



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



Summer 2026 RKIFMC Non-Executive Board Minutes
August 19th in Melbourne, AUS.

1. Meeting Schedule and General Information:
 - a. RKR and RKM meetings on Tuesday at 7:00 pm AEST.
 - b. Meetings will start at 8:00 am AEST and end when complete.
 - c. Shirt colors for each day: Wednesday-Gray, Thursday – Black, Friday-Red, and Saturday – Class B – ABM and Class A Banquet.
 - d. Special Guest: N/A
2. Call to order at 8:02 am AEST.
3. Opening greeting by President Spike.
4. Moment of Silence for those who have passed:

832	DONALD W REESE SR	NJ 14	2026(4/26/26)
833	FELIX LAPORTE	MA 3	2026(4/26/26)
834	SHIRLEY REYNOLDS	ME 9	2026(5/2/26)
835	RICHARD JAMES MEEKS	AL 9	2026(5/9/26)
836	BILL SCHNEIDER	OH 14	2026(5/21/26)
837	FLINT BREEDING	TX 2	2026(5/29/26)
838	CLIFF ELDRIDGE	MA 2	2026(5/14/26)
839	GERLINDE DAHLITZ	GER 10	2026(6/2/26)
840	THOMAS D ETZLE JR	PA 15	2026(6/3/26)
841	DARLENE CZAJA	IL 23	2026(6/17/26)
842	SHAUN HALFACRE	NY 28	2026(6/23/26)
843	BURNETTE TOLBERT	GA 22	2026(5/28/26)
844	FRANCIS TRUSCELLO SR.	PA 22	2026(6/29/26)
845	ADAM JOHNSON	MN 8	2026(7/17/26)
846	HARRY MCLAREN	NJ 13	2026(7/16/26)
847	DAVE REYNOLDS	NY 35	2026(7/24/26)
848	DAN QUACKENBUSH	PA 15	2026(7/28/26)
849	DAVE AUTREY	NE 4	2025(12/4/2025)
850	HANNS-ULRICH “HENNES” ADAM	GER 22	2026(8/8/26)
851	JEAN SIGNES	FRA 4	2026(8/9/260)



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5. Roll Call:

President Spike Ostiguy: Present
Secretary Michael Woods: Present
Region 1 Dir. Ken May: Present
Region 3 Dir. Mark Mullen: Present
Region 5 Dir. Joel Nelson: Present
Region 7 Dir. Tom Van Der Kley: Excused
Director Emeritus: Leo Patry: Not required
Guest:

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
Guest:
Guest:

6. Rules of meeting:

- a. All cell phones in silent mode; remain courteous and professional, raise hands to be addressed, keep sidebars down, and only speak 3x on a topic.

7. Adjustments or additions to the Agenda:

- a. RKI:
 - i. Requested to move to FBM:
 1. 9.b, 9.c, 9.g, 9.l, and 10.c.
 - a. Approved
 - ii. Requested to move to Executive:
 1. 9.i
 - a. Approved
 - iii. Additions:
 1. No additions added.

8. Reports:

- a. Officer's activity reports:
 - i. Region 1: Ken May
 1. Regional numbers:
 - a. Chapters: 95, with 5 in Limited or Restricted services
 - b. Members: 2545
 - c. MALs: 27
 2. Events attended:
 - a. 2026 Spring Board Meeting
 - b. 2 International Board Zoom Meetings
 - c. 2 Regional Rep./Presidents' meetings at Boylston.
 - d. 2026 Yankee Rally in Geneva, NY.
 - e. Heaven 1: 9 services total, with 1 in Region 3 and 1 in Region 4.
 - ii. Region 2: Randy Smith
 1. Regional numbers:
 - a. Chapters: 39, with 19 in Limited or Restricted services
 - b. Members: 849
 - c. MALs: 27
 2. Events attended:
 - a. 2026 Spring Board Meeting



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- b. 2 International Board Zoom Meetings
- iii. Region 3: Mark Mullen
 - 1. Regional numbers:
 - a. Chapters: 63, with 15 in Limited or Restricted services
 - b. Members: 1238
 - c. MALs: 23
 - 2. Events attended:
 - a. 2026 Spring Board Meeting
 - b. 2 International Board Zoom Meetings
- iv. Region 4: Chuck Marks
 - 1. Regional numbers:
 - a. Chapters: 87, with 5 in Limited or Restricted service
 - b. Members: 1595
 - c. MALs: 34
 - 2. Events attended:
 - a. Region 4 Dixie Rally, Aberdeen, MD.
 - b. Heaven 1: Richard Meeks
- v. Region 5: Joel Nelson
 - 1. Regional numbers:
 - a. Chapters: 37, with 1 in Limited or Restricted services
 - b. Members: 857
 - c. MALs: 44
 - 2. Events attended:
 - a. 2026 Spring Board Meeting
 - b. 2 International Board Zoom Meetings
 - c. Region 5 Western Rally, High River, AB.
 - d. Heaven 1: 2 Adam Johnson
 - i. Founding Father Roger Wentzel, Heaven 1 in Boylston, MA.
- vi. Region 6: Brian Singleton
 - 1. Regional numbers:
 - a. Chapters: 31, with 7 in Limited or Restricted services
 - b. Members: 417
 - c. MALs: 51
 - 2. Events attended:
 - a. Oklahoma State Meeting
 - b. Texas State Meeting
 - c. Region 4 Dixie Rally, Aberdeen, MD.
 - d. 2026 Spring Board Meeting
 - e. 2 International Board Zoom Meetings
 - f. Heaven 1: 2 attended (1 TX)
 - i. Founding Father Roger Wentzel, Heaven 1 in Boylston, MA.
- vii. Region 7: Tom Van Der Kley
 - 1. Regional numbers:
 - a. Chapters: 82, with 14 in Limited or Restricted services



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- b. Members: 1614
 - c. MALs: 92
 - 2. Events attended:
 - a. 2026 Spring Board Meeting
 - b. 2026 English/Irish Meeting in Essex, England.
- viii. Region 8: Andy Young
 - 1. Regional numbers:
 - a. Chapters: 32, with 3 in Limited or Restricted services
 - b. Members: 608
 - c. MALs: 15
 - 2. Events attended:
 - a. Multi-Chapter Lunch, June 2026
 - b. 2026 Spring Board Meeting
 - c. 1 International Board Zoom Meeting
 - d. Heaven 1: 0
- ix. Treasurer: Scott Ryan
 - 1. Membership added: 244
 - 2. Chapters added: 2, with 2 pending
 - 3. Emails: over 1500 sent
 - 4. Events attended:
 - a. 2026 Spring Board Meeting
 - b. 2 International Board Zoom Meetings
 - c. 2026 Atlantic Rally, Truro, NS.
- x. Secretary: Michael Woods
 - 1. Trademark Licensing
 - a. Requested to date:
 - i. 203 with 7 pending
 - b. TMLA annual review
 - i. First year for the 10-year timeframe change. The majority of the Chapters' requests for review did responded. Requested approval for all TMLAs from 2006 and 2016 to be approved for their 10-year cycle.
 - 1. See motion 2026-018
 - c. Still working with our IP attorney on the AI statement.
 - 2. Insurance
 - a. Event requested
 - i. 36 with 3 pending
 - b. AD&D
 - i. No additional payouts this year. Total since enactment: 9 at \$36,000 paid to our families.
 - 3. New Chapter requests
 - a. 15 new requests.
 - 4. Events:
 - a. 2026 Spring Board Meeting
 - b. 2 International Board Zoom Meetings



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- c. 2026 English/Irish Meeting in Essex, England.
 - d. Heaven 1: 1
 - i. Founding Father Roger Wentzel, Heaven 1 in Boylston, MA.
- xi. Vice President: Norm Beausoleil
 - 1. MAL Program.
 - a. MALs: 319, with 281 in good standing.
 - b. Requests for members to transfer to MAL: 5, with 1 denied.
 - c. Resignations: 8
 - d. New MAL requests:
 - i. Pending: 12
 - ii. To MAL: 25
 - iii. To Chapter: 7, with 5 pending.
 - e. Finland MALs transferred to a new Chapter!
 - 2. Events:
 - a. 2026 Spring Board Meeting
 - b. 2 International Board Zoom Meetings
 - c. 2026 English/Irish Meeting in Essex, England.
 - d. 2026 Yankee Rally in Geneva, NY.
 - e. Heaven 1: 1
 - i. Founding Father Roger Wentzel, Heaven 1 in Boylston, MA.
- xii. President: Spike Ostiguy
 - 1. Events:
 - a. 2026 Spring Board Meeting
 - b. 2 International Board Zoom Meetings
 - c. 2026 Dixie Rally in Aberdeen, MD.
 - d. 2026 Yankee Rally in Geneva, NY.
 - e. Heaven 1: 2
 - i. Founding Father Roger Wentzel, Heaven 1 in Boylston, MA.
- b. Committee Reports:
 - i. Communications:
 - 1. No report given.
 - ii. Chaplain:
 - 1. No report given.
 - iii. By-laws:
 - 1. No report given.
 - iv. Nomination:
 - 1. No report given.
 - v. Grand Tour:
 - 1. No report given.
 - vi. Help-A-Knight:
 - 1. No report given.
 - vii. IT Committee:
 - 1. No report given.
 - viii. Newsletter Editor:



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1. No report given.
 - ix. Club Historical Committee:
 1. No report given.
 - x. Special: (if required)
 1. N/A
 - c. Convention Reports:
 - i. 2027- Ontario 1, Convention at Sea: Delivered by Region 2 Director Randy Smith.
 - ii. 2028- New Brunswick 1, 4, and 7, St. John, New Brunswick: Delivered by Region 2 Director Randy Smith.
 - iii. 2029- North Carolina 13 and 26, Cherokee, North Carolina: Delivered by Region 4 Director Chuck Marks.
 - iv. 2030 and 2031 TBD or Baltimore, MD Board only.
9. Old Business carried forward:
- a. ASSIGN App:
 - i. Before the start of the meeting, Rasmus Lillemose gave a quick update on his employment with ASSIGN. He is moving on to bigger and better opportunities. He will remain our superuser and be our main contact and adviser for our ASSIGN system.
 - ii. A discussion was further held during the meeting that all regions have now been uploaded, with minor issues being seen.
 1. In conclusion, we are still moving forward, and once the Convention is over, we will be having an ASSIGN meeting to establish our next steps.
 - b. QRG SOG 12:02 Discussion:
 - i. Tabled until FBM.
 - c. Heaven 1 Memorial discussion:
 - i. Tabled until FBM.
 - d. Nomination and By-law Chair qualifications discussion:
 - i. Discussion was held on what different requirements there should be.
 1. In conclusion, we should be looking to fill these roles with Active Members. This was tabled until FBM for further review and amendments.
 - e. Website discussion:
 - i. Spike gave an update on where the new website stands. She is continuing to move forward and is still looking for members to assist. Several members have stepped up but do not have knowledge of WordPress to be of assistance.
 1. In conclusion, she will continue to move forward, and a letter from the President will be compiled to ask the membership for assistance.
 - f. Board manuals:
 - i. A discussion has been ongoing since the 2025 SBM about updating the Board positional manuals, as they are all outdated. The Treasurer has submitted a new revision for review.
 1. In conclusion, the Regional manuals will be updated to comply with standard formatting and will be distributed to everyone. The Regional Director manual will consist of a standard Director manual with additional region-specific information



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included at the end. These updates will be returned to FBM for review. Additionally, the Treasurer's Manual will be sent to the Board members for their input. All questions will be directed to the Treasurer, and the responses will be compiled for review by FBM.

- g. By-law 5:02 discussion:
 - i. Tabled until FBM.
- h. Heaven 1 flag and coin discussion:
 - i. A discussion was further held over a higher quality of the RKMC flag.
 - 1. In conclusion, the cost found would not be feasible, and we will continue with the flag that we have.
- i. General Membership discussion:
 - i. Move to Executive session.
- j. New member application discussion:
 - i. Discussion was made to remove all the asterisks "*" and only have one on the line asking if you have been convicted of a crime on the online MAL application on our website.
 - 1. In conclusion, the online MAL application requires specific information to be filled out and thus is required to have it. A disclaimer statement has been added under the relevant bullet point.
- k. Event funding discussion:
 - i. A further discussion was held regarding the multi-chapter event wording in SOG 10:02. A definition of what a multi-chapter event is was discussed. A further discussion was held over what a "Sanctioned" Rally and a multi-chapter event are and how this relates to the definition.
 - 1. In conclusion, SOG 10:02 will be further looked into for how to better define what a multi-chapter event truly is.
- l. By-law 2:19 discussion:
 - i. Tabled until FBM if By-law proposal #5 fails.
- m. 2027 Convention discussion:
 - i. A discussion was held regarding the complexities of the 2027 Convention at sea, focusing on the upcoming shake-down cruise. This cruise is provided at no cost to the Club, as the cruise line offers it to help prepare and establish the logistics for the Convention. During the meeting, it was decided that the Secretary would be responsible for managing all International Board logistics related to the event. Further conversation addressed the issue of covering flights to the cruise port. The Secretary believed it would be more productive for the Board to discuss this matter openly without his presence. Consequently, the Region 8 Director took over the Secretary's duties, allowing the Secretary to excuse himself from the meeting.
 - 1. In conclusion, the Board established the Secretary as the Convention Liaison and will allow the use of SOG 9:01 Travel Expenses.



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- n. Data storage issue
 - i. During the discussion, it was noted that the chair of the Nominations Committee does not have an RKMC laptop and is currently using a jump drive to back up items to prevent data loss. The ASSIGN app would be a suitable place to store information, but all data should ultimately be kept on a laptop owned by RKMC.
 - 1. In conclusion, the President's laptop needs to be replaced. The current laptop will be reformatted and sent to the Nominations Chair for the committee's use. Once this process is complete, a training session on how to use the ASSIGN app will be conducted with the Chair.
- o. Discussion on changing the title of the Nomination Committee.
 - i. A brief discussion suggesting a modernization of the committee name to represent the committee's actual responsibilities and functions more accurately.
 - 1. In conclusion, this request will be moved to the committee to establish its title.
- p. Chaplain conflicting documents discussion:
 - i. A review of what the Chaplain had sent was conducted. Discussion was held on how to make the slight changes within SOG 16:05. Also, discussion was held over a proposed QRG on how to submit a passing member's information on the website.
 - 1. In conclusion, SOG 16:05 was amended to reflect how the process is conducted within the Chaplain manual, and the QRG proposal will be sent to the Chaplain for his review and input.
 - a. See Motion 2026-019

10. New Business:

- a. 2026 ABM discussion:
 - i. Discussion was held on finalizing the last-minute details for the ABM, Meeting after the meeting, and Banquet/Gala items. Finalized the ABM data, delegate sign-in sheets, delegate registration locations, and times. Discussion was made over conducting the By-law proposal review and breakout sessions as a town hall-style meeting. Also discussed the ABM agenda and banquet timeline.
 - 1. In conclusion, everything was updated and finalized for ABM, Banquet/Gala, and the meeting after the meeting agenda.
- b. SOG 5:04 discussion.
 - i. A discussion was made over adding the verbiage of utilizing the ASSIGN app for new member applications.
 - 1. In conclusion, SOG 5:04 was amended.
 - a. See motion 2026-020

11. Open floor and additional items added: (If time allows)

- a. N/A

12. Good of the order:

- a. 2026 FBM dates: Nov. 4th travel, 5th to 7th meetings, and 8th travel, in Baltimore, MD.
- b. 2027 meeting dates: TBD at the meeting after the ABM.
- c. International President Spike Ostiguy conducted a round table exercise to end the SuBM.



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13. Adjournment:

- a. All in favor: 4:49 pm AEST.