



**International Association of Fire  
Fighters Motorcycle Group  
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## **CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS**

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## **Article 1 Name of the Organization**

Section 1: The name of this organization shall be the ***"INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION of FIRE FIGHTERS MOTORCYCLE GROUP"*** hereafter shall be referred to as **IAFF-MG**. The IAFF-MG name and all associated insignias and logos to include the IAFF-MG Colors are registered trademarks of the IAFF.

## **ARTICLE 2 PHILOSOPHY/HISTORY**

**Section 1:** In August of 2004 the assembled body of the 2004 IAFF convention came together in Boston, Massachusetts at the 47th bi-annual convention and passed resolution 35. This resolution dictated the formation of a motorcycle group for IAFF members, active, retired and alumni thus comes to being the International Association of Fire Fighters Motorcycle Group hereafter referred to as the IAFF-MG. It is the goal and general philosophy of the IAFF-MG to promote fraternalism amongst our ranks and take direction from the International Association of Fire Fighters.

**Section 2:** The IAFF-MG will continue to grow in spirit and numbers, which provides the opportunity for increased camaraderie and benevolence between active and retired professional fire fighters, EMS or rescue squad personnel. The IAFF-MG is intended for IAFF Active, Retired, and Alumni MEMBERS, who are motorcycle enthusiast, enjoy motorcycles and/or looking to support the IAFF-MG's stated goals and objectives. IAFF-MG events, rallies and rides are intended to promote safe activities that will appeal to the membership as a whole.

## **ARTICLE 3 IAFF-MG NATIONAL COMMITTEE**

**Section 1: IAFF-MG National Committee:** The IAFF-MG National Committee shall govern the IAFF-MG and will maintain the quality and integrity of the IAFF-MG.

**Section 2: Composition of the National Committee:** By virtue of being the elected General President of the International Association of Fire Fighters [IAFF], the General President shall be the President of the IAFFMG. The committee shall consist of nine [9] members appointed by the President of the IAFF-MG. In addition the committee will have a chairman and a vice chairman named by the President. Collectively the President and this committee will govern the IAFF-MG. Only active, retired and alumni IAFF members who are current active members of the IAFF-MG will be eligible to hold the positions on the IAFF-MG Committee.

Only the President has the exclusive and unilateral authority to remove a member from the IAFF-MG National Committee.

**Section 3: Duties of the National Committee:** The IAFF-MG National Committee will perform the following functions:

- a. Shall stay apprised of events and communicate those events to the IAFF-MG membership via the web site, Social Media and the IAFF Magazine. The Committee will also maintain a roster of members [database] via the IAFF Membership Central Database System. This roster will be updated regularly and made available to all IAFF District Vice Presidents, the IAFF-MG National Committee and District and/or State/Provincial Coordinators annually and/or as needed.
- b. Establish membership dues and other non-dues revenues that will be used to cover necessary administrative and/or operational costs and provide funds for events and promote the growth of the IAFF-MG. The IAFF General Secretary/Treasurer will maintain the financial books and accounts of the IAFF-MG which shall be audited and reviewed by the IAFF trustees annually. Reports of the treasury shall be overseen and reported by the IAFF-MG Vice-Chairmen.
- c. Authorize IAFF Legal Counsel to take the necessary steps to obtain and protect the trademarks and other intellectual properties of the IAFF-MG.
- d. Issue reports of activities on the IAFF-MG/IAFF Websites, Social Media Outlets and in the IAFF magazine for member's consumption, which will provide updates on national, district, state and local events and IAFF-MG developments of interest to the membership as a whole.
- e. Oversee the management of all property owned by the IAFF-MG and report to the IAFF on its status annually. Distribution of the colors shall be the duty of the "Property Master [IAFF-MG National Coordinator]".
- f. Meet on an annual basis at a date/time/location as determined by the President and/or his designee.
- g. The IAFF-MG National Committee shall vote on matters it deems appropriate. All votes shall be recorded and settled by simple majority.
- h. Perform all other such assignments as may be directed by the President and/or suggested by the IAFF Executive Board and the IAFF-MG general membership, or as may be in the best interests of the IAFF-MG.

#### **Section 4: Responsibility of the IAFF-MG National Committee Members:**

- a. **President:** The President and/or his designee shall preside over all meetings of the IAFF-MG National Committee. At all such meetings he shall maintain order and require strict compliance with these articles as well as any rules and regulations that may be adopted. The President may pass the gavel to the chairman for presiding over meetings. The President shall appoint the Chairman, Vice Chairman, nine [9] Committee members, 16 District Event Coordinators, State/Chapter Event Coordinators as necessary and members of all sub-committees, and shall serve as an ex-officio member thereof. The President and/or his designee shall sign all contracts and other official documents authorized by the IAFF-MG National Committee. The President shall perform any other duties as may be prescribed to him by the IAFF-MG. At the expiration of his term of office, the President shall promptly deliver to his/her successor any and all property of the IAFF-MG that relates to the office of President.
- b. **Chairman:** In the President's absence, the Chairman shall discharge the duties of the President. The Chairman shall perform all other such assignments as may be requested by the President and the IAFF-MG National Committee.
- c. **Vice-Chairman:** The Vice-Chairman shall be responsible for all IAFF-MG books, documents, papers and records not otherwise entrusted, temporarily or permanently, to other officers or special or sub-committees. The Vice-Chairman shall transcribe all minutes of meetings of the IAFF-MG and submit them for approval and/or amendment at the next meeting thereafter. The Vice-Chairman shall post the minutes from meetings to on the IAFF-MG website for access by each committee member, IAFF Executive Board members and District/State/Chapter Event Coordinators for informational purposes. The Vice-Chairman shall execute all other assignments as may be ordered by the IAFF-MG. At the expiration of his term of office, the Vice-Chairman shall deliver to his/her successor the seal and all books and records in his/her possession. He/she shall be responsible for overseeing the treasury and reporting of the finances.
- d. **Members:** The National Committee members shall act at the direction of the President and/or the Chairman. The National Committee members shall serve as chairmen, Vice-Chairmen and/or members of the following Sub-Committees as appointed by the President and/or his designee:

**IAFF-MG Budget/Finance Committee:** The Budget/Finance Committee will normally be comprised of five [5] members that will be appointed by the IAFF-MG Chairman. The Committee will be chaired by the IAFF-MG National Committee Vice-Chairman. The Committee is charged with reviewing, considering and making recommendations to the IAFF-MG National Committee on fiscal and funding issues of the IAFF-MG.

**IAFF-MG Constitution & By-Laws Committee:** The Constitution & By-Laws Committee will normally be comprised of five [5] members that will be appointed by the IAFF-MG Chairman. The Committee will normally be chaired by an IAFF-MG National Committee member. The Committee is charged with reviewing, considering and making recommendations to the IAFF-MG National Committee on additions and/or revisions to the IAFF-MG's constitution and by-laws.

**IAFF-MG Policy Committee:** The Policy Committee will normally be comprised of five [5] members that will be appointed by the IAFF-MG Chairman. The Committee will normally be chaired by an IAFF-MG National Committee member. The Committee has the charge of reviewing policies that do not fall under the auspices of any specific sub-committee or are of a nature that requires additional review prior to being submitted to the IAFF-MG National Committee. The committee's jurisdiction will also include, developing and maintaining a policy manual outlining those processes and procedures developed by the IAFF-MG National Committee to assist in administering the day to day operations of the IAFF-MG and periodically reviewing the IAFF-MG Policy Manual for deletions, modifications and development of new IAFF-MG policies.

**IAFF-MG Events and Rally Coordinating Committee:** The Event[s] and Rally Coordinating Committee will normally be comprised of five [5] members that will be appointed by the IAFF-MG Chairman. The Committee will normally be chaired by an IAFF-MG National Committee member. The Committee will assist in developing, implementing and/or approving IAFF-MG National, District, State and/or Local Event/Ride Coordination Plans that include organizing, coordinating, promoting, and/or facilitating approved IAFF-MG events and/or rides. The Committee will also assist in preparing a variety of publications, materials, and programs for events/rides and acts as prime source for the promotion of IAFF-MG activities, special events, rides and the National Rally.

- e. **National Coordinator:** The National Coordinator is appointed by the President and will assist the President, the Chairman and the IAFF-MG National Committee in administering the day-to-day operations of the IAFF-MG. The IAFF-MG National Coordinator will also be assigned to any sub-committees created pursuant to this constitution and by-laws. In addition, the National Coordinator shall process all new/renewal/associate membership applications, maintain IAFF-MG Website and Social Media pages and oversee the distribution of Colors after receiving and reviewing the proper notification and credentials submitted from IAFF-MG members seeking to obtain their IAFF-MG Colors and/or Duel Member Patches. The IAFF-MG National Coordinator shall also assist IAFF-MG District/State and Chapter Coordinators in setting up district/state/local IAFF-MG events and/or rides in their respective jurisdictions. The IAFF-MG National Coordinator shall be available to answer questions by IAFF/IAFF-MG members and assist them when possible.

## **ARTICLE 4 DISTRICT AND STATE EVENT COORDINATORS**

**Section 1: District Event Coordinators:** The IAFF-MG's organizational structure is based on the current structure of the IAFF. To this end, there will be sixteen [16] District Event Coordinator positions created and maintained. The IAFF-MG President will appoint each District Event Coordinator with the advice and counsel of the respective IAFF District Vice-President. Recommendations from IAFF District Vice-Presidents will be submitted to the IAFF-MG President, via the Chairman of the IAFF-MG for review and approval. Only active, retired and alumni IAFF members who are current active members of the IAFF-MG will be eligible to be appointed as a District Event Coordinator. Once appointed, the IAFF-MG National Coordinator shall provide the district event coordinators with their credentials and patches accordingly. District Event Coordinators shall coordinate events within respective district and communicate said events to the IAFFMG Committee, District/State and/or Provincial Coordinators and IAFF-MG membership via IAFF-MG communication formats.

**Section 2: State/Provincial Coordinators:** In recognition to the vastness of geography of the IAFF-MG it is necessary to have contacts in each state and province to assist the District Event Coordinators. These contacts shall be known as "IAFF-MG State/Provincial Event Coordinators". The State/Provincial Event Coordinators shall be appointed by the President with the advice and counsel of the respective IAFF District Vice-President[s]. Recommendations from IAFF District Vice-Presidents will be submitted to the IAFF-MG President, via the Chairman of the IAFF-MG for review and approval. Only active, retired and alumni IAFF members who are current active members of the IAFF-MG will be eligible to be appointed as a State/Provincial Event Coordinator. Once appointed, the IAFF-MG National Coordinator shall provide the state/provincial coordinators with their credentials and patches accordingly. The State/Provincial Event Coordinators will work at the direction of their respective District Coordinator's in coordinating IAFF-MG sponsored events and/or rides in their respective jurisdictions as well as other events in the State/province that may be of benefit and/or interest to the IAFF-MG and its members.

## **ARTICLE 5 IAFF-MG STATE/PROVINCIAL CHAPTERS**

**Section 1:** The IAFF-MG National Committee is authorized to permit current IAFF-MG members to establish and join IAFF-MG State and/or Provincial Chapters. The IAFF-MG National Committee believes that by forming state/provincial chapters, the IAFF-MG will continue to grow in spirit and numbers, and provide more opportunities for increased camaraderie and benevolence between active and retired professional Fire Fighters, EMS or rescue squad personnel who enjoy riding motorcycles.

**Section 2:** IAFF-MG State Coordinators, with the approval of the IAFF-MG Committee are authorized to establish IAFF-MG State Chapters within their respective districts with the written concurrence of the established IAFF State/Provincial Association President. In order to establish a State Chapter, the IAFF-MG State Coordinator and at least five [5] IAFF-MG current/active members may petition the IAFF-MG Committee for approval to establish a state chapter.



**Section 3:** The minimum organizational structure of a state/provincial chapter will consist of a Chairmen, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, Road Captain and Sgt-At-Arms. The IAFF-MG State/Provincial Coordinator, by virtue of his/her appointment by the IAFF-MG President shall serve as Chairman of the state/provincial chapter. The members of the State/Provincial Chapter shall elect the Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, Road Captain and Sgt-At-Arms positions.

**Section 4:** The IAFF-MG State Coordinator and the members of the State Chapter will draft their IAFFMG State/Provincial Chapter constitution and by-laws for review and approval of the IAFF-MG Committee. A copy of their proposed constitution and by-laws will be submitted to the IAFF-MG with their written request to form a state chapter.

**Section 5:** The Dues Structure for a State/Provincial Chapter shall be no less than \$50.00 annually per member. State/Provincial Chapter's will be required to collect the dues annually and submit \$25.00 annually per member to the IAFF-MG National. The remaining \$25.00 will be retained by the IAFF-MG State Chapter to help defray the cost of maintaining their chapter.

Once established, State Chapters will be required to open and maintain a checking account and the IAFF-MG State Chapter Treasurer will be required to collect dues, pay the IAFF-MG annual dues and other chapter related expenses. State/Provincial Chapters will not receive additional funds from the IAFF-MG to help defray the cost of any events/rides sponsored by the State/Provincial Chapters in their respective jurisdictions, unless unanimously approved by the IAFF-MG National Committee.

State/Provincial Chapters will also be required to submit annual financial reports [revenue/expenses] and audit to the IAFF-MG Vice-Chairman no later than January 31<sup>st</sup> of each year for the previous year [January 1 – December 31<sup>st</sup>] for submission to the IAFF-MG.

**Section 6:** State/Provincial Chapters will be required to submit periodic articles/photos of IAFF-MG State Chapter events and rides to the IAFF-MG for posting on the IAFF-MG Website. At a minimum, two [2] activity reports will be submitted annually. These submissions are normally due on January 10<sup>th</sup> and June 10<sup>th</sup> of each year.

**Section 7:** IAFF-MG State/Provincial Chapter members will use/wear the IAFF-MG Colors. The State/Provincial Chapter will be authorized to create an IAFF-MG State/Provincial Patch that will be worn on the "front" of the vest pursuant to the IAFF-MG constitution and by-laws.

**Section 8: Process to obtain IAFF-MG State Chapter:** IAFF-MG State/Provincial Coordinator[s] must submit a written request to establish an IAFF-MG State/Provincial Chapter to the IAFF-MG Committee, via the IAFF-MG's National Coordinator.

**The following information must also be submitted with the request to establish an IAFF-MG State/Provincial Chapter:**

- a. A Letter from the President of the IAFF State/Provincial Association concurring with the request to establish the IAFF-MG State/Provincial Chapter.



- b. A List of IAFF-MG/IAFF Members interested in joining the State/Provincial Chapter [Include Name, Local Number and IAFF-MG and/or IAFF Membership Number].
- c. A List of the interim officers for the State/Provincial Chapter consisting of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, Road Captain and Sgt-At-Arms.
- d. A proposed/draft copy of the State/Provincial Chapter's Constitution and By-Laws.
- e. Payment of IAFF-MG Dues [\$25.00 per person annually] for the original [new] members of the State/Provincial Chapter. The IAFF-MG will continue to send IAFF-MG Membership Cards, Renewal Patches and New/Associate Membership Packages directly to the IAFF-MG Member as new members, associate members and/or renewal memberships are paid for and processed.

Upon receipt of the State/Provincial Coordinator's properly submitted request to establish an IAFF-MG State Chapter, the IAFF-MG Committee will review and once approved, will forward the IAFF-MG State/Provincial Chapter Charter to the State/Chapter Coordinator. Once chartered, IAFF-MG State/Provincial Chapters will be authorized to sponsor and/or support state-wide events/rides, raise funds to support their state-wide events/initiatives and to assist and support their IAFF State/Provincial Association and the IAFF-MG.

## **ARTICLE 6 IAFF-MG LOCAL CHAPTERS**

**Section 1:** The IAFF-MG National Committee is authorized to permit current IAFF-MG members to establish and join IAFF-MG Local Chapters if there are no State or Provincial Chapters already established in their respective state or province. The IAFF-MG National Committee believes that by forming Local chapters, the IAFF-MG will continue to grow in spirit and numbers, and provide more opportunities for increased camaraderie and benevolence between active and retired professional Fire Fighters, EMS or rescue squad personnel who enjoy riding motorcycles.

**Section 2:** IAFF-MG active members from an IAFF Local Affiliate, with the approval of the IAFF-MG Committee are authorized to establish IAFF-MG Local Chapter within their respective jurisdiction with the written concurrence from the Local President of the established IAFF Local Affiliate that they are members of. In order to establish a Local Chapter, the IAFF Local must have at least five [5] IAFF-MG current/active members petition the IAFF-MG Committee for approval to establish a local chapter.

**Section 3:** The minimum organizational structure of a local chapter will consist of a Chairmen, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, Road Captain and Sgt-At-Arms. The IAFF Local President from which a new chapter originates shall appoint the Chairman of the Local Chapter. The members of the Local Chapter shall elect the Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, Road Captain and Sgt-At-Arms positions.

**Section 4:** The IAFF-MG members from the IAFF-MG Local Chapter will draft their IAFFMG Local Chapter constitution and by-laws for review and approval of the IAFF-MG Committee. A copy of their proposed constitution and by-laws will be submitted to the IAFF-MG with their written request to form a Local Chapter.

**Section 5:** The Dues Structure for a Local Chapter shall be no less than \$50.00 annually per member. Local Chapter's will be required to collect the dues annually and submit \$25.00 annually per member to the IAFF-MG National. The remaining \$25.00 will be retained by the IAFF-MG Local Chapter to help defray the cost of maintaining their chapter.

Once established, Local Chapters will be required to open and maintain a checking account and the IAFF-MG Local Chapter Treasurer will be required to collect dues, pay the IAFF-MG annual dues and other chapter related expenses. Local Chapters will not receive additional funds from the IAFF-MG to help defray the cost of any events/rides sponsored by the State/Provincial Chapters in their respective jurisdictions, unless unanimously approved by the IAFF-MG National Committee.

Local Chapters will also be required to submit annual financial reports [revenue/expenses] and audit to the IAFF-MG Vice-Chairman no later than January 31<sup>st</sup> of each year for the previous year [January 1 – December 31<sup>st</sup>] for submission to the IAFF-MG.

**Section 6:** Local Chapters will be required to submit periodic articles/photos of IAFF-MG Local Chapter events and rides to the IAFF-MG for posting on the IAFF-MG Website. At a minimum, two [2] activity reports will be submitted annually. These submissions are normally due on January 10<sup>th</sup> and June 10<sup>th</sup> of each year.

**Section 7:** IAFF-MG Local Chapter members will wear the IAFF-MG Colors. The Local Chapter will be authorized to create an IAFF-MG Local Patch that will be worn on the "front" of the vest pursuant to the IAFF-MG constitution and by-laws.

**Section 8: Process to obtain IAFF-MG Local Chapter:** The President of an established IAFF Local Affiliate must submit a written request to establish an IAFF-MG Local Chapter to the IAFF-MG Committee, via the IAFF-MG's National Coordinator.

**The following information must also be submitted with the request to establish an IAFF-MG Local Chapter:**

- a. A Letter from the President of the IAFF Local concurring with the request to establish the IAFF-MG Local Chapter.
- b. A List of IAFF-MG/IAFF Members interested in joining the Local Chapter [Include Name, Local Number and IAFF-MG and/or IAFF Membership Number].
- c. A List of the interim officers for the Local Chapter consisting of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, Road Captain and Sgt-At-Arms.

- d. A proposed/draft copy of the Local Chapter's Constitution and By-Laws.
- e. Payment of IAFF-MG Dues [\$25.00 per person annually] for the original [new] members of the Local Chapter. The IAFF-MG will continue to send IAFF-MG Membership Cards, Renewal Patches and New/Associate Membership Packages directly to the IAFF-MG Member as new members, associate members and/or renewal memberships are paid for and processed.

Upon receipt of the IAFF Local's properly submitted request to establish an IAFF-MG Local Chapter, the IAFF-MG Committee will review and once approved, will forward the IAFF-MG Local Chapter's Charter to the Local President. Once chartered, IAFF-MG Local Chapters will be authorized to sponsor and/or support local and/or state-wide events/rides, raise funds to support their local and/or state-wide events/initiatives and to assist and support their IAFF Local, State/Provincial Association and the IAFF-MG.

## **ARTICLE 7 REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP**

**Section 1: Active Membership:** The IAFF-MG is open to active, retired or Alumni MEMBER[S] of the International Association of Fire Fighters or a member of the IAFF Headquarters' Staff, who is a motorcycle enthusiast, enjoys motorcycles and/or is looking to support the IAFF-MG's stated goals and objectives. All members will be required to pay the required annual dues timely and comply with terms and conditions of these By-Laws as well as all future amendments thereto. Possession of a valid motorcycle operator's license, valid registration and proper motorcycle insurance are all prerequisites to membership in the IAFF-MG for those members who ride motorcycles and ride in IAFF-MG sponsored events/rides.

Each member of the IAFF-MG is encouraged [not required] to buy and own a North American made motorcycle that is built with UNION labor employed by a North American owned and operated company as recognized by the IAFF-MG Committee. While owning North American made motorcycles was not mandated or required by resolution 35 of the 2004 IAFF Convention body, ownership of an UNION made motorcycle reflects the values of the IAFF-MG and the IAFF.

**Section 2: Associate Membership:** Associate membership shall be available to spouses, significant others and their children. Associate members will be required to be sponsored by an active IAFF-MG Member and comply with the IAFF-MG's Constitution & By-Laws. Associate members will only be permitted to display the Logo Patch [center portion] and the Lower Rocker on the back of their vest or jacket pursuant to Article 7 of this Constitution & By-Laws.

**Section 3: Charter Members:** IAFF-MG Members that joined the IAFF-MG on or before December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2006 shall be recognized and deemed CHARTER MEMBERS of the IAFF-MG. With this recognition the member shall have the right to wear a "CHARTER MEMBER" patch on the front of his/her vest just below his/her "IAFF local number" patch.

**Section 4: Life Membership:** Any member who maintains active membership in good standing in the IAFFMG for a period of ten [10] consecutive years shall be awarded a lifetime membership in the IAFF-MG, which will entitle them to only have to pay half-dues [\$25.00] and retain possession of the Colors as defined in Article 8 of these By-Laws. With this recognition the member shall have the right to wear a “LIFE MEMBER” patch on the front of his/her vest just below his/her “IAFF local number” patch.

**Section 5: Honorary Membership:** On a vote of the IAFFMG National Committee "Honorary Membership" shall be bestowed upon those persons that are not IAFF/IAFFMG Members that have exhibited the values that the IAFF/IAFFMG members hold dearly through their affiliation to their Union and their profession.

**Section 6: Duration of Membership:** Membership in the IAFF-MG will continue as long as an individual maintains membership in good standing with the IAFF, and which includes, but is not limited to payment of dues/assessments, and active support of IAFF-MG functions. Membership will cease upon resignation or dismissal from the IAFF-MG. Upon termination of membership in the IAFF-MG, the Individual will have no right, title, interest or claim in any asset of the IAFFMG or any right to any refund of any dues, fees or contributions made to the IAFF-MG.

**Section 7: Re-Location of IAFF-MG Membership:** Membership in the IAFF-MG is transferable from one IAFF District to another as long as the member is in good standing with the IAFF, the IAFF Alumni and the IAFF-MG. Upon transfer of a member, the IAFF-MG Committee will be notified and will make the appropriate changes to the IAFF/IAFFMG National Membership Database/Roster.

**Section 8: Membership in Other Motorcycle Clubs, Groups and/or Organizations:** IAFF-MG Members are expressly prohibited from commencing or maintaining membership in any motorcycle Club/Group or Organization that may be deemed an “Outlaw Club, Group or Organization”. IAFF-MG Members are however, permitted and/or encouraged to maintain their association with the A.M.A., H.O.G. and A.B.A.T.E. as well as other motorcycle clubs, groups and/or organizations as long as they are not deemed “1% ers”.

## **ARTICLE 8 IAFF-MG INSIGNIA**

**Section 1: IAFF-MG Colors:** Colors shall be defined as all patches and insignias issued to IAFF-MG members by the IAFF-MG as outlined in the article. The Colors of the IAFF-MG are our flag, and as such will be treated with the same respect given to the American or Canadian flag. The Colors and insignias shall be trademarked and are the property of the IAFF/IAFFMG.

**The following rules are established for the proper handling of the Colors:**

- a. IAFF-MG Colors will be treated with respect at all times.
- b. Only full “active” members shall wear the full colors [3-Pieces].

- c. Colors will only be affixed to a black leather vest or black leather jacket. If a jacket is used, all below placement of “vest” patches apply to the jacket equally.
- d. Colors will never be washed.
- e. Colors are to be worn as the outermost garment and are not to be obstructed in any way, regardless of weather.
- f. Colors will be worn at all IAFF-MG functions, gatherings, runs and sanctioned events.
- g. When removal of the Colors is necessary, the member must yield them to another full member for security until he can re-secure them.
- h. At no time will a member place the Colors in a face down position.
- i. At no time will the colors touch the ground unless the member is wearing them.
- j. Colors will never be yielded to non-members.
- k. If a member is suspended or granted a leave of absence, he/she shall discontinue displaying Colors.
- l. If a member is terminated he/she shall discontinue displaying Colors.

**Section 2: Placement of Colors/Patches on the “Rear” of the Vest/Jacket:** The following patches shall only be worn on the rear of the vest/jacket from top to bottom, in the middle except as noted:

- a. IAFF FIRE FIGHTERS Rocker
- b. CENTER PATCH (LOGO)
- c. DISTRICT Rocker [\* Optional]
- d. “NO” Other Patches will be worn on the back/rear of the vest and/or jacket. IAFF-MG Colors Only!

\* In those areas of the U.S and Canada where the three [3] piece Colors presents a concern and/or problem, IAFF-MG members have the option of not wearing the District Rocker [Item 3 above] as part of the IAFF-MG Colors.

**Associate Member Colors:** Associate members are permitted to display the Center "Logo" Patch [Item 2] and the Bottom “District” Rocker [Item 3] on the back of their vest or jacket.

**Honorary Member Colors:** All Honorary Members of the IAFF-MG shall be provided and authorized to wear the “Full” Set of the IAFF-MG Colors as outlined in this article.

**Section 3: Dual-Member Patch:** An IAFF-MG Dual-Member Patch that reflects the Colors of the IAFF-MG has been created, approved and is available for those IAFF-MG members that belong to other authorized Motorcycle Clubs, Groups and/or Organizations and choose to wear the Colors of those clubs/groups/organizations. IAFF-MG members are authorized to purchase and wear the IAFF-MG's Dual Member Patch. The Dual-Member Patch should be worn on the Left Front Side of vest or jacket.

**Section 4: Obtaining and/or Ordering IAFF-MG Colors and IAFF-MG Duel Member Patch:** Only members of the IAFF-MG in good standing are authorized to purchase the IAFF-MG Colors/Duel Member Patches. IAFF-MG members can only obtain [purchase] their IAFF-MG Colors and/or duel member patch through the IAFF's On-Line Store. IAFF-MG members will need their IAFF-MG Member Number to purchase their colors and/or duel member patch. The IAFF-MG's National Coordinator shall review and approval all purchase requests for IAFF-MG Colors and/or Duel Member Patches.

**Section 5: Placement of Patches on Front of Vest/Jacket:** If patches are worn on the front of the vest they shall be worn in the following manner.

The following patches can be worn on the upper **“Right Side”** of the vest/jacket from top to bottom as follows:

- a. American Flag or Canadian Flag
- b. STATE/PROVINCE Insignia
- c. HOME CITY/LOCAL Insignia
- d. IAFF-MG Ride and/or Memorial Patches
- e. At no time shall any patch, pin or other insignia be displayed above the national Flags.

The following patches can be worn on the upper **“Left Side”** of the vest/jacket from top to bottom as follows:

- a. NICK NAME/MONIKER
- b. IAFF LOGO or DUEL MEMBER PATCH or STATE/PROVINCIAL CHAPTER PATCH
- c. Charter Member Patch and/or Life Member Patch
- d. Associate Member Patch
- e. IAFF-MG Yearly Membership Patch
- f. IAFF-MG Ride and/or Memorial Patches

**ARTICLE 9  
RESIGNATION OR TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP**

**Section 1: Resignation of Membership:** The membership of any member of the IAFF-MG shall be terminated after the member has submitted a written request for such termination to his/her respective District Event Coordinator. Upon acceptance of a member's resignation, the former member will discontinue displaying/wearing the IAFF-MG Colors.

**Section 2: Termination of Membership:** IAFF-MG members shall be terminated when their required annual dues and/or assessments have not been paid within ninety [90] days from their expected payment due date. IAFF-MG members whose membership is terminated for non-payment of dues/assessments will discontinue displaying/wearing the IAFF-MG Colors.

**Section 3: Rights Upon Resignation/Termination:** Subject to the provisions of these By-Laws, all rights, privileges, interest and representation of a member will cease upon his/her resignation and/or termination.

**ARTICLE 10  
SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION**

**Section 1: IAFF-MG National Committee:** The National Committee will have the power, after notice and an opportunity to be heard, to vote to rescind the membership of any member for conduct, which they determine, is contrary to the philosophy or objectives of the IAFF-MG.

**Reason could be for any of the following:**

- a. Conduct which results in arrest, indictment and conviction for criminal acts in violation of local, state or federal law.
- b. Failure to pay dues, fees or assessments established by the Committee and these By-Laws.
- c. In the case of a regular member, loss of employment, in activities as defined in Article 6, due to any reason other than retirement.
- d. The proceedings and decision of the Committee in such matters will be properly recorded and be available for review.

**ARTICLE 11  
REINSTATEMENT**

**Section 1:** The IAFF-MG Committee may reinstate any member who has been suspended after receiving such demand with application. Members must pay a fine for suspension reinstatement. This fine will be equal to 1 year's dues and in addition to any other back dues and assessments that may be due. All applications for reinstatement must be submitted, in writing.



## **ARTICLE 12 MEMBERSHIP DUES**

**Section 1: IAFF-MG “Active” Member’s Dues:** The IAFF-MG is a Group of and within the International Association of Fire Fighters. Dues will be established to be used solely for IAFF-MG administration and events. Annual dues of \$50.00 [U.S. or Canadian] per member will be paid to the IAFFMG. It shall be the responsibility of the each member to pay their dues on time. IAFF-MG dues shall be paid in October of each year (in advance for the following year) and no later than December 31st of that year. Any member who fails to pay their IAFFMG dues by December 31st of each year shall be automatically suspended.

**Section 2: IAFF-MG “Associate” Member’s Dues:** Associate Member's Dues will be established to be used solely for IAFFMG administration and events. Annual dues of \$25.00 [U.S. or Canadian] per member will be paid to the IAFF-MG. It shall be the responsibility of the each associate member to pay their dues on time. IAFF-MG dues shall be paid in October of each year (in advance for the following year) and no later than December 31st of that year. Any member who fails to pay their IAFF-MG dues by December 31st of each year shall be automatically suspended.

**Section 3: IAFF-MG “Local” and “State/Provincial” Chapter’s Members’ Dues:** IAFF-MG members associated with an established IAFF-MG Local or State/Provincial Chapter shall pay their IAFF-MG dues [minimum of \$50.00 annually] directly to their respective local or state/provincial chapter. The IAFF-MG local or state/provincial chapter shall pay the dues for their members [active, associate and/or life] directly to the IAFF-MG. The Chapters are responsible to ensure that their members’ dues are paid in a timely fashion to the IAFF-MG. IAFF-MG dues shall be paid in October of each year (in advance for the following year) and no later than December 31st of that year. Any Local and/or state/provincial chapter who fails to pay their IAFF-MG dues by December 31st of each year shall be automatically suspended.

**Section 4: IAFF-MG “Life Member’s Dues:** Life Member's Dues [\$25.00 annually] will be established to be used solely for the IAFF-MG administration and events. It shall be the responsibility of the each life member to pay their dues [\$25.00 annually] on time. IAFF-MG dues shall be paid in October of each year (in advance for the following year) and no later than December 31st of that year. Any member who fails to pay their IAFFMG dues by December 31st of each year shall be automatically suspended.

**Section 5: Dues Status Report:** The District/State/Provincial Event Coordinators shall normally be apprised of dues payment status by the IAFF-MG National Coordinator of members within their respective districts/states/provinces annually.

**ARTICLE 13**  
**IAFF-MG EVENTS/MEETINGS/RALLIES/RIDES**

**Section 1: IAFF-MG National Rally:** Each year the IAFF-MG shall coordinate a National Rally for IAFF-MG/IAFF Members at a location/dates as approved by the IAFF-MG National Committee and the President of the IAFF-MG.

**Section 2: IAFF-MG National Committee Meeting:** Meetings of the IAFF-MG National Committee shall be held at least annually normally during the IAFF-MG's National Rally at a time and place as designated by the President and/or his designee.

**Section 3: IAFF-MG District Events:** The IAFF-MG will help defray the cost of sixteen [16] district events/rides annually. Each IAFF-MG District Event Coordinator shall, at a minimum, coordinate within their IAFF-MG District boundaries two [2] events/rides per year, in addition to the IAFF-MG's National Rally. Each IAFF-MG District shall have access to no more than \$1,000 annually to help defray the cost associated with coordinating their respective district events/rides. These funds are "not" authorized for events/rides sponsored by IAFF-MG Local or State/Provincial Chapters.

District Event Coordinators are required to submit their annual event/ride plans to the IAFF-MG National Committee, via the National Coordinator for review and approval. District event/ride plans must be submitted in writing as soon as possible, but NLT March 15<sup>th</sup> of each year. District event/ride plans received after March 15<sup>th</sup> will be reviewed and approved on a case by case basis. Once approved, all IAFF-MG sponsored and/or supported events/rides will be posted on the IAFF-MG's website and Social Media Outlets.

**Section 4: IAFF Local Affiliate Sponsored Rides:** IAFF-MG District/State/Chapter Coordinators are encouraged to support and participate in any Motorcycle Event/Ride that is sponsored locally by an established IAFF affiliate. The IAFF-MG will also publish information regarding these events/rides on its website and other social media outlets. Participation in these events will help spread the word about the IAFF-MG and give IAFF-MG members an event/ride to participate/ride in locally and show our support to the IAFF affiliate sponsoring the event.

**Section 4: Other Motorcycle Events/Rides:** Motorcycle Events/Rides/Rallies not initiated by IAFF-MG may be sponsored and/or supported by the IAFF-MG with the approval of the IAFF-MG National Committee. Event/Ride information should be forwarded to the IAFF-MG National Committee, via the IAFF-MG National Coordinator for review and approval at least thirty [30] calendar days prior to the date of the event/ride. Once approved, the IAFF-MG disseminates the event/ride information to the IAFF-MG District/State/Chapter Coordinators and IAFF-MG members via the IAFFMG Website and Social Media outlets.

## **ARTICLE 14 IAFF-MG LOGO**

The IAFF-MG logo is sole property of the IAFF-MG and NTERNTIONAL ASSOCIATION of FIRE FIGHTERS. Use of the IAFF-MG Logo is only authorized with the permission of the IAFF-MG Committee and the approval of the President. No other use is authorized.

## **ARTICLE 15 LIABILITY**

All individuals, including members and guests, participating in any IAFF-MG event may be required to sign a liability release form. Additionally, all members shall sign a liability release form at time of application for membership to the IAFF-MG.

## **ARTICLE 16 AMENDMENTS**

These By-Laws may be amended by the IAFF-MG Committee. Such amendment proposals shall be communicated to the members and shall not be acted on until 90 days after such notice is given to allow for input from the members.

## **ARTICLE 17 DISSOLUTION**

Upon the dissolution of the Group or the winding up of its affairs, or any other liquidation of its assets, the Group's property and assets shall be conveyed to International Association of Fire Fighters. Under no circumstance shall the assets or property of the IAFF-MG become the property or possession of the members or any individual member of the IAFF-MG.