



Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club  
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 "Loyal To Our Duty"



## 2023 Spring Board Meeting Motions



DATE: 5/16/2023

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|----------------|-------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>MOTION</b>  | 2023- | <b>MOTION</b>   | Consolidation of Sections 1 & 19, set |
| <b>NUMBER:</b> | 006   | <b>SUBJECT:</b> | terms, and addition of General        |
|                |       |                 | information                           |

(As written)

### Section 1: Government

- 1:01 International Government Officers
- 1:02 Liaison Consultant
- 1:03 Convention Liaison Person (CLP)
- 1:04A International Ambassador (IA)
- 1:04B International Chaplain
- 1:05 Nominating Committee
- 1:06 Nomination Process for the International Board of Directors

### Section 19: Communications Chair, Web Page Rules

- 19:01 Duties of the Communications Chair
- 19:02 Duties of the Information Technology (IT) Committee

(As Proposed)

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- 1:05 Committee appointment process

1. Standardized Letter to the membership issued after the ABM.
  - a. This letter is to open the Intent/Resume application time period for all members to show their interest in Chairing an RKI committee.
  - b. There shall be a 45-day window to allow for this process.
  - c. All letters must be sent to the International Secretary within the 45-day window to be considered and reviewed at the International Fall Board Meeting (IFBM).
  - d. All incumbents must send a letter to the International President



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advising they wish to be reconsidered for their committee position within the same 45-day window.

2. After the 45-day window has been closed
  - a. International Secretary will compile a list of letters, in the order of their request, and submit them to the International President for his review. The International President will submit the incumbent's intent to the International Secretary to be added to the top of the compiled list to be submitted to the board during the IFBM for their review and approval.
3. After the IFBM
  - a. Within 7 days of the completion the International President will advise the incumbents and new Chairs of the appointments.
  - b. All committee Chairs will then report back to the International Secretary within 20 days of their appointment with a list of all members and their position.

1:06 International Chaplain

1:07 Nomination Committee

1:08 Nomination Process for the International Board of Directors

1:09 Communications Chair

1:10 Help-A-Knight Committee

1:11 Information Technology Committee (IT)

1:12 General info for all committees.

1. Terms of the committee chairs to move to a two-year time frame as indicated below.

"To be started in the Fall of 2023:"

Help-A-Knight: odd

Bylaws: odd

Quartermaster: odd

Nominations: odd

Chaplain: odd

To be started in the Fall of 2024:

Communication: even

Information Technology: even

Newsletter Editor: even

Grand Tour: even

Section 19: removed

Rationale:

To have a place to define how the appointment process will work. Giving a timeline and letters to be sent out.

To have all committee information located in one place.

To add in general information section.



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MOTION PRESENTED Spike Ostiguy MOTION SECONDED BY: Allen Aurich  
BY: \_\_\_\_\_

VOTING

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|------------------|------------------|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| <b>PRESIDENT</b> |                  | <b>VICE PRESIDENT</b> |                  | <b>SECRETARY</b> |                  | <b>TREASURER</b> |                  |
| <u>Y</u>         |                  | <u>Y</u>              |                  | <u>Y</u>         |                  | <u>Y</u>         |                  |
| <b>REGIO N 1</b> | <b>REGIO N 2</b> | <b>REGION 3</b>       | <b>REGIO N 4</b> | <b>REGION 5</b>  | <b>REGIO N 6</b> | <b>REGION 7</b>  | <b>REGIO N 8</b> |
| <u>Y</u>         | <u>Y</u>         | <u>E</u><br><u>X</u>  | <u>Y</u>         | <u>Y</u>         | <u>Y</u>         | <u>Y</u>         | <u>Y</u>         |

OUTCOME: Passed 11-0



DATE: 5/16/2023

MOTION NUMBER: 2023-007 MOTION SUBJECT: Bylaw 2:01 clarification correction proposal

(as written)

**2:01 Active Member**

- 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.

(as proposed)

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Rationale:

To ensure all Active Members have the proper legal requirements to ride a motorcycle, to encourage members to complete the learner’s stage of licensing and to permit members in jurisdictions that do not require a separate license to ride a motorcycle.

MOTION PRESENTED BY: Scott Ryan MOTION SECONDED BY: Leo Patry

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| <b>VOTING</b>    |                 |                       |                 |                  |                 |                  |                 |
| <b>PRESIDENT</b> |                 | <b>VICE PRESIDENT</b> |                 | <b>SECRETARY</b> |                 | <b>TREASURER</b> |                 |
| <u>Y</u>         |                 | <u>Y</u>              |                 | <u>Y</u>         |                 | <u>Y</u>         |                 |
| <b>REGION 1</b>  | <b>REGION 2</b> | <b>REGION 3</b>       | <b>REGION 4</b> | <b>REGION 5</b>  | <b>REGION 6</b> | <b>REGION 7</b>  | <b>REGION 8</b> |
| <u>Y</u>         | <u>Y</u>        | <u>EX</u>             | <u>Y</u>        | <u>Y</u>         | <u>Y</u>        | <u>Y</u>         | <u>Y</u>        |

OUTCOME: Passed 11-0



DATE: 5/16/2023

MOTION NUMBER: 2023-008 MOTION SUBJECT: Amendment 8:01

(as written)

**8:01 Elections of State/Province Representatives**

The Regional Director may appoint one, until such time the State/Province elects a representative. All elections or appointments of State/Provincial Representatives shall be under the direction of the Regional Director. Each State/Province shall hold an election to elect their Representative. This election shall be held prior to the Annual Convention of the year in which the election is held. Notice of this election shall be sent to all Chapters in good standing at least 60 days before the election. Only Active members in good standing of the Red Knights Organization may be eligible for the position of State/Provincial/Region Representative. They must be endorsed by their Regional Director. Any person wanting to run for the position of State/Provincial/Representative shall notify the Regional Director of his/her intent 45 days before the election. It shall be the responsibility of the Regional Director to verify that all candidates meet the requirements. The Regional Director should notify all chapters in the State/Province of the list of candidates 30 days before the election. Only Chapter Presidents or their designees that are in good standing with the International at the time of the election are eligible to vote.

Each chapter shall have one vote. Members at Large shall vote separately and one vote shall be cast by the Regional Director for the candidate with the majority vote of the Members at Large. The term of State/Provincial Representative shall be for a period of two years. The Regional Director shall notify the International Executive Board of the results of the election of State/Provincial



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Representative. If the State/Province fails to elect a representative the Regional Director may appoint one until such time the State/Province elects a representative.

Approved 11/13/2004 Board Meeting, Syracuse, N.Y. Revised 11/11/2006, Board Meeting, Syracuse, NY. Revised 11/14/2014 Syracuse, NY, Revised 4/17/2015, Syracuse, NY

(as proposed)

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Each chapter shall have one vote. Members at Large shall vote separately and one vote shall be cast by the Regional Director for the candidate with the majority vote of the Members at Large. The term of State/Provincial Representative shall be for a period of two years. The Regional Director shall notify the International Executive Board of the results of the election of State/Provincial Representative. If the State/Province fails to elect a representative the Regional Director may appoint one until such time the State/Province elects a representative. The State/Provincial/Country Representative shall be held to the same standards as the International Board set forth by all governing documents.

Approved 11/13/2004 Board Meeting, Syracuse, N.Y. Revised 11/11/2006, Board Meeting, Syracuse, NY. Revised 11/14/2014 Syracuse, NY, Revised 4/17/2015, Syracuse, NY

Rationale: The last statement is to ensure that when appointed to an Investigation committee they are bound by the same Executive session privacy as the Board. Also, this could ensure that electioneering by State Reps or Presidents is held to the same standard as well.

MOTION PRESENTED BY: Chuck Marks MOTION SECONDED BY: Ken May

VOTING

Table with 8 columns: REGION 1, REGION 2, REGION 3, REGION 4, REGION 5, REGION 6, REGION 7, REGION 8. Rows for PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, TREASURER with 'Y' or 'N' marks.

OUTCOME: Passed 7-4



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MOTION NUMBER: 2023-009 MOTION SUBJECT: Addition to 1:12 Committee Chair Manuals

(as proposed)  
SOG 1:12

2. All committee chairs shall produce a Procedural manual for his/her position within the first year if one is not already in existence and if one has already been drafted then it shall be updated as needed outlining the duties of the position and how they are carried out and shall be passed on to his/her successor upon leaving the position. A copy of this manual shall be filed with the International Secretary. All committee chairs shall be held to the same standards as the International Board as set forth by all governing documents  
General information for all committees.

Rationale: The reasoning is to have a smooth transition when a New Committee Chair is appointed. Some positions do not have a manual on how this Committee works. This would ensure that New Committee Chairs can start moving forward faster and the Club doesn't regress.

MOTION PRESENTED BY: Michael Woods MOTION SECONDED BY: Spike Ostiguy

VOTING

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| PRESIDENT | VICE PRESIDENT | SECRETARY | TREASURER |          |          |          |          |
| <u>Y</u>  | <u>Y</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>Y</u>       | <u>EX</u> | <u>Y</u>  | <u>Y</u> | <u>Y</u> | <u>Y</u> | <u>Y</u> |

OUTCOME: Passed 11-0



DATE: 5/17/2023

MOTION NUMBER: 2023-010 MOTION SUBJECT: Australia 20 Charter move

To move Australia Chapter 20 Charter address from Somerville Victoria to Dromana Victoria





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MOTION PRESENTED BY: Ken Mahon MOTION SECONDED BY: Chuck Marks

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OUTCOME: 9-2 Passed



DATE: 5/17/2023

MOTION NUMBER: 2023-010 MOTION SUBJECT: Move TX 3 Charter

To move Texas Chapter 3 Charter address from Huston Texas to Katy Texas.

MOTION PRESENTED BY: Allen Aurich MOTION SECONDED BY: Ken Mahon

VOTING

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OUTCOME: 9-2 Passed

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DATE: 5/17/2023

MOTION NUMBER: 2023-012 MOTION SUBJECT: Move MA 9 Charter

To move Massachusetts Chapter 9 Charter from Merrimac to Boxford.

Their new address would be:

Boxford Fire Rescue  
6 Middleton Rd  
Boxford, MA 01921

MOTION PRESENTED BY: Ken May MOTION SECONDED BY: Lance Coit

VOTING

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| PRESIDENT | VICE PRESIDENT | SECRETARY | TREASURER |          |          |          |          |
| <u>Y</u>  | <u>Y</u>       | <u>Y</u>  | <u>Y</u>  |          |          |          |          |
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OUTCOME: 11-0 Passed



DATE: 5/17/2023

MOTION NUMBER: 2023-013 MOTION SUBJECT: Bylaw 3.25 proposal

(as written)

**SECTION 3:25 SUSPENSION OR REMOVAL OF MEMBERS BY THE INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD**

The International Executive Board may, by its own majority motion, bring charges in violation of the International Bylaws, Standard Operating Guidelines or Rules and Regulations against any Chapter or Member for cause. In all cases, the International Executive Board shall notify such Chapter or Member of these charges by means of Certified Mail, a notice of the Board's





action to the Chapter or Member's last known address. Charges filed by the International Board against a Chapter or Member will be forwarded to the Investigation Committee for investigation, hearing and, if found in violation, ruling of discipline. Discipline shall be either Suspension or Removal. The Investigation Committee will forward this decision to the International Executive Board for record purposes and notice to be made to the Chapter or Member, via Certified Mail. Any Chapter or Member so removed or suspended shall be granted an appeal hearing before the International Executive Board, if such a hearing is requested in writing by Certified Mail to the International Secretary within thirty (30) days of their receipt of the notice of suspension or removal. The Chapter or Member suspended or removed shall have the opportunity to submit written documentation, appear before the International Executive Board and present witnesses at the appeal hearing. During such time between the ruling of the Investigation Committee and the appeal hearing, the Chapter or Member shall be Suspended. The International Executive Board shall issue the final decision within sixty (60) days of the date of such hearing.

(as proposed)

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Rationale:

To help indicate that members within the chapter could be found at fault and not the entire Chapter if a chapter was brought up on charges.



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MOTION PRESENTED BY: Spike Ostiguy MOTION SECONDED BY: Ken May

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OUTCOME: 11-0 Passed



DATE: 5/17/2023

MOTION NUMBER: 2023-014 MOTION SUBJECT: Correction to SOG 1:06

(as written)

1:08 Nomination Process for the International Board of Directors

- 1. The Nominating Committee will manage the nomination process as set forth in the International Constitution and By-Laws and Section 1.05 of the SOG's.
2. All nominations must be made via email to nominations@redknightsmc.com.
3. The entire nomination process as described in this section must be completed with the Nominee Profile and Photo received prior to midnight (US Eastern Time Zone) of the closing date for nominations posted on the International Website.
4. Receipt of a nomination will be verified by return email copying the International Executive Secretary, members of the Nominating Committee, and the chapter email address.
5. The nominations email must contain the following information:
a. Member making nomination:
i. Name (legal name as nicknames may not be able to be tracked in the system)
ii. Home Chapter
iii. Current Office Held
b. Nominee:
i. Name (legal name as nicknames may not be able to be tracked in the system)
ii. Home Chapter
iii. Email Address
6. Upon receipt of two nominations, containing all required information for a member, the Nominating Committee will request the Nominee to complete a Nominee Profile (downloadable form from International Website) and submit an electronic photo. This request will be via email and will copy the International Executive Secretary, members of the Nominating Committee, the two Members who made the nomination and both Home Chapter email addresses.
7. Completion and return of the Nominee Profile Form will confirm acceptance of the nomination.



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8. Upon receipt of the completed Nominee Profile form, the Nominations Committee will review the form and:
  - a. Determine if the Nominee meets the requirements as set forth in the International Constitution and By-Laws for the Office.
  - b. Notify the Member(s) making the nomination and the Nominee of the status of the review.
  - c. If the Nominee is found to meet the qualifications of the International Constitution and By-laws, the Nominating Committee will sign off on the Nominee Profile form, and it will be forwarded for posting as a Candidate on the International Webpage.
  - d. The Candidate will be added to the ballot.
9. The Names and Home Chapters of the two nominating Members will be posted with the Nominee Profile.
10. In the case of multiple nominations for a member for an office only the first two qualified nominations received will be considered by the Nominating Committee.
11. In the case of a Member being nominated for more than one office prior to being placed on the ballot, the Nominating Committee will notify the Nominee immediately via email and ask for preference of nomination. In the case where the nominee has already been reviewed and placed on the ballot the initial nomination shall stand until the Candidate rescinds the initial nomination and provides an updated Nominee Profile form.
12. It will be the responsibility of the Nominee to contact the members making a nomination if they chose not to accept it.

Revised Syracuse NY 11/4/2011 Revised 11/14/2014 Syracuse, NY

(as proposed)

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    - ii. Home Chapter
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12. It will be the responsibility of the Nominee to contact the members making a nomination if they choose not to accept it.

Revised Syracuse NY 11/4/2011 Revised 11/14/2014 Syracuse, NY

Rationale:

This correction is based upon past practice with the secretary never having been copied on nomination information and Treasurer assisting in the vetting process.

MOTION PRESENTED BY: Scott Ryan MOTION SECONDED BY: Tom Van der Klay

VOTING

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OUTCOME: 11-0 Passed



DATE: 5/17/2023

MOTION NUMBER: 2023-015 MOTION SUBJECT: Bylaw 2.03 proposal

(as written)

**2:03 ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP**

Associate membership shall be offered to a person who has been proposed, in writing, for such membership and accepted in good standing and, in the opinion of a majority of the Chapter's Executive Board, has substantially contributed to the promotion of the Club for a minimum period of six (6) months. Final approval shall be by a majority vote of the Chapter members at a meeting held at the conclusion of the six-month (6) period. Associate members shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of the Chapters Active Members. Once a member has been accepted as an Associate member and for various reasons no longer is able to ride a motorcycle they may, at the pleasure of the chapter majority retain his/her membership as an Associate member.

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.

(as proposed)

**2:03 ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP**

Associate membership shall be offered to a person **that is legally permitted, other than with a learner's permit, to ride a motorcycle.** ~~Who have~~~~who has~~ been proposed, in writing, for such membership and accepted in good standing and, in the opinion of a majority of the Chapter's Executive Board, has substantially contributed to the promotion of the Club for a minimum period of six (6) months. Final approval shall be by a majority vote of the Chapter members at a meeting held at the conclusion of the six-month (6) period. Associate members shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of the chapter's Active Members. Once a member has been accepted as an Associate member and for various reasons no longer is able to ride a motorcycle they may, at the pleasure of the chapter majority retain his/her membership as an Associate member.

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Rationale:

To ensure all Associate Members have the proper legal requirements to ride a motorcycle, to encourage members to complete the learner's stage of licensing, and to permit members in jurisdictions that do not require a separate license to ride a motorcycle.



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MOTION PRESENTED BY: Scott Ryan MOTION SECONDED BY: Leo Patry

VOTING

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|----------|-----------|----------------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|
|          | PRESIDENT | VICE PRESIDENT | SECRETARY | TREASURER |          |           |          |
|          | <u>Y</u>  | <u>Y</u>       | <u>Y</u>  | <u>Y</u>  |          |           |          |
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| <u>Y</u> | <u>Y</u>  | <u>EX</u>      | <u>Y</u>  | <u>Y</u>  | <u>N</u> | <u>AB</u> | <u>Y</u> |

OUTCOME: 9-1-1 Passed



DATE: 5/17/2023

MOTION NUMBER: 2023-016 MOTION SUBJECT: Amendment to Motion 2022-26 Bylaw Proposal 2:07

(as written)

**SECTION 2:07 LIFE MEMBER**

Life Membership may be granted by the International Executive Board or the Executive Board of a Chapter to a member in good standing that has been a due paying member for 25 or more years. Life membership may also be granted, at the discretion of the International Board, to a member for outstanding service who may not have 25 (twenty-five) years of dues paying membership or to a member that, due to disability, declining health or age no longer has a motorcycle license or the ability to ride a motorcycle. The organizational level proposing the member for Life Membership shall be responsible for international dues.

(as previously proposed)

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**MOTION NUMBER:** 2022- 026    **MOTION SUBJECT:** Bylaw Proposal Section 2:11  
Annual Meeting

(as proposed with additional)

**SECTION 2:07 LIFE MEMBER**

Life Membership may be granted by the International Executive Board ~~or the Executive Board of a Chapter~~ to a member in good standing that has been a due paying member for 25 or more years. Life membership may also be granted, ~~at the discretion of the International Board~~, to a member for outstanding service who may not have 25 (twenty-five) years of dues paying membership or to a member that, due to disability, declining health, or age no longer has a motorcycle license or the ability to ride a motorcycle. **Life Membership shall apply to the member's Home Chapter/MAL status only and the International Board organizational level proposing the member for Life Membership shall be responsible for international dues for that chapter. Only members granted life membership by the International Executive Board may wear a "Life Member" top rocker.**

Rationale: This is to clarify the International Life Membership Award. The Chapter life membership is controlled by the Chapter's SOGs and/or Bylaws.

**MOTION PRESENTED BY:** Scott Ryan                      **MOTION SECONDED BY:** Chuck Marks

**VOTING**

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| <b>PRESIDENT</b> |                 | <b>VICE PRESIDENT</b> |                 | <b>SECRETARY</b> |                 | <b>TREASURER</b> |                 |
| <u>Y</u>         |                 | <u>Y</u>              |                 | <u>Y</u>         |                 | <u>Y</u>         |                 |
| <b>REGION 1</b>  | <b>REGION 2</b> | <b>REGION 3</b>       | <b>REGION 4</b> | <b>REGION 5</b>  | <b>REGION 6</b> | <b>REGION 7</b>  | <b>REGION 8</b> |
| <u>Y</u>         | <u>Y</u>        | <u>EX</u>             | <u>Y</u>        | <u>Y</u>         | <u>Y</u>        | <u>Y</u>         | <u>Y</u>        |

**OUTCOME:** 11-0 Passed

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DATE: 5/17/2023

MOTION 2023-  
NUMBER: 017

MOTION Bylaw 3:17 Proposal  
SUBJECT: \_\_\_\_\_

(as written)

### SECTION 3:17 SECRETARY, INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD

The International Secretary shall have charge of such books, documents and papers as the International Executive Board shall determine and shall have custody of the Club seal. He/she shall attend all meetings of the International Executive Board. He/she shall keep and maintain minutes of all of the International Executive Board. Within fifteen (15) days of the completion of the meetings, the International Secretary will submit a draft of the minutes to all Executive Board members for review and corrections.

The International Executive Board will have ten (10) days to return comments to the Secretary. The International Secretary shall within seven (7) days of the thirty-two- (32) day period to submit a final copy of the minutes to all the Executive Board members. By January 15th of each calendar year, the International Secretary will make two (2) copies of all minutes recorded for the previous year, sending one (1) copy to the International President and filing the other in the Club's file for the year. The International Secretary shall carry out any duties as required by the Constitution and By-Laws, record all meetings of the International Executive Board Annual Meetings and Special Meetings that may be called as per the Constitution and By-Laws of the Club and report such minutes as required at the Executive Board Meetings and Annual meetings.

1. Give adequate notice of the Annual Meeting to the following:
  - a. International Executive Board, (Officers)
  - b. State/Provincial representatives
  - c. All Chartered Chapter Presidents
2. Shall work with the International President to set up the agenda for the International Executive Board meetings and Club's Annual Meeting.
3. Shall keep an updated record of:
  - a. Constitution and By-Laws of the Club
  - b. Roster of all Chapters, Associations and Members at-at-Large.
  - c. E-Mail addresses and Web-Sites of Club Chapters
  - d. Help-A-Knights Directory
  - e. Deceased Active Members
4. Shall provide new Chapters with startup kits, which include:
  - a. Constitution and By-Laws of the Club
  - b. Membership cards and the Help-a-Knight Program
  - c. Catalog of Red Knights Regalia Ltd.
  - d. The latest Club Newsletter Letter outlining suggested activities for Chapters
  - e. Outline of Chapter Officers duties



f. A list of names, Addresses, Phone Numbers and E-Mail Addresses of the International Executive Board as well as State and Provincial Representatives Shall be responsible to ensure that all materials, supplies and equipment needed to conduct business at the Club's Annual Meeting or any meeting of the International Executive Board. Important items are listed below:

- a. Appropriate Flags
- b. Recordings of appropriate National Anthems
- c. International Banners
- d. Minutes of previous meetings
- e. Blank ballots in the event of an election

Most current copy of the Constitution and By-Laws

Shall promote and ensure that people who inquire about the International Club are given current information.

1. Shall, if requested, forward applications for both prospective Chapters and Members-at-Large keeping a record thereof. When applications are forwarded, he/she will notify the Regional Director for whose area the application is from and in case of a Member-at-Large request, he/she shall notify the International Vice-President

Shall when called upon by Chapters, Associations, Members and Members-at-Large answer that call, if the problem is such that it requires an immediate action, then he/she shall call on the International President to inform him/her of the problem and be advised on what to do.

2. Any expenses incurred by the Secretary shall be authorized by the International Executive Board prior to action requiring the expense except the cost of reports, mailing, stationary and office supplies and phone costs related to Club business. Such expenses shall have receipts sent to the International Executive Board Treasurer prior to being paid. 3. Shall be the liaison Officer for the State/Provincial Representative, State/Provincial State Association Officers, and Chapter Presidents. From time to time, the list of overseas Chapters will change, so not to have to change this document; those Chapters will not be listed. However, the lists of overseas Chapters shall be maintained in the Master Mailing List by the International Secretary.

4. Shall maintain a record of the policies and procedures used by the International Board.

5. Shall also produce a Procedural manual for his position within the first year if one is not already in existence and if one has already been drafted then it shall be updated as needed, outlining the duties of the office and how they are carried out and shall be passed on to his/her successor upon leaving office a copy of this manual shall be filed with the International.

(as proposed)

### **SECTION 3:17 SECRETARY, INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD**

The International Secretary shall have charge of such books, documents, and papers as the International Executive Board shall determine ~~and shall have custody of the Club seal.~~ **The International Secretary shall be charged with duties and responsibilities as listed below:**

1. **Shall have custody of the Club seal.**
2. **He/she s** Shall attend all meetings of the International Executive Board.
3. **He/she s** Shall keep and maintain minutes of all **of** the International Executive Board **meetings.**
  - a. Within fifteen (15) days of the completion of the meetings, the International Secretary will submit a draft of the minutes to all Executive Board members for





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review and corrections. The International Executive Board will have ten (10) days to return comments to the Secretary. The International Secretary shall within seven (7) days of the thirty-two- (32) day period to submit a final copy of the minutes to all the Executive Board members.

4. By January 15th of each calendar year, the International Secretary will make two (2) copies of all minutes recorded for the previous year, sending one (1) copy to the International President and filing the other in the Club's file for the year.
5. ~~The International Secretary s~~ shall carry out any duties as required by the Constitution and By-Laws, record all meetings of the International Executive Board Annual Meetings and Special Meetings that may be called as per the Constitution and By-Laws of the Club and report such minutes as required at the Executive Board Meetings and Annual meetings.
6. ~~Shall G~~ give adequate notice of the Annual Meeting to the following:
  - a. International Executive Board, (Officers)
  - b. State/Provincial representatives
  - c. All Charter Chapter Presidents
7. Shall work with the International President to set up the agenda for the International Executive Board meetings and Club's Annual Meeting.
8. Shall keep an updated record of:
  - d. Constitution and By-laws of the Club
  - e. Roster of all Chapters, Associations, and Members ~~at-at~~-Large.
  - f. E-Mail addresses and Web-Sites of Club Chapters
  - g. Help-A-Knights Directory
  - h. Deceased Active Members
9. ~~Shall provide new Chapters with startup kits, which include:~~
  - i. ~~Constitution, and By-Laws of the Club, and RKMC Rules and Regulations.~~
  - j. ~~Membership cards and the Help-a-Knight Program~~
  - k. ~~Catalog of Red Knights Regalia Ltd.~~
  - l. ~~The latest Club Newsletter outlining suggested activities for Chapters~~
  - m. ~~Outline of Chapter Officers duties~~
  - n. ~~A list of names, Addresses, Phone Numbers and E-Mail Addresses of the International Executive Board as well as State and Provincial Representatives~~
9. Shall provide new Chapters with a digital and tangible Welcome package, which includes but is not limited to:
  - a. Digital portion of the Welcome Package includes the following:
    - i. Constitution and By-Laws, SOGs, and Rules and Regulations of the Club
    - ii. Red Knights International Executive Board and Committee's contact information.
    - iii. Quick Reference Guides that are currently in use.
    - iv. The latest Club Newsletter
  - b. The tangible portion of the Welcome Package includes the following:
    - i. Copy of the Welcome Letter
    - ii. Copy of the signed Charter
    - iii. RKMC decals
10. Shall be Responsible to ensure that all materials, supplies, and equipment needed to conduct business at the Club's Annual Meeting or any meeting of the International Executive Board. Important items are listed below:



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- a. Appropriate Flags
  - b. Recordings of appropriate National Anthems
  - c. International Banners
  - d. Minutes of previous meetings
  - e. Blank ballots in the event of an election
  - f. Most current copy of the Constitution and By-Laws
11. Shall promote and ensure that people who inquire about the International Club are given current information.
  12. Shall, if requested, forward applications for both prospective Chapters and Members-at-Large keeping a record thereof. When applications are forwarded, he/she will notify the Regional Director for whose area the application is from, and in case of a Member-at-Large request, he/she shall notify the International Vice-President Shall when called upon by Chapters, Associations, Members, and Members-at-Large answer that call, if the problem is such that it requires **an** immediate action, then he/she shall call on the International President to inform him/her of the problem and be advised on what to do.
  13. Any expenses incurred by the Secretary shall be authorized by the International Executive Board prior to action requiring the expense except the cost of reports, mailing, stationary and office supplies, and phone costs related to Club business. Such expenses shall have receipts sent to the International Executive Board Treasurer prior to being paid.
  14. Shall be the liaison Officer for the State/Provincial Representative, State/Provincial State Association Officers, and Chapter Presidents. From time to time, the list of overseas Chapters will change, so not to have to change this document; those Chapters will not be listed. However, the lists of overseas Chapters shall be maintained in the Master Mailing List by the International Secretary.
  15. Shall maintain a record of the policies and procedures used by the International Board.
  16. Shall also produce a Procedural manual for **his their** position within the first year if one is not already in existence and if one has already been drafted then it shall be updated as needed, outlining the duties of the office and how they are carried out and shall be passed on to his/her successor upon leaving office a copy of this manual shall be filed with the International.

### Rationale:

To bring the Starter packet up to the modern time with the use of digital and Tangible packages. This will reduce the cost of office supplies and mailing. The section was broken into several different bullet and numbered sections, cleaned up for better flow and understanding.



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MOTION PRESENTED Chuck Marks  
BY: \_\_\_\_\_

MOTION SECONDED Ken Mahon  
BY: \_\_\_\_\_

VOTING

PRESIDENT  
Y

VICE PRESIDENT  
Y

SECRETARY  
Y

TREASURER  
Y

| REGIO N 1 | REGION 2 | REGION 3 | REGIO N 4 | REGIO N 5 | REGIO N 6 | REGION 7 | REGIO N 8 |
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| <u>Y</u>  | <u>Y</u> | <u>E</u> | <u>Y</u>  | <u>Y</u>  | <u>Y</u>  | <u>Y</u> | <u>Y</u>  |
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OUTCOME: 11-0 Pass



DATE: 5/17/2023

MOTION NUMBER: 2023-018 MOTION SUBJECT: Bylaw 2:02 proposal

(as written)

**SECTION 2:02 CHARTER MEMBERS**

Charter membership shall be restricted to Active Members who are on the original roster, when the Chapter was accepted by the International Executive Board and to any Active member who joined the Chapter within one (1) year of the Chapter’s being accepted by the International Executive Board and accepted by the Chapter Executive Board.

(as proposed)

**SECTION 2:02 CHARTER MEMBERS**

Charter membership shall be restricted to Active Members who are on the original roster, when the Chapter was accepted by the International Executive Board and to any **Active** member who joined the Chapter **and meets Active status** within one (1) year of the Chapter’s being accepted by the International Executive Board and accepted by the Chapter Executive Board.

Rationale:

To give the ability for Firefighters coming in without an MC endorsement the time to obtain it and be authorized, if the chapter so chooses, to be granted Charter Status. Or if a member becomes a Firefighter within the first year of the Charter the chapter, if they so choose, may grant Charter status.





Red Knights International Firefighter Motorcycle Club



MOTION PRESENTED BY: Scott Ryan

MOTION SECONDED BY: Tom Van Der Kley

VOTING

|           |                |           |           |          |          |          |          |
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| PRESIDENT | VICE PRESIDENT | SECRETARY | TREASURER |          |          |          |          |
| <u>Y</u>  | <u>N</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>Y</u>       | <u>EX</u> | <u>Y</u>  | <u>Y</u> | <u>Y</u> | <u>N</u> | <u>Y</u> |

OUTCOME: Passed 9-2



DATE: 6/13/2023

MOTION NUMBER: 2023-020 MOTION SUBJECT: SOG Help-A-Knight 1:10 addition

Section 1.10 Help-A-Knight Be amended by the addition of:

The Help-A-Knight Chair reports to the International President and shall be appointed by the International Board at the Fall Board Meeting. Approved 6/13/2023 Zoom.

Rationale:

The Help-A-Knight was never mentioned with in the SOGs as a committee, this simply adds this committee into the governing document under Section 1 Government.

MOTION PRESENTED BY: Ken May MOTION SECONDED BY: Chuck Marks

VOTING

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|-----------|----------------|------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| PRESIDENT | VICE PRESIDENT | SECRETARY  | TREASURER |          |          |          |          |
| <u>Y</u>  | <u>Y</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>Y</u>       | <u>N/A</u> | <u>Y</u>  | <u>Y</u> | <u>Y</u> | <u>Y</u> | <u>Y</u> |

OUTCOME: Passed 11-0