

# BLUE KNIGHTS INTERNATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT MOTORCYCLE CLUB, INC.

## BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING AGENDA

Monday, July 16th @ 0830 Hrs. Eastern Time  
Meeting Area – Atlanta Evergreen Marriott Conference Resort

- **CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Rory Mac Connell at \_\_\_\_\_ Hrs. Central Time.
- **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Host Chapter**
- **MOMENT OF SILENCE:** for all members of Heaven I and all Law Enforcement Officers slain in the Line of Duty – (Chaplain invocation)

- **ADMINISTRATION OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S OATH:**

*I pledge to represent my Chapter to the best of my ability. I will strive not to allow my personal opinions to interfere with the pursuit of the best interests of the members of my Chapter. I will not vote contrary to the express wishes of the majority of the members of my Chapter on any issue before the Board of Governors.*

- **ADMINISTRATION OF THE BLUE KNIGHTS PLEDGE:**

*As a Blue Knight, I pledge to act with honor and pride to promote motorcycling and motorcycle safety by being an example of the safe use, operation and enjoyment of motorcycles. I will work at all times to improve the relationship between the motorcycling law enforcement community and the general public. The fraternal spirit will always guide me in relating to other Blue Knights.*

- **WELCOMING REMARKS:**

- 2018 Blue Knights International Convention (host chapter)
- Blue Knights International Executive Board of Directors
- Acknowledgement of BOG meeting guests

- **LEGAL UPDATES: DJ. Alvarez (Blue Knights International President)**

- **Sword & Shield Magazine: Randy Gracy**

- **ELECTION BALLOT PROCESS – APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE**

- **CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE -address membership – (2 MIN EACH)** Collection of ballots at completion – ballot counting committee retires to side and tallies votes.

- **SECRETARY'S REPORT: Gus Faella**

- Roll Call: BOG Executive Officers
- Approval of 2017 BOG Meeting Minutes

- **TREASURER’S REPORT: Mike Rickard**
  - Balance and Income Statements: Operating Fund and BOG Special Fund
  - Treasurer’s Report: Discussion and approval of report
- **VICE CHAIRMAN’S REPORT: Cal Ennals**
- **CHAIRMAN’S REPORT: Rory Mac Connell**
- **UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None**
- **NEW BUSINESS:**

**A) PA XVIII Appeal for reconsideration to move Chapter Charter to another Conference. (SEE ATTACHED DOCUMENT BELOW)**

**PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE BOARD OF GOVERNOR’S BY-LAWS:**

**PROPOSAL # 1**

**BLUE KNIGHTS® INTERNATIONAL  
LAW ENFORCEMENT MOTORCYCLE CLUB INC.  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS AGENDA PROPOSAL  
Proposal 01 - 2018**

**Purpose:** To amend the Blue Knights Special Fund administration procedures.

ARTICLE 4. ELIGIBILITY: To include a passenger on a motorcycle traveling with the “member” who must be one of the following. A spouse, significant other, IE: “to include common law partner and girl / boyfriend”, child, step child or grandchild. As we travel with these loved ones if an accident occurs they may be the one hospitalized. Then the “member” will not be able to continue the trip to the event. These circumstances would make the incident eligible for submission for consideration, with the discretion of payment to be decided by the Board of Governors. The criteria would remain the same for a payment.

Example: If we go down, and we are fine, and the bike is fine, then we can continue. But my wife a passenger breaks her leg and has to be hospitalized and /or transported home, the “member” then cannot continue the trip.

**Proposal:** - **CURRENT** - ARTICLE 4. ELIGIBILITY: All members of the Blue Knights International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club, Inc. are eligible to receive benefits from the Blue Knights Special Fund.

AMEND – Article 4. **A)** All members of the Blue Knights International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club, Inc. are eligible to receive benefits from the Blue Knights Special Fund.

**B) A passenger or operator with the “member” on a motorcycle –defined as an immediate family member to only be a spouse, significant other, to include common law partner, girl / boyfriend, a child, step child, son or daughter in law, or grandchild. They will be eligible for a submission for the special fund payment, at the discretion of the BOG executive board. NOTE: This would not be in addition to the “members” payment from the special fund if they were already authorized to receive a payment from this same accident. If a member with a passenger / operator both are hospitalized and fit the criteria then the payment may go to a maximum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000), at the discretion of the BOG executives.**

**Intent:** To assist a member when an immediate family member is injured participating on a Blue Knight trip.

**Advantages:** This addition will benefit the member or the family of the member in a time of need.

**Disadvantages -** This will decrease the fund annually, without the increase in the yearly contributions from all chapters.

**Anticipated costs;** No cost to the International or Board of Governors for implementation.

**Suggested By: BOG executives**

Submitted By: <u>Rory Mac Connell</u>	<u>November 1<sup>st</sup> 2017</u>	<u>Chairman BOG</u>
NAME	DATE	TITLE/POSITION

MOTION \_\_\_\_\_

SECOND \_\_\_\_\_

Discussion:

VOTE: Approve \_\_\_\_\_

Do Not Approve \_\_\_\_\_

Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

**PROPOSAL # 2**

**Purpose:** To amend the Blue Knights Special Fund administration procedures.

ARTICLE 4. ELIGIBILITY: To include a 2<sup>nd</sup> motorcycle traveling with the “member” that must be operated by one of the following. A spouse, significant other, to include common law partner, girl / boyfriend, a child, step child, son or daughter in law, or a grandchild. OR the passenger (an immediate family member) traveling on the motorcycle operated by the immediate family member, traveling with the “member”. As we travel with these loved ones, if an accident occurs they may be the one hospitalized. Then the “member” will not be able to continue the trip to the event. These circumstances would make the incident eligible for submission for consideration, with the discretion of payment to be decided by the BOG executives. The criteria would remain the same for a payment.

Example: If we are traveling to an event and my wife or son is on a 2<sup>nd</sup> bike and they go down, we are fine, and the bike is fine, then we can continue. But my wife on her bike goes down and her passenger, my daughter breaks her leg, and has to be hospitalized and /or transported home, the “member” cannot continue the trip. 2<sup>nd</sup> bike same immediate family member.

**Proposal:** - CURRENT - ARTICLE 4. ELIGIBILITY: All members of the Blue Knights International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club, Inc. are eligible to receive benefits from the Blue Knights Special Fund.

AMEND – Article 4. A) All members of the Blue Knights International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club, Inc. are eligible to receive benefits from the Blue Knights Special Fund.

ITEM “B” NEEDS TO HAVE PASSED TO ADDRESS ITEM “C”

**B) *A passenger or operator with the “member” on a motorcycle –defined as an immediate family member to only be a spouse, significant other, to include common law partner, girl / boyfriend, a child or step child, son or daughter in law or grandchild. They will be eligible for a submission for the special fund payment, at the discretion of the BOG executive board.***

**NOTE: This would not be in addition to the “members” payment from the special fund if they were already authorized to receive a payment from this same accident. If a member with a passenger / operator both are hospitalized and fit the criteria then the payment may go to a maximum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000), at the discretion of the BOG executives.**

**C) *A second rider or passenger on their own motorcycle accompanying the “member” to the Blue Knight event. That is an “immediate family member” as defined in section B) is hospitalized or the damaged motorcycle causes the “member” to be unable to continue or return home. They will be eligible for a submission. This would NOT be a separate payment if the member also has a claim for a payment from this same accident. If it is an immediate family member or the motorcycle that fit the criteria then it would be for one thousand five hundred (\$1,500). If the second motorcycle and both rider and passenger fit immediate family member criteria and payment criteria it will be at the discretion of the BOG executive board, and then a maximum of two thousand dollars \$2,000.***

**Intent:** To assist a member when an immediate family member is injured participating on a Blue Knight trip.

**Advantages:** This addition will benefit the member or the family of the member in a time of need.

**Disadvantages -** This will decrease in the fund annually without an increase in the yearly contributions from all chapters.

**Anticipated costs;** No cost to the International or Board of Governors for implementation.

**Suggested By: BOG executives**

Submitted By: Rory Mac Connell  
NAME

November 1st 2017  
DATE

Chairman BOG  
TITLE/POSITION

MOTION \_\_\_\_\_

SECOND \_\_\_\_\_

Discussion:

VOTE: Approve \_\_\_\_\_

Do Not Approve \_\_\_\_\_

Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

**PROPOSAL # 3**

**BLUE KNIGHTS® INTERNATIONAL  
LAW ENFORCEMENT MOTORCYCLE CLUB INC.  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS AGENDA PROPOSAL  
Proposal 03 - 2018**

**Purpose:** This will only be addressed if the Article 4 proposal passes.

To amend the Blue Knights Special Fund administration procedures Article 6. To allow for an increase in the special fund payment from the maximum allowed of \$2,000.00 per incident, but must also be in the circumstances as defined for a payout from the special fund. The criteria will not be adjusted, and will be for each member’s individual case.

The ultimate decision will be at the discretion of the Board of Governors executives.

**Proposal: Current** - ARTICLE 6. USE OF THE FUNDS: In Article 6, Section A) The funds shall be an amount up to one thousand dollars (\$1,500) in United States Funds, **per incident(REMOVE)** with the member taking precedent, and at the Board **of Governors executives(ADD)** discretion.

ADD section B) To allow for a total of \$2,000 to be dispersed if the criteria for an immediate family member and or a second motorcycle in the same incident as outlined in article 4 exist. At the discretion of the Board of Governors executives.

**Intent:** As inflation has increased the costs, then we need to adjust to assist our members. By adding the additional immediate family, and or a second motorcycle making it available to the membership in an emergency. As we travel with our families and as we age our children and grandchildren ride with us.

**Advantages:** This addition will benefit the member or the family of the member in a time of need.



1) The BOG Secretary will compile a ballot of all nominees after May 1<sup>st</sup> and with the approval of the current board officers print sufficient balloting forms for the election.

2) Ballots will be sequentially numbered on watermarked paper listing all candidates in alphabetical order

(Last name) for each office as needed. After the name will be a box to record the selection of the member.

3) The Secretary will secure the ballots until surrendered for distribution to the verified voting members in attendance.

4) All candidates will be given time to address the membership, time limits to be determined by Chairman. At the completion the members will record their votes, fold the ballot in half and surrender to the ballot counting committee.

**Intent:** To hold proper confidential ballot elections for the Board of Governors executive officers.

**Advantages:** This will expedite the bi annual election meeting by allowing the ballot counting during the meeting and the business of the meeting continuing.

**Disadvantages:** None

**Anticipated costs:** Cost of ballot printing and paper estimate \$50.00

**Suggested By: BOG Chairman**

Submitted By: Rory Mac Connell  
NAME

April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
DATE

Chairman BOG  
TITLE/POSITION

MOTION \_\_\_\_\_

SECOND \_\_\_\_\_

Discussion:

VOTE: Approve \_\_\_\_\_

Do Not Approve \_\_\_\_\_

Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

**BLUE KNIGHTS INTERNATIONAL  
LAW ENFORCEMENT MOTORCYCLE CLUB INC.  
International Board of Governors  
AGENDA PROPOSAL  
Proposal Number 05-2018**

**Purpose:** This is only to be in place once the State of Maine nonprofit laws are amended to include electronic balloting. This is so we do not have to have this passed and can go right to electronic voting, if passed by the members.

To amend the Board of Governors by laws to allow ballot procedures for electronic transmission voting of the Chapters only for election of the Board of Governors officers. This is to be in line with the International by laws to allow for electronic ballots for the BOG executive officer elections, once it is a law in the State of Maine nonprofit laws.

**Rational:** To improve the voting ability in selection of the BOG officers to all Chapters not just those present at a BOG meeting.

**Proposal: Current** - ARTICLE 5. VOTING RIGHTS Each Chapter shall have only one vote at any meeting of the Board of Governors. The Chapter vote shall be exercised by the President of the Chapter, or in his absence, the Vice-President, or by the Chapter President's duly appointed Representative, who must be a Regular member, of the same chapter, and who must file evidence of his/her appointment in the form of written authorization from such Chapter's President with the Secretary/Treasurer of the Board of Governors. In the event of an accident, it will be left up to the discretion of the Officers of the Board of Governors. (Amended: July 13, 2015)

**AMEND** Article 5 - VOTING RIGHTS Each Chapter shall have only one vote at any meeting of the Board of Governors. The Chapter vote shall be exercised by the President of the Chapter, or in his absence, the Vice-President, or by the Chapter President's duly appointed Representative, who must be a Regular member, of the same chapter, and who must file evidence of his/her appointment in the form of written authorization from such Chapter's President with the Secretary/Treasurer of the Board of Governors. In the event of an accident, it will be left up to the discretion of the Officers of the Board of Governors. (Amended: July 13, 2015)

**ADD - 5 B) Electronic Voting for officers** - Which each Chapter President will have the ability of casting the ballot vote for the officers of the Board of Governors by secured electronic transmission voting. (Once allowed by Maine State law).

That the balloting commence 30 days prior to the scheduled date of the election meeting and be completed at 0001 hours the day before the meeting (time is that of the meeting location). That the tally be secured till the commencement of the meeting and the written election tally be reported to the Secretary of the BOG.

No in person balloting for elections will take place the day of the scheduled meeting.

**Intent:** To correspond with the international by laws concerning voting.

**Advantages:** To give all chapters the ability to cast votes for the Board of Governors officers at elections. This will give all international chapters a voice in the election process.



**Disadvantages:** None

**Cost Analysis:** None incurred

**Suggested By: Rory Mac Connell**

Submitted By: Rory Mac Connell                      April 29<sup>th</sup> 2018                      BOG Chairman  
**NAME**    **DATE**    **TITLE/POSITION**

MOTION \_\_\_\_\_

SECOND \_\_\_\_\_

Discussion:

VOTE:         Approve                      \_\_\_\_\_

                Do Not Approve                      \_\_\_\_\_

                Abstain                                      \_\_\_\_\_

- **2019 Blue Knights International Convention Update Report:**
  - **Host Chapter:** New York 2 Pres Michele Digiansante
  - **Date:** August 4 – 8<sup>th</sup> 2019
  - **Location:** White Plains Westchester county NY
  
- **2019 Blue Knights International Convention Bid Proposals:**
  - **Host Chapter: Ireland 1**
  - **Date: June 16-24, 2020**
  - **Speaker: David Buckley**
  
- **GOOD OF THE ORDER**
  
- **NOTIFICATION OF NEXT BOG MEETING:**
  - **Date:** August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019    **Time:** 0830 Eastern Time Zone
  - **Location:** White Plains New York
  
- **MEETING ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at \_\_\_\_\_ hrs

**BOG appeal Erie PA XVIII**

# *Lake Erie Blue Knights*

## *PA Chapter 18*

*Tom Nelson - President  
Mischele "Mick" Howard - Secretary  
Sadie Prescott - Chaplain*

*P.O. Box 8272  
Erie, PA 16506*

*Rick Iadeluca – Vice President  
Randy Detzel – Treasurer  
Eddie Burgos – Sgt. @ Arms*

*Ricky Carr – Road Captain*

April 23, 2018

To: Board of Governors Blue Knights International,  
Attn: Rory MacConnell

My name is Tom Nelson, President of PA 18 and once again I am requesting consideration from the Board of Governors and the Board of Directors to have PA Chapter 18 removed from Tri State Conference and moved to the Great Lakes Conference. This was requested in the past and denied, we are requesting it again and again cite the following as reasons.

PA 18 resides in Erie, along the Shores of one of the Great Lakes. We have Blue Knight Chapter both East (Ohio) and West (Buffalo NY) of us, both are members of the Great Lakes Conference. Members from those Chapters ride with us and we support their activities and more importantly, they support ours. Last summer we had a Law Enforcement Recognition Ride and Ceremony, it was attended by 9 local jurisdictions, politicians and civic leaders, other Non-Law Enforcement riding groups and many citizens from the City of Erie and surrounding communities. Yet absent from the event were any Tri State Reps, or members from any other Tri State Chapter.

As I mentioned in the past, and I'll state again, we are hundreds of miles away from any other Tri State Group, yet we are 95 miles from the GLRC Buffalo Chapter, 22 Miles from an Ashtabula Ohio Chapter and about 130 Miles from several Canadian Chapters. All of these Chapters ride with us and support our events and we can support theirs. We have yet been able to make a Tri State Conference Meeting do to time and money constraints, yet we've had members travel the 95 miles to Niagara Falls and even Hosted a GLRC Conference meeting.

The reason I am asking again is we are now picking up memberships from prior Blue Knights in Ashtabula Ohio. Their membership has dwindled in the past few years and they can no longer support a Chapter. They are traveling the 25 or so miles to attend our meetings and our Chapter membership is steady and growing. As a fraternal organization we feel a kinship to those that support us, GLRC, not to a conference that holds all their functions a full days travel away. They have shown that they cannot make it to our events and I've already mentioned that we can't get to theirs it's time to STRONGLY consider removing us from a Conference that is unavailable to us.

With the above in mind I am asking that this be placed on the Agenda of the Board of Governors and submitted to them for their action and approval. Should there be any questions regarding this request please feel free to contact me at the above address or by phone at 814-882-0801

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Tom Nelson, President  
Lake Erie Blue Knights  
PA Chapter 18