



# Blue Knights



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## ARTICLE I -INTRODUCTION

### SECTION 1.01 Chapter

The Blue Knights South Carolina Chapter V, is hereinafter referred to in these By-Laws as BKSCV. BKSCV is an affiliated member of the Blue Knights International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club, Inc., 38 Alden Street, Bangor, Maine 04401,

### SECTION 1.02 Governing Documents

BKSCV shall have and follow By-Laws as presented by the Board of Directors and voted on by the general membership; however, in no case will any business of BKSCV be done in conflict with the Blue Knights International Constitution & By-Laws. Where specific issues are not addressed by BKSCV By-Laws, but are addressed by Blue Knights International By-Laws, the Blue Knights International By-Laws will apply.

### SECTION 1.03 Purpose

The purpose of BKSCV is:

- To promote a better image of motorcycling.
- To promote social fellowship, harmony, and closer personal friendships among the membership.
- To assert a wholesome influence on the public toward respect for motorcycling and public relations for Police Agencies in the State of South Carolina.

## ARTICLE II -MEMBERSHIP and VOTING

### SECTION 2.01 Membership Classifications

The five membership classifications in accordance with International are:

**Regular Members** – Persons who are full time (32 hours per week minimum) employees, with arrest authority, of a governmental law enforcement agency or department. Such employment must be the primary source of employment of all Regular Members. Persons receiving disability income, job reclassification or retirement benefits from a governmental law enforcement agency or department shall follow the designations as cited in the Blue Knights International Constitution. New applications will be accepted and then sent to the E-Board for approval. The membership will vote on new members application at the next meeting. New members will serve a 3-month Probationary period during which they may be removed from the chapter without explanation by a E-Board majority vote. The Vice President will process all new applications and send them to the International with membership dues.

**Associate Members** – Persons who are employed, with arrest authority, 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. Persons receiving retirement benefits or have taken an honorable separation (health, retirement, age, or injury) from a governmental law enforcement agency or department shall follow the designations as cited in the Blue Knights International Constitution. An associate member may hold the office of Secretary, Treasurer and Director provided that no regular members are interested.



## ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP and VOTING

### SECTION 2.01 Membership Classifications (continued)

**Honorary Members** – Persons who have substantially contributed to the promotion of the Blue Knights International and/or BKSCV motorcycle safety and enjoyment, or to the development of the sport of motorcycling, may be designated honorary members. In accord with the Blue Knights International By-Laws, persons must be proposed in writing by at least 3 chapter members. The BKSCV board will then make the determination whether the nominee qualifies as an Honorary member. Honorary membership may not exceed more than ten percent (10%) of the previous year's membership of Regular, Associate and Life Members of BKSCV with the Blue Knights International. Honorary Memberships will be reviewed and evaluated annually by the BKSCV Board of Directors as designated in the Blue Knights International By-Laws.

- Honorary members will be reviewed by the E-Board by October of each year.
- Honorary members will be required to submit a letter to the E-Board by October of each year requesting their membership be reaffirmed.
- Honorary membership will be voted on by Chapter members by December of each year.
- After being nominated in writing by at least 3 chapter members the nominated Honorary member must be approved by a membership vote.
- Honorary members must attend three events before becoming an Honorary Member and agree to attend a minimum of six (6) events or sanctioned functions per year.
- Honorary members will assist the Club with duties as assigned by the Chapter President.

**Life Members** – Life Members are restricted to the Founding Fathers of the the Blue Knights International and Past Blue Knights International Presidents in good standing.

**Special Honorary Members** – May be granted to an ordained member of a recognized religious order for the position of Chapter Chaplain. This is limited to one person and will not affect BKSCV's ten percent (10%) honorary limit.

**Guests** - BKSCV recognizes and acknowledges spouses, Domestic Partners and friends of the membership. They are welcome and encouraged to attend all BKSCV events but cannot vote on club business or be present at a meeting where matters of discipline against a member will be discussed. If and when a discussion arises, the guests will be asked to leave the room.

### SECTION 2.02 Properly Licensed

Members must be properly licensed to drive a motorcycle by the State of South Carolina or the State/Province of residence and must own a motorcycle, excepting however, that persons who otherwise qualify as a member but do not own a motorcycle, may become members if they have plans to own a motorcycle and do in fact acquire ownership rights in a motorcycle within six (6) months of their acceptance as a member.



## ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP and VOTING

### SECTION 2.03 Special Condition

A member who because of an injury or medical or physical condition is unable to continue riding a motorcycle may retain his/her membership with BKSCV.

### SECTION 2.04 Membership Termination

Membership in BKSCV shall terminate:

1. Upon the death of member
2. Failure of member to pay annual dues for BKSCV and the Blue Knights International on or before the due date.
3. Submission of a written or verbal resignation by member to a BKSCV Officer.
4. For cause in accordance with the Blue Knights International By-Laws

### SECTION 2.05 Voting

All Regular, Associate, Honorary, Special Honorary and Life Members in good standing shall have the right to vote on general business submitted to them by the BKSCV Board of Directors or as presented at the general meetings. The Presiding Officer's vote shall only be counted in the event of a tie vote. There shall be no voting by proxy at any BKSCV meeting.

### SECTION 2.06 Voting Eligibility

The Presiding Officer at any meeting where a vote of the members is taken shall make the determination whether a particular member is in good standing and thus eligible to vote. If the Presiding Officer makes such a determination at the meeting, the determination shall be subject to a vote of the membership qualified to vote if the Presiding Officer's ruling is questioned.

## ARTICLE III - OFFICERS & BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### SECTION 3.01 Executive Board of Directors

Hereinafter the Executive Board of Directors will be referred to as the E-Board. The elected officers of BKSCV shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. Only Regular Members may hold the offices of President and Vice-President. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by Associate Members provided that there are no Regular Members available or willing to hold those positions. A single person may hold both the Secretary and Treasurer's offices. In the event the Secretary and Treasurer are held by one person they shall be considered one position. According to the Blue Knights International, Board of Directors positions will be voted on during the November meeting. Ballots are to be distributed by the first of November.

### SECTION 3.02 E-Board Powers

With respect to BKSCV business, the powers and obligations of E-Board shall commensurate with the powers and duties of the Blue Knights International Officers as outlined in the Blue Knights International By-Laws.



## ARTICLE III - OFFICERS & BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### **SECTION 3.03 Board of Trustees**

The Board of Trustees will consist of three (3) Directors. If the Secretary and Treasurer are held as one (1) office there shall be four (4) Directors in the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees must appoint a Chairperson amongst themselves. If the three Directors cannot decide, the Senior Blue Knight Member of the Board of Trustees must assume the Chairperson position. The three (3) or four (4) additional Directors, as applicable, must be elected by the membership of BKSCV at the regularly scheduled election of Officers at the November meeting. The elected Directors positions may be held by an Associate Member provided that there are no Regular Members available or willing to hold those positions.

### **SECTION 3.04 Board of Directors**

The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Immediate Past President, as well as 3 Directors from the Board of Trustees, or if the Secretary and Treasurer are held as one (1) office there shall be four (4) Directors in the Board of Trustees. A quorum for the purpose of the BKSCV Board of Directors shall be at least four (4) Directors. The business and property of BKSCV shall be managed and controlled by the Board of Directors.

### **SECTION 3.05: Terms**

Elected Officers will have a one-year term unless circumstances require the extension, approved by the Executive Board. No person shall be elected to any office without having been a member in good standing for six months.

### **SECTION 3.06 President & VP Consecutive Terms**

The Office of President and Vice-President will limit their term of Office to three (3) consecutive terms, three (3) years. The President and Vice-President must allow one (1) term to expire before holding the same office again, unless there are no Regular Members available or willing to hold those positions.

### **SECTION 3.07 Vacancy**

If a Board member resigns or is removed the Executive Board will vote on a replacement, and that replacement will serve for the remainder of the term.

### **SECTION 3.08 Establish Other Positions**

The members of BKSCV may establish other positions to be held by elected BKSCV members for the conduct of BKSCV business. Provisions of the Bylaws relating to the conduct of business by the Blue Knights International Board.

### **SECTION 3.09 Duties of Elected and Appointed Members**

#### **Board of Trustees**

Directors will be charged with dealing with any disciplinary matters that may occur with a member.

#### **Executive Board of Directors**

The Executive Board of Directors will also be referred to as the Executive Board or the E-Board.



## ARTICLE III -OFFICERS & BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### SECTION 3.09 Duties of Elected and Appointed Members (continued)

#### **President**

Subject to the authority of the Board, the President shall be the Executive Head of the Chapter.

The duties of the President shall:

- Preside at all meetings of the chapter, Executive Board, and Board of Directors.
- Appoint all Committee Chair positions.
- Have power to call meetings of the Executive Board.

#### **Vice President**

The duties of the Vice President shall:

- At the request of the President or in the event of disability, shall perform the duties, possess and exercise the powers of the President.
- Have such other duties as may be assigned by the President.
- May continue to perform the duties of the President until such time as the entire Board declares a vacancy and elects a qualified replacement to serve as President.
- Be in charge of recruitment and any applicant's application for membership.

#### **Treasurer**

The duties of the Treasurer shall:

- Have custody of all funds of the chapter, subject to such regulations as may be imposed by the E-Board.
- Receive all chapter funds, depositing same in the name of the chapter in a bank chosen with the approval of the E-Board, and keep accurate records of all receipts and disbursements.
- Not make any disbursement of chapter funds other than chapter administrative expenses in excess of two hundred Dollars (\$200.00) without prior approval of the E-Board.
- Also maintain a petty cash fund of an additional Two hundred dollars \$200.00 and distribute same.
- Maintain and record of all monies and obligations received and paid or incurred by him on the account of the chapter.
- Present all his records to the Directors once a year for audit.
- With the assistance of the Secretary will file the chapter taxes.
- Be responsible for the collection of all membership dues.



## ARTICLE III - OFFICERS & BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### SECTION 3.09 Duties of Elected and Appointed Members (continued)

#### **Secretary**

The duties of the Secretary shall:

- When in attendance at the meetings of the chapter and E-Board, will keep the minutes of such meetings.
- Have charge of such books, documents, and papers as the E-Board may determine.
- Keep a record containing names, alphabetically arranged, of all members of the chapter and such book shall be open for inspection as prescribed by law.
- Provide E-mail and phone numbers of members to other chapter members.
- provide the address of members only to the E-Board members and may only be distributed with the members approval.
- At the request of the President or as otherwise provided herein, shall give adequate notice of all meetings of the board.
- Be responsible with the Treasurer with completing all tax related document to the IRS by the deadline specified.
- Keep record of attendance at all E-Board and Club meetings, rides and sanctioned events.

#### **Appointed Positions**

These positions are not E-Board or Board of Trustees positions. However, these positions can be held by E-Board members or Board of Trustees members.

#### **Sergeant at Arms**

The Sergeant at Arms:

- Will be appointed by the President for a term of one year.
- Appointment or removal must be approved by the Executive Board.
- Will maintain order at chapter meetings and will ensure that no unauthorized individuals enter the meeting place.
- Will maintain a sign in sheet for chapter meetings.

#### **Quartermaster**

The Quartermaster:

- Will be appointed by the President for a term of one year.
- Appointment or removal must be approved by the Executive Board.
- Will preside over the sales and purchase of all chapter and International merchandise for the disbursement to the membership.
- Will maintain a log of sales and purchases to be available upon request of the E-Board.
- Will report as needed on all sales items under the Quartermasters control.
- If unable to attend a meeting a report, shall be given to any officer of the Club to be read at the meeting.



## ARTICLE IV - MEETINGS

### **SECTION 4.01 General Meeting**

The General Meeting will be held on the second Tuesday of November at 6:00pm at a preannounced location determined by the Executive Board. At the President's discretion, the President may change the date, time or location for unforeseen circumstances.

### **SECTION 4.02 Monthly Meetings**

The Monthly Meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm at a preannounced location determined by the Executive Board. At the President's discretion, the President may change the date, time or location for unforeseen circumstances.

### **SECTION 4.03 Special Meetings**

Special meetings of the general membership may be called as necessary by vote of the BKSCV Board of Directors or upon the written petition of twenty-five percent (25%) of the members. Only such business as is clearly set forth in the notice for the Special Meeting shall be transacted at such meeting. Date, time and preannounced location will be determined by the Executive Board. At the President's discretion, he/she may change the date, time or location for unforeseen circumstances.

### **SECTION 4.04 Executive Board Meetings**

The Executive Board will meet prior to meetings to discuss club business. Date, time and preannounced location will be determined by the Executive Board. At the President's discretion, he/she may change the date, time or location for unforeseen circumstances.

### **SECTION 4.05 E-Board Meeting Food and Refreshments**

Food and refreshments will be provided by the club at E-Board meetings, not to exceed Fifty Dollars \$50.00.

### **SECTION 4.06 Meeting Conduct**

"Robert's Rules of Order" should govern the conduct and be used as a guideline at all meetings of BKSCV, unless otherwise provided for in the Blue Knights International Constitution and By-Laws or these By-Laws.

### **SECTION 4.07 Quorum**

At any general, monthly or special meetings of BKSCV, the presence of ten (10) members including the Board of Directors, shall constitute a quorum for all purposes. At all meetings of BKSCV, at which there is a quorum present, a majority of the votes cast on any matter before the meeting shall control.

### **SECTION 4.08 Guests at Meetings**

From time-to-time guests may attend meetings. They must be announced at the beginning of the meeting and member made aware of their presence. If a guest is approved by the chair to speak, they are limited to 10 minutes.



## ARTICLE IV - MEETINGS

### SECTION 4.09 Meeting Agenda

The President or in his/her absence the Vice President will chair the monthly meeting. The general order of business is as follows.

- Pledge to the Flag of the United States of America
- Opening Prayer
- Roll Call of Officers
- Recognize and welcome guests
- Vote and acknowledge any new members
- Reading & Approval of the minutes of last meeting
- Reports of:
  - President
  - Vice President
  - Treasure
  - Secretary
  - Board of Directors
  - Quartermaster
  - Reports of any Committees
- Old Business
- New Business
- Announcement of any invitations to events
- Good and Welfare
- Announcement of next meeting
- 50/50
- Closing Prayer
- Motion to adjourn

Members recognized by the Chair at a meeting limited to five (5) minutes. The Chair may grant an additional 5 minutes if needed.

Members speaking on a motion, can speak 5 minutes on each motion.



## ARTICLE V -DUES and FINANCIAL GUIDELINES

### SECTION 5.01 Annual Membership Dues

Annual Membership Dues for BKSCV will be \$75.00:

- The dues as assessed for the Blue Knights International membership in accordance with the Blue Knights International By-Laws (\$25.00)
- The dues assessed for BKSCV membership (\$50.00)

### SECTION 5.02 Payment Due Dates

Dues for International and BKSCV membership shall be paid in full to the Treasurer of BKSCV on or before January 20th of each and every year. The Treasurer shall ensure the Blue Knights International dues are mailed no later than January 27th of each and every year. Any member who does not submit payment for the Blue Knights International and BKSCV dues on or before January 20th shall pay a late fee of \$5.00. Full payment for the Blue Knights International and BKSCV dues must accompany any application for membership. If it is determined that an applicant is not eligible for membership into the Blue Knights International and/or BKSCV, all monies collected for dues minus amount paid divided by twelve per month for the duration of applicant's participation in BKSCV will be refunded to applicant.

### SECTION 5.03 Authorized Signors

All expenditure checks issued by BKSCV shall require one (1) signature. The President, Vice-President and Treasurer shall be the authorized signors for BKSCV. The Treasurer will be a signor on all checks unless the Treasurer is unavailable, and an emergency arises requiring immediate distribution of any funds approved as set out below.

### SECTION 5.04 Spending Limits

Spending by the E-Board is limited to Five Hundred dollars \$500 without a membership vote. If an emergency arises, up to \$1,000 may be expended by a majority vote of the Board of Directors with disclosure of said distribution to be made to the general membership at the next meeting. The Petty cash fund of the Treasurer will be set at Two hundred dollars \$200. Any other spending shall require a majority vote of the membership at a general meeting.

## ARTICLE VI -ELECTIONS

### SECTION 6.01 Frequency

Election of Officers and Directors shall be held every year at the November general meeting of BKSCV. Officers and Directors shall serve a one (1) year term from January through December.

### SECTION 6.02 Preparation of Nominations

The President shall announce the upcoming election of Officers and Directors at the August general meeting. The Board of Directors shall prepare a nomination ballot prior to the August general meeting. An official notice of the election and a nomination ballot will be distributed to the membership via email and our email Group or similar page. A nomination ballot shall be mailed to each BKSCV member in good standing who does not have Internet service. The nomination ballot may be reproduced, or an additional nomination ballot obtained from any of the Directors.



## ARTICLE VI -ELECTIONS

### **SECTION 6.03 Nominations**

The President shall call for all nomination ballots to be submitted prior to or at the September and October general meetings. Nominations from the floor at the September and October general meetings shall be accepted if the nominee is present to accept/decline the nomination. If the nominee is not present, the nominee must send a letter or electronic transmission (email or text) accepting or declining the nomination. Nominations by ballot or from the floor shall not be accepted after a motion and a second has been made to close nominations. All nomination ballots must be submitted to a Director to be considered an official nomination. No member can accept nomination for more than one position.

### **SECTION 6.04 Unchallenged Election**

Should the current slate of Officers and Directors be unchallenged (no official nominated candidates), a motion and second from the floor to accept, by acclamation, the current slate of Officers and Directors for another term may be made at the October general meeting. A majority vote of the members present at the October general meeting shall cancel the requirement for an election.

### **SECTION 6.05 Meet the Candidates**

All candidates for Officer and Director positions shall be allowed, if desired, to make a three (3) minute maximum candidacy speech at the October general meeting.

### **SECTION 6.06 Mailed Ballots**

Election of Officers and Directors shall be by written ballot. The Board of Directors shall prepare a written ballot to be mailed to all members in good standing on the rolls of BKSCV. The ballot shall be marked "Official" with a red or blue stamp to ensure reproductions of the ballot are not submitted. Should a member not receive an official ballot by mail, he/she may obtain an official ballot from the Secretary. The Secretary shall note such request in the minutes of the November general meeting.

### **SECTION 6.07 Accepting Ballots**

Ballots shall be accepted by mail or by submission in person to the Secretary at the November general meeting. BKSCV's official mailing address shall be checked at least one time after 12:00 p.m. and prior to 5:00 p.m. on the day of the election. All mailed ballots shall be submitted to the Secretary prior to the Call to Order at the November general meeting. The President shall call for a motion and a second from the floor to open the election. The members present shall at that time submit their ballots to the Secretary. The President shall call for a motion and a second from the floor to close the election. The Secretary shall then count the number of ballot sheets received and verify that there are not more ballots than members in good standing on the rolls of BKSCV. Should there be more ballots than members in good standing on the rolls of BKSCV, the ballots will not be opened, and the election of Officers and Directors shall be postponed until such time as new ballots can be mailed and the election process completed.



## ARTICLE VI -ELECTIONS

### SECTION 6.08 Counting Ballots

The President shall appoint three (3) members in good standing who are not candidates for election and present at the November general meeting to open and count the ballots. The ballots shall be counted a minimum of two (2) times for accuracy. Once the ballots have been counted, the designated spokesperson of the three (3) counting members shall make the announcement of Officers and Directors to the members present. Results of the election shall also be included in the November newsletter.

### SECTION 6.09 Notification to Blue Knight International

The Secretary shall ensure notification to the Blue Knights International and Blue Knights Southern Conference of Officer and Director positions for BKSCV is made no later than January 15th following the election.

## ARTICLE VII -GENERAL

### SECTION 7.01 Colors

- A. Vests must be dark or traditional light blue or black in color.
- B. Vests or other garment's showing Blue Knights logo should be worn at all meetings, rides and sanctioned events.
- C. Vests must contain on back large Blue Knight patch, BKSCV Rockers with "LE" & "MC", and Blue Knight patch on front left side.
- D. Vests will not contain any offensive pins or patches. The President will determine if an item is offensive, unless a written complaint is filed, in which case the Board of Directors will make that determination.
- E. The President will determine if uniformity is required (ie: white collared shirts and black pants for funerals)
- F. Honorary members will return their colors when they are no longer members. Reimbursement will be considered on a prorated basis.
- G. Members may purchase an extra set of colors for their significant other and may be worn when riding.

### SECTION 7.02 Sanctioned Rides and Events

The E-Board will approve all sanctioned rides and events. This will not prevent members from calling for a ride with short notice like a lunch or evening ride. It will be the responsibility of the member calling the ride to record all who attend and report same at the next meeting.

An "Event" will be defined as:

- a) A ride or event approved by the E-Board.
- b) A ride of two or more members that was offered to the entire BKSCV club.
- c) A Board of Directors, General, Committee or Annual Monthly Meetings.

Any guests on a ride must fill out a waiver. This is either rider or passenger.

The E-Board must approve all events requiring funds from the treasury before the treasurer dispenses any funds.

All fundraising events must be voted on by the membership after being approved by the E-Board.



## ARTICLE VII -GENERAL

### SECTION 7.03 Blue Knights Southern Conference & International Conventions

The President of BKSCV will be reimbursed expenses as approved by the E-Board (based on available funds) to attend and represent the club at all International meetings and Southern Conference meetings. This is limited to Two Hundred and fifty dollars \$250.00.

If the President or Vice President is not available for these meetings, the President may appoint a designee to attend in his place. The designee must be assigned by written documentation and will receive the expense reimbursements.

Any and all reimbursed attendees must report Conference events at the following general meeting.

Receipts must be presented for payment to the E-Board.

### SECTION 7.04 Definitions

For the purposes of these By-Laws and any BKSCV business the following terms are defined as:

**Member in Good Standing** – A person who is still a member of BKSCV whose dues are current and has not been declared to not qualify for membership by any body having final jurisdiction.

**Member Not In Good Standing** – A person who is a member whose dues are not current, has been suspended, or has been found to have committed an act which would give cause for membership to be terminated, but has not had a final hearing and is still in the appeals process.

**Non-Member** – A person who is not a member, as defined by the Blue Knights International, or whose membership has terminated for any reason.

**Cause** – Cause of action that is legally adequate to sustain a decision to inflict negative sanctions on a member.

**Suspension** – A temporary and reversible termination of the rights and benefits of membership. This is not a termination of the membership itself.

**Removal** – The permanent termination of rights of membership.

### SECTION 7.05 Suspension or Removal

Notwithstanding other provisions of the Blue Knights Constitution and By-Laws, BKSCV may suspend or remove a member for cause. The Blue Knights International Constitution and By-Laws will be followed regarding suspension or removal of a member of BKSCV for cause, the appeals process and final determinations.



## ARTICLE VII -GENERAL

### SECTION 7.06 Discipline

When dealing with any misconduct by a member, the Board of Directors will be guided under the current issue of Robert's Rules of Order. Directors shall address all issues in such a manner as to afford equity and fairness to all affected thereby.

Discipline proceedings shall be initiated for a violation of the Blue Knights International Constitution Blue Knights International By-Laws, BKSCV By-Laws, insubordination or mistreatment to fellow members as determined by the Board of Directors.

A written complaint shall be signed and dated by the complainant(s) who need to be a member in good standing, and submitted to the President, who will then forward the complaint to the Board of Directors. If the complaint is against the President, the complaint will be submitted to the Vice President. Service of the complaint shall be made by the Chairman of the Board of Directors or his designee in person or via certified mail. If the complaint is made by a Board of Director, the President will appoint a three (3) member disciplinary tribunal from the membership.

A hearing must be scheduled no later than 30 days upon the service of the complaint.

The accused member (s) shall be entitled to representation from a member of the Organization whose membership is in good standing. The member must submit any written documentation that the member plans to present at the hearing to the Chairman of the Board of Directors as well as a list of potential witnesses the member plans to bring to provide testimony to support the member's accusations no later than five (5) days prior to the hearing date.

The Board of Directors shall decide the case and determine the penalty or sanctions against the accused. The results shall be forwarded to the President.

The members shall vote on the Board of Directors recommendation at the next General membership meeting.

The Secretary must send Disciplinary decisions in writing to the disciplined member and the complainant. In accordance with the Blue Knights International Constitution and By-Laws, any decisions by a majority vote of the general membership for disciplinary action of a member may be appealed to the BKSCV Board of Directors. Disciplinary decisions must be in writing to the disciplined member. If a member is dissatisfied with a decision of disciplinary action, he/she may appeal within thirty (30) days of receipt of written disciplinary notification. Said appeal may be in person or by written brief, in either case, a written brief shall be submitted. Appeals of final BKSCV decisions will be heard at the conference level. An appeal of a final conference level decision will be heard by the Blue Knights International Board or a committee designated by the board to hear such an appeal. No disciplinary actions will be applied when an appeal is in progress.

### SECTION 7.07 Dissolution of Chapter

In the event of dissolution of BKSCV, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of BKSCV, dispose of all of the assets to an organization(s) organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization(s) under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future U.S. Internal Revenue Law) as the Board of Directors shall determine.



## ARTICLE VII -GENERAL

### SECTION 7.08 Amendments

Amendments to these Bylaws may be proposed by any member in good standing, in writing, to the President. The President will read the proposal in the form of a motion at the next monthly membership meeting, request a second, and allow discussion and debate. If approved by simple majority vote of the member's present, the proposed amendment must be published in the next monthly newsletter if one exists.

It shall also be published in the meeting minutes distributed to the membership via email and our email Group or similar page.

After publication, the proposed amendment must be approved by two thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members present and by proxy vote at the next monthly meeting. The amendment will be considered effective as of the date of the final vote or as of an effective date contained in the motion.