

BLUE KNIGHTS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

**Stone Mountain, GA
July 16, 2018 1324 Hours Eastern Daylight Time**

Call to Order: President DJ Alvarez at 1324 HRS.

Moment of Silence: A moment of silence for ALL the members of Heaven I, and ALL Law Enforcement Officers slain in the line of duty. Also (DJ) recognized the military and families.

BLUE KNIGHT PLEDGE: Read by: President (DJ) read the Blue Knights Pledge in memory of Past Vice President Jerry Bryan who wrote the pledge and recently passed onto Heaven 1.

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.

INTRODUCTIONS:

- **Sergeant at Arms:** Host chapter provided members for sergeant of arms.
- **Host (2018) Chapter Comments:** Randy Hoagland, Ga XVI gave a welcome and various general information about the events for the week.
- **President (DJ):** recognized our founding fathers in attendance and International Presidents.
- **2019 Host Chapter statement:** Michelle Digiansante, NY II, President gave a power point presentation for the 2019 International Convention in New York. Information on the convection is posted on the International web site.
- **2020 Host Chapter statement:** David Buckley, Ireland I. David Buckley gave a power point presentation for the 2019 International Convention in Ireland which will be in June of 2019.

SECRETARY – James Borza

Roll Call of Board of Directors:

- **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)**

Minutes from the General Membership Meeting of July 17th, 2017:

Motion to accept the minutes by Nevada 1, 2nd by Texas 15.

Discussion:

Midwest (DC): On the minutes where the motion and vote was taken on the part of re-doing the election until there was no errors. In the minutes it was listed that the vote passed in fact it actually did fail, that on the tape that was provided it was hard to hear do to all the background noise.

Secretary (JB): Related that the tape was listened to many times and a lot of confusion was going on and in fact when the vote was called by you (DC,) you mixed it up and stated what we were voting for the wrong way. We would agree to disagree but the tape states it passed unfortunately.

Past President Ellen Smit: On the 2nd from the last page she requested that the editorializing, i.e hiss and boo's should be removed from the minutes.

(JB): Reference to hiss and boo's that could be amended but on the vote for a no errors election, the tape was there and there was so much chaos and the "intent" was not for that to happen but it did and that was factual at the meeting.

**Motion for the amendments requested by Ellen Smit,
NJ 11. 2nd by PA14, Motion passed, (1 Nay)**

The minutes were updated and are posted on the International web site.

(JB): If members are having and troubles getting minutes, they can contact me and I can get you a copy "once" they are posted online.

I explained that I have a vote on listed agenda items as well as their Reps, BOG Chairman. So contact me with any concerns and how you would like me to vote in an item,

COMMITTEES (not all Committees may be reporting)

Headquarters – Immediate Past President/Bob Flanagan

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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 tha 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 Mac Connell 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

Sword and Shield – Randy Gracy:

Related that they are working hard on the magazine and asked if there were any questions and no one did.

Internet – Mark Howard:

Introduced himself as the Chairman of the internet committee and introduced Joe Ball as the International Webmaster. Mark encouraged each chapter to log onto the web site and make sure their chapter links work. If they don't work contact them and they will to get it corrected. Reference to charity events, log those in on the web site. The committee is looking for representation in Canada and Europe. Contact the committee if interested.

Gil Mitchell - Web Site of the Year Award

Gil Mitchell was a long time member of the Blue Knights who ran the old Blue Knights Bulletin Board System before we had widespread Internet access, then was our Web Master when we established an International web

site. He spent countless hours and his own money trying to better both the image and communications capabilities of the Blue Knights. The purpose of the Gil Mitchell Award is to recognize exemplary Blue Knights web sites and encourage better Chapter and Conference web sites by pointing out what we consider examples of what others should aspire to. Some things to consider are ease of navigation, quality information content, proper spelling, punctuation and grammar, active links, reciprocal links to the Blue Knights International web site, as well as their Conference web site, and the use of legal, non-copyrighted content. We discourage the use of images, audio, logos and other content that may infringe on others' copyrights. There is a Web Master's guide on the Internet Committee page in the "Member's Only" section of the International web site that should be read and adhered to.

Web site nominations are made each spring, by the International Representatives for each Conference. The Conference Reps are asked to review all of the sites in their Conference, narrow down their nominations to what they consider the best 2 sites, and send them to the Internet Committee by the published deadline. Once the nominations are compiled, the Internet Committee judge's sites from the perspective of both current members and potential members who may be seeking to join a local Chapter, keeping in mind that non-motorcyclists, other Law Enforcement agencies, and even news or press agencies may be looking for information on the Blue Knights. By following the Web Masters Guide, we can make the most of our Internet presence and deliver the quality content people are seeking. You have to have more than just a "slick" or "pretty" web site using the latest technology. There is a lot of specific content we are hoping to see, because two of the primary purposes of any web site are effective communication and ease of finding information. We also want sites that convey a professional image, because each of the hundreds of individual Blue Knights web sites collectively represent our Club and all of our members. On behalf of the Internet Committee, we want to thank our Web Masters for all of their hard work and dedication to promoting your Chapter, Conferences and the Club.

All of that being said, here are the 2017 Gil Mitchell Web Site of the Year results:

Runner-Up: Tri-State Conference

Winner: Texas 1

An award image will be made available to them for display on their web site.

Sales – Mike Gratis:

Report that everything is going fine. If anyone has anything outstanding drop him an email or see him personally. As of today he is all up to date.

Safety – Roger Byars:

Roger related that he was stepping down as the safety officer. He thanked everyone for having been able to serve for the last 7 years. He related that he was stepping down since he has been elected as the RGC Rep.

European Liaison – Chris Dobeck:

President (DJ) related that Chris was not present for the meeting and he did not have a report from Chris to pass on.

Honorary – Gayle Murnane:

6 members have been approved by honorary committee and the BOD.

The Following nominations were made for International Honorary members:

Fred Noe: The son of Booker Noe from Jim Beam distillery.

Joe Ball: Current International Webmaster

King Albert II: Of Belgium

Christine Fulton: Co-Founder of the United Kingdom Cops Program and widow of her murdered husband who was a police constable.

Col. Allen West: Retired Army General who rides with a chapter in Florida

Scott Walker: Wisconsin Governor who is a motorcycle rider and supports the Blue Knights

President (DJ) Related that we do have another honorary Vice President Mike Pence. Through some help we do know that his letter was hand delivered to him at a Christmas party. VP Pence did not say yes but he also did not say no.

Election- Bob Awtrey:

Bob related that he was tasked to chair a committee to work on two matters.

-Electronic Voting. Through this the committee learned that we needed to get a law changed in the State of Maine. The current law was written a long time ago when electronic voting did not exist. The Maine Senator who was working with us in this matter then advised Bob he was not running for re-election next year.

The committee did submit to the State of Maine a subjective legal terminology letter.

He related that we joined a group called the Maine Association of Non-Profits. This group has decided to represent us in the State of Maine and use our procedures to submit to the legislators next year for support.

Hopefully by next September/October we will be moving along with this.

The committee established a couple test votes and sent them to a few members. The members were also asked to try and vote twice and the systems showed the member was not able to vote twice.

-So knowing that the committee could not get electronic voting in place by the next election, they moved to looking for bids from people who are in the business of doing elections. The committee set up a list of criteria for each company who wanted to place a bid.

THE COMMITTEE PRESENTED AN IN DEPTH POWER POINT PRESENTATION ON THE BID PROCESS AND COMPERISION OF EACH BID RECEIVED

5 company's responded to the bid request. The highest bid received was \$71,072 and the lowest was \$56,522 Only one company was able to meet ALL the bid requirements and its price was in the middle of the high and low. This company was Electronic Trust Company. The committee has NOT contracted with any provider as of this date.

A question was asked if the bid submitted included the company coming to the convention and Bob related yes. The bidders were advised it was to New York.

A question was asked how much does it cost to do an election now, Treasurer (JRB) replied that with the re-counts last year we spent \$33,957.40

Eric Mines asked why we want a photo on a ballot. (BA) related that the photo is required per the current election procedures we had for years. Sometimes it is followed and sometimes it not. So they put that in there so it would all be fair. A follow up question is we are still leaving to door open for members to count the ballots. Why? (BA) Correct, because some of the members suggested to do that so we left that as an option.

(BA) related that there are some non-profit organization's conducting electronic vote in the State of Maine which is illegal but after speaking with members, we are "law enforcement" organization and if a complaint was filed it would not look good. We are working on getting this done legally.

A question was asked if it the whole idea go vote electronically so that we get more members to vote. (BA) Yes, that plus the cost of the election.

A question was asked if we are planning to do the election electronically 2021. (BA) that is correct. The bylaw is in place with our bylaws, we just need to get the law changed and we are ready to go.

Scholarship: President (DJ) will be pulling and announcing the winners at the banquet as there are more members there.

TREASURER – John Bull:

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

He reported that this fiscal year we ended 26,000 in the black. Part of this is that Jena (Office Manager) shopped around for products. We also had other budget cuts that helped us out. That's for 2017.

Jim Storz asked if that included the \$50,000 we got from the insurance.

(JRB) Yes, without the insurance we were (-) \$24,000. But that is less than what we were in previous years because of all the budget cuts we went through and all the trimming we went through. So we still finished in the better. Now to take things in consideration of this year we are even doing better and we don't have the insurance money. So that \$26,000 does include the insurance reimbursement and that's in the report.

(JRB) then explained how he changed the report to be able to separate different categories. He also created a separate page for detailed reimbursements.

He explained the he has copies of every receipt that was submitted.

Motion by WV 2, 2nd by NY 9 to accept the Treasurers 2017 report.

Motion Passes

(JRB) then discussed the 2018 report current as June 27, 2018.

For this year in profit and loss, we are approx. \$6,000 to the good based on our budget cuts and everything else we have done. And that is even going back and restoring some of the cuts we did last year. I.e. the scholarships. Motion by NY 9, 2nd by NJ 5 to accept the Treasurers 2018 report.

Motion Passes

(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 Board's 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.

(Member of NY 26) Asked (JRB) if he has ever to the office in Maine.

(JRB) related that he has not been to the office yet because he is still an active police officer working. He plans is to take a trip there in 2019. So for him it's just a matter of scheduling to get up there.

(Member of NJ 11) asked if there was going to be a study as of why we are in the black now compared to previous years. (JRB) answered that question by referring to an ongoing legal mater. The last person prior never looked for the best deal just purchased items. Now we are finding ways to save money by buying smarter. That's why a lot of our costs are coming down.

President (DJ) related that once the office was taken back over, it was learned the prior person was buying for convenience not costs savings.

(Gus Faella, NJ 11) in the past 30 years he has been a member that was one of the best reports that he has heard.

VICE-PRESIDENT – Karen Borza

Karen first passed on the follow membership numbers.

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

As of the beginning of this year, we have 7 new chapters. Finland 2, Austria 6, England 19, Ontario 17, New Mexico 9, Croatia 2, and Texas 49.

There is money available for recruitment and retention and no one has asked for any recruitment monies worldwide. This money is to help the chapters get membership. If you spend money at events attempting to recruit send in you receipts and they would be reviewed.

I worked with Jim Trachta (FL 9) and he got me in touch with JP Cycles in Daytona Florida. At this point if you walk into JP Cycles with your membership card while in the Daytona area you will get a 10% discount. I am currently working with JP Cycles to get the offer via the internet worldwide. So when that becomes available I will get that information out to your reps.

PRESIDENT – DJ Alvarez

I'll start off with the update on Bessie. In my 30 years of law enforcement, I've never been a victim. I've been fortunate. I never want to be a victim again. The latest bad news is we are now on our eighth continuance. There is a light at the end of the tunnel. The reason for the latest continuance is her attorney has hired an accountant to go over the audit that was done because they don't agree with the numbers in the charges. She, Bessie, is trying to justify everything. The bad part is when we filed the police report they said they weren't going to do anything until we had an audit done. The DA's office said they wouldn't pay for, we had to. Now the DA's office is paying for her audit! This whole process has been very disheartening. I send out emails to the reps to keep you

informed. I'm not hiding anything. I'm not protecting anyone, which I have been accused of, even by folks in this room. The light at the end of the tunnel is her next court date is August 12, 2018. The letter I and our attorney sent the prosecutor and the DA, they realized we were dissatisfied. The prosecutor has picked up the pace and court dates have been selected for September, October and November. This means something is going to transpire; either she is going to take the plea or go to trial. If it's the plea, she would get 4-4 ½ years in prison, 3 years' probation, and restitution, and drug/alcohol counseling.

Last year I brought it up about people/members talking to her. I still think this is happening. It's to the point now that for the next BOD meeting I want to put a proposal in stating if it is discovered that from the date she was fired on, anyone who was aiding her, giving her information, whatever, they will be disciplined and made persona non grata. Some of the information she is getting, someone is talking to her. If we find out whom, they don't deserve to be in this organization.

We have also filed a civil suit against Bessie. In Maine, you can't just put a lien against someone's home, a judge has to award it. So when we win that suit then they will put a lien on her home. Also, we were keeping track of some stuff on line and when we served Bessie with the civil suit, about 2-3 weeks after she was served we discovered a land transfer from Bessie and Greg Small to her father-in-law. Well, it was an illegal land transfer. So we filed suit against the father-in-law. When we filed the suit, they actually sieved his bank account and Greg's. Well, they got the money released but there is a hold on the property. They can't do anything with it. We got some appraisals and then made some proposals for what we would accept. Right now it is at \$60,000.00 for the property plus all court costs.

Jim Storz, NY 1- You could ask that if the property was subdivided and he stood to make more money from it, before he sees any money the difference in what is owed us must be paid first.

DJ- I will ask our attorney to put that into our next response. We are trying everything we can to get our money back. We keep getting the bad news. The DA now made the date the charges were filed the cut off for the statute of limitations. When I made the police report at the end of September, the detective assigned put it off and it was pushed back and now it has cost us money because some of the money she has taken will now be beyond the limitation criminally. Civilly is a different matter.

Moving on, I am active on social media. Everyone knows that. I see when things are published and club business is discussed. I will not engage. It shouldn't be on there. A lot of miss information is being put out there, a lot! If you respond you're caught in a trap and then have to try to defend yourself on social media. I won't do that but you know, my phone is always there. People have called me; you can message me, text me, whatever. I am always open to the membership whether we are friends or not. If you need me, call me, I will give you an answer. It may not be what you want to hear but I will answer. There is too much in-fighting going on and it hurts this club. It has been so bad at times, we have actually had former members who are now in other clubs, messaging our members telling them to get out and come join their club because they don't fight. Now they have the Facebook page Knights Uncensored and its nothing but attacking people left and right. Sadly there are leaders in this organization that are members of that page. We should be leading by example. What's hurting this organization is all the infighting and fighting. People are seeing this. They look on social media and then ask why would I want to be in this club when they treat people like this? We didn't treat each other like this when we were on the job! Cops watch each other's backs! Now it's like you have to have a Kevlar plate on your back because of the backstabbing that goes on. It's not just me. It's a lot of you all. That is not what we are here for. We are family. Families fight but with fights come resolution. We need to resolve our issues and move forward. People say get back to the basics, right now basics is push away from the keyboard and get on your motorcycles and ride. That is what this club is about.

Harry Shaw – You’re absolutely right. Do not respond to the social media taunts. But, are you telling people that some of that stuff is crap and incorrect?

DJ- Some people I reach out to or I will publish the factual material on the International web page or send out the information to the reps to distribute. I have also had people call me and ask if it is true. I’m not the only one, there are several at this table that try to get the facts out.

Harry Shaw – But do you actually get on the site where it is posted and say this is wrong. We do at times but it isn’t always possible.

DJ - We do sometimes but that is just not the place for it. Also there is just so much going on it is hard to get everyone and it’s just not the place for it. Free speech is cited a lot, but someone raise their hand if they worked for a police department where they could say anything they wanted that was negative or wrong and you didn’t get written up or fired; There is not agency in this country or world. It’s the same thing with us. People should be promoting positively about this organization not negative. It does affect the club; people end up quitting the club because of this.

Unknown member NY II – Hold up. You’re talking about a place that you get a paycheck, and a pension. A job. This is a club and the members have a right to transparency. That is what your problem is. Transparency. As far as “if you have a problem call me”. That’s a dictatorship. Everybody is here because they want to be part of something that is greater than themselves. So when you sit there and say, ‘If you have a problem, call me.’ That’s your problem, that’s not transparency. If I got to call you, it should already be out there. This is not a corporation. You need transparency. Be kind with your words and be more dedicated. If you have to say call me. Maybe it’s time. I have nothing bad to say about you and your service.

DJ – If I don’t know there is a problem, how am I supposed to address it?

UNK NY II – I’m telling you! Transparency and distribution!

DJ – I disagree with you and I will say this. I try to be as transparent as I possibly can be.

UNK NY II – What John (Bull) did was great. He laid it out and said here it is. The whole board should be doing that.

Connie Flanagan Past International President – That report was not on social media.

DJ – That report was done here in person. It is not on social media, nor will it be put on social media.

UNK NY II – You should not be saying call me. You should have already beaten the curve with the answer out there before the questions and problem starts.

Mike Ripsch Past International President – Quite frankly, social media should be just that, social. If you are putting anything on social media that is club business. I have seen posts about club losses and Bessie. That type of information and club business being posted has to stop. If you are doing that, posting those types of things and information, you should be looked at for Article 10 discipline. You are not being a Blue Knight, a good and honorable Blue Knight. It was mentioned about transparency. Well transparency does not include social media.

UNK – Something said on social media should not be responded to on social media, but maybe something like, “This is wrong. Check legitimate sources.”

DJ – Some of this is on sites we are not allowed on. That is where most of this goes on. I know of two Facebook pages, one is actually legitimate run by the BOG and the Executive committee is not allowed on so we cannot address problems. The other one is Knights Uncensored. If I can address it I will. A lot of times I don't tell people to call me. There are people I will message directly and have, some in this room right now. I will give an answer to the question. If I see there is someone who has been misinformed, I will reach out to them and answer their question. I do this in all 11 conferences. I'm not being condescending. I wake up every morning thinking Blue Knights and I go to bed the same way. This club is my life. I am accessible, I'm always accessible.

Lon Strayer PA XII – I just wanted to say, I don't want to tramp on anyone's right to speak, but we have a meeting to run. This is something that can be discussed in the Hospitality room.

Office manager - Jana Clark

I know we have had issues with the mail system and people not getting their cards. We should now have that all straightened out.

As far as the building next to the office, half of it is rented out. I have sent a lease out to another person. There are also issues as far as room, the water system, and all that.

UNK – Are you in the office every day?

Jana – Monday through Friday 8-4 (Eastern Time) Call any time. You can also email me. If you email me and I don't respond then I have not received the email. I will respond to every email I am sent.

Jim Borza International Secretary – I just wanted to say, Karen and I were just up there on our own time. She is doing an excellent job. She is saving you guys, the club money. I think she's gone through heck and I personally have seen what she's doing. It isn't perfect but it looks great.

UNK – Other than Jana, how many people do we have working at the office?

Vice President (KB) – We just had the other person quit so we will be actively looking for someone to replace her. We have a temp agency that we have used in the past and we will go through them to get some immediate help. We will then start the process of getting another full-time employee.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Items for Ratification:

(1) The following resolutions presented to the membership are based on proposals for By-law changes brought forth by the Board of Directors to be proceeded by notice, not less than thirty (30) but not more than fifty (50) days in advance to the members entitled to vote setting forth a summary of the changes to be effected by such amendments. These proposals were passed and became effective immediately upon passage. To overturn these By-law changes and revert back to the prior By-law it will require 75% of the attending membership to vote not to ratify the individual resolution.

A. Notice shall be published in our Magazine/Newsletter, International Website, and electronically through our International Representatives and Chairman of each conference which shall be given to the membership.

B. Ratification of the resolution of the International Board of Directors at a regularly scheduled meeting on July 16, 2018.

The International Board of Directors recommends the approval of the following proposed amended and restated changes to the By-Laws of Blue Knights International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club, Inc. The following is a summary of the substantive changes to Article III, Section 3.16.1

PROPOSAL 2017-0005 – Election, Term of Office and Qualifications

Bylaws Article III, Sec. 3.16.1

Proposed Reading:

Any regular member who wishes to be a candidate for an office on the International Executive Committee (President, Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer) shall contact the International *Headquarters* between November 1st and December 31st of the year prior to the election (even year) and request their name be considered for nomination as a candidate of the specific office.

The candidate shall also complete an International application form and submit it to the International *Headquarters postmarked/timestamped by* December 31st of the year prior to the election in which the candidate intends to run for office. Members shall not make application for more than one position.

Intent: To bring clarity to this section of the Election process. Some members are concerned the postal mail was being delivered to the building but there is no staff to open the mail as the date landed on a weekend, or

staff were on days off and were disqualified for not having the application to the office on time. This will also address if an email is received but then not opened until after the deadline.

Advantages: Clearly defines the paper form application via postal mail, is postmarked prior to the end of December or scanned and email with a timestamp prior to the end date. If a staff member is not at work, this clearly provides a government or electronic date when the mail has been delivered.

Disadvantages: None

Yea's-208

Nays-0

Abstentions-0

Proposal passes, the Bylaw will be edited

(2) The following resolutions presented to the membership are based on proposals for By-law changes brought forth by the Board of Directors to be proceeded by notice, not less than thirty (30) but not more than fifty (50) days in advance to the members entitled to vote setting forth a summary of the changes to be effected by such amendments. These proposals were passed and became effective immediately upon passage. To overturn these By-law changes and revert back to the prior By-law it will require 75% of the attending membership to vote not to ratify the individual resolution.

A. Notice shall be published in our Magazine/Newsletter, International Website, and electronically through our International Representatives and Chairman of each conference which shall be given to the membership.

B. Ratification of the resolution of the International Board of Directors at a regularly scheduled meeting on July 16, 2018.

The International Board of Directors recommends the approval of the following proposed amended and restated changes to the By-Laws of Blue Knights International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club, Inc. The following is a summary of the substantive changes to Article III, Section 3.16.2:

Bylaws Article III, Sec. 3.16.2

Proposed Reading: *International Headquarters staff* shall complete a candidate nomination form to include the position the candidate wishes to run for and years served as Chapter President, as compared with International rosters. The "Election Verification Committee" shall verify the candidate's eligibility and *headquarters shall* notify the candidate of their findings in writing (electronic *and* postal service). *All interested candidates are required not to publicize, openly campaign, or make any type of a public announcement of his/her candidacy in any way until after he/she has been notified by the Headquarters staff per the Election Verification Committee that they are in fact eligible to run for the International Office. This*

requirement includes social media post and chat rooms, advertising campaign posters, and speaking at or in public forums such as Blue Knight meetings and/or social events. This does not prevent a private conversation with other people about their candidacy.

Intent: To bring clarity to this section of the Election process. Members were coming up with various interpretations of the words ‘move forward with their election campaign.’ Seems this issue is raised every two years with no clear concise wording. Saves the member a great embarrassment of they are NOT verified for some other reason.

Advantages: Members understand clearly, they may not speak publicly or make public announcements, posters or posts in all forms of media, including social media about their intent to run for an Executive position. **This doesn’t preclude them from speaking privately to other members.**

Disadvantages: None

Yea’s-207

Nays-0

Abstentions-1

Proposal passes, the Bylaw will be edited

(3) The following resolutions presented to the membership are based on proposals for By-law changes brought forth by the Board of Directors to be proceeded by notice, not less than thirty (30) but not more than fifty (50) days in advance to the members entitled to vote setting forth a summary of the changes to be effected by such amendments. These proposals were passed and became effective immediately upon passage. To overturn these By-law changes and revert back to the prior By-law it will require 75% of the attending membership to vote not to ratify the individual resolution.

A. Notice shall be published in our Magazine/Newsletter, International Website, and electronically through our International Representatives and Chairman of each conference which shall be given to the membership.

B. Ratification of the resolution of the International Board of Directors at a regularly scheduled meeting on July 16, 2018.

The International Board of Directors recommends the approval of the following proposed amended and restated changes to the By-Laws of Blue Knights International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club, Inc. The following is a summary of the substantive changes to Article III, Section 3.16.5 (New):

Proposal Number: 2018-0004

Proposal: By-law Update – To Allow for Electronic voting for International Elections so that ballots for International Elections may be cast by “Electronic Transmission”

NOTE: This does not go into effect until Maine Law changes to allow electronic voting for Non-Profit groups.

Purpose: To update the International By-Laws so that ballots for International Elections may be cast by “Electronic Transmission”

Background: In order to update our International Election Process and give Blue Knights worldwide the ability to cast their votes for International Office Candidates in an efficient, secure and cost effective manner, our International By-Laws must be updated to allow for an electronic voting procedure to be developed

Intent: To update the International By-laws to allow for electronic transmission of voting by members

Advantages: This procedure would be far more secure, effective and more efficient than mailed ballots, as well as a tremendous cost saving to our organization.

Disadvantages: none

Estimate of costs to enact/implement: While actual costs are unknown, it is estimated that this would cost less than \$5,000, if we use our secure, in-house network.

Discussion was held:

Ellen Smit first made a reference that maybe we should make a definition for electronic transmission and was clarifying that we are just adding to the current bylaw the “To Allow for Electronic voting for International Elections so that ballots for International Elections may be cast by Electronic Transmission”

Rob Davis (NV 2) inquired if anyone is looking into what cost this will be for software and such.

Vice President (KB) at this point this was left up to Bob Awtrey and the election committee to do all of that research.

Bob Awtrey (BA related that is correct. At the time of this proposal this was an estimate. Reference to Ellen’s question, electronic transmission is already a valid definition in the State of Maine and we don’t want to change that.

Yea’s-208

Nays-0

Abstentions-0

Proposal passes, the Bylaw will be edited

(4) *The following resolutions presented to the membership are based on proposals for By-law changes brought forth by the Board of Directors to be proceeded by notice, not less than thirty (30) but not more than fifty (50) days in advance to the members entitled to vote setting forth a summary of the changes to be effected by such amendments. These proposals were passed and became effective immediately upon passage. To overturn these By-law changes and revert back to the prior By-law it will require 75% of the attending membership to vote not to ratify the individual resolution.*

A. Notice shall be published in our Magazine/Newsletter, International Website, and electronically through our International Representatives and Chairman of each conference which shall be given to the membership.

B. Ratification of the resolution of the International Board of Directors at a regularly scheduled meeting on July 16, 2018.

The International Board of Directors recommends the approval of the following proposed amended and restated changes to the By-Laws of Blue Knights International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club, Inc. The following is a summary of the substantive changes to Article III, Section 3.16.4:

Proposal Number: 2018-0006

Proposal: To add the following revision to Section 3.16 Election, term of office and qualifications as subsection 4 (Proposed revision shown in italics and underlined).

International officers shall be elected every two (2) years (odd numbered years) at the election meeting to be held at the International Convention on the Tuesday of that event at 0900 a.m. for the purpose of counting mailed paper ballots.

They shall serve in their offices until the close of the International banquet, at which their elected successors are announced and sworn into office. If the election of officers shall be delayed for any reason, an election shall be held as soon thereafter as convenient and each officer shall continue to hold office until their successor shall be duly elected. International officers shall meet all qualifications as a Regular member, set forth in Article 6, Section 1 of the Constitution. To qualify for an office on the

International Executive Board the candidate must presently be or have previously served as the President of a local chapter.

4-No International Executive Committee officer shall be allowed to serve more than two consecutive terms in the office they are elected to. The exception is if an Executive Committee officer has served two consecutive terms in the office they were elected to, there must be an intervening term before he or she can run for that office again. This does not preclude that officer from running for a different Executive Committee position.

Purpose: To allow greater diversity in our organization which will provide a constant source of new ideas.

Background: There are no current term limits.

Intent: To eliminate homesteading in any one position.

Advantages: To allow more members to participate in the governing of our organization.

Disadvantages: None

Estimate of costs to enact/implement: None

Discussion was held:

Clarification – does this go into effect with the next election (2019)? It is in effect now. This vote would overturn it. This doesn't state when it should start or if we should consider terms already served or anything. There was extensive argument as to the interpretation of this proposal and when it takes effect. It was explained that if there was confusion as to how to interpret what was written, vote it down.

What happens if we pass this and nobody wants the position? The answer was there was nothing in this proposal to cover that event.

Question- what if someone is elected and the membership feels this person is great we want them to remain beyond the two terms but this limits that. Then what do we do?

Someone also asked that if this membership wants to vote somebody in for a third or fourth term in our democracy why are we refusing to listen to the membership?

Yea's-24

Nays-130

Abstentions-11

Proposal Failed

(5) The following resolutions presented to the membership are based on proposals for By-law changes brought forth by the Board of Directors to be proceeded by notice, not less than thirty (30) but not more than fifty (50) days in advance to the members entitled to vote setting forth a summary of the changes to be effected by such amendments. These proposals were passed and became effective immediately upon passage. To overturn these By-law changes and revert back to the prior By-law it will require 75% of the attending membership to vote not to ratify the individual resolution.

A. Notice shall be published in our Magazine/Newsletter, International Website, and electronically through our International Representatives and Chairman of each conference which shall be given to the membership.

B. Ratification of the resolution of the International Board of Directors at a regularly scheduled meeting on July 16, 2018.

The International Board of Directors recommends the approval of the following proposed amended and restated changes to the By-Laws of Blue Knights International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club, Inc. The following is a summary of the substantive changes to Article III, Section 3.08:

Proposal Number: 2018-0007

Proposal: Amend by-law section 3.08 Notice of Meetings

Notice of all International Board of Directors meetings, except as otherwise provided in these by-laws, must be given by mailing such notice at least **thirty(30)** days or electronically the same at least **ten (10)** days before the meeting, to the usual business or residence address of each director, but such notice may be waived by any director.

That all International Board of directors meetings be conducted under an agenda proposal format. That any formal agenda proposals be submitted to the International Secretary 31 days prior to the meeting date and be forwarded to the Board of Directors for distribution to the membership 30 days prior to the stated meeting date. That international proposals only be submitted through the Board of Director officers or entitled committee.

Purpose: To address section 3.08 of the by-laws Notice of meetings. To extend the mailing/notification days to the Board of Directors for the agenda of each meeting. The by law gives us 10 days prior to the meeting to review the proposals and get responses from the membership to the conference boards. In this set time frame it is not practical to receive replies from the membership on the agenda proposals, then to vote as the membership wants. We currently, majority of the time, vote as the officer wants or as the conference board has directed them to. To have the agenda proposal format incorporated into a bylaw for the meetings of the international.

Rational: To receive enough time to relay the agenda proposals to all members for feedback on the way the membership would like their representatives to vote.

Intent: To allow time for the membership to address the proposals for the Board of Directors meetings. Then reply to the conference officers and Board of Directors on the subject. The 3 days would not apply, this should apply to a special meeting being called, not a scheduled quarterly BOD meeting where deadlines and meeting dates are set at the previous meeting. To place the agenda proposal format procedure for meetings in the bylaws.

Advantages: That the time is extended to receive replies from the membership prior to the Board of Directors meetings on proposals set before the board for action. Nothing needs to be rushed when making these important decisions for the organization.

Disadvantages: None

Cost Analysis: None

Yea's-164

Nays-0

Abstentions-1

Proposal passes, the Bylaw will be edited

NEW BUSINESS:

Proposal Number: 2018-0013

Proposal: To Move the “Lake Erie Chapter”, PA 18 of the Blue Knights from the Tri State Conference to the Great Lakes Regional Conference.

Purpose: To enable the Members of PA Chapter 18 to have both a true voice in the Blue Knights and participate in Conference Activities and rides.

Background: PA Chapter 18 is presently located in Erie Pennsylvania, on the Shores of Lake Erie, one of the five Great Lakes. We are located in the Northwest corner of Pennsylvania approximately 420 Interstate and Turnpike miles away from Philadelphia and anywhere in New Jersey. We are currently members of Tri State Conference who, years ago through the stroke of a pen, were responsible for representing Chapters from New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Also, with the stroke of a pen, Buffalo New York was excluded from Tri State and placed in the Great Lakes Regional Conference, do to their tremendous distance from all the other Tri State Chapters and relative distance and positioning relative to the Great Lakes Regional Conference. We find ourselves in the same dilemma. While we are only approximately 30 miles away from the state of Ohio on one side, which has/had Blue Knights Chapters in Kent/Canton area and Mentor, OH and 95 miles west of the Buffalo NY Chapter, all of them are in the Great Lakes Regional Conference. In point of fact members traveling from Ontario or Buffalo NY Great Lakes Conference Chapters have to travel through Erie to attend conference meetings in Ohio, Illinois and other Great Lakes states, and members from those States have to travel through Erie to go to Conference Committee Meetings held in the Buffalo/Niagara Falls area. Our issues and interests are their issues and interests. We have little or no contact with the Tri State as ALL their Meetings/Rides/Activities are 6 or more hours drive away. Last year we had a Law Enforcement Recognition ride, where we read off the names of the 200+ Officers who gave their lives from Jan. 2016 until July of 2017 it was attended by Representatives of 9 Jurisdictions, Politicians, Civilians and Blue Knight Members from Ontario, Canada, Buffalo N.Y., and Ashtabula Ohio. We are not interested in the Politics of the chapters from the areas east of us in the Tri State, they are not our voice nor do they listen when we give an opinion especially if it may differ from theirs, and we have stopped trying for this reason. Here in the West we have been made to feel they certainly have NO interest in us. Additionally, we are not a wealthy Chapter, we work to support Charities, in order for us to send a Representative to matters in the East, and they are all in the East, it is expensive and time consuming. To go on one of their rides means 6-8hrs just to get there to go on a 4-5 hr ride then 6-8hrs to return to Erie. We are here for fraternalism and common interest and we are asking humbly, to be allowed, like Buffalo, N.Y., to be members of the much closer GLRC.

Intent: To gain the ability to be truly represented in the Blue Knights, decrease our costs and increase the ability to participate and support Blue Knight functions with other Blue Knights that support our Chapter. We want our voice heard by the membership and not those who seem to be more concerned with who has the most members in a conference or who think it's not important enough to consider.

Advantages: Better participation, easier recruitment, recently the Ashtabula Ohio Chapter lost many of their members, the reason was undisclosed to us and two of their members approached us and joined our Chapter, several others are looking to join 60 or 70 miles away to stay in the GLRC, or just let their membership lapse. We think we could recruit almost all of them if this boundary did not exist. Membership will not decrease and in fact should increase.

Disadvantages: Tri State Conference may no longer be the largest conference member numbers wise.

Estimate of costs to enact/implement: None

Suggested By: *Thomas O. Nelson President, PA 18* *Date: 04/24/2018*

Submitted By: *Thomas O. Nelson President, PA 18* *Date 04/24/2018*

Motion to approve by Ontario 8, 2nd by Indian 10

Discussion:

Russ Harper began to explain the background and history of this proposal to the membership present. Secretary (JB) related to Russ that PA 18 was not present to argue and explain their proposal and called the question. Russ thanked (JB).

An unknown member called for a motion to table the proposal but the membership realized the vote was called already. President (DJ) recognized the vote was called.

Mid-West (DC) related that this proposal as written is not to pass this onto the BOD but to let PA 18 move to the GLRC Conference.

All in favor “To Move the Lake Erie Chapter, PA 18 of the Blue Knights from the Tri State Conference to the Great Lakes Regional Conference.”

**Yea: 71, Nay: 83, Abstention: 12
PROPOSAL FAILED**

Proposal Number: 2018-0014 **(WITHDRAWN)**

Proposal: To amend Article 6 Membership Classifications Section 2 Associate Membership of the Articles of Incorporation to also allow non-governmental law enforcement agencies as a requirement for membership.

Rational: To allow membership into the Blue Knights® International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club other than those employed by a governmental agency. All other requirements to remain as is.

Intent: To allow law enforcement officers who work part time for law enforcement agencies other than governmental agencies to qualify for associate membership in the Blue Knights® International Motorcycle Club. They must be recognized as a sworn peace officer in their state, and or country. Non-sworn civilians working as security guards for these non-governmental agencies would not be considered. The law enforcement agency must be full time, permanent, and not contractual and approved by International.

History

There are Police Officers that work for Railroad Companies, private schools, etc., that go through the same training as officers employed by a governmental agency and have the same arrest authority. Currently there are 349 Railroad Police Officers listed on the Officer Down Memorial Page ([Https://www.odpm.org](https://www.odpm.org)) as being killed in the line of duty. Additionally, there are 11 Police Officer's from private colleges listed as being killed in the line of duty. Patrol Officer Sean Collier was murdered by the Boston Marathon Bombers.

Advantages: The advantage of allowing these police officers to qualify for membership is that the Blue Knights® International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club can have additional areas for membership recruitment into the organization all whilst keeping the club blue.

Disadvantages: None

Cost Analysis: None

Suggested By: RGC Conference Board

5/30/2018

RGC Conference Board

Submitted By: Roger Byars

5/20/2018

Int'l Rep

Proposal Number: 2018-0015 (WITHDRAWN)

Proposal: To amend Article 6 Membership Classifications Section 1 Regular Membership of the Articles of Incorporation to also allow non-governmental law enforcement agencies as a requirement for membership.

Rational: To allow membership into the Blue Knights® International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club other than those employed by a governmental agency. All other requirements are to remain unchanged by this amendment.

Intent: To allow law enforcement officers who work for law enforcement agencies other than governmental agencies to qualify for regular or associate membership in the Blue Knights® International Motorcycle Club. They must be recognized as a sworn peace officer in their state, and or country. Non-sworn civilians working as security guards for these non-governmental agencies would not be considered. The law enforcement agency must be full time, permanent, and not contractual. Each individual agency must be approved by the International Board of Directors.

History

There are Police Officers that work for Railroad Companies, private schools, etc., that go through the same training as officers employed by a governmental agency and have the same arrest authority. Currently there are 349 Railroad Police Officers listed on the Officer Down Memorial Page (<https://www.odpm.org>) as being killed in the line of duty. Additionally, there are 11 Police Officer's from private colleges listed as being killed in the line of duty. Patrol Officer Sean Collier was murdered by the Boston Marathon Bombers.

Advantages: The advantage of allowing these law enforcement officers to qualify for membership is that the Blue Knights® International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club can have additional areas for recruiting new members into the organization all whilst keeping the club blue.

Disadvantages: None

Cost Analysis: None

Suggested By: RGC Conference Board

5/30/2018

RGC Conference Board

Submitted By: Roger Byars

5/30/2018

Int'l Rep

Proposal Number: 2018-0019

Proposal (Consists of 2 pages) Re: Outsourcing Elections

That we vote and direct the Blue Knights International LEMC Inc. to outsource the entire 2019 and future Blue Knights International executive election processes to a professional, experienced Elections Process Company.

However, that the Nomination and Verification system already accepted and in place continue to be conducted internally by Blue Knights.

Purpose:

To provide a professional & modern election process for the Blue Knights while honoring the mail out/ in requirements of the Constitution & Bylaws and Maine State law under which we are bound at this time.

To put into place an accountable election system for International executive elections.

Intent:

To mitigate and eliminate issues and problems, perceived or real, that have existed in the last several International election processes.

To eliminate conflicts of interest - perceived or real.

Background:

Since July 2011, election modernization for the Blue Knights has been studied, suggested, proposed, accepted, tabled, overturned as well as election companies were contacted.

(References: BOD minutes from July 2011 to March 2013; AGM minutes July 2016 & 2017; BOD minutes July 2017)

Processes have been accepted by the International Board, as well as the general membership, however have never proceeded. Partial outsourcing has been used in recent elections, not without problems

Methods to be used:

1. That an Elections Services company, prepare the election packages, print them, mail them out, collect them back and tabulate the results.
2. That the Elections Service Company will receive up to date membership lists from which they can print/address the election packages.
3. The election process pivots on the accuracy of the membership list used to send out ballots. Therefore, the Blue Knights membership lists for the 2019 election (and similarly in the future) must be the updated lists as of February 28 of the election year. This gives Chapters time to get their renewals in and their addresses updated by the International office.
4. That the approved election package will have an instruction sheet, photos of the candidates, the secret ballot, secret ballot envelope, return envelope.
5. That the Elections Services Company builds accountability numbering system into the packages to insure one vote per member in good standing and that the secrecy of their vote is protected.
6. That the secret mail-in ballot is placed into a secret ballot envelope and returned in a mailing envelope to the Elections Services Company contracted for the job.
7. That by using an Elections Services company, we can eliminate the cost of accountants, as there is an oversight, security, accountability and transparency built into their process.
8. That the current time lines stated in the Blue Knights Elections policies, procedures and Constitution & Bylaws remain unchanged.

Advantages:

- eliminate the costs of an accountant while maintaining accountability
- modernize our election process, take it out of the hands of the organization,
- eliminate the distrust, accusations, discontent surrounding the International election process
- use this as a stepping stone to the future use of on line voting in the future when the Maine State laws, or our corporate attorney permit
- frees up members from having to count the ballots at the International Convention
- provides counted results immediately on the Tuesday of the International Convention at the required Election meeting in the morning

Disadvantages:

- success depends on validity of membership list
- cost will be raised as a roadblock to total outsourcing of the election process
- members will say they want to count ballots (Be it known the counters have always been known to do an excellent job, however, it prevents them from enjoying a day at Convention that they have paid to attend)

Cost:

- costs researched based on membership of 18,000 members range between \$55k and \$67k
- for future reference: the research showed that using an on-line method would be half the cost
- see next proposal for specific costing and Election Service Company recommendation

Suggested by: Ellen Smit Date: June 15, 2018 Title: Past International President
Dominic Squillace Date June 15, 2018 Tri State Conference Treasurer

Submitted by: Ellen Smit Date: June 15, 2018 Title: Past International President
Dominic Squillace Date June 15, 2018 Tri- State Conference Treasurer

Motion to approve NY1, 2nd by RI 1

Discussion:

Past President Ellen (ES) explained the submitted proposal by herself and Dominic Squillace. Members lost confidence in our system and they are working to make this better for the membership. They want to have an accountable system in place. A water marked ballot is not accountable. The nomination system will stay in place and once the candidates are in place the remainder of the election would go to the company. It would still be an option for the membership to count the ballots at the convention. This system will maintain the secrecy of the members vote.

Brad Tollefson (BT), Louisiana 2, is this not what Bob Awtrey and the election committee is working on?

(ES) well the information that Bob has out there she has not compared this to it so she is not sure. The company that they researched was listed in the election committee's presentation because they were asked to bid.

(BT) The election committee is working on a paper election for next year so this seems like a duplication.

Dominic Squillace related that this proposal is just for out sourcing. The next proposal for a company.

A question was asked if the election committee looked this over and (ES) responded that this proposal was in the package for here and that they didn't know what Bob (election committee) was doing.

An unknown member talked about how the cost of electronic voting could be expensive.

Eric Mines (MD) responded to the comment that Brad Tollefson made that this proposal is the same as the election committee is working. Eric believed that the entire process was outsourced i.e the counting of the ballots but learned that both ways allow for the membership to count ballots.

Treasurer (JRB) related to the membership that this proposal presently says that we outsource the election, it does not say what company we use, the money we spend, nothing. This proposal says we as members are completely hands off the outside company does it from beginning to end. Forget about the company, that company is in the 2nd proposal.

Vice President (KB) Ellen stood up here and said the members could count the ballots. So it not a proposal for complete outsourcing of the election.

(ES) did relate that she did say that.

(KB) you have to correct that first.

President (DJ) stated that if we are going to outsource this we need to get the bang for our buck and the lowest cost and have an election.

Mid-West (DC) asked for the proposal to be read again so everyone understands.

(ES) read the follow: That we vote and direct the Blue Knights International LEMC Inc to outsource the entire 2019 and future Blue Knights International executive election processes to a professional, experienced Elections Process Company. However, that the Nomination and Verification system already accepted and in place continue to be conducted internally by Blue Knights.

(ES) apologized for mudding the water. This proposal does not say we will count, it is a total outsource.

(TX35) asked we paid \$35,000 for the election last year, why would we pay \$55,000

(JRB) forget about the money

There was a question and concern to giving our information out to these companies.

(ES) she can say that this company does not store our information.

(BA) commented that the election committee has been working hard on this and thinks that this proposal is putting the cart before the horse. If you pass this proposal, you are doing away with everything they have done. He is just asking the membership to give the committee a chance to perform their job.

A member asked if February 28th was too early because renewals are just finishing up. So if this is mandatory and she is just cleaning up I don't know if she could be ready for that date.

Past President Connie Flanagan (CF) asked (ES) if she could tell the membership how much this is going to cost us in 2021 and 2023. To mandate us to do something that we have no control over in future years is irresponsible.

The vote was called: Yea: 4, Nay: 160, Abstention: 5

PROPOSAL FAILED

Proposal Number: 2018-0020 (WITHDRAWN)

Proposal (Consists of 4 pages) Re: Electec Elections Services Inc

That the Blue Knights International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club Inc outsource the 2019 and potentially future International Executive elections to *Electec Election Services Inc*. New Jersey, USA.

Purpose:

To present an experienced election process company as the outsource provider for all requirements of the 2019 and potentially future Blue Knights International election processes, excluding the current accepted Nomination & Verification process which would continue to be done by Blue Knights.

Intent:

- modernize the Blue Knights election process
- eliminate conflicts and suspicions that have permeated previous election processes
- provide the general membership and executive board with the results of our research on election services companies
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Background:

- *Electec Elections Services Inc*. is an experienced company located in New Jersey, which is near the 2019 Blue Knights International Convention and Election site;
- *Electec* would provide Blue Knights with a mail out/in ballot process to meet the current Constitution & Bylaws and the Maine State laws under which we fall
- *Electec* has been operating since 1983, successfully running election processes for various levels of governments, unions, associations and professional organizations.
- *Electec's* motto is "Our integrity is never compromised"
- Company officials made it clear that they conduct elections in a secure, accountable manner;.

Methods to be used by *Electec*:

9. Use membership lists provided by Blue Knights International LEMC, Inc, to mail out election packages
10. A list of returns for bad addresses will be provided to the International office for correction and they will be re-issued provided it is timely, with a new accountability number

11. Prepare the election packages, print them, mail them out, collect them back and tabulate the results.
12. That the approved election package will include an instruction sheet, photos of the candidates, the secret ballot, secret ballot envelope, return envelope.
13. That there will be accountability using a numbering system on the mail-out and return envelopes - not on the secret ballot or envelope
14. That the numbering system will be used to insure one vote per member and that the secrecy of their vote is protected.
15. That the secret ballot is placed into a secret ballot envelope and returned in a provided mailing envelope to the *Electec*
16. That *Electec* will high speed-open the return envelopes, verify the accountability number, remove the secret ballot envelopes for tabulation. Ballots will not be tabulated if not in the proper return envelopes.
17. That *Electec* will high speed-open the secret ballot envelopes and place ballots for tabulation
18. That the ballots will be tabulated and results provided to the Elections Meeting on the Tuesday morning of the International Convention, along with all related statistics for the election process.

Advantages:

- secure
- accountable
- transparent
- timely
- move process from the Blue Knights and remove allegations and issues that have befallen the Blue Knights elections for several years
- protect our office staff, candidates, executive and members
- the above company could do an on-line election process in the future if/when Maine State law permits us to do so

Disadvantages:

- members will say it is too costly,
- it has been impossible to get a full and correct accounting for costs of the in-house process, including all the office staff salaries, phone calls, travel, accountants, attorneys, all printing, stuffing, mailing etc of past elections, in order to do an appropriate comparison of costs

Cost:

See attached costing sheets. One if *Electec* counts the ballots and one if Blue Knights count the ballots. With rifts and discontent that past allegations and issues related to the election processes have caused, the undersigned recommend full outsourcing including, ballot tabulation

**Suggested by: Ellen Smit Date: June 15, 2018 Title: Past International President
 Dominic Squillace Date June 15, 2018 Title: Tri State Conference Treasurer**

**Submitted by: Ellen Smit Date: June 15, 2018 Title: Past International President
 Dominic Squillace Date June 15, 2018 Title: Tri State Conference Treasurer**

Attachments - 2 *Electec* Estimate of Costs



10 Eagle Avenue Suite 800 Mount Holly, New Jersey 08060
Office 800.833.9912 Fax 609.267.8072

**ESTIMATE OF COST
(FULL SERVICE MAIL IN BALLOT WITH TALLY)**

TO:	DATE:	5/25/2018
Blue Knights Int'l Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club, Inc.	DATE OF ELECTION:	8/6/2019 Tally provided 9am
38 Alden Street	TYPE OF ELECTION:	Mail Out Ballot Services/ Optical Scanning at Electec location in Mount Holly, NJ
Bangor, Maine 04401		

	Quantity	Price	Estimated Cost Extended Price
Election Data Entry, Develop Ballot Layout, Final Ballot Typesetting (English only)	1	\$800.00	\$800.00
Supply & Print #9 Secrecy Envelope	18,000	\$0.11	\$1,980.00
Supply & Print #10 Return Envelope (Numbered)	18,000	\$0.12	\$2,160.00
Supply & Print #11 Outer Envelope	18,000	\$0.12	\$2,160.00
Supply & Print Election Ballot (8 1/2" x 11" or 8.5" x 14", candidates on one side)	18,000	\$0.48	\$8,640.00
Print Mail In Ballot Instructions and Candidate Picture Page provided by Customer (Black/White; Two-Sided)	18,000	\$0.06	\$1,080.00
Collate, Bundle, Mail Packages to Members	18,000	\$0.95	\$17,100.00
Acquire Restricted Post Office Box for 3 months	1	\$250.00	\$250.00
Toll Free Number to Accept Requests for Duplicate Ballots	1	\$250.00	\$250.00
Handle and Process Calls for Duplicate Ballots	1	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Postage - Outbound	15,000	\$0.85	\$12,750.00
Postage - Outbound (International)	3,000	\$2.25	\$6,750.00
Prepare ballots for scanning	1	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Tabulation Ballot Scanners	4	\$900.00	\$3,600.00
High Speed Envelope Opener	1	\$250.00	\$250.00
Election Technicians	4	\$650.00	\$2,600.00
Election Clerks	3	\$550.00	\$1,650.00
Project Manager (1)			\$1,500.00
Sub Total			\$69,020.00
Discount - No Charge for Project Manager			(\$1,500.00)
Discount - No Charge for High Speed Letter Opener			(\$250.00)
TOTAL ESTIMATED COST			\$67,270.00

ADDITIONAL NOTES:
This estimate does not include postage cost for ballots to be mailed back to Electec Election Services, Inc.
Postage Rates to be determined by weight and rates established by USPS at time of mailing.



10 Eagle Avenue Suite 800 Mount Holly, New Jersey 08060
Office 800.833.9912 Fax 609.267.8072

ESTIMATE OF COST
(MAIL IN BALLOT W/OUT TALLY PROCESS)

TO:	DATE:	5/25/2018
Blue Knights Int'l Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club, Inc.	DATE OF ELECTION:	8/6/2019
38 Alden Street	TYPE OF ELECTION:	Mail Out Ballot Services/ BK completes own tally
Bangor, Maine 04401		

	Quantity	Price	Estimated Cost Extended Price
Election Data Entry, Develop Ballot Layout, Final Ballot Typesetting (English only)	1	\$800.00	\$800.00
Supply & Print #9 Secrecy Envelope	18,000	\$0.11	\$1,980.00
Supply & Print #10 Return Envelope (Numbered)	18,000	\$0.12	\$2,160.00
Supply & Print #11 Outer Envelope	18,000	\$0.12	\$2,160.00
Supply & Print Election Ballot (8 1/2" x 11" or 8.5" x 14", candidates on one side)	18,000	\$0.48	\$8,640.00
Print Mail In Ballot Instructions and Candidate Picture Page provided by Customer (Black/White; Two-Sided)	18,000	\$0.06	\$1,080.00
Collate, Bundle, Mail Packages to Members	18,000	\$0.95	\$17,100.00
Toll Free Number to Accept Requests for Duplicate Ballots	1	\$250.00	\$250.00
Handle and Process Calls for Duplicate Ballots	1	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Postage - Outbound	15,000	\$0.85	\$12,750.00
Postage - Outbound (International)	3,000	\$2.25	\$6,750.00
Project Manager (1)			\$1,500.00
Sub Total			\$56,670.00
Discount - No Charge for Project Manager			(\$1,500.00)
TOTAL ESTIMATED COST			\$55,170.00

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

This estimate assumes BK will acquire restricted post office box and prepare ballots for tally process.
This estimate does not include postage cost for ballots to be mailed back to Electec Election Services, Inc.
Postage Rates to be determined by weight and rates established by USPS at time of mailing.

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: Jerry Lawrence (NV 1) invited members to contact him in while in Vegas Contact him @ Las Vegas Blue Knights Nevada-1

NEXT MEETING: 08/05/2019, 1PM Eastern Time

**Motion to adjourn by NY 7, 2nd by Vice President (KB)
Meeting adjourned 1706hrs. Eastern Daylight Time.**