

**RED KNIGHTS INTERNATIONAL MEETING AGENDA
AUGUST 20, 2016**

Meeting called to Order at: **0830**

Roll Call of Officers and Chapters:

President:	Chris Gadway
Vice Pres:	Jack Jarvis
Secretary:	Bill Snodgrass
Treasurer:	Scott Ryan
Region 1 Director:	Matt Mattera
Region 2 Director:	Leo Patry
Region 3 Director:	Tim Reinard
Region 4 Director:	Joey Powell
Region 5 Director:	Gil Rekken
Region 6 Director:	Joe Connors
Region 7 Director:	Pierre Halleux

We have 66 voting delegates.

Presidents Opening remarks:

- **Moment of Silence**

Rules for Meeting:

- **Sergeant at Arms (Stemy and Burgess)**
- **Must check in/out with Sergeant at Arms**
- **3 minutes speaking on issue**
- **Voting, raising hand with wrist band**

Officers Reports:

(Call for Motion to accept as published)

Motion to accept by Bill Snodgrass OH 5 second by Monty Timm WI 5-PASSED

Committee Reports:

Audit (Scott Ryan)

**Convention Reports, 2017- Liverpool, NY Holiday Inn 8/16-20
2018- Pittsburgh, PA Double Tree
2019- Lincoln, NH**

Nominations (Tom Caisse) cost \$1300.00 for elections

Ballots- 129 total ballots (34%)

Membership (Bill Snodgrass) 2015 Chapters-385 2016-348

MALs-378 2016-374

Members-9952 2016-9362

Memorial (Norm Beausoleil) 364 total names on the Memorial

Memorial Fund Donations (Scott Ryan) \$3836 in donations

Insurance (Bill Snodgrass) insured 57 events so far in 2016

Old Business:

New Business:

- **Motion for RKIFMC make a donation of \$150.00 to the 2016 convention host charity of choice (Scott) Motion by Scott Ryan PEI 1 second Dale French PA 18-PASSED**
- **Motion for RKIFMC makes a donation of \$150.00 to the AMA Legislative Legal Fund (Scott) Motion by Scott Ryan PEI 1 second by Allen Aurich TX 4-PASSED**
- **Motion to recall the following charters: FL 16, GA 3, GA 12, IL 20, IN 10, MA 14, NC 4, NC 14, OH 3, VA 17, VA 18 (Scott) Motion by Scott Ryan PEI 1 second by Ken Stoveken NJ 22-PASSED**
- **Voting on new By-Law changes, a 2/3 vote was needed to pass motions made regarding By-Law changes. The number of voting chapters would be called before each vote. (Tom Caisse/Norm Beausoleil)**

2016 By-Law Change Proposals

1. Proposed by: Stephanie Fowle- NJ31

AS BY-LAW READS:

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PROPOSED:

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REASONING:

Potential to increase future membership.

Increase interest in firefighting by family members.

Increase interest in safe motorcycle riding by family members.

Sibling already included in Social membership-Add to Junior membership for consistency.

Club members serve as good riding role models to more family members.

Families look different now. Some siblings are now unofficial caretakers of younger siblings and extended family. Additionally, more couples choose not to have children of their own, but want to include those they love in an organization they love.

ENDORSED BY THE BOARD: YES. Agree with above reasoning

MOTION BY ALLEN CROPPER-NJ31 2ND BY JULIE CARLSON-NY38

PROPOSAL FAILED WITH ONLY 17 OF 44 NEEDED VOTES.

2. Proposed by: Stephanie Fowle- NJ31

AS BY-LAW READS:

SECTION 5:06 SOCIAL MEMBERSHIP

Social members shall be a Spouse, Partner, Boyfriend, Girlfriend, Son, Daughter, Grandchildren, Brother or Sister, Father or Mother of an Active Member, Associate Member or a Member-at-Large. The minimum age for a Social member shall be 16 (sixteen) years of age before joining.

PROPOSED:

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3. Proposed by: International Executive Board

MOTION BY ALLEN CROPPER NJ31 2ND BY COLIN NELSON NH 9

PROPOSAL FAILED WITH ONLY 15 OF 44 NEEDED VOTES

AS BY-LAW READS:

SECTION 3:02 QUALIFICATION AND ELECTION

Only Active Members of the Red Knights International Motorcycle Club, who have previously served a Chapter or Association as President or Vice President or as a State or Provincial Representative for a minimum of one term, may serve on the International Executive Board.

PROPOSED

SECTION 3:02 QUALIFICATION AND ELECTION

Only Active Members of the Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club, who have previously served a Chapter or Association as President or Vice President or as a State/ or Provincial/Country Representative for a minimum of one term, and are an active or a retired firefighter, may serve on the International Executive Board.

REASONING:

This change is for clarification and to ensure Firefighters are in the senior leadership roles of this organization.

ENDORSED BY THE BOARD: YES

4. Proposed by: International Executive Board

MOTION BY ALLEN AURICH TX 4 2ND BY SHIRLEY KOCHER NJ 5

PRPOSAL PASSED WITH 48 OF 66 TOTAL VOTES

AS BY-LAW READS:

SECTION 3:02 QUALIFICATION AND ELECTION

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by the Nomination Committee no later than 90 (ninety) days prior to the International Annual Corporation Meeting. To be placed on the ballot a qualified member must be nominated by the President or Vice President of two Chapters. Once elected to the International Executive Board, State or Provincial Representatives must within 60 (sixty) days, resign the State/Provincial Representative position they currently hold. A Member-at-Large may be nominated for any position on the International Executive Board having received a majority vote of the International Executive Board.

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REASONING:

To open up to ALL members the same rights as afforded Members-At-Large

ENDORSED BY THE BOARD: YES

5. Proposed by: International Executive Board

MOTION BY DON KRAMER NH 4 2ND BY MIKE CHAMBERLAIN VT 2
PROPOSAL FAILED WITH ONLY 34 OF 44 NEEDED VOTES.

The below By-Law proposals, to be voted on as a group, will facilitate adding Region 8 to RKIFMC

SECTION 3:01 NUMBER ON INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD

The number of members (Officers) of the International Executive Board shall be eleven(11) twelve (12) active members: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Region 1 Director, Region 2 Director, Region 3 Director, Region 4 Director, Region 5 Director, Region 6 Director, Region 7 Director, Region 8 Director. Regions and chapters shall be assigned by the International Executive to the Directors.

SECTION 3:13 NUMBER INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Officers of the International Executive Board shall be: President, Vice- President, Secretary, Treasurer, Region 1 Director, Region 2 Director, Region 3Director, Region 4 Director, Region 5 Director, Region 6 Director and, Region 7 Director, and Region 8 Director. No one person of the International Executive Board may hold more than one office on the International Executive Board. The duties of the Officers, if not specifically enumerated in this document, shall be the duties specified by law of similar Officers in similar non-profit Corporations.

SECTION 3:21 REGIONAL DIRECTORS, INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD

There shall be seven (7) eight (8) International Regional Directors, each representing a designated geographical region, and they shall reside in and be an Active member of a Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club® Inc.*(no changes)*.....The Regions covering North America shall be Region 1, Region 2, Region 3, Region 4, region5, Region 6 and, Region 7 will cover the European Countries, Region 8 will cover the countries in the South Pacific. Regions assigned to the Executive Regional Directors shall be reviewed annually by the International Executive Board so all Regional Directors' duties are relatively equal.
....*(no further changes in this section)*....

SECTION 3:23 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Region 1 Director, Region 2 Director, Region 3 Director, Region 4 Director, Region 5 Director, Region 6 Director and , Region 7 Director, and Region 8 Director shall be the International Executive Board. This Committee shall conduct the International Corporate business of the Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club® Inc. It shall conduct International business whenever the International Corporation is not in session and shall have such duties and powers as may be, from time to time, conferred upon it by the International Corporation.

RATIONALE:

- Due to current growth in the South Pacific, it is necessary to create a Region 8 to give them the representation they deserve.
- During the most recent member survey, over 80% of the membership agreed it is time to expand Region 8 to the South Pacific.
- The South Pacific has exceeded the growth point at which Region 7 was created in Europe.

ENDORSED BY THE BOARD: YES

MOTION BY JONATHAN BURGESS NC 12 2ND BY SCOTT WEURCH WI 6
PROPOSAL PASSED UNANIMOUSLY 66/66 VOTES

Election of Officers: (Tom Caisse)

- **Advised that there only one challenge to the slate of officers and the elected Vice President. Spike Ostiguy**
- **Tom Caisse to cast one vote for the other slate of officers, vote accepted by International Secretary. Vote cast for Secretary, R2, R4, R6 by Nominations Chair Tom Caisse.**

Good of the Order:

- **Voting on location for 2021-no takers.**
- **Raffle tickets for sale until 1 pm per WI 5.**
- **Dave Hamilton Heaven 1 rockers available.**
- **Dixie 2017 report by Burgess - May 18-21**
- **Yankee 2017 report by Dave Emery Rutland, VT June 1-3**
- **Western 2017 report given by Gil Rekken Vancouver, Canada**
- **Report on rewrite for By-Laws to make everything easier to translate, by Chris.**
- **Reorganization report by Chris**
- **Committee vacancies – By-Laws, Communications, Grand Tour, International Chaplain.**

Closing Remarks from President: Meeting adjourned at 1133 Motion by Bill Snodgrass.