

BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S BY-LAWS

ARTICLE 1. NAME

The name of the organization shall be The Board of Governor's.

ARTICLE 2. PURPOSE

The purpose of the organization shall be to work to support the By-Laws and Constitution of the Corporation, Blue Knight's International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club, Inc. The Board of Governor's shall act in an advisory capacity to the International Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 3. MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the Board of Governor's shall consist of all Chapter President's and the Elected Officers of the Board of Governor's.

ARTICLE 4. OFFICERS AND ELIGIBILITY FOR OFFICE

The Officers of the Board of Governor's shall be the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and the Treasurer. A single person may hold the Offices of Secretary and Treasurer.

Officers of the Board of Governors shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Board of Governors during even numbered calendar years. The term of office shall be (2) two years or until his/her successor in office is elected.

The eligibility of a person to hold an office is that he/she must be a Present Chapter President or a Past Chapter President and must submit a letter of intent to the Board of Governor's Secretary prior to May 1st of their intent to run for a particular office and must be a Regular Member.

The Chairman of the Board of Governor's shall serve on the Corporation's Board of Directors as a Director for the term so elected on the Board of Governor's.

If for any reason a person cannot finish the term of office he/she was elected for, then the following procedure shall apply;

- If the Chairman, then the Vice-Chairman shall serve as Chairman.
- If the Vice-Chairman, then the remaining Board members may share the duties or choose a replacement to fill the remainder of the existing term of office.

- If the Secretary or Treasurer, then the remaining Board members may share the duties or choose a replacement to fill the remainder of the existing term of office.

The elected Officers of the Board of Governor's shall serve as the "Trustees" of the Blue Knight's Special Fund and serve in those positions so elected. (Amended: Jul 15, 2013)

ARTICLE 5. VOTING RIGHTS

Each Chapter shall have only one vote at any meeting of the Board of Governors. The Chapter vote shall be exercised by the President of the Chapter, or in his absence, the Vice-President, or by the Chapter President's duly appointed Representative, who must be a Regular member, of the same chapter, and who must file evidence of his/her appointment in the form of written authorization from such Chapter's President with the Secretary/Treasurer of the Board of Governors. In the event of an accident, it will be left up to the discretion of the Officers of the Board of Governors. (Amended: July 13, 2015)

5 A) Election of officers will be in a ballot format

A ballot counting committee will be assigned and then approved by the members in attendance at the commencement of the election meeting.

Members of the counting committee should not be in attendance representing and voting for a chapter, if possible.

1. The BOG Secretary will compile a ballot of all nominees after May 1st and with the approval of the current board officers print sufficient balloting forms for the election.
2. Ballots will be sequentially numbered on watermarked paper listing all candidates in alphabetical order (Last name) for each office as needed. After the name will be a box to record the selection of the member.
3. The Secretary will secure the ballots until surrendered for distribution to the verified voting members in attendance.
4. All candidates will be given time to address the membership, time limits to be determined by Chairman. At the completion the members will record their votes, fold the ballot in half and surrender to the ballot counting committee. (Amended: July 16th 2018)

5 B) Electronic Voting for officers

Each Chapter President will have the ability of casting the ballot vote for the officers of the Board of Governors by secured electronic transmission voting. That the balloting commence 33 days prior to the scheduled date of the election meeting and be completed at 0001 hours 3 days before the meeting (time and date is that of the scheduled meeting

location). That the tally be secured until the commencement of the meeting and the written election tally be reported (Emailed) to a BOG election committee which will be appointed by the BOG officers. No in person balloting for elections will take place the day of the scheduled meeting. (Amended August 5, 2019)

ARTICLE 6. ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Board of Governor's shall be at the site of the International Convention of the Corporation at a time designated by the Host Chapter.

6 A) Presiding Officers

At all meetings of the Board of Governors, the Chairman will preside and if not available then in order: Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer. In their absence in order: a past BOG Chairman, a past BOG Vice Chairman, past BOG Secretary, a past BOG Treasurer will be determined in advance of them meeting with the order of precedence starting with the most recent past BOG executive. If any of those past BOG officers are currently serving on the International board of Directors (BOD) they would not chair the BOG meeting. (Amended July 17, 2023)

ARTICLE 7. DUES

The Board of Governor's shall receive from the Treasury of the Corporation up to fifty cents (.50) per year for every member of the Corporation upon submission of an approved budget.

ARTICLE 8. COMPENSATION

The Officers of the Board of Governor's shall not receive a stated salary for their services as such, but by resolution of the Executive Officers, expenses for registration and lodging if any, may be allowed for attendance at the Annual Election Meeting and Annual Convention. Registration and lodging to be at the host hotel/motel with the monies being used to cover the member only.

Conference Expense: Funds up to \$500.00 will be made available for the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and/or Treasurer for the purpose of attending up to one each of the eleven conference business meeting events per year with the exclusion of their home conferences. A maximum of \$6,500 per year will be budgeted for attending conference events. (Amended: July 21, 2008) The maximum conference travel expense allowance for each Board of Governor's executive officer is \$1500 per year. (Amended July 17, 2023)

Whenever an Executive Officer is campaigning for an Executive Office on the Board of Governors or Board of Directors, they will not be eligible for reimbursement for travel to Conferences during the campaigning period. (Amended July 17, 2023)

ARTICLE 9. AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS

Amendments may only be made at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors and only after being placed on the agenda of the meeting. The proposed amendment must be received by the Secretary/Treasurer by May 1st and presented to the membership by notifications via International corporate email, email to the conference chairman, International representatives, and posted to the International web site by May 31st. The amendment must receive approval of two-thirds (2/3) of the majority of the members present at the meeting and eligible to vote. (Amended: Jul 17, 2017)