



IARG BYLAWS

ARTICLE I – Group Name

This Riders Group shall be known as IARG, a regional rider's group primarily of the five Midwest States surrounding, and including, Minnesota.

ARTICLE II – Group Vision and Mission

Section 2.1 – Vision

The Vision of this group is to be an all-inclusive Motorcycle Group to promote friendship, goodwill, and to enhance the lives of its members and all motorcycle riders, to encourage safe riding for all members and riding enthusiasts, and to contribute to, and reflect a positive image in our communities. We encourage motorcycle enthusiasts to experience the freedom of the open road through lawful and safe motorcycle riding activities and to provide a means for individuals to participate with others that share a like-minded interest in promoting Motorcycling.

Section 2.2 – Mission

The Mission of the IARG is to bring together a group of people who enjoy similar philosophies and riding styles with a focus on riding. The IARG will promote fellowship among motorcycle riders and improve relations between the general public and motorcycle riders through discussion and social events. The IARG will not discriminate against any race, religion, or ethnicity. In addition, the IARG will welcome all riders, regardless of their choice of motorcycle manufacturer. The IARG will promote motorcycle safety and education through motorcycle safety courses, seminars, rallies, newsletters, and discussion among members. The IARG will provide educational information on mechanical improvements, safety gear, riding techniques, motorcycle history, restoration of vintage motorcycles, motorcycle maintenance and repair with the IARG members.

Article III – Principal Office

The principal office of the IARG resides with the current Director of Digital Media.

Article IV – Members

Section 4.1 – Membership

- A. All members, with the exception of the Officers and Executive Board, are required to pay annual dues by March 31 of the current year or upon notice from the IARG. If membership dues are not paid by the due date, a \$10 fee will be added to the current annual dues. If, after not paying dues for any period of time, a member fails to pay subsequent dues, membership is suspended pending payment of dues. Members choosing to suspend or terminate their membership will not be asked to return their IARG patch. A patch does not define membership, only members with paid dues are members and can vote or set policies. Non-paid participants can ride with the IARG and are allowed to attend meetings, but are not allowed to engage on direction setting.
- B. Any motorcyclist is eligible to join the IARG. Eligible person shall be admitted to the IARG upon payment of current dues.
- C. Members that have been voted in to officer positions, and members that are on the Executive Board by direction of the President, are exempt from annual dues for the active year in which they are holding that position. If an Officer or a member of the Executive Board vacates their position, either by resignation or removal, prior to June 1st of the active year are responsible for that year's dues. Since these positions are not paid, this is our way to reimburse them for their time and effort.



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Section 4.2 – Cancellation of Membership

The IARG may terminate membership of any member upon any of the following events:

- A. Failure of any member to pay dues within the times set forth by the IARG or as otherwise provided in these bylaws.
- B. Failure by any member to comply with the provisions of these bylaws or any membership rules adopted hereunder.
- C. Any member or officer who does not comply with the principles set forth by the IARG may, by two-thirds majority vote, of a Special Meeting (section 5.3) and Quorum and Voting (section 5.4), be expelled and shall lose all rights granted as a member in good standing.
- D. Termination of a membership shall not relieve the member from any obligation for charges incurred, services or benefits actually received, dues, assessments, or fees for which the member is obligated to the IARG.
- E. **Suspension** – Any member delinquent in payment of their annual dues shall be placed on indefinite suspension and that member shall lose voting privileges until such time restitution or remedy is made of said delinquent dues.

Section 4.3 – Transfer of Membership

IARG memberships are non-transferable.

Article V – Meetings of Members

Section 5.1 – Place of Meetings

IARG meetings shall be held at such place generally convenient as designated primarily by the Vice President or presiding Officers of the Group. Meetings will be rotated around the Twin Cities area and surrounding suburbs.

Section 5.2 – Meetings

The IARG and members will meet on the 2nd Saturday of each month.

Section 5.3 – Special Meetings

A special meeting of the IARG may be called at any time by the Officers or by a majority vote of a quorum of members. All Special Meetings will be posted to both the Facebook (FB) page or the IARG website at least 14 days in advance. It is the sole responsibility of the member to keep the Director of Digital Media up to date of any changes to their FB or email address and to stay abreast of current events via the IARG website (www.iargmn.com). Notices shall be sent by the Director of Digital Media only to general members in good standing of record.

Section 5.4 – Quorum and Voting

One-third (1/3) of the total membership or ten members, whichever is less, and at least three Board Members shall be a quorum for all meetings of the IARG. All matters shall be decided by a majority vote of members at the meeting at which a quorum is present, unless a greater number is required by law. Voting shall be by show of hands or paper ballot. A paper ballot vote shall be used by the request of any members. Roberts Rules of Order shall govern meetings; as such rules may be revised from time to time, insofar as such rules are not in conflict with these bylaws.



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ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS

Section 6.1 – Officers

The officers of the IARG shall be known as the Board of Officers and will consist of a President, Vice President, Director of Digital Media, Director of Membership, Treasurer, Associate Treasurer, and Road Guard Director. Officers shall be elected by a majority vote during our December meeting. Each officer shall serve for a term of two (2) years or until their successor is elected. The positions of President, Director of Digital Media and Treasurer will be up for election on even numbered years. The positions of Vice President, Associate Treasurer and Road Guard Director will be up for election on odd numbered years. If necessitated by vacancies caused by the departure of an officer, the board will appoint a temporary replacement, up to 60 days and until the replacement is voted in at the next meeting.

Transition of Officers: Officers elected at the annual election shall take office immediately upon election.

It is the responsibility of the President to choose four (4) Executive Board Members that serve at the President's leisure.

Section 6.2 – Duties of the President

The President shall be the general manager and chief executive officer of the IARG and shall perform all the duties considered external facing the community at large. The President is responsible for the vision and mission and should set the culture of the group. The President shall preside at all Board and Executive meetings of the Riders, and will appoint members to assume temporary duties for any officer absent at a scheduled meeting. The President shall represent the IARG at local and national motorcycle functions and activities. If a board vote should ever end in a tie, it will be the President's vote that will act as the tiebreaker.

Section 6.3 – Duties of the Vice President

The Vice President shall reside over the monthly membership meetings of the IARG and assist the President in all duties. Should the office of the President become vacant during the elective term, the Vice President will assume the officer position of President, with all responsibilities. The Vice President shall oversee the day to day internal activities of the group and assist in all planning.

Section 6.4 – Duties of the Director of Digital Media

The Director of Digital Media shall prepare minutes at all meetings of the IARG. The Director of Digital Media shall maintain a record of minutes and the proceedings of annual, special, and general meetings. The Director of Digital Media shall provide members with all notices required by these bylaws as well as the group website newsletter. The Director of Digital Media shall also present the minutes of the previous meeting at each monthly meeting. All FB and website activities shall be controlled by this officer.

Section 6.5 – Duties of the Treasurer and Associate Treasurer

Both the Treasurer and the Associate Treasurer shall be known as Treasurers. The Treasurers shall maintain and secure accurate accounts of the properties and business transactions of the IARG. The Treasurers shall deposit all dues, monies, and other valuables in the name, and to the credit, of the IARG. The Treasurers shall disburse the funds of the IARG as may be ordered by the Board. The Treasurers shall also give an accounting of all funds at each monthly meeting. The Treasurers are also responsible for any and all income tax filings.

The duties of the Treasurers shall also include the preparation, and presentation, of annual financial income or sales tax reports for the IARG, maintain an inventory of all property of the IARG, and prepare financial summaries of all fundraising events within thirty (30) days of the completion of the event. All funds dispersed by the Treasurers require both signatures.



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Section 6.6 – Duties of Director of Membership

The Director of Membership will define ways to grow and maintain the membership. All source records of members will be in the Directors control and quarterly updates on active membership will be given to the Board of Officers. The Director will make sure all events have an effective membership component to them and the events are staffed accordingly to inform new and potential members of benefits. All patches and paraphernalia will be controlled by this Director. This member of the board may be the first touch with the IARG members and should be staffed with someone with a sales/marketing aptitude.

Section 6.7 – Duties of the Road Guard Director

The Road Guard Director shall maintain order and determine the existence of a quorum. Additionally, the Road Guard Director will manage group ride safety concerns and appoint additional Road Captains or Tail Gunners as needed for each ride.

6.7a – Duties of the Road Captain

- Maintain a safe speed for conditions and riders' capabilities
- Signal riders of intended lane changes and stops
- Signal riders of road conditions and formation changes
- Maintain control and integrity of the group
- Establish rest areas
- Other duties as assigned by the Board
- Assess and ensure all new riders are in the front of the group

6.7b – Duties of the Tail Gunner

The Tail Gunner will be appointed by the board for a term of one year.

- Be the eyes and ears of the ride leader at the back of the pack
- Keep the ride leader informed of what is happening in the group
- Stop and assist any disabled motorcycle
- Secure the lane at the request of the ride leader
- Secure the lane when the group has cleared an intersection after a controlled stop
- Secure the lane when the group has all made the turn at a change of highways
- Secure the lane if there are other motor vehicles mixed within the group
- Inform the ride leaders of any potential traffic problems
- Inform the ride leader of the group's progress
- Inform the ride leader when the drop-off bike is recovered or back in formation
- Perform other duties as assigned

Section 6.8 – Code of Conduct for Officers

The Board of Officers must act professionally and in the best interest of the IARG. Failure to do so could result in an Executive Board review of their actions. Officers are tasked with listening to all concerns with an open mind.

Section 6.8a – Discretionary Spending

The Board of Officers is allowed to spend up to \$250 at any one time without prior approval. Any amount(s) above \$250 is to be voted on and approved by the majority.



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Section 6.9 – Executive Board and Special Committee

- A. The Executive Board will be appointed by the President. The Executive Board will serve at the leisure of the President. This board will consist of four Executive Board Members and primarily advise the President on issues related to the culture, behaviors, and emergent issues of the IARG. Key roles of the Executive Board are to control the bylaws and their updates as well as be the first group to hear and comment on any grievance against any member of the IARG. All decisions by the Executive Board are advisory and require Board of Officer approval.
- B. Special committees may be created, and their members shall be appointed by the Board of Officers. These committees may be eliminated by the Board. As with standing appointments, all special committees shall be subject to the general control and direction of the Board of Officers.

ARTICLE VII – Execution of Corporate Instruments and Notes

The Board of Officers shall determine the method and designate any officer or officers or other person or persons to execute any corporate instrument or document, or to sign the corporate name, except where otherwise provided by law, and such execution or signature shall be binding upon the IARG. Unless otherwise required by law, promissory notes and other instruments of indebtedness of the IARG must be signed by the President and the Vice President or Treasurer.

Article VIII – Restrictions

Section 8.1 – Wearing of Rockers

No member of the IARG will wear a “rocker” patch in addition to the IARG patch. The definition of a rocker is a complimentary patch on the back of a jacket or vest, usually under the main patch, which contains Chapter ID’s city or state text information. This is a serious issue in many states where the 1% Motorcycle Clubs are very territorial. While wearing the IARG patch, a member may not wear other patches that identify city, state, M/C, or 1%. The IARG is a Motorcycle Riding Group, not a Motorcycle Club.



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Appendix A – IARG Etiquette

The IARG will be sponsoring and attending rides for the enjoyment of the membership and guests.

For the sake of uniformity, and to avoid possible future disputes or claims of liability, the following rules and regulations have been established and are subject to change at any time:

- The IARG, and any other sponsoring organization) assumes no responsibility or liability for loss or damage to personal property, or injury to any person who participates in IARG sponsored activities and functions. All members and guests participate at their own risk.
- Alcohol and illegal drug use is discouraged.
- IARG sponsored activities shall conform always to federal, state, and local laws.
- All complaints and/or suggestions for improvements should be made in private to the Road Guard Director or to an IARG Officer for resolution and should not be made the subject of general discussion and possible dispute.
- Members are requested to cooperate by avoiding and refraining from angry disputes, altercations, and discussion of personal problems, which would impair the fulfillment of our mission and mission statement.
- Any unruly, intoxicated persons at an IARG event or activity may be requested to leave.
- All members are responsible for the conduct and behavior of their guests, families, and themselves and are liable for any damages incurred. Each member agrees to full indemnify, defend and hold harmless the IARG, its Officers, employees, agents and other members in the event of any claim or lawsuit based on the act or omission of such member.
- No member is to sit on, or move another member's motorcycle without the owner's approval, barring an emergency.

Appendix B – Disclaimers

- The formation of the IARG is at the sole risk of the members, and the IARG assumes no liability.
- IARG, Inc. will adopt such rules of the road as they deem advisable and will research and follow motorcycle safety rules as well as all applicable laws. However, the IARG, Inc. does not guarantee safeties if such rules and laws are not followed and does not guarantee compliance with such rules. Moreover, each individual rider has the responsibility of assessing the safety aspects of riding and conditions and assumes the risk of riding a motorcycle. To some extent, all motor vehicles are inherently dangerous.
- Any rider considering participating in an IARG, Inc. activity or riding on his or her own should assess his or her own abilities and avoid engaging in activities beyond those abilities. Specifically, any rider who doubts his or her personal ability to participate in a group event or to ride, or feels her or she has no adequately prepared himself or herself and his or her equipment, or question the condition of local public highways or other riding areas, or believes his or her for any loss that might occur, is urged to avoid participating in riding or in any group events or activities



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The said bylaws were amended from their original form on January 13, 2018. The said bylaws supersede all previous written bylaws.

President _____ *Date:*

Vice President _____ *Date:*

Director Digital _____ *Date:*

Membership _____ *Date:*

Treasurer _____ *Date:*

Assoc. Treasurer _____ *Date:*

Road Guard _____ *Date:*

Executive _____ *Date:*

Executive _____ *Date:*

Executive _____ *Date:*

Executive _____ *Date:*