

BLUE KNIGHTS INTERNATIONAL BOARD of DIRECTORS

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 17th, 2018 at 0905 Hours Eastern

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: President DJ Alvarez called the meeting to order at 0905 hours and requested a moment of silence for ALL the members of Heaven I, and all Law Enforcement Officers slain in the line of duty.

BLUE KNIGHT 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.* This was read by MID-West: (DC)

SECRETARY –

Roll Call/Guests

- **President: DJ Alvarez (DJ)**
- **Vice-President: Karen Borza (KB)**
- **Treasurer: John Bull (JRB)**
- **Past President: Bob Flanagan (BF)**
- **BOG: Rory MacConnell (RM)**
- **Europe: Koen Hutse (KH)**
- **Great Lakes: Dennis Hafeman (DH)**
- **Mason-Dixon: Mike Pollinger (MP)**
- **Mid-West: Doug Casteel (DC)**
- **Northeast: Dave Nielsen (DN)**
- **Rio Grande: Roger Byars (RB)**
- **Southern: Bob Awtrey (BA)**
- **Southwest: Guy O'Connor (GO)**
- **Tri-State: Russ Harper (RH)**
- **UK & I: David Buckley (DB)**
- **West Coast: Warren Vandersyde (WV)**
- **Secretary: Jim Borza (JB)**
- **Office Manager: Jana Clark (JC)**
- **Guest(s):**
 1. **Joe Ball (JBall) – International Web Master**

Approval of April Minutes

Everybody should have a copy of the minutes of our board meeting of April 28th, 2018. Are there any questions or additional corrections? Is there a motion to approve the minutes? Motion to accept minutes made by GLRC (DH) and seconded by South West (GO). Unanimous approval. Motion Passes.

REPORTS:

COMMITTEES:

Headquarters: Bob Flanagan, Immediate Past President

Headquarters Money Market Account #1 (6090) Balance = \$241,433.87

Total Money Market Account = **\$241,433.87**

Operating checking account as of: 1-30-18 = **\$ 51,682.95**

Total funds in all accounts = **\$ 293,116.82**

(This Money Market account is listed under BK Intl Financial Report)

Side note: We are working on moving this MM acct back over to Hdqts accounting so they

Do not appear on the Intl financial statements? Waiting on accountant and bank confirmations.

Accountant has instructed us to leave the MM acct in the Intl funds for tax purposes.

Lease for PSC Industrial (22 Alden Street) also known as Phillips Services was renewed on 1 December 2014 for two years and will expire on 1 January 2017. Rent on this building is \$2,600 per month which totals \$31,200.00 yearly. At Sept 2016 meeting the BOD voted to increase monthly rent on this property to \$2800.00 monthly starting in 2017. Effective November 2016, PSC Industrial has notified us that they are going out of business and will not be renewing the lease. 22 Alden street property is now vacant!!! We currently have an auto repair/car dealership showing interest in the building.

NOTE: The car dealership (Donald Kelley) has picked up a two year lease from Jana and should drop it off prior to 1 Oct 2017. The two year lease is for \$2,800.00 per month

starting 1 Oct 2017. Also the appraisal has just been received at the office and 22 Alden st is appraised at currently \$315,000.00.

The car dealership (Donald Kelly came back with a proposal and only wanted to pay \$1000.00 per month for 6 months. That was rejected and we are now giving 22 Alden St to a realtor to find a lease for us. Still empty.

Note: As of January 2018, Jana has showed 22 Alden St on six different occasions-All say rent is to high and the building needs work.

Special note: We learned a few weeks ago that 22 Alden Street was broken into and the rear door was kicked in to gain entrance. BPD was notified and is investigating. Our insurance is also aware and the first estimate for repairs is nearing \$2000.00 to repair the damage. All of the heating copper piping was stolen and needs replaced and repaired. Will wait for the written estimate to arrive at the office then get it repaired ASAP. Our insurance covered this theft with a \$1000.00 deductible

Special Note: 22 Alden street property: Effective on 1 May 2018, Mitchell Landscaping will do a partial building lease on this property and pay \$800.00 per month for a part of the building. Also Mitchell Landscaping will do our Snow plowing needs in the winter for all the properties at no cost to us (This is approximately a \$2000.00 additional savings to us) we normally pay around \$2000.00 per winter for this service. Also there is another company coming in to see Jana about renting the other part of the building out (more will follow soon I hope)??

Note: on 9-14-2017 we had 22 Alden Street appraised at \$315,000.00 so we know what it is worth.

Rental House, 666 N French Street, Bangor Me, next to the office is rented for \$600.00 per month which totals \$7,200.00 yearly. We pay all Utilities for this house. The current lease is for two years and was effective on 4 Jan 2015 and expires 4 Jan 2017. Note: Renters have notified us that they are moving in November, 2016 and this property is also vacant!

Note: Effective 1 February 2017 we have a renter in the house. Rent is \$650.00 per month. Renters pay the utilities. One year lease. **\$7800.00 annually**

At the 10 Jan 2015 BOD meeting, a motion was made by Gary Pierce WCC to do a study and get estimates on repairing, and adding onto the current Hdqts building second by GLRC and passed unanimously. On Hold till we see what the fundraiser will bring in.

Note: In 2015, the Intl BOD passed a proposal that was presented by Rory MacConnell, Fla XV111, to start a Fundraising program by International, Rory presented the program at Harrisburg, PA and will run it for one year(fundraiser ends at the 2017 convention). Rory MacConnell is Chairman of that committee. As of today that fundraiser has brought in \$12,194.78. At the July, 2017 annual Hdqts meeting this board voted to continue the fundraiser indefinitely.

+++++++This report prepared for the 17 July 2018 BOD Meeting+++++++

Headquarters Committee

Chairman-	Bob Flanagan	Past Intl President
V- Chairman	Jay Durost	Maine 1
Secretary	Kevin Sutherland	NB 1
Trustee	Jerry Bryan	Oklahoma 2 (<i>Heaven Chapter One</i>)
Trustee	DJ Alvarez	Intl President

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BLUE KNIGHTS INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS ASSOCIATION

Headquarters Association Trustees and International Board of Directors,

In Compliance with Article III, Section 1 of the Blue Knights Headquarters Association Bylaws, notice is being given of the annual meeting of the Blue Knights Headquarters Association to be held Tuesday July 17, 2018 during the International Board of Directors Meeting at the International Convention in Stone Mountain, Georgia

The meeting will be governed by a “Modified Written Agenda Format”. This format requires that all items of business brought before the meeting must be placed on the Written Agenda.

Sincerely,

Bob Flanagan

Headquarters Association Chairman

AT THIS POINT THE BOD MEETING WAS SUSPENDED AND THE HEADQUARTERS ASSOCIATION MEETING WAS HELD AND HAS SEPARATE MINTUES.

Internet Committee: Joe Ball International Web Master

Our current corporate email plan expires in October and is no longer supported by Go Daddy. They originally wanted us to upgrade at a cost of 20,000 dollars per year. After some negotiation they have come down to 7,992 dollars per year. Our website hosting package also expires in October with a renewal cost of approximately 900 dollars for 5 years. I am researching other alternatives to Go Daddy.

Discussion on this matter:

Joe Ball related that another company named “Host Tech” could provide service for our Web site and corporate email accounts which would be a great savings. The new service will be approx. \$1,300 a year. Broken down it would \$1,200 for the email and web page and a \$100 a year for our certificate.

Motion by Mid-West- (DC), to move the Web Page and corporate email to “Host Tech”

2nd by Europe – (KH)

VOTE: 16-0-0 Motion passes.

Our online sales provider sslserver.com (Internet Connection) for credit card processing no longer exists. I have disabled the online sales and have let members know to contact HQ to make purchases. I am looking at other credit card processing companies that will integrate with our website. Based on the notes I have we were not being charged to process our credit card transactions. So far I have not been able to find a free service.

Discussion on this matter:

Joe Ball related that he did pursue this area since he didn't know who our hosting was going to be. Most companies charge .05 % to .25%. Plus a monthly fee. So Joe is still going to research this. Currently members using online need to contact Headquarters to make purchases.

President-(DJ) stated that this is something that we will have to revisit.

TREASURER – John Bull:

The Treasurer's report is posted on the Blue Knights web site and listed in the members only section for all members to see.

Treasurer- (JRB) I ran for Treasurer I did so on the promise that I would do my best to get the spending of this club under control and protect your finances. I believe I have done that. In 2017, I put in some motions to reduce spending and we finished with a budget in the black. For 2018, I continued with the cost cutting and put together a very strict budget. At the mid-point of 2018, we are approximately \$6,000 in the black.

In 2018, I began an overall look at the finances and reimbursements for your club. What I found was a jumbled mess of motions and not easy to find information. As a result I revamped the expense guidelines to put everything into one location. This guideline will come up tomorrow at the Board of Directors Meeting. Almost as soon as the agenda was put out the false statements and flat out lies started. If you want to see what I am talking about you need to look no further than the Blue Knights Uncensored Facebook Page. To everyone I say take a step back and look at how your actions truly affect this organization and fan the flames of division. We all need to do our part in healing the divide.

So let's set the record straight. The proposal I am putting forward tomorrow does not ask for an increase in anything, as has been reported. If you actually read the proposal it very clearly states the documents bring everything into one easy to find document. Everyone one of the motions I reviewed was made by previous Boards and approved by the General Membership. I am simply making it easier for you the members to find and understand them. This is simply a first step in bringing everything together in one location. As I finish reviewing motions dealing with finances I will provide additional proposals. Proposals that will be given to the International Reps, who in turn will bring them to you the members for your thought and input.

I will tell you that I do listen to members and what they are saying. I am working on a modification to what is currently reimbursed. In fact this motion tomorrow does cut some of the money being reimbursed. At present there is no cap on what the Int'l President can spend to attend a conference

when traveling. This proposal puts a cap of \$1,500 per conference in place and restricts what the money can be for.

Under section "C" you will see the Int'l pays the registration of a spouse if they help in the sales room. Under the original proposal they could work an hour and the registration is paid. This proposal mandates they work a minimum of five hours. In addition to getting everything together for the meetings Jana has to over-see the sales room, a lot of the times she only has one person to help. This will give her the help she needs.

I have already begin to think about the 2019 budget. I can tell you that severe cuts to the budget will need to be made. Hopefully, the criminal issue with Bessie Small will be concluded. That means we must now put our attention on the civil suit. The expense for that will be born first by the club and then hopefully in restitution. Last year we spend over \$30,000 dealing with her. This year we could easily double that. As we all know restitution rarely covers expense.

No doubt that most of you have seen the email from the West Coast Conference floating around. If you haven't it basically says they are gearing up to sue the International and the Executive Board. That again will have to be defended by our attorney and paid for by you the members. Since it looks like this is going to be pending litigation I want to make a clarifying statements and then I will not discuss it further.

In the email Lisa O'Brien states "Here we are almost 10 years after being told Bessie Small was embezzling from us, and we are still being denied access to our financial records." Since, I have been Treasurer I have never denied anyone from looking at the finances of the organization. I carry them with me to all the Blue Knights functions I attend. I've only had a few members ask to see them. I have however had a large portion of the membership tell me to keep up the good work and that they were getting more information than they ever have.

At our last BOD meeting, the question was raised by the Chairman of the BOG in looking at the records. I expressed my concern with documents being given out and then left lying around. If you look around after this meeting or any conference you have attended members tend to leave handout

lying on the chairs when they leave the meeting. Who cleans the rooms? Non Blue Knights that's who. The Board took a vote on the subject and voted not to distribute copies out. I informed the Board that I would do as I have always done, have them with me at all the events I attend. Not just the Annual Convention or a Conference, but any event including various chapter events.

The email also states that the members are being kept in the dark about what steps have been taken to see that this does not happen again. Simply put that's not true. When the current situation with Bessie was brought to light by D.J. changes were put into place. John Gordon, who was the Treasurer at the time laid out what those changes were. He spoke about it at several conferences and the International. I have also stated what the procedures were.

So for the record. Here is what happens on a weekly basis. Our bookkeeper, Sheila comes into the office every Monday. She compiles all the bills and invoices into a report and sends it to me along with the receipts and invoices. I go through the report and review every receipt and invoice. Once I am done I approve her to write the checks and pay the bills. She also compiles a payroll report for the office staff to be paid. Again I review it and approve the report. Our bank then cuts the checks to pay our employees. Payroll checks are no longer paid out of the office.

On a monthly basis Sheila does a bank reconciliation for each of our accounts and send me the report. I in-turn do my own and compare the two. I have access to QuickBooks and our bank accounts. I review every check that comes with our statements to see that it was authorized. If any issues are found I notify Sheila and we see what is what. If the issue can't be explained I would notify the Executive Board. Since I have been Treasurer there have been no issues. I watch your money like a hawk.

VICE-PRESIDENT – Karen Borza:

Membership as of July 1st, 2018:

European (EC):	102 Chapters	2399 Members
Great Lakes (GLRC)	83 Chapters	2065 Members
Mason Dixon (MDC)	71 Chapters	2241 Members
Midwest (MWRC)	33 Chapters	776 Members
North East (NEC)	49 Chapters	1245 Members
Rio Grande (RGC)	48 Chapters	1042 Members

Southern (SRC)	83 Chapters	2276 Members
Southwest (SWC)	23 Chapters	705 Members
Tri State (TSC)	62 Chapters	2445 Members
United Kingdom & Ireland (UKIC)	27 Chapters	774 Members
West Coast (WCC)	40 Chapters	1366 Members
Total:	621 Chapters	17,334 Members

PRESIDENT – DJ Alvarez:

He wanted to thank everyone on the board for all you do for the organization.

Office Manager – Jana Clark:

I really don't have anything more to add.

BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S – Rory MacConnell:

Special fund account balance ending June 15th is \$ \$225,687.47. We have had 2 payouts. We had 3 proposals to address the special fund at the BOG meeting. 2 are to add a passenger and a second bike traveling with the "member", under the same criteria to be considered for a claim. We just added immediate family members, and a second bike, as listed in the new additions. We also had to adjust the maximum payout to coincide with these additions. The maximum is now \$2,000.00, if more than the "member" is injured or a second bike is disabled. This may increase payouts yearly with the added ability for member's family to be covered and all will be on a case by case basis. Remember this is not an insurance policy, it is for emergency funds to assist immediately when out on the road and an accident happens.

Please keep the yearly donations coming, it is our only way to sustain this fund, thank you to all that have made a contribution, for 2018. It is requested all chapters make a donation of \$25 yearly to this fund.

Please mail your BOG Special Fund donations to:

Special Fund c/o Michael Rickard
11027 Darien Alexander Town Line Rd.,
Darien Center, NY, USA
14040-9786

We had a proposal to establish an addition to the Bylaws of the BOG to have a written procedure for the ballot election of BOG officers. This passed, as well as a bylaw to allow electronic transmission voting, once passed by Maine State laws. These will be sent to the BOD for the August meeting formally.

Face Book page for BOG is a closed group site. We have appointed 11 moderators from all conferences. We have 218 approved members. The current Chapter President will be the main

addition, but if they do not do Face Book the any of the elected officers the VP, Secretary, Treasurer or immediate Past President of the chapter may become a member. The moderators have been approving the requests from within their conference only. The member needs to request to be added and has to answer 2 questions to be allowed, and the moderators may follow up with emails. We will not be posting political fliers or chapter events. The events section is for the international convention and all conference meetings only.

Board of Governors elections went as follows:

Chairman Rory Mac Connell – Florida XVIII

Vice Chairman Jim Trachta Florida IX

Secretary Brad Tollefson Louisiana II

Mike Rickard New York V

Thank you to Election committee as voted by the BOG at the meeting, International officers, DJ Alvarez, Karen Borza, Jim Borza, RGC Gene Fuqua, NEC Debbie Nielson, GLRC Collette DeFalco (alt needed).

We had one chapter that has submitted to host the 2020 convention- Ireland I, it has been awarded.

The BOG 2019 cruise will be planned with DG Promotions again. We will have the information coming out this summer.

Thank you

Rory Mac Connell

Chairman Board of Governors

ELECTION COMMITTEE: Bob Awtrey

He had a request from Ellen Smit after the General Membership meeting for the information on the bids items that they were asked to submit for. Since they were public he will provided them to her. He had 5 company's respond from the bids, 4 of those also did electronic voting.

The election committee hopes to finalize this down and have something for the next meeting and have a proposal to pick a company or go out for bids. Everyone needs to remember that the bids ranged from \$22,000 to \$ 78,000.

BOG (RM) asked what our budget was last year.

Treasurer (JRB) even with the re mails last year we spent over \$33,000 last year.

Mid-West (DC) we had \$25,000 budgeted?

Vice President(KB) yes

(RM) asked if we set anything aside for this year's elections

(JRB) no, it's not an election year, it's ever other year

(BA) the lowest bid they received did not meet the criteria that was requested, the next one was Election Trust and their bid was \$28,478

(KB) they met all the criteria that was requested as she could recall

(DJ) related where the savings come in is we do not have to hire a CPA firm and get a PO Box. So that's around \$4,000 dollars

(JRB) our CPA cost us \$6,000 last election alone

(DJ) so we would be under budget on both of those expenditures

(DC) was confirming that if we would completely outsource the election the bid was \$28,000 where they count the ballots?

(DJ) yes \$28,000, our only part in the election would be providing the company the list of names and addresses

(BA) said Elect Tech is in Washington State but would come to a board meeting and give a proposal personally to the board or could do an online meeting

(KB) asked if the return mail comes back to them and if they would contact us so we could obtain a correct address

(BA) that was part of the proposal, it was part of the criteria. The key part of this is our email and member list. We have to hold our chapter presidents hard to the fire on the renewals and get the correct information.

Europe (KH) wouldn't we be better if we did our renewals electronically

(DJ) spoke about building a template in excel and send out the renewals that way and the chapter would have to fill in the information.

(BA) the chapter presidents are going to be the key in this process

(DJ) once we get the new system up and running, we could send the spread sheet out to the chapters via corporate email

(RM) spoke about sending a list out now to the chapters to check the information, but (DJ) related how that would be duplication since we are going to be sending them out in October. We are too close to renewals.

Mason Dixon (MP) asked about asking the chapter president to start checking addresses now

(DJ) made a motion to send out the "roster only" this year by corporate email for verification. 1st by Europe, 2nd by BOG

(DJ) will send something out this week to the board and the board is to tell their chapters its coming. The board needs to tell the chapters to start deleting emails to make room.

Discussion:

(DC) would we be better off with duplication?

(DJ) we can

(DC) send a hard copy and electronically and tell everyone we prefer the electronic

(DJ) no we want the electronic, the reason being it can be imported into our data base and it saves from having errors

(DC) talking about phasing this in

(DJ) they will get a hard copy but must return the electronic way

(DJ) this is for the renewals, so those sending in the names and address is what will be used for the ballots. Again he will send something out this week and if chapters have issues about getting in the email Joe Ball could help them out.

(DC) had concerns about starting this now and (DJ) related that this will occur once the new email is started.

After back and forth discussion on chapters not going onto their email accounts, the board needs to have them come into compliance so we have correct information not only for the election but the magazine. This would save the club thousands of dollars.

(DJ) then amended his motion to sending out a hard copy and electronic copy of the roster to the chapters but International will only accept back the electronic roster copy back. Europe again 1st, BOG 2nd.

Vote: 15 yea, 0 nay, 1 abstained Motion passes

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Proposal Number: 2018-0010

To Amend the Int'l By-Laws Section 7.01 (B) Silver Tier Dues and (C) Bronze Tier Dues
“Once rewritten and resubmitted by Treasurer John Bull”

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THIS PROPOSAL

NEW BUSINESS:

Proposal Number: 2018-0016

Purpose:

The Board of Governors are requesting we update and adjust section 9 awards in the procedure manual.

We have removed the heroism award and current practice (SOP) is that the decisions on these awards are all made by the BOG, and as listed distributed by the BOG. To bring this current and to allow more time to recognize our members when deserved we are asking to amend this document as follows.

Proposal: Procedure Manuel- Section 9 Awards

Blue Knights Meritorious Service Awards:

We would like to honor the Blue Knights within our organization who do something above and beyond the normal duties. This can be something that they have done at work, while off duty, on their way to and from a Blue Knights event, or while at a Blue Knights event. This award is to honor these individuals and recognize them for the act in which they have served.

There are many people in this organization who have gone without notice and this is one way of changing that.

Award Categories: 1) Life Saving **2) Heroism (REMOVE no longer given)** 2) Meritorious Service

These awards will be given yearly if anyone qualifies. It will be given at the banquet at the International Convention if the recipient is present. If they are not present it will be awarded at the Fall Conference meeting by an International Officer if present, if not, the award will be given by the Conference Representative.

All members of the Blue Knights are eligible to receive this award.

Nominations in writing, detailing the events as well as the news articles (if available) will be submitted to the Secretary of the Board of Governors by **May 1st(remove) (CHANGE to 30 days prior to the BOG annual meeting)** of the given year, **(ADD –and in rare cases if just prior to convention at the discretion of the BOG officers)**. He will then forward them to the Chairman of the Board of Governors who will review them and decide if necessary criteria are met.

The Chairman of the BOG will bring them before the International Board at the May meeting for their approval. The board will then notify the candidates who have been selected in Writing (REMOVE as this is no longer the practice). The award will consist of **(remove not done)a letter of commendation from the BOG, a framed certificate and service bar.**

All recipients of the award will be featured in an article in the **Blue Knights News (REMOVE replace Sword and Shield magazine).**

Intent: To increase the submission times to allow the members to be recognized for any acts prior to the convention. To update the wording in the procedure manual.

Advantages: benefits the members to be recognized as close as possible to the convention

Disadvantages: None

Anticipated costs: None

Suggested By: BOG Chairman

Submitted By: Rory Mac Connell
NAME

June 4th 2018
DATE

Chairman BOG
TITLE/POSITION

SRC (BA) made a motion to approve, 2nd by Southwest (G0)

Discussion:

This proposal was to correct how the current awards are giving out. Also in the Award Categories under #2 needs changed to Meritorious not Distinguished. This was correct.

Vote: 16 Yay, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain, Proposal Passed

Proposal Number: 2018-0017

Proposal: To update and amend the Int'l Expense Guidelines and to bring Int'l reimbursements under one document

Background: Motions have been made over several years on what the Int'l will or will not reimburse for. Additionally, amendment have been made to the motions. In order for members to figure out what is or is not covered as an approved expense they need to go over the motions book and look in multiple locations of the book.

Intent: The intent of this proposal is to update the reimbursement guidelines and bring everything into one document.

Advantages: Makes the expense guidelines easy to locate and understand. It states clearly what will or will not be reimbursed and defines what the cost limitations are.

Disadvantages: None

Cost: The actual cost will vary depending on the cost of registration of events and room rates. It will however set a limit on the total amount that is reimbursed getting to and from events.

Suggested By: John Bull 06/05/2018 Int'l Treasurer (BOD)

Submitted By: John Bull 06/05/2018 Int'l Treasurer (BOD)
NAME DATE TITLE/POSITION

Treasurer (JRB) made a motion to approve, 2nd by Europe (KH)

Discussion:

Treasurer (JRB) related that this puts everything into one document. Also updates the expense guidelines. (JRB) and the board members went over each section and the follows motions and corrections were made.

Motion by (JRB), 2nd by Mid-West (DC): Amend the 72 hours requirement to submit request to 7 days. So anywhere 72 hours appears would be changed. **Motion Passed**

Discussion reflected that travel, especially overseas, made the 72 hours too rushed.

(DJ) advised that seven days was more reasonable.

(DC) confirmed seven days was more acceptable to submitting the reimbursement form with receipts.

Motion by (JRB), 2nd by Past President (BF): Amend under section 13(a) first paragraph to remove the maximum \$1,500 to "actual expense". **Motion Passed**

Vice President (KB) is this a reasonable amount to include. I am not a world traveler, some of you are, and does this amount work?

(DC) No it doesn't even cover the cost of a plane ticket.

(DJ) I try to get the cheapest flights wherever I go. I pay for my kids, not the club, so I shop around. Further discussion resolved to use actual expenses. And then those expenses are defined.

Motion by (JRB), 2nd by BOG (RM): Amend under section 13 (b) first paragraph changed from president or his representative to the president or his representative or a member/employee in an official capacity. **Motion Passed**

Concerns were brought up regarding members if they are required to travel for official business for the Blue Knights and it was decided we would include the appropriate wording.

Motion by (JRB), 2nd by Vice President (KB): Amend under section 13 (b) last paragraph add UK&I Conference. **Motion Passed**

The UK&I was inadvertently omitted in the original and this added them to the proposal.

Motion by (JRB), 2nd by Past President (BF): Amend section 3 (c) first paragraph change to all executive committee from 5 days to 6 days. **Motion Passed**

(DJ) Advised the Executive Committee meets the day before for meetings and should be there to attend.

Motion by (JRB), 2nd by Mid-West (DC): Amend section 3 (c) fourth paragraph and remove the second sentence completely. **Motion Passed 15 yea, 0 nay, 1 abstention.**

Discussion revolved around whether the spouses of the founding fathers should have their registration paid and should they be required to work in the sales room. It was decided to pay the registrations and there would be no requirement for them to work.

Motion by (JRB), 2nd by BOG (RM): Amend section 3 (c) last line to add "limited to 1 mode of transportation". **Motion Passed**

(DJ) I'd like to throw this out there I recommend we, the club, pay for only one mode of transportation if the president and their spouse come via two different means.

Motion by (JRB), 2nd by Past President (BF): Amend section 3 title (d) to European Conference and/or UK&I Conference. **Motion Passed**

Again, the UK&I was inadvertently omitted from the original proposal.

Motion by President (DJ), 2nd by Vice President (KB): Amend section 3 (d) paragraph three and remove it which was titled "Land Travel" **Motion Passed**

(DJ) I don't think its right to put in for driving to the airport or using the mileage in a rental car. I don't do it but I know it has been done. Let's just take that out.

Motion by Europe (KH), 2nd by Past President (BF): Amend section 3 (d) paragraph add "the president and spouse under section (B) President and Spouse or their direct travel to and from expenses shall be paid to attend the European Conference and/or UKIC two days of travel prior to and after is authorized. **Motion Passed**

(JRB) I want to insert that the reimbursement is cover up to two days prior and two days after.

(BF) That's reasonable. You can get pretty much anywhere in Europe in two days.

Motion by (JRB) 2nd by GLRC (DH): Amend the last paragraph in section 3 (d) to change allotted amount from \$250 to \$150. **Motion Passed**

(JRB) This was a housekeeping type correction. An error was made when the original proposal was written and I want to correct it.

Motion was then made by Northeast (DN) and 2nd Past President (BF) to approve the amended proposal. Motion Passed

The updated proposal form for all the motions is seen below

Expense Guidelines

Approved: 06/17/18

Section 13

A: Presidential Travel

The President or his representative may attend a maximum of one (1) annual conference of each of the eleven conferences. The President's and spouse's expenses shall be reimbursed at actual expense. An additional \$150 shall be allotted for entertainment expenses at each conference.

The President or their representative will have access to a corporate credit card for expenses. They shall keep receipts for all expenses and submit original receipts to the International Office within seven (7) days of their return. They shall submit the receipts using the travel expense form.

If a personal credit card is used, they shall submit the travel expense form requesting a reimbursement. Copies of all receipts shall be attached and submitted to the International Office within seven (7) days of their return.

Expenses shall be limited to lodging, tolls, airline tickets, car rentals, mileage, registrations and meals. Whenever possible they should secure the lowest rates possible.

B: Other Official Travel

The President or his representative or a member or employee traveling in an official capacity, outside of those covered by this guideline and acting on behalf of the Blue Knights, shall be reimbursed actual costs upon submission of receipts using the travel expense form subject to the following limits:

Airline Tickets – Including baggage fees shall be reimbursed at actual expense.

Land Travel – Shall be reimbursed according to I.R.S. standard mileage rates.

Meals – Up to \$40 per day.

Lodging and Vehicle Rental – Actual cost with every attempt made to secure the lowest rate possible.

Official Capacity is defined as business directly related to the operation and function of the day to day operations of the corporation. Official Capacity does not include travel to chapter events or functions.

The travel of office staff to and from the International Convention, European Conference, UK&IC or a Conference shall be governed by this section.

C: Annual Convention

All Executive Committee members shall have six (6) nights room paid at the Annual Convention. The registration of the Executive Committee shall also be paid. The registration of spouses shall be paid if they volunteer five (5) hours of help to the office staff during the convention. Executive Committee members shall attend all meetings. Executive Committee members shall be responsible for any ancillary charges to their rooms.

The remaining Board of Directors shall have five (5) nights room paid at the Annual Convention. The registration of the remaining Board of Directors shall also be paid. The registration of spouses shall be paid if they volunteer five (5) hours of help to the office staff during the convention. The remaining Board of Directors shall attend all meetings. The remaining Board of Directors shall be responsible for any ancillary charges to their rooms.

The office staff is required to be at the host hotel in advance of and after the Annual Convention. As such they shall have their entire room and registration paid at the Annual Convention. The office staff shall be responsible for any ancillary charges to their rooms.

The Founding Fathers shall have five (5) nights room and their registration paid at the Annual Convention. The registration of their spouse shall be paid. They shall be responsible for any ancillary charges to their rooms.

The President and spouse's direct travel expenses to and from the Annual Convention shall be reimbursed under Section B: Other Official Travel. Travel is limited to one mode of transportation.

The President or his representative shall be allotted \$250 for entertainment expenses.

D: European Conference and/or UKIC

The room and registration of the President and Spouse or their representative shall be paid. Due to travel requirements to attend the European Conference and/or UKIC two days of travel prior to and after is authorized. The President or his representative shall be reimbursed actual costs upon submission of receipts using the official expense form subject to the following limits:

Airline Tickets – Including baggage fees shall be reimbursed at actual expense.

Meals – Up to \$40 per day.

Lodging and Vehicle Rental – Actual cost with every attempt made to secure the lowest rate possible.

The President or their representative will have access to a corporate credit card for expenses. They shall keep receipts for all expenses and submit original receipts to the International Office within seven (7) days of their return. They shall submit the receipts using the travel expense form.

If a personal credit card is used they shall submit the official expense form requesting a reimbursement. Copies of all receipts shall be attached and submitted to the International Office within seven (7) days of their return.

The President or his representative shall be allotted \$150 for entertainment expenses.

E: Travel Expense Form

A Travel Expense Form shall be used for documenting travel expenses (Attachment A). If a corporate credit card was used, original receipts must accompany the form and be mailed to the Int'l Office. If a personal credit card was used, copies of receipts must accompany the form. The form must be mailed within seven (7) days of the completion of travel.

TRAVEL EXPENSE FORM

Date: _____

Requested By:

Select One:

Name: _____

Expense Report

Street: _____ Reimbursement Request

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Amount: _____ Received By: _____ Date: _____

Event: _____

Beginning Date: _____ Ending Date: _____

71099 Tolls Cost: _____

71101 Mileage

Miles _____ X Rate _____ Cost: _____
(IRS Standards)

71102 Air Travel

Passenger #1 _____ Cost: _____

Passenger #2 _____ Cost: _____

71103 Meals (Max \$40 per day)

Breakfast _____ Days Cost: _____

Lunch _____ Days Cost: _____

Dinner _____ Days Cost: _____

71104 Lodging

Room: _____ Days X's _____ Cost: _____

71105 Registration

Registration 1 _____ (Person) Cost: _____

Registration 2 _____ (Person) Cost: _____

71220 Entertainment Cost: _____

TOTAL: _____

Proposal Number: 2018-0018

Proposal: To establish By-Law Article III Section 12 (g)(3)

A decision made or action taken against a member or chapter, outside those falling under Article X by the Blue Knights® International Board of Directors may only be overturned by a majority vote of the International Board of Directors. Any request for reconsideration must be filed with the International Secretary along with new submitted evidence that could possibly change the outcome within sixty days of the original decision. Any decision made as a result of a request for reconsideration shall be final.

Purpose: To end any chance of any individual member or chapter from submitting a letter of reconsideration through the Board of Governors of a decision already rendered by the Blue Knights® International Board of Directors (Int'l BOD).

Background: In 2012, PA Chapter XVIII in the Tri-State Conference (TSC) requested to transfer their charter into the Great Lakes Regional Conference (GLRC) due to their location and proximity to the GLRC. The TSC Board denied this request... PA Chapter XVIII appealed the TSC Board decision to the Int'l BOD and was again denied the transfer. Fast forward to 2018... Six (6) years later PA Chapter XVIII submitted a letter of reconsideration of the Int'l BOD decision in 2012 to be placed on the 2018 Board of Governors (BOG) agenda for a vote by the presidents in attendance in Atlanta, Ga. to have their letter of reconsideration referred back to the Int'l BOD.

Intent: To disallow any individual member or chapter to circumvent a decision voted on by a majority of the Int'l BOD by requesting a letter of reconsideration be placed on a future BOG agenda.

Advantages: This shall deter any attempts by any individual member or chapter from circumventing the By-laws or procedures that are already established. It would close the door on any future letters of reconsideration to open up any issue/matter of a decision that has already been rendered by the Int'l BOD unless new evidence has been submitted for reconsideration.

Disadvantages: None

Anticipated Cost: None

Suggested By: Cal Ennals, BOG Vice-Chairman

Submitted By: Rory Mac Connell June 1, 2018 BOG Chairman

Motion to approve by BOG (RM), 2nd Europe (KH)

Rory spoke why this proposal was drafted over the PA 18 situation. After the board member's discussed this matter, President (DJ) stated that he would like to table this since it needs more work and bring it back to the board at the next meeting. Any suggestions on how to reword the proposal should get in touch with Rory.

Motion made President (DJ), 2nd by GLRC (DH) to table this until the next meeting.

Vote: 16 Yea, 0 Nay, 0 Abstention's
PROPOSAL TABLED

CONFERENCE REPORTS:

European:

I would like to thank Georgia XVI for hosting this year's convention. It's a great site and I'm looking forward to all that's coming.

As you heard in the Vice-presidents report, the EC is slowly becoming the largest conference. Together with the rest of the European Board we work hard to assist existing and new chapters. We had our yearly European Convention in Rome, Italy. We had about 800 people attending with also a few members from the USA.

Our next year's convention will be in the city of Cologne, Germany. It's hosted by Germany V from May 30th till June 2nd 2019. There are flyers outside this room and if you need more information, feel free to come and find me or Andreas.

Ride with Pride

Great Lakes:

The 2018 Summer GLRC conference is being hosted by ON VIII, and will be held August 17-19 in Alliston Ontario Canada. The host hotel is the Nattawasaga Resort and Inn, address of 6015

Highway 89, Alliston, Ontario, L9R 1A4, with phone numbers of (705) 435-5501 or toll free: (800) 669-5501. Room rates start at \$145.00 CDN or \$115.50 USD; registration is \$80.00 CDN or \$60.00 USD. Members attending are reminded no firearms, and the resort is not pet friendly.

The 2019 Spring GLRC conference is being hosted by WI XV, and will be held March 22-24 in Wausau Wisconsin. The host hotel is the Jefferson Street Inn; 201 Jefferson St. in Wausau, WI, phone number is 715-845-6500. Anyone who needs to fly in can land from most airports at the Central WI Airport (CWA). The hotel has free shuttle service from the airport to hotel and back. The room rate is \$109/night plus local taxes. They anticipate registration to run in the area of \$65-\$70 per person.

There is presently one bid to host the 2019 Summer GLRC by Ohio V; this bid and any others to host this conference will be presented at the upcoming summer GLRC.

Mason-Dixon:

The Mason Dixon Conference held our Spring Conference meeting over Memorial Day weekend in Danville, Virginia, hosted by VA XIII. During the meeting, nominations were held for the upcoming two year terms. Those nominated were: Chairman – Ronnie Young (VA V), Vice Chairman: Keith Chase (VA II) and Richard Smith (MD II), Treasurer – Keith Johnson (VA XIII), Secretary – John Weinstein (VA II), International Representative – Mike Pollinger (DE I). Nominations were closed and the election will take place at our upcoming Fall Meeting over Labor Day weekend in Culpeper, VA.

Upcoming MDC Weekend Meetings:

Fall meeting, hosted by VA II, will once again take place at the Best Western in Culpeper, VA from Aug 31 through Sept 3rd. Room rate is \$90.00 per night plus tax and registration is \$95.00. Winter meeting, hosted by VA V, will take place at the Four Points by Sheraton Oceanfront in Virginia Beach, VA from Feb 15th to 17th, 2019. Room rate is \$79.00 per night plus tax and registration is \$85.00 per person / \$160.00 couple (Before Feb 1st) and \$95.00 and \$170.00 after February 1st.

Spring meeting, hosted by MD I, will take place at the Holiday Inn located in College Park, MD. Room rate is \$109.00 per night plus tax and registration is \$80.00 per person.

Flyers for our meetings and other upcoming events may be found on either our Mason Dixon Conference Website (www.bkmdc.org) as well as each of the hosting chapters.

RWP,
Mike Pollinger, MDC – International Representative
Mid-West:

Since our last meeting I attended France V's meeting in Agay, France and the European Convention (Conference) in Rome, Italy. Both were a great time and if you ever get the

opportunity you should attend a European Convention. Things are done differently than they are in the United States but a good time is had by all. The next two MWRC Conference Meetings will be held in Missouri. We hope you can attend one or both so we can showcase our beautiful state, which has great riding and activities for everyone.

MWRC Fall 2018 Conference:

Hosted by MO I (Springfield, MO) September 13 - 16, 2018

[Oasis Hotel and Convention Center](#) 2546 N Glenstone, Springfield, MO 65803

417-866-5253 or 888-532-4338

Room rate is \$90.00 a night + tax and is good 3 days before and after conference up to 4 people Ask for Fall MWRC Blue Knights rate and it is good for Deluxe Queen, Deluxe King, Poolside Queen,

Pool view Queen and Courtyard King rooms

Includes high speed wireless internet property-wide and a Breakfast Buffet

Registration is \$85.00 per person, T-Shirts are free with registrations received before August 1, 2018

T-Shirts are not available after August 1, 2018; T-Shirts are available in sizes Small to 5XL

Registration form is fillable on the MWRC website: www.blueknightsmwrc.com/events.html

If you have any questions, contact either Randall Latch at 417-839-2039 or

randalllatch@gmail.com or

Rick McCrea at 417-839-6791 or rickandtic@me.com

MWRC Spring 2019 Conference

Hosted by MO III (Chesterfield, MO) June 6 - 9, 2019

[DoubleTree Chesterfield](#) 16625 Swingley Ridge Rd, Chesterfield, MO 63017

636-532-5000 or 800-315-5459

Rooms are \$109.00 + tax per night for a Deluxe King or \$119.00 + tax per night for 2 Queens Be sure to ask for the Blue Knights rate or use this direct link listed on the MWRC website to book online

The special Blue Knights rate is good only through May 7, 2019 at 5:00PM

Registration is \$85.00 per person, T-Shirts are included with registration if received by May 7, 2019

T-Shirts are available in sizes Small to 5XL

Registration form is fillable on the MWRC website: www.blueknightsmwrc.com/events.html

If you have questions, contact either Doug Casteel at 314-412-4449 dougbkmo3@charter.net or

Jeff Cook at 314-540-7357 email blueknightslemc@yahoo.com

Please take a moment to remember what drew you to the Blue Knights® in the first place and work at getting back to those basics. Until we see each other again.

Ride with Pride,

Doug Casteel (MO III)
Mid-West International Representative

Northeast:

No Report Submitted

Rio Grande:

The “RGC” conducted its annual conference event May 17th through May 20th, 2019. Conference records show that 304 Blue Knights and Family members attended this year’s conference, representing 33 RGC Chapters. Along with members representing 9 Chapters from outside the RGC, including Canada and Germany and several members of the International BOD and BOG. The Conference conducted its bi-annual elections:

- Anthony Cabrera re-elected as Conference Chairman
- Shane Poole re-elected as Conference Vice Chairman
- Joey Torres re-elected as Conference Secretary
- Rick Caillet re-elected as Conference Treasurer
- Roger Byars (newly) elected Conference International Rep.

Major agenda topics:

- Proposal for RGC By-laws- Motion to Table
 - An RGC By-laws Committee to be established
- Proposal to establish an annual Safety Committee budget
 - Motion Passed: \$500 annual budget was established
- Conference Budget
 - Annual forwarding balance (Dec. 2017) = \$14,436.32
 - Closing Balance (May 2018) = \$13,526.15

2019 Rio Grande Conference

- May 9th thru May 12th
- Tyler, Texas
- Hosted by Texas 34 (Information can be found on their website)

Membership

- Conference membership is down from last year, with slightly more than 1,000 members.
- Established a new Chapter
 - Texas XLIX, out of Kingsland, Texas

- Michael Gingrich - President

Southern:

No Report Submitted

Southwest:

Greetings from the sunny and very hot Southwest Conference. The SWC has just completed its annual conference in Albuquerque, NM hosted by NMIII. At the conference, the following officers were elected:

Jorge Ortiz, Chairman
Guy O'Connor, International Representative
Michael Romero, Vice Chairman West
Toby Gallegos, Vice Chairman East

Tom Slaughter, Treasurer
Glenn Carpenter, Secretary

Next year's SWC Conference will be hosted by CAXVII in Oxnard, CA. The dates are June 5-9, 2019 at the Courtyard by Marriott Oxnard, 600 E. Esplanade Dr, Oxnard, CA (805) 988-3600, room rates are \$139 a night.

Come and support CAX with their annual poker run. The run is to raise money for scholarships for local college students. The event will be held on October 27, 2018 in El Centro, CA. Please see their website for more information.

Arizona VI will host the Third Annual November Nights at the Hilton Garden Inn Phoenix North Happy Valley on November 16-18, 2018. Hotel address is 1440 W Pinnacle Peak Rd, Phoenix, AZ (623) 434-5556, room rates are \$126 per night.

Tri-State:

No Report Submitted

United Kingdom & Ireland:

No Report Submitted

West Coast:

No Report Submitted

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

West Coast (DC): Stated that we need a parliamentarian.

President (DJ): Ken Delano Indiana 10 in Minnesota has volunteered.

Tri-State (RH): Agrees that we do also and that we will have to consider to reimburse him for his expenses to attend the meeting. (RH) asked if he was certified and (DJ) related that he was not.

(DJ)- Related that he will work on this for the next meeting.

(DC) questioned member's access to the motions book. A lot of information is in those motions.

(DJ) it's always been your conference executives would have access, the chapters presidents change so much you would have to keep changing access. It's online and believes it would cause the board a headache than anything else. He stated that's what we are for so the members would come to us with questions and we could give those answers with reasons why. Some of the motions are hard to understand.

Vice President (KB) if a members really wants to do research then read the minutes. If members are not reading the minutes now then why would they read the motions book?

(DC) it's easier to find motions in the motions book listed under categories than it is to go through 5 years of minutes.

(DJ) then again that is what the board members are for. Members give you the questions and you give them the answers. We can give a better answer because we know the history.

NEXT MEETING:

- 1. Date and Time: September 8th @ 11:00 AM Eastern Time**
- 2. Deadline for Agenda items: August 8th @ 4:00 PM Eastern Time**
- 3. Motion to adjourn: GLRC 1st, European 2nd**