

ABATE Of WASHINGTON

Spanaway Chapter By-Laws

1 OBJECTIVE AND PURPOSES

The objectives and purposes of this Chapter shall be in accordance with the State Organization and shall include: To form a united motorcycle riders organization dedicated to promoting fair motorcycle legislation; Shall work to insure freedom of the road by working to prevent enactment and/or work to repeal existing unfair motorcycle legislation; Shall promote motorcycle safety and education programs, public awareness and work to prevent enactment of laws which are prejudicial to motorcycling.

2 POWERS

To accomplish the purpose for which this Chapter was organized, the Chapter shall have all the powers provided herein and those provided by the State Organization By-Laws and Policies. These By-Laws shall not be in conflict with the By-Laws and Policies of ABATE of Washington.

3 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

3.1 GENERAL:

The affairs of the Chapter, other than at regular meetings, shall be managed by the Executive Committee consisting of: Coordinator, Deputy Coordinator, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary (hereafter referred to collectively as Officers).

3.2 TERM OF OFFICE and ELECTIONS:

The election of the Chapter's Officers shall be held at its regular Membership meeting during the month of September of each year. The term of office is twelve (12) months. Failure by any officer to attend General Business Meetings on two (2) consecutive occasions, unless excused by the Executive Committee, will result in the immediate removal of that Officer from office. Such vacancies shall be filled by a member accepting appointment by the Executive Committee for the remainder of the vacating officer's term, with approval by the Membership.

3.3 COMPENSATION:

Officers receive no compensation for their services as Officers. Officers may be allowed reimbursement of their actual and necessary expenses in conducting Chapter business as approved by the Membership.

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4 OFFICERS

4.1 ELECTIONS, TERM OF OFFICE and OUALIFICATIONS:

Any Member in good standing shall be qualified to hold office. Each Officer shall hold office until: his/her successor has been duly elected; his/her death; resignation; removal from office as provided Article III and Article V.

4.2 REMOVAL:

Any Officer may be removed per Article III or Article V or by a four/fifths (4/5) vote of the General Membership present at a General Business Meeting.

4.3 RESIGNATION:

Any Officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Coordinator or Secretary or at a meeting of the Executive Committee.

4.4 DUTIES OF OFFICERS:

4.4.1 CHAPTER COORDINATOR:

Shall be responsible to keep the State Coordinator and the State Board of Directors informed as to the business and activities of the Chapter; Shall chair all regular, special and Executive Committee meetings; shall supervise, manage and control all business of the Chapter; shall perform all duties incident to the office according to these By-Laws and by the State By-Laws and Policies; shall represent the Chapter at all state meetings and functions; shall automatically be a member of all Chapter committees.

4.4.2 DEPUTY CHAPTER COORDINATOR:

Shall assist the Coordinator; shall act in the place of the Coordinator in his/her absence including acting as a member of the State Board of Directors with voting powers; shall perform any and all duties which may be prescribed by the Coordinator or Members.

4.4.3 CHAPTER SECRETARY:

Shall record the minutes of all meetings, provide the State Secretary with copies of all minutes, flyers and correspondence and perform any and all duties incident to the office.

4.4.4 CHAPTER TREASURER:

Shall keep accurate and complete financial records of the Chapter; Shall submit quarterly financial reports to the State Coordinator; Report the financial condition of the Chapter at all Chapter meetings; Perform any and all duties incident to the office.

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4.4.5 MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY:

Shall maintain an accurate and complete membership list of the Chapter Members; Process all Membership Applications and forward all dues to the State Organization; shall maintain the integrity of the Chapter Roster, per members' request. If this position is vacant it will become the responsibility of the Chapter Secretary to fulfill the duties of Membership Secretary.

4.4.6 QUARTERMASTER:

Shall maintain an inventory of Chapter property, shall provide a copy of the Inventory List to the State Quartermaster once per year and a quarterly report to the Chapter. Any member in possession of chapter property shall maintain the condition and integrity of said property or be responsible for its replacement if damage is due to negligence.

4.4.7 SERGEANT AT ARMS:

Shall maintain order at all Chapter meetings; shall coordinate Security at Chapter functions as needed; shall assist the Road Captain on Chapter runs.

5 MEMBERSHIP

5.1 ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP:

Membership in ABATE of Washington shall be open to any persons sixteen (~~16~~18) years or older who has applied for membership and who's dues have been paid in full for one (1) year to ABATE of Washington shall become a member of this chapter.

5.2 NO DISCRIMINATION:

ABATE of Washington does not discriminate against any person on the basis of sex, race, religious preference or motorcycle choice.

5.3 CLASSIFICATIONS OF MEMBERSHIP:

5.3.1 REGULAR MEMBERS:

Any person who is a member and who is not otherwise classified below is deemed to be a regular member.

5.3.2 HONORARY MEMBERS:

The Executive Committee of this Chapter, with approval of the Membership and the State Board of Directors, shall be authorized to grant an Honorary membership to any non-ABATE Member deemed worthy by their special assistance to this Chapter and the ABATE Organization. Any such

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person shall have no vote or voice in the affairs of ABATE by virtue of this honor and shall not be exempt from paying dues should they apply for membership. Further, this person shall not be recognized as an Honorary Member of the State ABATE Organization.

5.3.3 CHARTER MEMBERS:

The initial thirty (30) members shall be deemed to be the Charter Members.

5.3.4 LIFETIME MEMBERS:

This Chapter, by majority vote of the Membership, may recommend that one or more of its members receive a Lifetime Membership from the State Organization as provided for in the State By-Laws. Recommendations shall be forwarded to the State Coordinator.

5.3.5 MEMBERSHIP CARDS:

The Membership Secretary shall take all applications for Membership Cards and send them to the State Membership Secretary.

5.4 TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP:

The Membership of any Member shall terminate if:

- The member submits written request to a Chapter Officer and/or the State Organization
- Upon the death of the member
- Upon suspension by the State Board of Directors
- The member's dues are in arrears according to the State By-Laws

6.0 DUES

6.1 CHAPTER DUES:

There are no dues for membership in our Chapter.

6.2 STATE DUES:

The initial dues and Membership Application shall be paid to the Membership Secretary who shall forward them to the State organization. The annual dues shall be in accordance with the State By-Laws. Annual dues shall be due and payable on the anniversary date of the Member's initial application date to the State organization per State dues Schedule:

7.0 Meetings

7.1 Business Meetings:

Membership meetings shall be held on the Second Tuesday of each

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month at 7pm at Uncle Sam's unless approved by the Members at the previous Business Meeting.

7.2 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

The major purpose of this meeting is to set the agenda for the upcoming Business Meeting. The location and time shall be determined by the Executive Committee. Reference State By-Laws 8.1.3 and 8.2

8 Committees

The Coordinator, the Executive Committee and/or the Membership, may establish committees and appoint a Chairperson in order to assist in accomplishing the objectives and purposes of the Chapter and ABATE of Washington.

8.1 Committee Terms

The duties and terms of existence of said committees shall not exist beyond the annual Chapter elections.

9 IN THE WIND

9.1 Earning Miles

In the wind miles may be earned under the following guidelines:

1. Any Chapter Event or Run using mileage from starting point to finish point.
2. At any time two or more Chapter Members ride their motorcycles to any motorcycle organizational Event or Run to represent our Chapter.
3. At any time four or more Members ride their motorcycles together, on any "on the spot or "spur of the moment rides".
4. Any Member "mapping", "timing", or riding a predetermined run route for any Chapter Event or Run.
5. All "In the Wind" miles must be approved by one of the Chapter Officers or the Chapter Road Captain.

Regarding items 2 through 4, any two Officers attending may not approve their own "In the Wind" miles; instead mileage must be approved by another Officer.

10.1 Downed Rider:

A designated fund shall be maintained by the Chapter for the purpose of providing monetary support to "Downed Riders". Additions to this

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designated fund are by donation from the Chapter Members or as provided by a majority vote of the general membership present at general business meeting.

10.2 DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS:

The funds in the "Downed Riders" fund shall be disbursed as follows

10.2.1 Chapter member

A donation up to the amount of (\$250) may be provided to any current Member of Spanaway Chapter of ABATE

10.2.2 Other ABATE Members

A donation up to an amount of \$100, a "Get Well or Sympathy Card" or other appropriate assistance may be provided to any member of any chapter of ABATE of Washington, (who is not a member of Spanaway), a recognized local Motorcycle Organization within the State of Washington, or any person acquainted with our Chapter

11 FISCAL YEAR:

The: fiscal year of this Chapter shall be from September through August of each year.

11.2 NOTICES

Whenever any notice is required to be given to an Officer or the General Membership, regardless of purpose it may be given personally, by telephone, E-mail, or sent via the US Mail.

11.3 PERSONAL LIABILITY:

No Officer or Member shall be personally liable for the debts, liabilities or obligations of the Chapter.

11.4 CHAPTER ACCOUNTS:

All Chapter accounts, to include financial accounts, must have at least two (2) signatures for withdraw to include the Coordinator, Treasurer or Secretary. All accounts and monies are to become the property of the State Organization should this Chapter Charter be suspended.

11.5 CHAPTER FLAG and CHARTER:

The Coordinator shall be responsible to maintain the Chapter Flag and Charter. The flag must be displayed at all Official Chapter and State Functions and may not be defaced, altered or displayed in poor taste. The Chapter Flag and Charter may be recalled by the State Organization at any time by vote of the State Board of Directors.

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11.6 PUBLICITY:

All flyers, articles, materials, publications, handouts, bulletins and posting/distributing of said items by the Chapter for the Chapter to the public must be approved by the Chapter Coordinator and/or Executive Committee.

11.6.1 ABATE NAME:

If the ABATE of Washington name is used in conjunction with any printed matter it must be approved in advance by the State Coordinator.

11.7 CONTRACTS:

The Executive Committee and the Membership may enter in any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the Chapter. Unless so authorized, no member shall have the power or authority to bind the Chapter or ABATE of Washington by contract or engagement or to pledge its credit or render it liable for any purpose or amount.

11.8 PARLIMENTARY LAW:

Roberts Rules of Order as Revised shall be the official guide for conducting all Chapter meetings.

11.8.1 VOTING:

Unless otherwise provided, a simple majority vote shall prevail in all Chapter business.

12 AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be amended or repealed at any General membership meeting by a two thirds (2/3) vote of the Members, provided that a quorum is present and that a written notice of the amendment or repeal has been conveyed to all members at least thirty (30) days in advance. Amendments to these By-Laws shall be effective immediately upon adoption. The State By-Laws and Policies shall overrule the Chapter By-Laws in any case of conflict.