

# THE SRC HERALD



Blue Knights® International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club, Inc.

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This is my second attempt at getting things right. Last issued I miss-spelled Steve Confino's name in several places. I hope I have gotten them taken care of this time. The last few pages contain the proposals that the presidents will be voting on at the SRC in Mobile April 28th– May 2. Please take time to read them and speak amongst your chapters. Let your president, or member representing your chapter's president, know how they should vote.

I have gotten a few articles from the different chapters. When you send me an article, keep it to about a page in length. Include pictures. I will try to leave the next page open for pictures of your event. If you have too many pictures I will sort through them and add what I have room for. I know with warmer weather headed our way more chapters will be hosting rides and taking pictures. Lets show other chapters what kind of support the Blue Knights® in the SRC® get from our communities.

Hope you enjoy,

Justin Hartley  
SRC Secretary

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## From the Chairman: Rory MacConnell

Greetings SRC,

Well our riding "winter" season is closing fast here in South West FLA, the rest of our conference is coming into the spring riding weather. This means warmer days and now longer evenings with day light savings kicking in. It has been a fast first quarter for our new board and we are moving right into the next President's meeting full steam ahead.

As I have said, I believe we are the strongest conference in the organization and we will strive to be heard. We have all worked on many agenda proposals, some for just the SRC, and some will be presented to your President's for a vote to submit to the International executive board for a vote.

These items have been talked about at conventions and conferences for years. A few have been submitted by other conferences in the past and are still being addressed by the organizations by law committee, and new fresh ideas. Please if you have not read the proposals go to the SRC web site and they are posted, read them in this newsletter, or ask your President or state rep to forward them to you. We want your opinions, pass them on to your President's attending the meeting in Mobile AL.

Speaking of Mobile we are fast approaching and I know Doug and his chapter are working real hard to have a great weekend planned for us. If you have not booked a room they are filling up and the banquet space is not what we had in Pine Mountain GA. They are restricted on the capacity, so get your registrations in and if you have any questions get in touch with Doug and he will try to work it out.

Let us keep the communication flowing.... SRC Facebook, twitter and our web page check in, log in, share the photo's we have a very active conference I love seeing all the chapters that are working in the community and doing great rides and events. The web page is changing...constant upgrades by Terry to improve and move ahead with the technology. The web page is ongoing with a members only section, this means you need to register with Terry on the site and he will confirm your member status. It is simple as 1 question. Log in get cleared and let us build our members section. First YOU have to log in and request the member access. Most of this has to do with the ability to get on with mobile devices and securing the data of the site, this is the future.

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## From the Chairman: Rory MacConnell

In closing I would like to recognize our past Chairman Dennis Deppert, in the last newsletter, my first, I kept it simple. Well if not for the friendship, mentoring, and guidance I had from Dennis I most likely would not be in this position. He has been more than a friend, a brother to not just me, but also my family. His dedication to working for this conference and the Blue Knights® the last few years as well as his chapter is beyond commendable. Unfortunately while traveling to Florida XVIII's multi chapter luncheon this past January he had an accident on his ride and had to have major plastic surgery to repair the injury to his face and neck. At this juncture in life he is unsure if he will continue to ride, but will not step away from the organization. We had not rode together a whole lot but the time we did spend riding was a pleasure, at full throttle, some know what I mean.

Thank you, see you in Mobile

*Rory Mac Connell*

*Blue Knights® ILEMC  
Southern Regional Conference Chairman  
International Headquarters Association Building Fund  
International Honorary Committee*

*"Ride With Pride"*



RIDE SAFE, RIDE HARD, RIDE OFTEN

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**From the Vice Chairman: Steve Confino**

Greetings Blue Knights®,

With our SRC coming up in April, I look forward to seeing you all at the event. As most of you know we have several proposals that we will be presenting at the President's meeting for a vote. These were sent to the membership for review by our state reps. I would also like to hear anyone's ideas on how to attract new member's to our conference and our organization in whole.

With the warm weather approaching fast, I hope that everyone enjoys the "Freedom of the Ride" and have safe travels on the road.

Although I don't think that I missed anyone since I always make it a priority to answer any questions or concerns that are relayed to me in a timely fashion, I want to apologize to anyone I did not get back to you.

The past few months for me have been a little rough with the passing of my best friend and father. My father's passing which was not expected by anyone in my family had us traveling back and forth to the hospitals in New York several times with the last time forcing me to make a decision to "Pull the plug" and let him pass. (Something I hope nobody ever has to ever do.)

Although, I kept this event a private family matter, I do want to thank all the members that helped my family and I get through this. I would also like to send special thanks to my Chapter, Blue Knights Florida-X for all that you did for my family. You guys are FAMILY and I am so proud to be associated with all of you.

Anyways, I look forward to seeing everyone again and hope you all have a healthy and safe summer. For all those coming to the SRC have a safe trip and may the wind be at your back!

With Respect,

Steven Confino  
President, Blue Knights® LE MC FL-X  
Vice Chairman, Southern Regional Conference  
Chairman, International Public Relations Committee

***"Working together, to respond as one"***



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**From the International Rep: Bob Awtrey**

I bid you hello from Pine Mountain. The weather is getting nicer and hopefully, according to DJ Alvarez and Punxsutawney Phil, we should be riding on a regular basis very soon! So far this winter, we have managed a New Year's Day ride and several others for good causes, including our desire for good food.

We have had two International BOD meetings and the minutes are posted as soon as we have them. There is nothing new to report, except that the three proposals that the SRC made at December, BOD, ( for our Copsrun Charity request, our desire to have the founding fathers compensated for travel to specific meetings, and our new "gifting" program for a new Headquarters Building, which our Chairman will be in charge of), were all approved.

As your International Representative, I encourage each member of the SRC to let me represent you by discussing any procedures, problems or proposals that you feel are worthy. My contact information is below and you can contact me any time.

Also, I continue to ask each Chapter to sign up and use our corporate email system. Each Chapter has already been assigned an email address and webspace, and you only need to sign up and use this free service. Any member of the Chapter can be assigned to use it and keep in contact with Blue Knights. It's easy, fast and works. Please set it up if you haven't already done so. It will make it so much easier and faster to communicate in the future. If you have problems, contact your State Rep, me or the International Webmaster.

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From the Secretary: Justin Hartley

I hope everyone is ready to knock off the winter dust, for you Florida folks just knock off the sand, to get out and ride. The northern part of Alabama and Georgia didn't fair too bad this winter, but it was cold enough to not want to ride a motorcycle. I was foolish enough to ride to the SRC winter board meeting in Tallahassee. When I left the house the temps were in the upper 20's. It didn't take long of going 60mph for the body to start feeling the chill.

We had a good discussion at the winter board meetings. We didn't agree on every item we talked about, but we left as friends. The presidents will be voting on everything we discussed at the upcoming Spring 2016 SRC in Mobile, AL.

If you have a ride coming up, email me your ride information and I will send it to the SRC master email list. Send your information to Terry and he will get it posted to the SRC ride calendar, which is available at the SRC website.

I hope everyone is looking forward to a good summer of riding. From what I have seen, there is no shortage of events to show support to other Blue Knights® chapters. Get out there and "Ride With Pride."

Justin Hartley  
SRC Secretary  
V.P. AL III



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From the Treasurer: AL Fryer

Greetings SRC

I'm writing to inform you of the status of the SRC website. As I stated previously I'm in the process of integrating the site code to have more active integration with social media. I'm test running the process on another site I run, with good results. Once I have it working seem lest I'll be transitioning the SRC site to the full code process. The site is still holding steady with integration.

As I've asked before if chapter can setup facebook sites for a much wide ability for information dissemination.

As always please contact me with your information.

Respectfully,

**Al Fryer II**

SRC Treasurer

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From the Safety Officer : Chad Bohannon

One of the hot topics as it relates to motorcycle safety is, "Can you be seen?" We could spend hours covering a variety of topics that would impact visibility. Today I just want to get everyone's brain moving in the right direction to always think of what will increase your visibility as a rider. This list is in no way claiming that these are the only variables you should be concerned with. Clothing, lighting, and good riding practices will contribute to being more visible.

There are so many clothing brands on the market to choose from. Every color, style, and option seem to be available for the avid rider. Many of the new riders tend to find their fashion in clothing with what looks good or is the latest fashion trend. Many experienced riders still choose clothing that assists in visibility with their brighter colors and/or patterns. I don't mean to say that any one brand or style is better than another, but certain colors do assist in standing out better to passing drivers at greater distances. Many of the clothing options have the ability to reflect light or even stand out in low light conditions which gives riders an added benefit. Most popular brands are recognizing these facts and are moving in the direction of these highly visible articles.

Just as clothing has many options, fashions and trends, so do motorcycle accessories, specifically headlights. Any motorcycle manufactured in the past ten years has seen the changes and advancements in headlights. In our desire to be seen by other drivers, we have created different types and styles of headlights to include high intensity, LED's, and flashing headlights. Depending on your price comfort level, you can usually find a variety of options which will assist you and your bike in being seen. Some non-riders say that these lights are too bright or they distract driver's as they pass. These may be valid opinions, but for the purposes of this article I will remain focused on visibility of the rider. Ensuring that you are following headlight laws for your respective states, as it relates to color of the headlights, and not using "high beam" style lights, I say use everything you can to assist being seen. Another common and often forgotten problem we face with headlights is the lens cover. Newer headlights put out an amazing amount of heat and over time can damage the lens cover.

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**From the Safety Officer: Chad Bohannon**

These lens may become hazy or in some cases may even melt which results in a lower quality beam which has been reduced significantly. Along with being hazy, lens covers become a haven for bugs and road grime, making the lights appear dim and lackluster. As a rider you must keep a constant check to ensure the lens covers do not melt, crack, or become so ridden with road grime that they are useless. Regular maintenance on your light sources will guarantee a better quality headlight.

Finally, nothing can assist you more in the area of visibility than your good riding practices. A wise rider will understand when I say, "Don't take chances". Do not put yourself and your bike so close to a vehicle that you cannot have the maximum amount of time to respond. If you have distance between yourself and other vehicles, it gives everyone the best chance to recognize and respond safely to an emergency situation. I cannot tell you how many times I have worked accidents involving a motorcycle in which the driver of the vehicle make the statement, "I didn't see them". I believe to a certain extent that we, as riders, play a part in the outcome by our decision to ensure that we have given other drivers every available opportunity to see us.

These topics came to mind when I wanted to convey a message of being seen. As I stated, there are many areas which we could discuss endlessly, all having significance. I hope that this will open your mind to what you can do as a rider in order to increase your visibility which ultimately affects your safety. Ride Safely, Ride Smart, and Be Seen!

Until next time, Never give up, Never submit and always be ready!

Sincerely,  
SRC Safety Officer  
Chad Bohannon

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## From the Chapters



30 members and guests from Alabama III, VII, VIII, XII and XVI rode into Albertville, AL. on 22 bikes January 1<sup>st</sup> for this year's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual New Year's Day Polar Bear Ride. It was a chilly day, but not so cold that it stopped members from riding as far as 76 miles to enjoy lunch and fellowship with their fellow Blue Knight members at the Catfish Cabin. We started this ride as an opportunity to see friends we don't get to see as often as we would like and participation has steadily increased each year. The ride, or lunch if the weather doesn't suite you, is open to all Blue Knights and takes place every New Years Day. If you're interested, just check out Alabama VII's website calendar ([www.blueknightsal7.com](http://www.blueknightsal7.com)) around December or the Alabama Blue Knights Facebook page for meeting locations and times.

### Ride With Pride,

Tim Willis  
Alabama VIII



We had our 2016 State Chapter meeting on March 12<sup>th</sup> in Montgomery. We did not have the turn out I would have like to have seen, but we still 4 chapters represented. We had a good meal at the Golden Corral and great fellowship. Our meeting covered a couple of chapter issues and several topics; Recruitment and Retention of new members, Communications between chapters and support of our State and Conference chapters. We will have another State meeting in the near future. Hope to see all state chapters then. Here are a few photos of our members at the meeting. I really enjoyed meeting my Brothers and Sisters and made some new friends.

Bobby Barnes  
Alabama SRC State Rep.  
"Ride with Pride"





## From the Chapters



# Blue Knights SC 1



Blue Knights South Carolina 1 held its Annual “Toys for Tots” ride this year on December 6<sup>th</sup> 2015. This was the 31<sup>st</sup> year this event has taken place in Columbia, SC. With the cooperation between the USMC, Pepsi Cola Co, Colonial Life and Accident Co. and Columbia Power Sports this annual event has expanded to over 4500 motorcycles and 7000 people attending this ride this year. The event started at 11am with free food, coffee and drinks provided by Columbia Power Sports and the Pepsi Cola Co. Live entertainment during the pre event was provided by the “No Holds Barred” band. Each year riders with all makes of bikes start arriving at the Pepsi plant between 11 and 1 to enjoy the festive atmosphere of the event. There is food, music and fun for all during the event. Riders greet and meet friends each year at this ride that they haven’t seen all year. Working together with the Marine Corp Reserve, the Pepsi Cola plant, Richland County Sheriff’s Department, Columbia Police Department, Columbia Fire & Rescue and Emergency Service agencies, Columbia Power Sports Center, Colonial Life and many others to make the run enjoyable. At 1pm with the excellent help with police escorts from the Richland Co. Sheriffs Dept. and the Columbia Police Dept. the parade travel approximately 10 miles through Columbia to our destination point at Colonial Life and Accident Co. where all of the toys are donated to the Marine Corps. Parking was coordinated the Christian Motorcyclist’s Association who arrived early and stayed late.

### ***“If you haven’t seen it, you haven’t experienced it”***

This year’s ride was attended by members of five of the 9 Blue Knights chapters in SC and by more than ten different motorcycles clubs from around the state. This is an annual gathering of motorcyclist from all over South Carolina to participate in the Blue Knights SC 1 “Toys for Tots” ride. They bring thousands of toys and donations to help the kids in South Carolina have a better Christmas.

BKSC 1 has managed to provide this event with the help of our sponsors for the past 31 years and intend with God’s help to keep this event going another 30 years. This ride has been stated as the largest “Toys for Tots” ride in South Carolina. We love working with the USMC and bikers who love helping the kids.

### **“Ride With Pride”**

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### Blue Knights Florida XXIX 2016 Osceola Law Ride

It's Saturday, just after 6:00 am the Florida sun won't begin it's magic for another hour, so until then we're setting up for the 4<sup>th</sup> annual 'Blue Knights' FL XXIX 'Osceola Law Ride' under the glare of 'Orlando Harley-Davidsons South's' parking lot lights.

By 7:30 am the City of Kissimmee's mobile event stage, 400 chairs and trestle tables, the event registration tent and all the parking cones had been set up.

Our Motor Officer escorts began arriving around 8:00 am. The prime agencies, Osceola Sheriff's Office, Kissimmee & St. Cloud PD and FL State Troopers were supported by others from Seminole, Brevard, Lake and Polk counties.

As the usual rock anthems played out over the 'Big Dawg & Paul's Show' PA system, riders began gathering.

The Sheriff's helo paid a visit. 'Dust off' doesn't begin to describe it. The settled aircraft in it's resplendent white, green and gold livery, drew more attention than a bikini bike wash.

By 9:00 am the Fire Department had arrived. Ladder trucks from Osceola and Kissimmee FD formed an arch over our parking lot exit and suspended the Stars & Stripes.

FLXXIX President Don Schaefer with Law Ride committee Chairman Jeff Peeler outlined the purpose of the ride, thanked all in attendance and introduced the Senior Officers from the Osceola LE agencies who had joined them on stage. 14 yr. old Kissimmee teen Gina Maria Incandela took the microphone, and on this cool Florida morning warmed the hearts of the gathered masses with a flawless, pitch perfect, rendition of our National Anthem.

Ride leader, Osceola Deputy and FLXXIX Safety Officer Tom forehand gave a safety briefing followed by a brief invocation from our Chaplain.

The roar of Milwaukee twins and others broke the morning's peace precisely at 10:30 am as planned. Proud owners coaxed their rides into life, each enjoying the cacophony of exhaust cadence as a maestro enjoys his orchestra.

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'Big Dawg' (Carl) and Paul helped tremendously during their post ride show by keeping spirits high and announcing our numerous raffle and prize draw winners. In all 35 participants went home carrying 'booty' worth hundreds of dollars won during the event.

The light rain that dampened the tail end of the ride, but did nothing to dampen spirits had abated before lunch had finished. It looked like more was on the horizon, so most took the initiative not to hang around and tempt fate twice in one day. We were able to begin the wrap up early and had returned Orlando Harley-Davidson South back to their normal Saturday operational status by 2 pm.

Orlando H-D South have overwhelmed us with their generosity to date, their staff are a credit to themselves and the parent company. Sheriff Bob Hansel again graciously provided the manpower and equipment to make this feasible, his officers and those from the other agencies who assisted in the planning and execution of this event are exemplary.

To all the clubs, group and non-affiliated riders who braved the cold and damp to ride for a great cause, we salute you. Without you none of this would be possible.

We are proud to be part of the global Blue Knights family, and continue to strive at every opportunity to uphold the words and sentiments written in our 'Blue Knights' pledge.





## SRC PROPOSALS

SOUTHERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE INC. BLUE KNIGHTS® INTERNAITONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT MOTORCYCLE CLUB INC.

### SRC AGENDA PROPOSAL

Proposal Number 2016\_- 1

**Purpose:** To amend the International by laws to create an addition to the “Associate membership” criteria to include full time law enforcement officers who are NOT empowered with the powers of arrest, but are in the term traditional law enforcement officers in a career capacity, working for a governmental agency/department. They must be sworn or taken an oath of office, certified as per state or country laws to enforce the laws of the same. Being duly trained and sworn and in a career path position. It must be their primary source of income or have reached retirement and receiving monetary compensation of some form.

They may be our coworkers in some states or countries, friends of our members, or family as some state and countries have many law enforcement positions that do NOT have powers of arrest, but still have the law enforcement titles and take an oath to protect and serve their communities. As with all membership requests it will be the chapters membership that elects them in and the duties of the chapter executives to insure compliance and all documentation is correct. The chapters vet the members prior to allowing them into the organization, if we don’t adjust and grow we lose members.

#### **Proposal: Constitution Section 2 Associate Membership**

Section 2. – **ADD Sub section “A”**- Associate Membership Except as otherwise provided in this Section, all Associate members must be Persons who are employed on a part time basis (less than 32 hours per week, minimum 96 hours per year) by a governmental law enforcement agency or department and receiving monetary compensation for such employment.

All Associate **-ADD “PART TIME”** members must have arrest authority. Any Associate member on May 24, 1983 shall have the right to continue as an Associate member if he meets all other requirements.

Persons who have been employed on a part time basis (less than 32 hours per week, minimum 96 hours per year) by a governmental law enforcement agency or department for fifteen (15) years or more and have been a Blue Knight for five (5) years or more, who have taken an honorable separation from his/her law enforcement agency or department (reasons - health, retirement, age, or injury) are eligible for Associate membership although they may not be employed by any law enforcement agency or department, and are not receiving retirement compensation. They must provide letters of proof of honorable separation.

A person may also qualify for Associate membership as per Article 6, Section 1, Paragraphs 4 and 5 of this Constitution.

**ADD Sub Section “B”** - Or A full time (32 hours per week) law enforcement officer who by State or Country statute are *not* empowered with “powers of arrest”, but are in the traditional term uniformed law enforcement officers. That they must have been duly sworn in as, or taken the oath of office as, a certified and trained law enforcement professional for a governmental law enforcement agency or department. Such employment must be the primary source of employment of all associate members in this sub section.

Persons who have served fifteen (15) years or more of service, who have taken a retirement option and have taken a separation from law enforcement employment, under honorable circumstances.

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That they will at some time receive retirement income for said fulltime employment by a government law enforcement agency or department are eligible for Associate membership. Although they are not presently employed by such a law enforcement agency or department. The person must provide letters of proof of honorable separation from all departments and proof of pension or same as a retirement provision of monetary pay out.

Persons receiving disability income due to injuries received while engaged in said law enforcement employment or who are receiving retirement income for full-time employment, as herein defined by a governmental law enforcement agency or department are eligible for associate membership although they are not presently employed by such a law enforcement agency or department.

Each Associate member must be properly licensed to drive a motorcycle by the State or Province in which he resides and must own a motorcycle, excepting however, that persons who otherwise qualify as Associate members, but do not own (a) motorcycle, may become members if they have plans to own a motorcycle and they do in fact acquire ownership rights in a motorcycle within six (6) months of their acceptance as a member. Any Associate member, who because of an injury or medical or physical condition is unable to continue riding a motorcycle, may retain his/her membership as an Associate member.

**Intent:** To increase the ability of allowing additional associate categories of membership in hopes of retaining friends of this particular membership category and possibly attract more regular members as well. As their friends now would have a level of membership in our organization. As associate members they would only be able to hold the position of an executive board secretary at chapter level and only if no regular member is available to fill the position.

**Advantages:** will increase our membership and without changing the elected positions from regular members controlling the organization.

**Disadvantages:** NONE

Suggested By: Rory Mac Connell

Submitted By: Rory Mac Connell      February 10<sup>th</sup> 2016      SRC Chairman

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### SRC AGENDA PROPOSAL

Proposal Number 2016\_2

**Purpose:** To create a “Senior Honorary” membership classification in the International by-laws, recognizing those members who have reached their 20 year of consecutive membership and commitment to our organization, and to allow the chapters an additional honorary position.

**Proposal:** Addition to Section 3 in red as follows:

Section 3. Honorary Membership {ADD sub section “A”} honorary members must be persons who have substantially contributed to the promotion of the Corporation and to the purposes for which the Corporation is organized. Honorary membership in any given chapter may not exceed more than ten percent (10%) of the previous year’s membership of Regular, Associate and Life members.

{ADD - Except for as noted in this section below.}

ADD Section B” SENIOR” Honorary membership (20 years). Any honorary member who has reached the 21<sup>st</sup> year of consecutive years of membership in the Blue Knights®, will become a “Senior Honorary Member”. They will no longer count against the 10 % chapter’s previous year’s membership numbers. They will no longer need to have an annual vote of the Chapters executive boards to retain yearly membership status. All other bylaws pertaining to honorary membership will be followed.

**Intent:** To recognize their commitment to the Blue Knights® International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club, Inc., from an Honorary member who has gone far and above the requirements of participation in the organization. With a tenure of 20 years of consecutive membership, extensive time and finances over these 20 years dedicated to the e Organization’s goals and charity work.

**Advantages:** This will also create a few additional openings to allow for some new honorary members to be become full members under the honorary category and bring in newer younger members in the honorary category.

**Disadvantages:** This will dilute the 90 /10 ratio ever so slightly each year a Senior Honorary reaches the milestone.

Suggested By: Steve Confino and Rory Mac Connell

Submitted By: Rory Mac Connell      February 24<sup>th</sup> 2016      SRC Chairman

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### SRC AGENDA PROPOSAL

#### Proposal Number 2016 - 3

**Purpose:** To amend the International by laws to create an addition to the "Associate membership" criteria that includes fully retired military personnel with a full time, 15 year minimum of continuous years of service, a career to a countries military branch. These members have taken an oath to uphold the government's laws of their specific country. Some nations the military branches also act as not only as the peace keepers as directed, but in some countries as the law enforcement at its borders, waterways, and airports. They are the elite in serving as full time career members and must have completed 15 years of continuous service for a governmental military branch. Traditionally these type of individuals of higher enlisted ranks and officers that may be looking to join our organization in their retirement. They are friends of Blue Knights® or family. As with all membership requests it will be the chapters membership that elects them in and the duties of the chapter executives to insure compliance and documentation. The chapters vet the members prior to allowing them into the organization, if we don't adjust and grow we lose members.

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Persons who have been employed on a part time basis (less than 32 hours per week, minimum 96 hours per year) by a governmental law enforcement agency or department for fifteen (15) years or more and have been a Blue Knight for five (5) years or more, who have taken an honorable separation from his/her law enforcement agency or department (reasons - health, retirement, age, or injury) are eligible for Associate membership although they may not be employed by any law enforcement agency or department, and are not receiving retirement compensation. They must provide letters of proof of honorable separation.

A person may also qualify for Associate membership as per Article 6, Section 1, Paragraphs 4 and 5 of this Constitution.

#### **ADD Sub Section "B"**

**Or A fully retired military member, either as a commissioned officer or that of an enlisted member. A mandatory minimum 15 years of continuous, consecutive, and full time years of service for a countries military branch of uniformed service. Who have taken a retirement option from the government's military, under honorable circumstances. That they will at some time receive retirement income for continuous service of fulltime employment in the military branch of a government will be eligible for associate membership. The person must provide letters of proof of honorable separation from that countries military branch.**

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Each Associate member must be properly licensed to drive a motorcycle by the State or Province in which he resides and must own a motorcycle, excepting however, that persons who otherwise qualify as Associate members, but do not own (a) motorcycle, may become members if they have plans to own a motorcycle and they do in fact acquire ownership rights in a motorcycle within six (6) months of their acceptance as a member. Any Associate member, who because of an injury or medical or physical condition is unable to continue riding a motorcycle, may retain his/her membership as an Associate member.

**Intent:** To increase the ability of allowing additional associate categories of membership in hopes of retaining qualified applicants in this particular membership category and possibly attract more regular members as well. As associate members they would only be able to hold the position of an executive board secretary at chapter level and only if no regular member is available to fill the position.

**Advantages:** will increase our membership and without changing the elected positions from regular members controlling the organization.

**Disadvantages:** none

**Suggested By:** Steven Confino

**Submitted By:** Rory Mac Connell      **February 24<sup>th</sup> 2016**      **SRC Chairman**

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## SRC PROPOSALS

SOUTHERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE INC. BLUE KNIGHTS® INTERNATIONAL LAWENFORCEMENT MOTORCYCLE CLUB INC.  
SRC AGENDA PROPOSAL  
Proposal Number 2016\_4

**Purpose:**

To create an SRC bylaw covering the chartering of a new chapters geographically close to an existing chapter.

**Rational:**

The SRC has had years of discontent between chapters when chapters have split, or a new chapter has been formed. Many of these issues may have been avoided with strict bylaw language concerning the procedures for this category of new charters. That this will help alleviate possible discontent within ~~our~~ conference the Southern Regional Conference.

**Proposal:**

Charter requests within the SRC that are received by the International office will have a complete investigation conducted by the SRC Board / SRC International Representative prior to the decision to issue said charter. The findings will be submitted to the Conference Executive Board for discussion. A majority vote is required from the Executive Board prior to the charter request being returned to the Internationals Executive Director for issuance.

The Conference representative will check with chapters within a 50 mile radius to insure those neighboring chapters are aware of the request for a new charter. Documentation of the notification and all replies will be included in the investigation package.

That any / each current member will need a written release from their current chapter only when requesting to create a new chapter within the approved vicinity of the current chapter. This will accompany the members transfer application in the chapter's chartering package, for all transferring members that are requesting to create a new chapter.

An official letter from the SRC Chairman notifying the International Executive Director of the results must accompany the charter package as part of the final investigation.

A Processing of all new charter requests within ~~our~~ the SRC's jurisdiction is the responsibility of the International Representative.

**Intent:** To address this item so we may not experience discontent among the chapters.

**Advantages: Disadvantages:** None

**Suggested By:** Sonny Goodson

**Submitted By:** Rory Mac Connell

NAME

March 11<sup>th</sup> 2016

DATE

SRC Chairman

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## SRC PROPOSALS

SOUTHERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE INC. BLUE KNIGHTS® INTERNATIONAL LAWENFORCEMENT MOTORCYCLE CLUB INC.

### SRC AGENDA PROPOSAL

Proposal Number 2016- 5

**Purpose:** To amend SRC bylaw, section 8, s to include the payment of the registration fee to attend the mandatory bi-annual conference meetings. That each officer will have the registration fee paid directly by the conference treasurer for both meetings. That this is in addition to the \$400 reimbursement currently approved. To also amend the SRC bylaw, section 8, to include expenses incurred at SRC meetings.

#### Current - Section 8

*That each of the five (5) Board members are permitted to be reimbursed up to \$400 per year for registration fees to Blue Knights® events (i.e. Int'l Conventions, Regional Conferences (outside SRC), and any chapter events that require registration fees, not to include Poker Run type events. The main purpose for the stipend is to assist the SRC Board members financially to attend and represent the SRC at additional Blue Knights® events outside of the SRC*

Currently 5 executive board members at \$400 each is \$2,000. Then add approximate registration fee of \$65, times 5 at 2 times a year is \$650. This totals, if all use the reimbursement and registration, approximately \$2,650.

**Proposal:** SRC bylaw section (NEW); *That each of the five (5) Board members are permitted to be reimbursed up to \$400 per year for (ADD) hotel expenses, and registration fees to Blue Knights® events i.e. Int'l Conventions, Regional Conferences, and any chapter events that require registration fees, not to include Poker Run type events. (ADD) That the registration fee for the SRC bi-annual conference be paid directly from the SRC treasury to the hosting chapter. That it be for each of the 5 board members attending only.*

#### Rationale

*The main purpose for the stipend is to assist the SRC Board members financially to attend and represent the SRC, at additional Blue Knights® events outside of the SRC (ADD) and pay the registration fees for the mandatory attendance at the bi-annual conference Presidents meetings, as long as funds are available.*

**Intent:** To follow the International officers procedures for payment of registration fees for mandatory meetings, at International conventions, and attendance at regional conferences.

**Advantages:** This lessens the personal financial burdens of the SRC officers and increases the potential for candidates that may have personal financial implications keeping them from holding executive office within the conference.

**Disadvantages:** The treasury ~~will need to~~ **must** continue to increase yearly to cover these expenditures. We currently receive \$1 per member, approximately \$2,500 ~~this past a~~ year. As long as the executives have some type of fund raiser to keep the treasury healthy it should recover each year.

Suggested By: Rory Mac Connell

Submitted By: Rory Mac Connell  
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February 10<sup>th</sup> 2016  
DATE

SRC Chairman  
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## SRC PROPOSALS

SOUTHERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE INC. BLUE KNIGHTS® INTERNATIONAL LAWENFORCEMENT MOTORCYCLE CLUB INC.

### SRC AGENDA PROPOSAL Proposal Number 2016\_

Purpose: To create an SRC bylaw covering the nomination process for the election of Conference officers.

Rationale: The International bylaws have a written procedure, by law section 5.03 and 3.16, covering how potential candidates submit in writing their intent to run for a specific office. The SRC does not have a bylaw or written criteria covering this topic. This would eliminate future issues when the bi-yearly election process is started.

Proposal: To add Article IV section 1 –A) Nomination process for the SRC executive officers positions.

“That any regular member, being a current or past chapter president may hold the offices of Chairman, Vice Chairman, and International Representative. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by a regular member of the conference. No associate or honorary members may hold office by election or appointment.

That any and all potential nominations for each of the Conference positions must be submitted in writing to the SRC Secretary no later than 30 calendar days prior to the scheduled bi-annual odd numbered year spring Presidents meeting. That no open nominations will take place from the floor of that meeting, however in the case that no candidates had been submitted for any of the positions, then the Chairman will have the authority to hold open nominations. That the nominations will only be open for positions that had no prior written submission for said position.

Intent: To be consistent with the International bylaws. To clarify who is qualified to hold each of the Conference officers positions, in the SRC bylaws and International bylaws.

Advantages: No more inconsistencies in the nomination process for officers. Clarifies the democratic election process to those that are truly interested in holding the office. Eliminates the “I don’t want to run if he wants to stay in, not just because someone is or is not running.”

Disadvantages: None

Suggested By: Rory Mac Connell

Submitted By: Rory Mac Connell  
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February 10<sup>th</sup> 2016  
DATE

SRC Chairman  
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### SRC AGENDA PROPOSAL

Proposal Number 2016-7

**Purpose:** To establish a budget for the SRC Safety Officer.

**Proposal:** To provide the SRC Safety Officer with a budget of \$500.00, annually, for the purpose of promoting motorcycle safety. This sum will be available to the SRC Safety Officer upon receipts of funds that were spent to safety related items. Upon review of the SRC Board, the SRC Treasurer will refund the funds to the SRC Safety Officer. This fund can only be used for safety promotional items and cannot be used for lodging or entry fees to events.

**Intent:** To allow the SRC Safety Officer to provide classroom motorcycle safety training and to purchase safety related items to promote motorcycle safety.

**Advantages:** It will provide a budget for the SRC Safety Officer.

**Disadvantages:** It will add a line item to the SRC budget of \$500.00 a year.

**Suggested By:** SRC Executive Board

<b>Submitted By:</b>	<b>Justin Hartley</b>	<b>03/08/2016</b>	<b>SRC Secretary</b>
	<b>NAME</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>TITLE/POSITION</b>

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