

# New Mexico Motorcyclists Rights Organization

## Bylaws

Proposed changes discussed at board meeting on 7/19/2011

The New Mexico Motorcyclists Rights Organization(NMMRO) is a committee that exists for the purpose of monitoring current political and legislative activities that affect the motorcycling community within the state of New Mexico. The members of the Board of Directors of the NMMRO will collect information about current activities, consider what steps (if any) should be taken regarding activities, as well as make recommendations regarding the possible introduction of laws or regulations that will benefit the motorcycling community. This board will be composed of the 9 NMMRO officers and the chairman of each chapter. In addition to the board members, there will be committee members who will be commissioned to do outside work and report back to the board. The committee will provide this service, at no charge, to all members of the motorcycling community within the state of New Mexico and will also provide a central body to which any individual can make recommendations, proposals or suggestions regarding current or future legislative activities. Although not associated with any one organization, the committee may report on a quarterly basis to the National Coalition of Motorcyclists(NCOM), ABATE of New Mexico Inc, the Confederation of Clubs, or any other organization deemed appropriate.

### **Officers:**

Officers will consist of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Public Relations Officer, Editor, Webmaster, Club Liaison, and Sergeant-At-Arms. Their office will be held for two (2) years. There will be no term limits.

### **Officer Nominations & Elections:**

Officer nominations will be held during the regularly scheduled May meeting. Nominees must respond in writing to the Chairperson within 72 hours to accept the nomination. Ballots will be distributed at the regularly scheduled June meeting. Ballots may be e-mailed or delivered as hard-copy to the designated point of contact for each organization. Ballots must be returned by the regularly scheduled July meeting. Officers will be elected by majority vote of all memberships. Elections will be held on alternate years. Elections for Chairman, Secretary, Public Relations Officer, Webmaster and Club Liaison will be held on odd numbered years. Elections for Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, Editor and Sergeant-At-Arms will be held on even numbered years. The NMMRO Board of Directors will be the election committee.

### **Officer Duties:**

The attendance of all board members is of the utmost importance. Each board member must be able to be contacted by e-mail or their contact phone numbers. In addition, in lieu of extenuating circumstances, each board member must attend a minimum of 75% of meetings within a 12-month period. Failure to meet this obligation will result in mandatory dismissal from the NMMRO board. As a member of the board of this committee, you agree to have your name, address, phone numbers and e-mail addresses published in different publications. Board members may be removed, for due cause, by a majority vote of all established board members. When an officer leaves their office they shall return all material in their possession, which pertains to their board position, to the chairperson or any other officer, within one week.

### **Chairman:**

The chairman shall:

- a. Be the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation.
- b. Be subject to the control of the Board of Directors.
- c. Supervise and control all business and affairs of the Corporation.
- d. Preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors.
- e. Is an ex-officio member of all standing committees.
- f. Perform all duties incident to his/her office and such other duties as may be required by law, and the Article of Incorporation of this Corporation, or by these by-laws, or that which may be prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors.

**Vice Chairman:**

The Vice Chairman shall:

- a. In the absence of the Chairman, perform all duties required of and have all the powers of the Chairman and act as an ex-officio member of all committees.
- b. Perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned by the Board of Directors and the Chairman.

**Secretary:**

The Secretary of the Corporation shall:

- a. Certify and keep at the principal office of the Corporation the original or a copy of the by-laws as amended.
- b. Keep at the principal office of the Corporation or at such other place as the Board of Directors may order, a book of minutes of all Board meeting with time and place of holding, whether regular or special and of names of those present at the meetings.
- c. See that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of the by-laws or as required by law.
- d. Keep a complete and accurate account of membership records and issue all membership cards.
- e. Be responsible for standardization of all record keeping.
- f. In general, perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him/her by the Board of Directors.

**Treasurer:**

The Treasurer of the Corporation shall:

- a. Deposit all funds of the Corporation.
- b. Maintain a record of the income and disbursements of such funds.
- c. Keep accurate books of account and report to the Board of Directors as to the financial condition of the Corporation. Withdrawals from the Corporation fund shall be made by check signed by the Treasurer of the Corporation or either the Chairman or Vice Chairman.

**Editor:**

The Editor of the corporation shall:

- a. Create the newsletter published on a bi-monthly basis
- b. Maintain accurate records of advertisers

**Public Relations Officer:**

The Public Relations Officer shall establish, maintain, or improve a favorable relationship between the Corporation and the public by:

- a. Raising public awareness of motorcycling.
- b. He/she shall deal with all media coverage.
- c. Educate motorcyclists on their rights and what they can do to help themselves.
- d. Membership building and retention.
- e. Provide articles and press releases to media about motorcycle awareness, education and rights.

### **Sergeant at Arms:**

The Sergeant at Arms shall:

- a. Maintain order at all meetings.
- b. Be in charge of all security matters at events/runs.
- c. Distribute election ballots.

### **Webmaster:**

The Webmaster shall:

- a. Maintain, update and keep accurate the corporation's website

### **Organizational Liaison:**

The Organizational Liaison shall:

- a. Act as a primary contact for all clubs and other organizations.

### **Voting:**

Every board member has an equal vote and say on committee business. The quorum will be a simple majority of the board members and the chairman or vice-chairman. Each club/corporate membership and each individual membership in attendance at meetings have one vote.

### **Funding:**

Donations will be held by the Treasurer and will be dispersed as needed. All receipts will be shown to the board for final approval. Funds are to be raised through contributions, grants and fund raising activities. Upon the dissolution of New Mexico Motorcyclists Rights Organization, after paying or adequately providing for the debts and obligations of the corporation, the remaining assets shall be distributed to the Motorcycle Riders Foundation a charity or motorcycle rights organization to be determined by a majority vote of the board at that time. No part of the earnings of this corporation shall ever inure to or be for the benefit of or be distributed to its members, trustees, officers or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the exempt purposes for which it was formed. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted by a corporation exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

### **Membership:**

Single Membership \$20.00

Couples Membership \$30.00

Renewals: single \$15.00    couple \$20.00

Corporate Membership \$100.00

Chapters \$ 100.00

Members will receive an NMMRO patch, a membership card and our newsletters.

Club, Corporate, and Chapter Memberships will receive one patch and one membership card.

Memberships are valid for 12 months.

## Chapters

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A chapter of the NMMRO may be chartered by the action of the Board of Directors in any area of the state where there are five (5) or more members who request that the Directors grant such a charter. Each chapter will operate as part of the NMMRO non-profit organization as per the NMMRO Chapter By-Laws.

### **Chapter By-Laws/Signature Page:**

With each successive election or appointment to the board of each chapter of the New Mexico Motorcycle Rights Organization, the newly elected or appointed officers will read the chapter by-laws and sign the signature page of said by-laws. A signature will indicate compliance with the Chapter By-Laws. Upon completion, a copy of the above mentioned signature page will be sent to the office of the NMMRO Secretary for the purpose of up-dating the chapter records.

### **Purpose:**

The primary purpose of the chapters shall be to help improve the effectiveness of the New Mexico Motorcycle Rights Organization in obtaining its goals.

### **Chapter Officers:**

Each chapter shall elect officers as per the chapter bylaws. The qualifications and responsibilities of the chapter officers are as listed in the chapter bylaws.

### **Chapter Activities:**

The main focus of an NMMRO Chapter should be motorcyclist's rights. The chapter should support the efforts of the NMMRO at a state level, and the MRF at a national level but their main duty is to address motorcyclist rights issues that are happening within their area of concern and then pass this information on to the NMMRO so that it can be communicated to all chapters, organizations, and individuals within the NMMRO. In addition to communicating information up to state and national levels, NMMRO chapters are also tasked with communicating national and state level motorcyclist rights issues down to their members in a timely manner.

### **Charter Revocation:**

The NMMRO may revoke the charter of an NMMRO chapter for cause by a majority vote of the NMMRO Board of Directors and in accordance with the following steps:

1. Prior to a revocation vote the chapter will be given a written notification of the impending vote and the reasons for the vote.
2. The chapter will be given the chance to reply to all allegations with a written response prior to the vote.
3. The chapter must be given written notification of the results of the vote.

The revocation of a charter should be considered as an option only after all other attempts at the resolution of a dispute have been pursued.

## **Chapter Withdrawal:**

A chapter may withdraw from the NMMRO for cause by a majority vote of the chapter members and in accordance with the following steps:

1. Prior to a withdrawal vote the NMMRO must be given a written notification of the impending vote and the reasons for the vote.
2. The NMMRO must be given the chance to reply to the allegations with a written response prior to the vote.
3. The NMMRO must be given written notification of the results of the vote.

The withdrawal of a chapter should be considered as an option only after all other attempts at the resolution of a dispute have been pursued.

## **Bylaw Amendments:**

These bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of all the established board members at any time.

Revised: 11/8/02

Revised: 1/19/2009

Revised: 1/15/2011

Revised 7/19/2011

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**NMMRO Chairman**

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Vice Chairman**

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Secretary**

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Treasurer**

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Sergeant At Arms**

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Editor**

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Webmaster**

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**CNMMRO Chairman**

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Organizational Liaison**

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Public Relations Officer**

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_