

**BLUE KNIGHTS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP
MEETING AGENDA
HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS
JULY 15, 2013 13:00hrs. CDT**

CALL TO ORDER: President Bob Flanagan at HRS C.D.T.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE:

MOMENT OF SILENCE: moment of silence for ALL the members of Heaven I, and ALL Law Enforcement Officers slain in the line of duty.

BLUE KNIGHTS PLEDGE: Read by: _____.

As a Blue Knight, I pledge to act with honor and pride to promote motorcycling and motorcycle safety by being an example of the safe use, operation and enjoyment of motorcycles. I will work at all times to improve the relationship between the motorcycling law enforcement community and the general public. The fraternal spirit will always guide me in relating to other Blue Knights.

INTRODUCTIONS:

- **Sergeant of Arms:**
- **Host Chapter Comments:**
- **2014 Host Chapter statement**

I. SECRETARY – Jack Kaylor

- A. Roll Call of Board of Directors**
- B. Minutes from the General Membership Meeting of July 23, 2012, Corrections?**
- C. Secretary Report**

II. COMMITTEES (not all Committees will be reporting)

- A. Headquarters – Immediate Past President/Dave Mulford**
- B. Blue Knights News – DJ Alvarez**
- C. Internet – Mark Howard**
- D. Sales – Bob Seelye**
- E. Safety Committee – Roger Byars**
- F. Scholarship Committee – Gary Pierce**

- I. Legal Committee – Connie Flanagan**
- J. European Liaison – Chris Dobeck**
- K. Honorary – Gayle Murnane**

III. TREASURER – Jerry Bryan

- A. Annual Balance and Income Statements**
- B. Treasurer's Report**

IV. VICE-PRESIDENT – DJ Alvarez

V. PRESIDENT – Bob Flanagan

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – Bessie Small

VII. BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S – Lon Strayer

VIII. OLD BUSINESS: *Ratification Process: the following resolutions presented to the membership are based on proposals for By-law changes brought forth by the Board of Directors. These proposals were passed and became effective immediately upon passage. To overturn these By-law changes and revert back to the prior by law it will require 75% of the attending membership to vote not to ratify the individual resolution.*

A. RATIFICATION OF RESOLUTION THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TAKEN BY UNANIMOUS ACTION OF DIRECTORS WITHOUT A MEETING ON MAY 30TH 2013.

It is **RESOLVED** to recommend the adoption by the members of the proposed Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation attached hereto and incorporated by reference: and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED to direct the submission of the proposed amendments to a vote of the members entitled to vote at the July 2013 annual meeting of members, to be proceeded by a timely delivery of a written notice to the members entitled to vote setting forth a summary of the changes to be effected by such amendments.

It is **FURTHER RESOLVED** to include with the notice to the members, the following summary of the changes included in the proposed amendments:

The Board of Directors recommends approval of the proposed changes to the By-laws of the Blue Knights International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club, Inc. The amendment includes substantive changes and amendment to Article X of the By-Laws of the Blue Knights International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club Inc. by creating **Article X, Section 10.06, titled "Persona Non Grata"**.

PROPOSED READING: (Changes in bold italics) Section 10.06. Persona Non Grata shall read:

- (a) An individual declared "Persona Non Grata" shall be banned from joining the Blue Knights International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club.***
- (b) A Chapter declared "Persona Non Grata" shall, if still in existence, be disbanded and the chapter number never used again.***
- (c) Regarding individuals, only non-members (a person who is not a member or who has had their membership terminated) may be declared "Persona Non Grata". Any member undergoing discipline shall not be considered eligible to be declared "Persona Non Grata" until all their appeals has been exhausted and the member reverts to non-member status.***
- (d) Former members who have had their membership terminated for cause shall automatically be declared "Persona Non Grata" once all appeals have been exhausted.***
- (e) In other instances, when it is desired that an individual or chapter be declared "Persona Non Grata", Chapters, Conferences and members of the International Board of Directors shall make the request to the International Board of Directors. Requests by Chapters and Conferences shall be made through their respective International Representatives. Such requests shall include all pertinent documentation of events and circumstances that were considered in forming the basis for the request.***

(f) Other than as stated above in Section 10.06, subsection (c), Individuals or chapters may only be declared "Persona Non Grata" upon the majority vote of the International Board of Directors during a regular or special meeting of the Board.

(g) In emergency circumstances, where immediate action is necessary to protect the involved parties or the organization from civil or criminal liability, Chapters, Conferences, and Members of the International Board of Directors may have an individual or chapter tentatively declared "Persona Non Grata" until the matter can be considered by the International Board of Directors.

Intent: To establish a uniform procedure under which individuals or chapters are only declared "Persona Non Grata" after a fair and impartial consideration of the facts.

Advantages: This proposal will establish a uniform procedure whereby individuals or chapters be declared "Persona Non Grata". It will also amend our By-Laws as recommended by our Attorneys when they reviewed International Agenda Proposal #2012-0014.

Disadvantages: None

B. RATIFICATION OF RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT A REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING ON MAY 11TH 2013.

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It is **FURTHER RESOLVED** to include with the notice to the members, the following summary of the changes included in the proposed amendments:

The Board of Directors recommends approval of the proposed changes to the By-laws of the Blue Knights International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club, Inc. The amendment includes substantive changes and amendment to **Article X, Section 10.05, (Discipline)** of the By-Laws of the Blue Knights International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club Inc.

PROPOSED READING: (Changes in bold italics) Section 10.05. "Discipline":

Any individual that has been *declared "Persona Non Grata", ~~found a non-member (having his membership revoked)~~*, shall not be allowed, to attend any Blue Knight function, either as a guest or, attend in any manner what so ever. Any individual who has had his or her membership suspended for any length of time, for disciplinary reasons, will also not be allowed to attend any Blue Knight function during the period of suspension, as a guest or in any manner what so ever. (This section would not apply until all appeals have been exhausted.) Any member who knowingly brings *an individual who has been declared "Persona Non Grata" ~~a member not in good standing~~* or a suspended member to any Blue Knight function shall; a.) Be disciplined up to and including loss of membership in this organization.

Any Chapter that knowingly allows *an individual who has been declared "Persona Non Grata", a member not in good standing* or a suspended member to remain in attendance at any Blue Knight function could also have their Charter revoked.

No chapter or member will be disciplined if they are unaware of the individual's status. If any member sees a former member (as listed above) they will inform the sponsoring Chapter or Conference of that member's status so proper action can be taken.

Only those events exclusively for Blue Knights and not open and advertised to the public would be affected.

Intent: To revise Section 10.05 to reflect the proposed addition of Section 10.06 to the International By-laws.

Advantages: This will allow for both Section 10.05 and Section 10.06 to be consistent.

Disadvantages: None.

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It is **FURTHER RESOLVED** to include with the notice to the members, the following summary of the changes included in the proposed amendments:

The Board of Directors recommends approval of the proposed changes to the By-laws of the Blue Knights International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club, Inc. **The amendment includes substantive changes and amendment to Article XI, "Miscellaneous Definitions" Section of the By-Laws of the Blue Knights International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club Inc.**

PROPOSED READING: (Changes in bold italics)

Persona Non Grata: A person declared "Persona Non Grata" is a person forbidden from joining the Blue Knights International Motorcycle Club, or participating in any of the Club's functions, either as a guest, or in any manor whatsoever. Only those events exclusively for Blue Knights and not open and advertised to the public are affected.

A Chapter declared "Persona Non Grata" shall, if still in existence, be disbanded and the chapter number never used again.

Intent: To define a term we have been using since July, 2007.

Advantages: It will clearly define a term we have been using since July 2007.

Disadvantages: None

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The Board of Directors recommends approval of the proposed changes to the By-laws of the Blue Knights International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club, Inc. The amendment includes substantive changes and amendment to **Article III, Section 3.12, (Duties and Powers)** of the By-Laws of the Blue Knights International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club Inc., by **inserting subsection (g)(1)**.

PROPOSED READING: (Changes in bold italics) Section 3.12. Discipline, subsection (g) (1):

A decision made or action taken by a Conference as a result of an investigation into the facts of the matter may be overturned only by a majority vote of the International Board of Directors.

In emergency circumstances, where immediate action is necessary to protect the involved parties or the organization from civil or criminal liability, the International Executive Committee may take action different than the Conference, however the matter shall be considered by the International Board of Directors at their next regular or special meeting.

Intent: Section 3.22 of the International By-Laws gives the Executive Committee the authority to conduct business when the International Board of Directors is not in session unless the Board has specifically limited the Executive Committee's power. This would limit the Executive Committee's power in this area. Often there is considerable time and effort devoted to investigations at the Conference level. When there is a disagreement on a decision made at the Conference level, it should be resolved by the International Board of Directors, not just the Executive Committee.

Advantages: This proposal will ensure that any decision to overturn elected officers at the Conference levels will only be overturned after serious consideration by the International Board of Directors. It would also amend our By-Laws as recommended by our Attorneys when they reviewed International Agenda Proposal #2012-0015.

Disadvantages: none

XI. NEW BUSINESS:

A.

XII. CONFERENCE REPORTS

- European – Koen Hutse
- Great Lakes – Bill Haylett
- Mason-Dixon – John Bull
- Mid-West – Brian Gadd
- Northeast – Serge Fournier
- Rio-Grande – Chuck Doran
- Southern – Brad Tollefson
- Southwest – Guy O'Connor
- Tri-State – Russ Harper
- United Kingdom & Ireland – John Radcliffe
- West Coast – Karl Hutchinson

XIII. GOOD OF THE ORDER

XIV. NEXT MEETING:

A. Date: _____ at: _____ time: _____ AM/PM _____

B. Deadline for agenda items – 09:00hrs EDT, _____ at 09:00hrs. PDT

XV. Motion to adjourn by _____, 2nd by _____
Meeting adjourned _____ E.D.T