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

2026 Bylaws Revision Reference: 8/22/2026 updates

BY-LAW SECTION 1:06 ANTHEM

Proposal submitted by Indiana Chapter 2.
Motioned by Kathleen Wenck, TN 5, and seconded by Mike Hickam, VA 8.
Number of Delegates: 45; "Yes" votes cast: 31. Passed.

(As written)

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BY-LAW SECTION 2:01 ACTIVE MEMBER

Proposal submitted by Georgia Chapter 5.
Motioned by David DeGrave, NC 13, and seconded by Stephanie Juliano, NY 49.
Number of Delegates: 45; "Yes" votes cast: 38. Passed.

(As written)

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2. Upon receiving an application for Active Membership, the candidate shall receive a two-thirds (2/3) (66%) acceptance vote of members present with no probation period. Any Active member whose membership started prior to the passage of this membership requirement on 8/22/2009, shall be grandfathered as an Active member.

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BY-LAW SECTION 2:17 PROHIBITION OF PROXY VOTING

Proposal submitted by the International Board with Motion 2025-032.
Motioned by Chris Gadway, MD 4, and seconded by Eldon Mickel, PA 22.
Number of Delegates: 45; "Yes" votes cast: 38. Passed.

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

Proposal submitted by the International Board with Motion 2026-012.
Motioned by Rhys Rogers, MAL Rep., and seconded by Norm Beausoleil, MA 1.
Number of Delegates: 45; "Yes" votes cast: 45. Passed.

(As written)

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

Voting for the election of the International Executive Board shall be by electronic secret ballot with the results to be read at the Club's Annual Meeting. In the event of a tie ballot, the tied candidates will be given an opportunity to speak to the membership for a maximum of five (5) minutes each, followed by a secret ballot vote of the delegates present. This procedure will continue until a candidate is elected. An appointed Committee of the International Representatives shall tally the ballots and announce the results to the Membership. The tally process will be monitored by the Nominations Committee. After a candidate is chosen, the ballots will be destroyed. The electronic voting process will be administered by an independent third party vendor.

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BY-LAW SECTION 3:10 DUTIES AND POWERS

Proposal submitted by the International Board with Motion 2026-001.
Motioned by Norm Beausoleil, MA 1, and seconded by Merrill Fowle, NJ 23.
Number of Delegates: 45; "Yes" votes cast: 43. Passed.

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SECTION 3:10 DUTIES AND POWERS

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

Proposal submitted by the International Board with Motion 2026-003.
Motioned by David DeGrave, NC 13, and seconded by Oscar DeLeon, TX 4.
Number of Delegates: 45; "Yes" votes cast: 45. Passed.

(As written)

SECTION 4:02 STATE/PROVINCE/REGION ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

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BY-LAW SECTION 5:02 CHAPTER OFFICERS

Proposal submitted by the International Board with Motion 2026-004.
Motioned by Don Brandt, PA 11, and seconded by Brian Singleton, TX 1.
Number of Delegates: 45; "Yes" votes cast: 45. Passed.

(As written)

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BY-LAW SECTION 6:01 GENERAL

Proposal submitted by the International Board with Motion 2025-023.
Motioned by Brian Singleton, TX 1, and seconded by Tony Cardinale, ON 1.
Number of Delegates: 45; "Yes" votes cast: 41. Passed.

(As written)

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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.

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BY-LAW SECTION 7:01 AMENDING, ADDING, OR REMOVING A BY-LAW

Proposal submitted by the International Board with Motion 2025-026.
Motioned by Rhys Rogers, MAL Rep., and seconded by Heather Drew, AL 13.
Number of Delegates: 45; “Yes” votes cast: 45. Passed.

(As written)

SECTION 7:01 AMENDING, ADDING, OR REMOVING A BY-LAW

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