association President.
 - a. Presides at all meetings of the Association. He/she shall have the tie breaking vote on all issues. Shall have final approval on issues with less than two-thirds (2/3) of a vote of the State/Province/Region Executive Board, Committees or Membership.
6. Chapter representative to the Association (Chapter President or appointed Officer)
7. If the Chapter President does not want to be the Chapter representative of the Association, a current Chartered Chapter member of the Chapter Executive Board may be annually elected and/or appointed by the Chapter President. They may serve on State/Province Association Committees. In addition:
 - a. Shall be asked from time to time to have their Chapters to host Association events
 - b. Shall be responsible for Association property and the housing of the same.
 - c. Shall assist the Association Executive Vice-President in money raising projects.
 - d. Shall keep the Association representative informed of the status, activities and roster changes of their constituent Chapter.
9. Committees

Committees and Committee Chairmen may be appointed as needed by the Association Executive Board under the direction and advisement of the Representative or Regional Director. The mandatory Committees shall be: Nominating Committee, SOG Committee, Audit & Finance Committee, and Safety Committee. All committees may institute their own rules and policies with the approval of the Association Executive Board.

ARTICLE VI: GENERAL

SECTION 6:01 GENERAL

All references herein to the masculine gender shall include to the feminine gender where appropriate. The captions appearing in this document are for purposes of easy reference and shall not be considered a part thereof, or in any way to modify, amend or affect the provision hereof.

No one shall be denied membership because of race, religion, national origin, sex, political affiliation, sexual orientation or disability. All brands of street legal motorcycles shall be accepted by the International Corporation.

Within these By-Laws the word “shall” is used as an imperative command, indicating that certain actions are mandatory, and not permissive.

Within these By-Laws the word “Representative” refers to the Country, Provincial, or State representative depending on the circumstances.

MOTION PRESENTED BY: Scott Ryan

MOTION SECONDED BY: Brian Singleton

VOTING

PRESIDENT
NV

VICE PRESIDENT
Y

SECRETARY
Y

TREASURER
Y

REGION 1
Y

REGION 2
Y

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



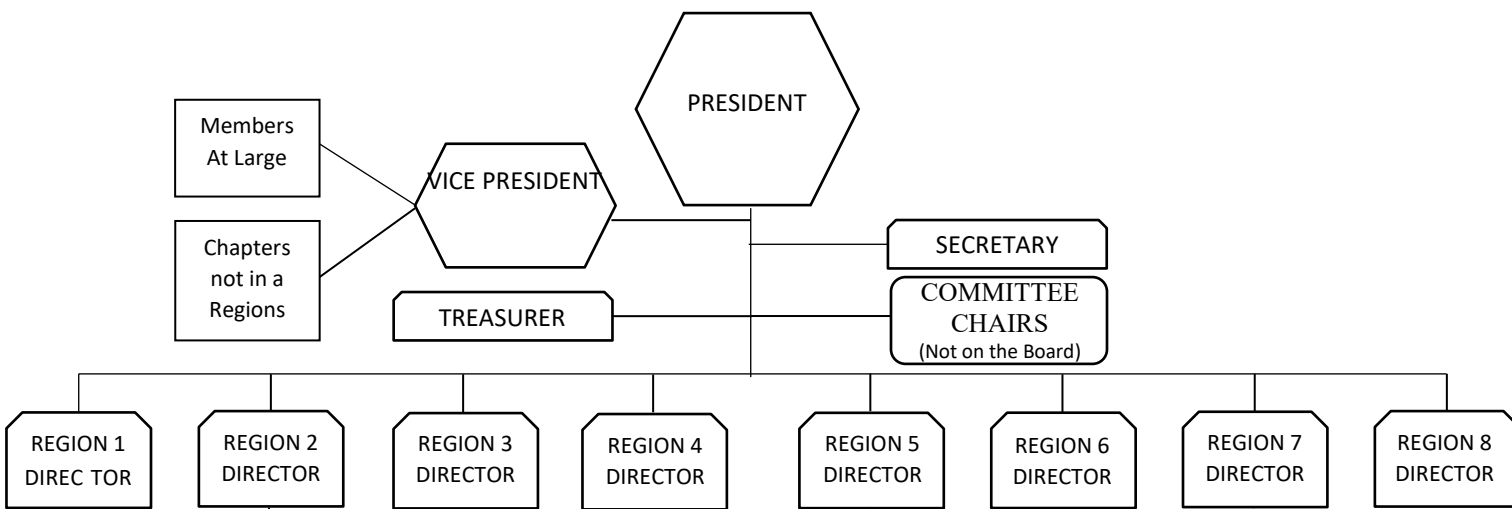
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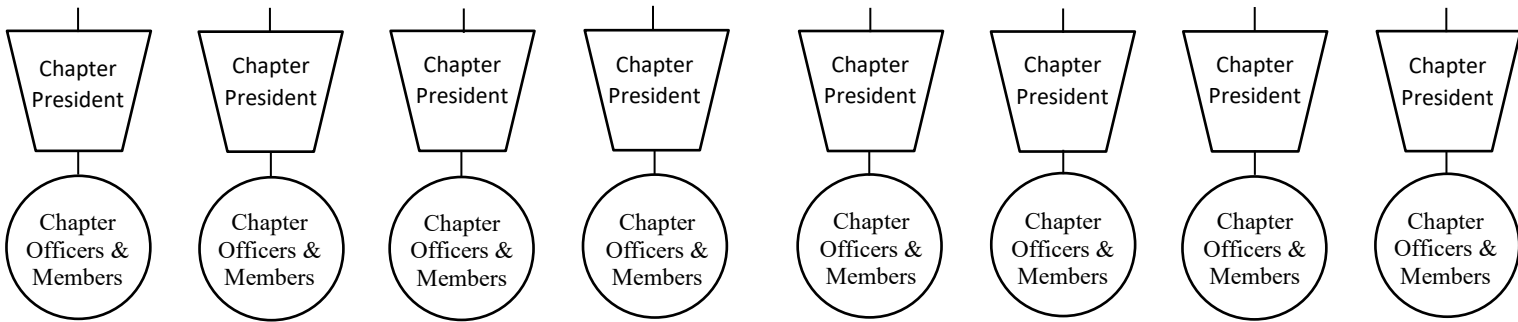
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MOTION SUBJECT: By-law Organizational Chart reinsertion

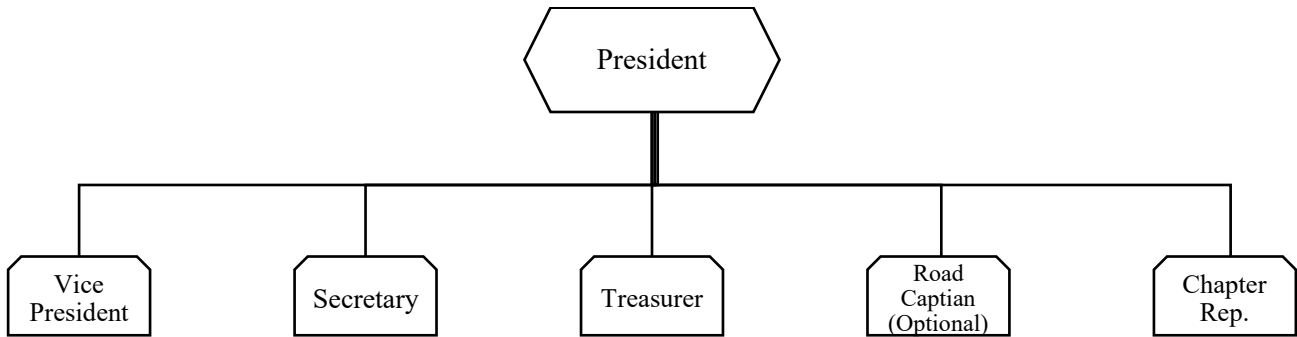
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RKMC Organizational Chart

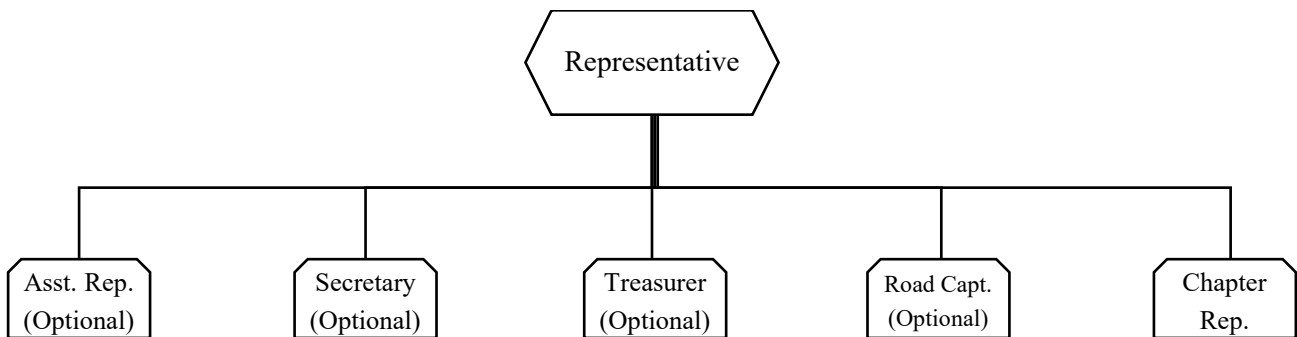




State/Province/Country/Regional Association Organizational Chart



State/Province/Country Representative Organization Chart



Rationale:

The Chart was inadvertently removed in the last By-law rewrite. It is felt that this chart benefits the organization as a guidance tool.

MOTION PRESENTED BY: Randy Smith

MOTION SECONDED BY: Ken May

VOTING

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NV

VICE PRESIDENT
Y

SECRETARY
Y

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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: 4/26/2025

MOTION NUMBER: 2025-015

MOTION SUBJECT: By-law proposal 2:01 and 2:03 Amendment

Whereas we recognize present tense “you are a firefighter” is different than past tense “you were a firefighter” and have worded Active Members as “Past or Present Firefighting personnel”

Whereas EMT as Active Members is present tense only:

By-Law 2:01

Active Membership is also available to EMTs if they are employed by an established FD

Whereas FD Associate Membership is present tense only:

By-Law 2:03

FD Associate Membership is available to a person who is an employee

Whereas there is confusion over a members status once they are no longer employed as EMT or non-firefighting employee.

Therefore it is moved to propose a By-Law amendment to the applicable sections of the By-Laws to explicitly allow for members who are voted in while they are employed to retain their status even after their employment ceases.

(As written)

SECTION 2:01 ACTIVE MEMBER

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 can 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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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 rosters of the Organization

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MOTION SECONDED BY: Andrew Young

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REGION 3
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REGION 6
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REGION 7
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REGION 8
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OUTCOME: Pass 7-4