



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



2025 FBM to 2026 SBM Non-Executive Motions



DATE: 4/17/2026

MOTION NUMBER: 2026-001 MOTION SUBJECT: By-law 3:10 Amendment

Rationale

To ensure the formation of a new chapter is based on local interest and organic growth.

(As written)

SECTION 3:10 DUTIES AND POWERS

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(As proposed)

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MOTION PRESENTED BY: Scott Ryan

MOTION SECONDED BY: Randy Smith

VOTING

PRESIDENT
N/V

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: 4/17/2026

MOTION NUMBER: 2026-002

MOTION SUBJECT: SOG 1:13 Amendment

Rationale

For better clarification of the process using a QRG for more details.

(As written)

1:13 By-Law proposal submissions

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2. Chapter
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4. By-Law (as written)
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MOTION PRESENTED BY: Andy Young

MOTION SECONDED BY: Scott Ryan

VOTING

PRESIDENT
N/V

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: 4/17/2026

MOTION NUMBER: 2026-003

MOTION SUBJECT: By-law 4:02 Amendment

Rationale

Further clarifies not only the available Active Member, but also their willingness to run for Secretary, and or Treasurer.

(As Written)

SECTION 4:02 STATE/PROVINCE/REGION ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

OUTCOME: Pass 11-0



DATE: 4/17/2026

MOTION NUMBER: 2026-004

MOTION SUBJECT: By-law 5:02 Amendment

Rationale

Further clarifies not only the available Active Member, but also their willingness to run for Secretary, and or Treasurer. This also aligns with the same verbiage as is in By-Law 4:02 STATE/PROVINCE/REGION ASSOCIATION OFFICERS.

(As written)

SECTION 5:02 CHAPTER OFFICERS

Chapter Officers shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Road Captain. Other positions may be established and elected or appointed as determined by the Chapter members in accordance with elections that are consistent with the International By- Laws. Only Active members may hold the office of President and Vice-President of a Chapter. The Offices of Secretary, Treasurer and Road Captain may be held by an adult Associate or Social member, provided that there are no Active Members available to hold the title. Once the election is held and the member is sworn into office, he/she may hold that title until the end of their term. The only offices that may be combined and be held by one member is the office of Secretary/Treasurer.

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MOTION PRESENTED BY: Spike Ostiguy

MOTION SECONDED BY: Andy Young

VOTING

PRESIDENT
N/A

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: 4/17/2026

MOTION NUMBER: 2026-008

MOTION SUBJECT: Executive EUCON travel

That the board covers the expenses of President Spike Ostiguy to attend the 2026 European Conference in Fussach Austria in accordance with SOG 9:01 Travel Expenses as has been done in the past.

MOTION PRESENTED BY: Mark Mullen

MOTION SECONDED BY: Joel Nelson

VOTING

PRESIDENT
N/V

VICE PRESIDENT
Y

SECRETARY
Y

TREASURER
Y

REGION 1
Y

REGION 2
Y

REGION 3
Y

REGION 4
Y

REGION 5
Y

REGION 6
N

REGION 7
Y

REGION 8
Y

OUTCOME: Pass 10-1



DATE: 4/17/2026

MOTION NUMBER: 2026-009

MOTION SUBJECT: SOG 5:02 new section

Rationale

To ensure that new chapters operate within the area they are formed.

(New section as proposed)

5:02 New Chapter Membership and Record Keeping

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10. At least 4 of the Active Members listed on a Chapter Application must reside within either (a) the municipal limits of the city/town listed on the application, or (b) within 10 miles of said limit. The Board shall determine whether or not an exception to this section may be granted.

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MOTION PRESENTED BY: Randy Smith

MOTION SECONDED BY: Brian Singleton

VOTING

PRESIDENT

Y

VICE PRESIDENT

Exc.

SECRETARY

N

TREASURER

Y

REGION 1

Y

REGION 2

Y

REGION 3

Y

REGION 4

Y

REGION 5

N

REGION 6

Y

REGION 7

N

REGION 8

Y

OUTCOME: Pass 8-3



DATE: 4/18/2026

MOTION NUMBER: 2026-010

MOTION SUBJECT: SOG 16:07 Amendment

Rationale:

The Founding Fathers 4-inch rocker was never placed into writing but had been approved by a past board discussion. The 4-inch rocker was not described and has been added for a better definition.

(As written)

16:07 Memorial Patch and 4-inch Bottom Rocker

The Red Knights Memorial Patch honoring our deceased members may be worn on the vest or jacket. This patch is available from the RKR Regalia, Ltd. Quartermaster. The profit from the sale of this patch shall be a source of funding for future maintenance of the Red Knight Memorial. The Red Knights Memorial Patch may be sold to non-RKMC members.

Chapters wishing to pay tribute to a person, group, organization, etc. who is not eligible for Heaven One honors, may order these patches through the same process. These patches will be provided in a design different than the Memorial Bottom Rocker for Members and are to be worn beneath all other 4-inch Heaven One Name Bottom Rockers. Revised 3/8/2012 Revised 4/19/2013 Revised 11/14/2014 Syracuse, NY Revised 4/16/2021 Baltimore, MD, Revised 8/14/2024 Leipzig Germany.

(As proposed)

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MOTION SECONDED BY: Ken May

VOTING

PRESIDENT
Y

VICE PRESIDENT
Exc.

SECRETARY
Y

TREASURER
N

REGION 1
Y

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: 4/18/2026

MOTION NUMBER: 2026-011

MOTION SUBJECT: SOG 8:01 Amendment and 10:04 Withdrawal

Rationale:

To eliminate the disparity between areas with Associations and areas with Representatives.

(As written)

8:01 Starting an Association

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FUNDING:

The Association may choose to have dues paid by the Chapters. Other ways to fund the Association may include 50/50 drawings, silent auctions at Association events, or a statewide fundraising activity. The amount of \$500.00 will be given to any area that starts an Association. (SOG Section 10:04)

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10:04 Association Start up Grant

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The proposed Association shall request an Association application from the International Secretary. After the International Secretary receives the Association application, the Secretary will issue an Association charter and number. The International Secretary will then advise the International Executive Board of the approval of a new Association. The International Treasurer at that time will issue the Grant funds to the new Association. The Association can use the generic association by-laws on the International Web Site to help in developing their own set. These must be submitted for approval within 6 months. If the Association chooses they can use the International By-Laws instead of developing their own. Revised 11/14/2014 Syracuse, NY, Revised 11/8/2025, Baltimore, MD.

(As proposed)

10:04 Association Start up Grant Withdrawn 04/18/2026

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10:04 Withdrawn 04/18/2026

MOTION PRESENTED BY: Scott Ryan

MOTION SECONDED BY: Chuck Marks

VOTING

PRESIDENT		VICE PRESIDENT		SECRETARY		TREASURER	
<u>Y</u>		<u>Exc.</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>N</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>

OUTCOME: Pass 9-2



DATE: 4/18/2026

MOTION NUMBER: 2026-012

MOTION SUBJECT: By-law 2:19 Amendment

Rationale

To allow the election process to continue in the event a member of the Nomination Committee is unable to be present at the ABM.

(As written)

SECTION 2:19 VOTING PROCEDURES FOR ELECTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD

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(As proposed)

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MOTION SECONDED BY: Chuck Marks

VOTING

PRESIDENT

Y

VICE PRESIDENT

Exc.

SECRETARY

Y

TREASURER

Y

REGION 1

Y

REGION 2

Y

REGION 3

Y

REGION 4

Y

REGION 5

Y

REGION 6

N

REGION 7

Y

REGION 8

Y

OUTCOME: Pass 10-1



DATE: 4/18/2026

MOTION NUMBER: 2026-013

MOTION SUBJECT: By-law 3:02 Amendment

Rationale

To ensure nominated candidates submit all the necessary documentation by the close of nominations as there may be instances where a member does not know they are being nominated; therefore, do not prepare the documents in advance.

(As written)

SECTION 3:02 QUALIFICATION AND ELECTION

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VOTING

PRESIDENT
Y

VICE PRESIDENT
Exc.

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