

BLUE KNIGHTS® International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club, Inc.
SOUTHERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE, Inc.

CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS

ARTICLE I

The official name of this corporation is the Blue Knights® International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club, Inc., Southern Regional Conference Incorporated; hereinafter referred to as “the conference.” Herein when referring to the Blue Knights® International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club, Inc., terminology may be as follows: “International” or blue Knights® LEMC, Inc.”

ARTICLE II

The principal place of business for the Conference is the residence of the duly elected Chairman and the mailing address of the corporation Chairman is: 113 Brasswood Court, Dadyona Beach, Florida 32117, Volusia County. **(REV 10-19)**

ARTICLE III

SECTION 1

The purpose for which the Corporation is organized includes, but not limited to:

- A) Promote open lines of communications between regional chapters of the Blue Knights®, International LEMC, Inc.
- B) Promote cooperation between all regional chapters.
- C) Assume a liaison role between the local Chapters and the Blue Knights® International LEMC, Inc. in the control and growth of the organization.
- D) Hearing and resolving issues between Regional Chapters of the Blue Knights® International LEMC, Inc.
- E) Assist, promote coordinate regional charitable motorcycling functions.

SECTION 2

The geographical scope of this Conference consists of the areas designated by the Blue Knights® International LEMC, Inc., which are Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and the Bahamas.

SECTION 3

The organizational scope of the Conference is defined as a sanctioned, independent coalition of the regionally chartered chapters of the Blue Knights® International LEMC, Inc.

SECTION 4

The Conference protects, endorses, promotes and assists in the advertising and sale of all authorized Blue Knights® International LEMC, Inc. sales items offered by a regional chapter in accordance with the guidelines set forth by the Blue Knights® International LEMC, Inc.

SECTION 5

All chartered member chapters of the Blue Knights® International LEMC, Inc. within the geographical scope of the Conference, in good standing, chartered by the Blue Knights® International LEMC, Inc., are eligible for membership.

SECTION 6

The membership dues consist of one dollar, (\$1.00) per member with in the Conference, per annum, paid through the Blue Knights® International LEMC, Inc. or any such amount as determined and paid through Blue Knights® International LEMC, Inc.

SECTIONS 7

Chartering Chapters within the Southern Regional Conference:

- a. All 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.
- b. That 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 International's Office Manager for issuance.
- c. 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.
- d. Documentation of the notification and all replies will be included in the investigation package.
- e. That any / each current member will need a written release from their current chapter only when requesting to create a new chapter within a 50 mile radius 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.
- f. 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.
- g. Processing of all new charter requests within the SRC's jurisdiction is the responsibility of the International Representative.

ARTICLE IV

SECTION 1

All Executive Board members are elected by a majority vote of the chapter Presidents, or their written delegates, at the fall bi-annual meeting of every odd numbered year and then sworn in at the conclusion of the Conference banquet. The Executive Board of the Conference consists of the Chairman, Vice Chairman, International Representative, Secretary and the Treasurer, hereinafter referred to as, "the Executive Board," of the Conference. All Conference officers are acutely aware of their responsibilities to assume the posture of their office and be cognizant of the overall group they represent in their actions and the positions they express in public.

- a. A member wanting to run for a position on the SRC Board shall submit their name, desired position and a list of qualifications for the position. Submissions will be made to the conference Secretary, in writing no later than 60 days prior to the spring biannual meeting of every odd year. Only a current Chapter President or a Past President may be nominated for the Chairman, Vice Chairman or International Representatives positions. The Secretary and Treasurer positions may be held by regular members, all must be in good standing. Associate and honorary members may not hold any conference offices either by election or appointment..

- b. Nominations from the floor at the time of the President's meeting will be accepted in the event there are no qualified candidates' submitting prior written notice for a position. All nominated members for all positions must be present to accept the nomination.
- c. Open campaigning may take place after the nomination meeting.
(rev 09-16)

SECTION 2

The Duties of the Chairman include, but not limited to:

- a. Preside over all Conference Meetings.
- b. Compile the agenda from inputs supplied from the chapter Presidents to the Conference Secretary.
- c. To represent, or appoint representation, of the Conference at any attended Blue Knights® function. Appointed representatives stem from the Vice Chairman, the Secretary, The Treasurer, the International Representative, to any regional chapter president, or member of a chapter executive board, in that order.
- d. On any major issue affecting the Conference, the Chairman makes every effort to solicit the input of all chapter Presidents before deciding a course of action. If circumstances or timelines prevent that input, the Chairman considers the scope of the Conference and bases his decision in the best interest of the membership in good faith. All chapters are notified within a reasonable time of all such decisions.
- e. Oversee and provide input in all sub-committees, except the nominating committee.
- f. Subject to impeachment by a majority vote of all chapter Presidents, or their designees, in the event of termination of membership in the Blue Knights® International LEMC, Inc., proven allegations of misconduct, or violations of the provisions of the duties.

SECTION 3

The Duties of the Vice Chairman,

- a. To assume the duties of the Chairman, as listed above, in the Chairman's absence, in the event of extended illness, or death.
- b. To preside over impeachment hearings of the Chairman.
- c. To oversee and receive all sub-committee reports.
- d. To supply primary input on issues affecting the Conference and assist the Chairman in compiling input from the regional chapter presidents.
- e. Subject to impeachment by a majority vote of all chapter Presidents, or their designees, in the event of termination of membership in the Blue Knights® International LEMC, Inc., proven allegations of misconduct, or violations of the provision of the duties.
- f. To include all other duties as appointed **(REV. 09-13)**

SECTION 4

The Duties of the Secretary include:

- a. To keep, maintain records and minutes of each Conference meeting.
- b. To compile and distribute this information within thirty (30) days of meeting to the SRC Executive Board, all SRC chapter Presidents, the International Headquarters, and other Conference secretaries.
- c. To solicit and distribute information from chapters within the Conference, Conference Executives, of Conferences and Secretaries, any sources to all chapter Presidents, the International Headquarters, and other Conference Secretaries.

- d. To Keep SRC chapter Presidents apprised of all changes, developments, and decisions affecting the Blue Knights®, and to keep the Chairman and the Executive Board advised of any proposed changes, delays or any other information that would affect the operation via the conference Newsletter.
- e. Generally to act as a central focal point of information concerning the Conference and its activities, list any and all activities that might be of interest to all Blue Knights® including rides, meetings, etc.
- f. Subject to impeachment by a majority vote of all chapter Presidents, or their designees, in the event of termination of membership from the Blue Knights® or proven allegations of misconduct or violation of the provision of his duties.
- g. Will report the election results to the Secretary of State, listing the title, names and address' of the Conference Officers and amend the Constitution & By-laws.
- h. To include all other duties as appointed. **(REV 09-13)**

SECTION 5

The duties of the treasurer include:

- a. To maintain the records of all income and expenses and file a report to : The I.R.S., Blue Knights® International Treasurer, Florida Secretary of State and the members at the Annual Meeting of the Conference.
- b. Subject to impeachment by a majority vote of all chapter Presidents, or their designees, in the event of termination of membership in the Blue Knights® International LEMC, Inc., or proven allegations of misconduct, or violations of the provision of his duties.
- c. To include all other duties as appointed. **(REV 09-13)**

SECTION 6 -

Repealed by unanimous vote of the members at Annual meeting 09-18-09 and transferred to Section 4 above.

SECTION 7

The duties of the Conference International Representative include:

- a. To represent the interest and concerns of the southern Regional Conference on the Executive board of the Blue Knights® International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club, Inc.
- b. To act as a liaison in the resolution of International or intra-Conference matters involving local Chapters or individual members.
- c. To advise the Conference Executives on all matters pertaining to the administration of the Conference.
- d. Subject to impeachment by a majority vote of all chapter Presidents, or their designees, in the event of termination of membership in the Blue Knights® International LEMC, Inc., or proven allegations of misconduct, or violations of the provision of his duties.
- e. To include all other duties as appointed. **(REV 09-13)**

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. International Conventions, Regional Conferences, Executive Board winter/summer meeting expenses, (not meals or fuel) 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 the additional Blue Knights® events (added 09-13)**(REV 05-14)**

ARTICLE V

The names, addresses and titles of the elected offices of the Southern Regional Conference, Inc. are published and available through electronic, magnetic, digital and internet mediums, except as authorized by F.S.S. 119.07(l)1;

ARTICLE VI

The current registered agent is Jim Trachta, residing at 133 Brasswood Court, Daytona Beach, Florida 32117 in Volusia County. Pursuant to F.S.S. 617 **(REV 10-2019)**

ARTILCE VII

The incorporator is Alexander Ramirez, residing at 6770 Forrest Street, Hollywood, Florida 33024 Broward County.

ARTICLE VIII

SECTION 1

The Conference schedules the annual (fall) meeting in the month of September, or October each year and also meets annually in the (spring) months of March, April, or May. The first recorded meeting was October 23, 1982. **(REV 05-15)**

SECTION 2

The meeting place of the Conference geographically rotates, within the conference, to encourage the participation of as many members as possible, and is determined by a vote of members present, from proposed bids to host such future meetings, approx. one year before the presented proposed bid. At the Conclusion of each bi-annual meeting, the next two meeting sites are announced.

SECTION 3

A quorum to conduct business at the regularly scheduled Conference meeting will consist of the chapters represented at the meeting. Those representatives holding a quorum status representing a chapter should be the elected President, or member of the standing Executive Board of that chapter. In the absence of an official delegate to the Conference meeting, any regular member, with a letter of authorization signed by a chapter President, may act as a delegate for his or her chapter. Each chapter is entitled to two (2) delegates, who shall collectively represent one vote, as to each matter presented at the Conference meeting. Any member in attendance may voice the need of a member chapter, but may not vote or disrupt the matters concerning the overall Conference meeting.

ARTILCE XI

SECTION 1

Once the Constitution & By-Laws are accepted by representative vote of all chapters, any non-administrative alterations and amendments that are made must be presented at the annual meeting and subject to passage by the majority vote of the membership present at the following meeting. (05-08) On issues of major importance affecting all Blue Knights®, the Conference may enlist the input of the International Headquarters and/ or deliver

the issue for vote of all chapter members within the Conference. Any proposed amendments to the Constitution must be delivered to the Conference Secretary at least 60 days prior to the semi-annual Meeting.

SECTION 2

The Constitution of the Southern Regional conference is herein drafted as an administrative guide of the organization and not designed to supersede the laws of the United States of America within the boundaries of the Conference, as set forth by the Blue Knights® International LEMC, Inc. Wherein any provisions, now or in the future, conflict with State Laws, the later will prevail. In all matters not herein specifically cited, the International Constitution & By-Laws, and Roberts Rules of Order prevails in the guidance of the Conference.

BE IT KNOWN to all members of the Blue Knights® International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club, Inc. Southern Regional Conference, Inc. herein publishes its Constitution & By-laws as amended April 12, 2019 by the membership, and effective immediately.

Jim Trachta, Chairman Date

Michael Shockley, Vice Chairman Date

Justin Hartley, Secretary Date

Al Fryer, Treasurer Date

Bob Awtrey, International Representative Date

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Revised – SRC Presidents Meeting 09-13 to comply with changed due to election of executive board and added article IV Section 8 as voted.

Revised SRC Presidents Meeting 05-14 Article IV – section 8 as voted

Revised SRC Presidents Meeting 05-15 Article VIII – section 1 as voted

Revised SRC Presidents Meeting 10-15 Article II to comply with changed due to election of Executive board.

Revised SRC Presidents Meeting 10-16 Article IV section 1 as voted

Revised SRC Presidents Meeting 04-19 Article IV section 1a and 1b as voted