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ARTICLE I

NAME AND PURPOSE

Section 1 Name

The name of the Corporation is the National Association of Buffalo Soldiers and Troopers Motorcycle Clubs Inc. (NABSTMC) as incorporated on November 30, 2005.

Section 2 Purpose

The purpose of the NABSTMC is to:

- A. Promote safe motorcycling and to educate society regarding the Buffalo Soldiers (specifically the 9th and 10th Cavalry) and their contributions to American history.
- B. To be actively committed to community service within the community, including, but not limited to providing services such as a soup kitchen and providing canned goods and supplies to mentally and physically challenged adults and school children.
- C. Provide educational opportunity through scholarships and other aid to under privileged, disenfranchised, or otherwise needy high school seniors who are furthering their education through an essay contest.
- D. Provide donations for local and national tax-exempt charities pursuant to 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) whose mission is harmonious with the NABSTMC.

No substantial part of the activities of the NABSTMC shall be the carrying on of the propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the NABSTMC shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office;

The NABSTMC shall not, as a corporate entity, attempt to influence legislation or participate in political campaigns for public office.

Notwithstanding provision of this document, the NABSTMC shall not carry on activities not permitted to be carried on:

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- A. By an organization exempt from federal taxation under section 501(c) (3) of the IRC or corresponding section of any future tax code.
- B. By an organization contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c) (2) of the IRC or corresponding section of any future tax code.

The NABSTMC shall not have or issue stock or shares. No part of the assets, income, or net earnings of the NABSTMC shall inure to the benefit of or be distributed to its members, trustees, officers or any other private persons, except that the NABSTMC shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered to make payments and distributions in conformity with the purposes set forth in *Article 1, Section 2* of these National Bylaws.

ARTICLE II

OFFICES

Section 1 Registered Office

The Corporation shall maintain a registered office and a registered agent in the State of incorporation of the Corporation.

Section 2 Additional Office

The Corporation shall maintain an additional office in the State of residence of the Corporation's President currently in office.

Section 3 National Headquarters of the NABSTMC

The Corporation shall maintain its National Headquarters in the City of Chicago, in the State of Illinois, at the site of the "Mother" chapter of the NABSTMC.

Section 4 Other Offices

The Corporation may establish offices, as the need arises, as determined by the Board of Directors, in any state or province in which a chapter of the NABSTMC exists.

ARTICLE III

DEFINITIONS

Section 1 Definitions

- A. **National Council** refers to the decision making body of the NABSTMC. The National Council consists of the Presidents and Vice Presidents of

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the local chapters who are also known as Directors.

- B. **National Officers** refers to the elected officers of the National Council. These officers are elected by a majority vote of the National Council every two years at an annual NABSTMC meeting. They are the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Past National Officers may remain members of the National Council so long as they are elected as President or Vice President of their Local Chapters.
- C. **Past National Officers** may remain as "non-voting" National Officers for sixty (60) to ninety (90) days or until the current administration feels the transition is complete. The current administration must declare the transition is complete. This declaration will absolve the outgoing administration from further responsibilities
1. The immediate Past President and Vice President may remain as non- voting members of the National Council for one subsequent term.
 2. The National President shall make appointments of officers to serve in the administration of the NABSTMC. Those shall be, but not limited to the positions of Assistant Treasurer, Assistant Secretary, Sergeant-At-Arms, Chaplain, National Webmaster, and Standing Committee Chairs.
 3. The National Council may at its discretion make other appointment of officers, as it deems necessary.
- D. **National Ambassador Appointees** are outstanding individuals who are known to have rendered exemplary service to the NABSTMC in various activities and fields of endeavor. They are assigned specific responsibilities and work to advise and assist the National organization in areas where necessary.
1. National Ambassadors are to put forward a "positive" image for the Frontier of which they represent as well as for the National organization. They must uphold and understand the basics of good public relations within and outside of their respective Frontiers. There are times when they must be willing to answer difficult questions.
 2. National Ambassadors may on occasion provide input or advice to both their Frontier and the National Council as an advocate.

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3. National Ambassadors are appointed to office at the pleasure of their Frontier Council.
- E. **National Council Appeals Committee (NCAC)** shall consist of one National Council Member from each Frontier. Each Frontier shall choose said member. The purpose of the NCAC is to deal with issues and situations not resolved at the State or Frontier level, if it so chooses to hear said issues.
1. Appeals to the NCAC will not be entertained if all prior stages of the appeal process have not been pursued and fully exhausted.
 2. A NCAC member who has prior knowledge of the subject matter of an appeal before the NCAC must recuse themselves from the committee deliberations. Failure to do so will compromise any decision or rulings rendered by the NCAC and will be subject to further appeal to the National Council.
 3. The NCAC will not review or make decisions on any debatable matters of national bylaws or issues of national impact.
- F. **Member** refers to someone who has completed all the requirements of a local Buffalo Soldiers chapter and/or the membership requirements of the NABSTMC and is current with their dues and in good standing with both the local chapter and the national organization. The right or interest of a member shall not terminate except upon the happening of any of the following events:
1. Death
 2. Resignation
 3. Termination of the member by the local chapter
 4. Dissolution or liquidation of the NABSTMC
- G. **Board of Trustees/Executive Board** refers to the current officers of a local chapter.
- H. **Full Member:** To become a Full Member in a chapter of the NABSTMC the individual must be approved by majority vote of the chapter general membership. In addition, the individual must meet the following requirements:
1. Must be legally licensed to operate motorcycles.
 2. Must own an insured road worthy motorcycle of at least 750

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3. Must have fulfilled all of the chapter's probationary requirements.

I. **Members-At-Large** (MAL): The title "Member-At-Large" designation refers to a current patch holder who is not attached to a functioning chapter, but who moves away from a chapter of which they were an active member and they are no longer able to maintain active member status in said chapter due to relocation to an "Open State." Such a situation is created in two (2) ways:

- A rider seeking membership into the NABSTMC is granted a "Logo" by the National Council to carry with the specific mission of him/her in creating a new chapter in an Open State.
- A current NABSTMC member in "Good Standing" moves away from a chapter of which they were accepted into, but they are now not able to continue maintaining active status due to the travel distances involved after relocating into an Open State.

1. MALs are considered as "Roving Ambassadors." They are always looking for new prospects and are always favorably considered as new chapter starters. An Open State can only have one (1) MAL at any given point in time. A MAL in an Open State shall act as an NABSTMC representative while negotiating with other riders and/or prospects during the formation of a new chapter within said Open State.

2. A MAL is expected to be knowledgeable of and follow the NABSTMC bylaws as if they were a chapter president until the new chapter is formed and an election is held to select chapter officers.

3. The minimum requirement for a new chapter will consist of the MAL and a minimum of five (5) other motorcycle riders. The basic club offices of President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Sergeant-At-Arms must be occupied before the new chapter's probationary period begins.

4. It is not acceptable to substitute non-riding spouses, significant others or family members for motorcycle riders to meet this requirement.

5. The names and contact information of said members must be submitted to and be on file with both the Frontier with oversight of the Open State and the NABSTMC National Secretary. The names and contact information of the new chapter's officers must be kept

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current during the term of the new chapter's probationary period. This is the responsibility of the new chapter's President.

6. A MAL has six (6) months from the date his/her NABSTMC membership request being granted by the National Council to comply with the minimum chapter requirements of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Sergeant-At-Arms.
7. After a MAL establishes a new chapter it is considered "*Declared*" when both the MAL and the Frontier Chairperson with the oversight of the Open State notifies the National Council in writing of the results of the new chapter's first election of officers.
8. With the placement of officers in the new chapter (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Sergeant-At-Arms) the original rider's MAL status ends.
9. Within twelve (12) months of any new chapter being "*Declared*," the new chapter must increase its roster by four (4) additional members for a minimum nine (9) members including the elected officers.
10. A group of riders that are already officers in an existing motorcycle club will join the NABSTMC intact and does not have to be "*Declared*" since they were admitted as a chapter by the National Council.
11. In the event that a MAL and/or new chapter fail to comply with the requirements stated above, the National Officers shall issue a summons to appear at the next scheduled meeting of the National Council. The MAL will be asked by the National President to demonstrate an ability to comply with the minimum chapter requirements. If the MAL fails to convince the National Council, as evidenced by a vote, of their ability to comply with the minimum chapter requirements, the National Council will decide what actions needs to be taken, including but not limited to the following options:
 - a. The National Council may grant an additional period of probation allowing compliance to the minimum chapter requirements. One extension will be granted and that extension request must be submitted by the MAL sixty (60) days before the initial probationary period ends to the National Secretary and the Frontier Chairperson.
 - b. The National Council may revoke MAL status and request return of the Logo.

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- c. The National Council may then award a new MAL status to a different candidate in said Open State.

The objective is to take responsible action in eliminating any possibility and/or opportunity for individuals to monopolize or otherwise control an Open State or Frontier without them putting forth or exhausting every effort in establishing and building a healthy new chapter within an Open State. It is not intended to be used to deter or eliminate potential new members, but more so intended to assist in finding those persons most likely to succeed in establishing a chapter in an Open State.

- J. **Associate Member:** Associate membership should be welcomed and personnel in this category should be encouraged to train for their motorcycle license and to eventually become Full Members.
 1. Associate membership is available to all “significant” others”, to include wives, husbands, girlfriends, boyfriends, relatives, or just friends of the chapter who for whatever reason are not eligible for “Full Membership” status but want to play a role in the chapter’s mission. Owning a motorcycle is not required.
 2. Associate Members may not vote on any club business, especially riding issues.
 3. Associates may hold appointed positions within the club or chair committees, but are not eligible for any elected officer positions within the club.
 4. At no time will the total number of Associate Members exceed the total number of Full Patch Members.
- K. **Honorary Member:** Honorary membership shall be available to any person who in the opinion of the chapter’s Board of Trustees or Executive Board and on the advice of the general membership, has substantially contributed to the promotion of the local chapter and the NABSTMC, the sport of motorcycling, motorcycle safety and enjoyment, and who has been proposed for such honorary membership by at least five (5) members of the chapter in good standing. It is recommended that honorary membership be limited to no more than one (1) honoree per every ten (10) Full Members.
- L. **Frontier:** The NABSTMC has five (5) Frontiers composed of states and provinces with active chapters in each state and province. Those Frontiers are as follows:

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1. Southeastern
2. Northeastern
3. Central
4. Great Lakes
5. Western

M. **Frontier Council** refers to the chapter President and Vice President of each local chapter within said frontier. The chief purpose is to resolve issues referred to it from the State within the frontier.

N. **Member Reinstatement:** Any former NABSTMC member who has resigned from any NABSTMC club may apply for reinstatement back into the NABSTMC as a member under the following conditions:

1. They left the club in good standing.
2. They have no outstanding debts to the club.
3. They receive a two-third majority vote for approval of reinstatement from the membership of their last NABSTMC chapter.
4. The applicant must be accepted by the new chapter before reinstatement.

O. **Active Duty Military Members** refer to chapter members serving with the Armed Forces. A member on active duty, who has been ordered to Temporary Duty (TDY) or Permanent Change of Station (PCS) in a location away from their home chapter, may retain their chapter colors/rockers. Retention of chapter colors is dependent on the member remaining in good standing with their home chapter. The member must conduct him/herself in a manner, which does not bring discredit to, or conflict with local chapter rules and expectations while wearing "Colors" or participating in local meetings, activities, or events.

1. The home chapter is responsible for contacting the local chapter and advising the local chapter of the member's temporary residency, contact information, expected departure date, and overall conduct.
2. The home chapter is responsible for ensuring the member maintains a "good standing" status and that their National dues are submitted annually. The member's failure to abide by the terms listed herein may, at the home chapter's request, be required to immediately return chapter colors.

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3. Members who “retire” or are otherwise discharged from active duty may not retain their home chapter colors/rockers. These persons are required to submit for membership through the transfer process outlined in *Section R*.
- P. **National Guard or Reserve** members may retain their home chapter colors during deployment away from their home chapter. These members are encouraged to participate with local NABSTMC chapters in the deployed areas if such chapters exist and their schedules allow.
1. The member must conduct him/herself in a manner that does not bring discredit to or conflict with the local chapter rules and expectations while wearing “colors” or participating in local meetings, activities or events.
 2. The home chapter is responsible for ensuring the member remains in “good standing” and that their National dues are submitted annually. The member’s failure to abide by the terms listed herein may be required to immediately return their colors to the home chapter.
- Q. **Department of Defense (DOD) Civilians** who relocate TDY or PCS will follow the same rules as stated in *Sections “O”* and *“P”* above. Regular civilian members who relocate away from their home chapter may not retain their colors. These members are required to submit for membership through the transfer process outlined *in Section “R.”*
- R. **Transfers:** Members wishing to simply transfer from one chapter to another may do so through the approval of their presidents. No National or Frontier level involvement is required. However, a “Letter of Instruction and Good Standing” must be sent from the losing chapter to the gaining chapter.
1. Transferring members may be asked to pledge to actively support their new chapter and chapter activities.
 2. Transferring members may be required or asked to seek out and coordinate a community service project that is in alignment with the purposes of the new chapter within six (6) months of transfer.
 3. Members that transfer due to PCS may retain their “Colors” for up to six (6) months while they relocate in/or transfer to another chapter or apply for MAL status.
 4. Members who transfer into states that already support Buffalo Soldier/Trooper Chapters will be expected to join a Chapter within the “new” state. This will usually be the closest Chapter to

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the transferee's home address. All transfers of members will be without prejudice and the member must abide by the local Chapter's bylaws. "Without Prejudice" means that the member's transfer will be accepted as long as he/she has no formal complaints or charges of misconduct currently exist in the losing Chapter.

5. Any member desiring to remain a member in their home Chapter while living out of state may do so, but must actively participate and remain in good standing with their home Chapter. At anytime this requirement is not met to the home Chapter's standards, the member will be advised accordingly. If the member fails to come up to standards, the home Chapter will advise the member to effect a transfer to the local Chapter where they reside under the provisions of item 4 (above). If the member fails to comply, they will be notified in writing to turn in their Colors to the home Chapter.

The members discussed in Item 5 (above) are considered "visitors" in the new state and must act accordingly. They should be willing to support the efforts of the nearest local Chapter and adhere to all state rules and protocols. These members will not cause harm to the host Chapter or state. Should the host Chapter incur a grievance with a visitor; the issue will be discussed first with the visiting member and next with the executive officers of the visitor's home chapter. If the issue is not resolved, the host Chapter or the visitor may then file a grievance through the host Chapter's chain of command utilizing the NABSTMC grievance procedure.

- S. **Logo** refers to the Buffalo Soldiers center emblem or centerpiece worn on the back of all member vests as designed by founder Ken Thomas.
- T. **Rep** refers to the elected and appointed officers of the National Council and those elected Presidents and Vice Presidents of the local chapters of the NABSTMC.
- U. **Open State** is a state that does not have an existing Buffalo Soldiers and Troopers Motorcycle Club chapter.
- V. **Probate or Probie** refers to an individual who has applied for Full Membership but is currently going through his/her probationary period. This probationary period varies from chapter to chapter but typically runs for a minimum of six (6) months. Probates' have no voting rights and are granted Full Membership status only after successfully completing their chapter's probationary period.

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W. **Termination for Cause** shall mean termination and removal due to the following:

1. Dishonesty in the performance of duties,
2. An act constituting a felony under applicable law
3. Material violation of the organization's code of conduct
4. Unsatisfactory performance, including failure to perform duties in an effective and professional manner
5. Material violation of the organization's policies and procedures
6. Inability to work and get along with others
7. Repeated failure to meet expected deadlines or commitments
8. Fighting

Section 2 Chapter Formation

There are two ways in which a Buffalo Soldiers and Troopers Motorcycle Club Chapter may be formed:

- A. Grant a rider a "Logo" to carry. Their mission is to create a new chapter. If a chapter does not exist in that state, the rider's lower rocker will read "MAL." Until that rider actually forms a new chapter, they are considered a MAL. Chapters shall be made aware of any MAL person's in adjacent Open States. (*Article III, Section I "Member-At-Large" and Section U "Open State"*)
- B. The second way a chapter may be formed is by a request for new chapter formation within a state that already has an existing chapter(s). The motorcyclist may be granted membership into the NABSTMC by the recommendation of the existing chapter(s). Within any state where there is an active NABSTMC Chapter it is not permissible to start or form another Chapter within fifty (50) miles of a current existing Chapter unless the state or Frontier waive this provision due to metropolitan or population factors.
- C. In one (1) Chapter states, all requests for new Chapters will be sent to both the existing Chapter and the Frontier. If the frontier approves the requesting Chapter, after a one (1) year probationary period the Frontier will vote on full Chapter approval. A majority vote establishes a new Chapter in the state. The Frontier Chairman or his representative will inform the applicants of the vote and may provide any additional details deemed appropriate.
- D. Within any state where there is an active NABSTMC Chapter it is not

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permissible to start or form another Chapter within fifty (50) miles of a current existing Chapter unless the state or Frontier waive this provision due to metropolitan or population factors.

Section 3 Qualifications and Termination

NABSTMC members shall take every precaution to ensure that any single rider candidates who wish to establish a NABSTMC chapter in an Open State that the MAL is not currently a member of another existing local or national motorcycle club before discussing any membership opportunity within the NABSTMC.

All candidates for NABSTMC MAL status must have a face-to-face meeting with both the Frontier involved and the National Council. Each candidate must submit to the Frontier and the National Council a letter containing the candidate's signature acknowledging their agreement to the following conditions and requirements for granting of MAL status:

- A. Acceptance of the NABSTMC Constitution and Bylaws.
- B. Agree to return all property including the "Colors/Logo" to the NABSTMC.

Upon successful completion of the probation period, a new chapter shall receive a welcome package from either the State's Mother chapter or the Frontier Chairman.

Section 4 Evidence of Membership

In regards to newly formed chapters, once a decision has been reached, the applicants of a new chapter will be given the status of their application. If the decision was positive, the candidates will be notified of the purchasing procedure for the procurement of their "Colors/Logo." Their initial acceptance is merely probationary and they must complete a minimum of six (6) months (or until the next National Council meeting) in this status. During the probationary period, all new members are only authorized to wear the top and bottom rockers and not the Logo. The Logo will be awarded to those who successfully complete the probationary period at the next National Council meeting. Display of Full Member colors (top and bottom rockers, M C, and the Logo) by members of existing chapters shall be deemed evidence of membership in good standing. (*Article III, Section I "Member-At-Large"*)

Section 5 Chain of Command and Appeals Process

This section provides guidelines that must be followed when attempting to resolve problems at the lowest level. These same guidelines must be followed

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when members file appeals to punitive decisions made against them by their chapters. Chapter Presidents, Vice Presidents, and Executive Boards must understand that during the appeals process, decisions, and rulings made at the chapter level can/may be upheld or overturned at the State, Frontier, or National level. It should be further understood that the State, Frontier, and National levels of appeal can refuse to hear any of the cases. Chapters and members shall respect the findings of the NCAC.

- A. **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:** Discuss and resolve problems at general membership meetings if appropriate. Members have the right to be heard and to be involved in discussions that may lead to the resolution of problems. Each chapter has two votes, President and Vice President or Proxy if either is absent, at a general membership meeting.

- B. **CHAPTER PRESIDENT AND STAFF:** Discuss the problem with the chapter President for resolution. The chapter President and Officers must be willing to research problems and provide solutions that are in the best interest of their chapter and the national organization.

- C. **STATE LEVEL:** Disputes, disciplinary actions, and grievances must first be discussed with every effort in reaching resolution at the local chapter level first before being elevated to the state level. The State's "Mother" chapter has the responsibility and duty of being the facilitator of discussions between those chapters within the states with more than one (1) chapter.
 - 1. If the problem exists within the State's "Mother" chapter, the next senior chapter within the State will take the lead and become the facilitator of discussion in regards to any dispute and issue.

 - 2. If only one (1) chapter exists within a state and an issue or dispute occurs which cannot be resolved at the initial chapter level, then that one chapter will immediately elevate the issue or dispute to the Frontier level. If no resolution can be achieved at the Frontier level, the Frontier will then forward the issue or dispute to the NCAC for resolution and/or decision.

 - 3. Each chapter within a state is guided by its own set of local bylaws and operating protocols as long as they are in compliance with these National Bylaws and Charter Agreement. Each chapter is clearly its own entity. As such, no chapter should be involved in the matters of another chapter unless the matter has been elevated to the State or Frontier level.

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4. In multiple chapter states, the State's "Mother" chapter has no special interference authority or privilege.

D. **FRONTIER LEVEL:** Each Frontier may elect a Frontier Chairperson and Vice Chairperson to organize and chair Frontier meetings. The Frontier Council may have issues referred to it from states within the Frontier. If the Frontier Council chooses not to hear an issue, or if there is an accusation of lack of due process at the Frontier level, the appeal can be taken to the NCAC. The NCAC may or may not choose to hear the issue.

NOTE: *Some Frontier's may rotate their Frontier Chairmanship to whichever chapter is hosting its Frontier meeting. Under this structure, the same logical process will apply.*

E. **NATIONAL LEVEL:** All information and arguments will be reviewed and acted on by the NCAC. The NCAC will render a decision to all concerned parties and will have the final determination or ruling in a conflict.

Section 6 Use of Emblem

The national colors, i.e. the "Logo" are the property of founder Ken Thomas, are on loan to the NABSTMC, and cannot be reproduced for sale or use except in support of local NABSTMC chapters.

- A. The Logo cannot be used on T-shirts, caps, etc. or presented for sale to the general public unless the M/C designation has been removed and is not present.
- B. The complete set of "Colors" of any departing member must be surrendered and returned to the issuing chapter upon request.
- C. The complete set of "Colors" will be displayed on a black leather vest as the only official uniform item. Said vest can contain other decorations but none on the back of the vest.
- D. The Full Members complete set of "Colors" consists of five (5) pieces:
 1. Upper rocker, dark blue felt with gold chenille letters in western font 3" high (BUFFALO).
 2. The lower rocker is the same material and color. The letters are also 3" high (SOLDIERS). The lower rocker has a lower line of letters 2" high with the word "National" for National Officers, the name of the City and State or the State where the chapter is located. For example, FLORIDA or SACRAMENTO CA.
 3. Two single letter pieces of dark blue felt and a 3" high gold

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chenille letter (M&C). These are arranged on either side of the Logo.

4. The Logo is the image of the soldier with cap, gloves, and saber. It is a combination of silkscreen, chenille, and embroidery and is the trademark of the NABSTMC.
- E. The Associate Member's complete set of "Colors" contains the same Logo as the Full Member's complete set of "Colors."
1. The upper rocker is dark blue felt with gold chenille letters 2" high (BUFFALO SOLDIERS).
 2. The lower rocker is the same material as the upper rocker and contains 2" high letters with the name of the City & State or State of the chapter.
 3. It contains the letters M/C above the City/State name.
- F. Members shall wear their colors when participating in all club functions.
- G. Colors shall be worn in an approved fashion, e.g. sewn on a black vest or jacket in the proper arrangement.
- H. Ride patches and pins or other decoration may be worn on the front of vest or jacket, but not on the back of the vest or within the arrangement of the Colors.
- I. Colors are never to be worn by non-members.
- J. Colors are to be worn and handled with respect.
- K. Wearing of the Colors is a privilege.

Section 7 Compensation

Members of the NABSTMC shall not receive any salaries for their services as members. However, a stipend to defray travel expenses while on national business may be awarded. The member must submit receipts to the National Treasurer to justify his/her expenditures.

Section 8 Loans

No loans shall be made by the NABSTMC to any member.

Section 9 Surety Bond

All National, Frontier, State, and any local chapter officers with any fiduciary duties and/or responsibilities must be insured or covered by a Surety Bond to

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protect any given treasury from misuse of funds. The local Chapter, State, Frontier, and National treasuries will pay the premium for said bond at each respective level.

ARTICLE IV

NATIONAL COUNCIL

Section 1 General Powers

The activities of the NABSTMC shall be managed by its National Council. The National Council shall possess and:

- A. Maintain the Corporation for perpetual duration.
- B. Sue and be sued, complain and defend, and participate as a party or otherwise in any judicial, administrative, arbitative, or other proceeding in the name of the Corporation.
- C. Have, use, and alter at its discretion, a corporate seal.
- D. Take and hold by lease, gift, purchase, grant, devise or bequest any property, real or personal, necessary or desirable for attaining the objects and carrying into effect the purposes of the Corporation as set forth in *Article I, Section 2* of these National Bylaws and to purchase, lease or otherwise acquire, own, hold, improve, use and otherwise deal in and with real or personal property or any interest therein, wherever situated subject to any future alteration or modification made by general law as to the amount of real and personal property to be held by the NABSTMC.
- E. Sell, convey, mortgage, create a security interest in, lease, exchange, transfer, and otherwise dispose of the NABSTMC's property and assets.
- F. Conduct the activities and operations of the NABSTMC, have offices, and exercise all powers granted to the Corporation by virtue of these bylaws.

The National Council is responsible for overall policy and direction of the NABSTMC, and shall designate responsibility for day-to-day operations to the National elected officers (President, Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer).

Section 2 Voting Rights

The National Council is the voting body of the NABSTMC. All association issues are negotiated, discussed, and presented by the National President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer and then put to vote for adoption

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and/or rejection by the National Council. Each declared chapter will have two votes, normally the President and Vice President will hold those, but upon notification from the Chapter President in writing, proxy votes can be cast. Proxy identifies a vote cast by a chapter member who is not the chapter President or Vice President but is authorized by them to assume their role in representing their chapter to the National Council.

MALs will not have a vote on the National Council. The National President shall have one vote in the event of a tied ballot for any National Council voted issue.

Section 3 Conflict of Interest

- A. No Council member or officers of the NABSTMC shall have any direct or indirect financial interest in, or receive any compensation, substantial gifts or favors, or other benefits as a result of transactions between any individual, corporation, firm or business:
1. From which the NABSTMC purchases supplies, materials, or property.
 2. Which renders any service to the NABSTMC.
 3. Which enters into leases or assignments to or from the NABSTMC.
 4. To which the NABSTMC sells any of its products, materials, facilities, or properties.
 5. Which has any other contractual relations or business dealings with the NABSTMC.
- B. If a National Council Member or officer believes that he or she may have a conflict of interest with respect to any particular transaction, he/she shall promptly and fully disclose the potential conflict to the National Council. The President of the National Council along with the National Council will be responsible for resolving the matter.
- C. If any National Council Member or National Officer is about to assume an interest or other outside relationship which might result in a conflict of interest, it is their responsibility to promptly and fully disclose all of the pertinent information to the President of the National Council who shall report all information to the National Council.
- D. A member of NABSTMC cannot be a member or on the board of another motorcycle club except if, they are members of other motorcycle-manufacturing clubs such as Harley Owners Group (HOG) Chapter Clubs, Honda Clubs, Gold Wing Riders Association, or no

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other MC's except the Blue Knights and Red Knights.

- E. When a duality of interest has been disclosed by a council member or officer, the national elected officer, after exercising due diligence, shall determine whether the NABSTMC can obtain, with reasonable effort, a more advantageous transaction from an individual or entity that would not create a conflict of interest for any council member or officers of the organization. If the national elected officer decides that a more advantageous transaction that does not create a conflict of interest is unavailable, the national elected officer shall determine whether the arrangement is in the NABSTMC's best interest and whether it is fair and reasonable.
- F. Any council member or elected officer having a duality of interest shall not vote or use his or her personal influence on any matter, wherein the duality creates a conflict of interest, and he/she shall not be counted in determining the quorum for that portion of the meeting concerning the matter that presents the conflict. The minutes of the meeting shall reflect that a disclosure was made, as well as the abstention from voting and the status of attendance relative to the quorum.

Section 4 Votes Required

Whenever any action other than the election of national officers is to be taken by vote of the National Council, it shall be authorized by a majority of the votes cast at a meeting of the National Council.

Section 5 Proxy Voting

Each declared chapter will have two votes, normally the President and Vice President will hold those, but upon notification from the chapter President in writing, proxy votes can be cast. Proxy identifies a vote cast by a chapter member who is not the chapter President or Vice President but is authorized by them to assume their role in representing their chapter to the National Council. Proxies must be a member of the chapter for which the proxy is cast.

Section 6 Resignation

Any National Council member may resign at any time by giving written notice of his or her resignation to the National Council or to the President of the National Council and such resignation shall take effect at the time specified therein, or, if not specified, at the time of its receipt.

Section 7 Removal

A council member or national officer may be removed only by an affirmative

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vote of a two-thirds majority of the National Council for causes due to:

- A. Dishonesty in the performance of duties.
- B. Any act resulting in a felony conviction under applicable law.
- C. Material violation of the organizations code of conduct, including failure to conduct themselves in an effective and professional manner.
- D. Material violation of the organizations policies and procedures.
- E. An inability to work and get along with others.
- F. Repeated failure to meet expected deadlines or commitments.
- G. Any act of fighting amongst members of the NABSTMC whether on the National, Frontier, or Chapter levels (*see Article VIII*).

Section 8 Retirement

All members with ten (10) consecutive years of good standing are eligible to retire from the NABSTMC and retain their Colors. Retired members are not required to pay national dues.

Section 9 Reinstatement

Any former active NABSTMC member who has resigned or retired from any NABSTMC club can apply for reinstatement back into the NABSTMC as a member under the following conditions:

- A. They have no outstanding debts to the club.
- B. They left the club in good standing.
- C. They receive a two-third majority vote of approval for reinstatement from the membership of their last NABSTMC chapter

Section 10 Standing Committees

The Standing Committees of the National Council membership shall consist of at least one (1) member from each Frontier. The committees shall be, but not limited to, the following:

- A. Finance Committee
- B. Bylaws Committee
- C. National Council Appeals Committee

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D. Nominating and Election Committee

The National President with recommendations from each Frontier Chairperson may appoint these committees.

For continuity, a committee member's period of service will always exceed a current administration's term by one (1) year. A newly elected National President may make reappointment or new appointments after one (1) year of the new term. Appointed committee chairpersons do not wear the national rocker.

ARTICLE V MEETINGS OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL

Section 1 National Conference Meeting (NCM)

A National Conference Meeting of the National Council shall be held on a date and time to be determined by the National Council at its discretion for electing officers and for the transaction of such other business as may come before it at the meeting. If the NCM is not held on the date designated, the National Council shall cause the meeting to be held as soon thereafter as convenient.

The NCM will consist of two (2) days:

- A. The first day for National Council business.
- B. The second day for dissemination of information to the general membership in attendance.

Hosting of the NCM will be rotated among the five (5) frontiers.

Section 2 National Meetings Chapter Attendance

The NCM may be held at any place, within or without the State of Illinois, or as may be determined from time to time by the National Council. Every chapter shall have officers in physical attendance at a NCM at least once in any two (2) year time span. Proxy votes may be used in the off year. Failure to meet this requirement by a chapter will result in the chapter being returned to probationary status and the loss of all voting rights at a national council meeting for two (2) years. Repeated failure to meet this requirement will result in the suspension of said chapter.

Section 3 Special Meetings

Special Meetings of the National Council may be called by or at the request of the President or upon written request of any two (2) council members. The person or persons authorized to call special meetings of the National Council may fix any place as the place for holding any such special meeting. The National Council may hold meetings via cyberspace.

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Section 4 Notices

The National Council will conduct as much business as possible in cyberspace. It will be up to the individual chapters to secure an email account for their President and/or Vice President to be able to participate. It is recommended that each chapter be familiar with email as a means of communications and each club should have an official email address that is for club correspondence. The National Secretary will be responsible for disseminating information on any business discussions to the local chapters.

Section 5 Alternate Means of Participation

Any or all council members may participate in a meeting of the National Council by means of conference telephone or any means of communications by which all persons participating in the meeting are able to hear each other.

Section 6 Quorum

A two-third majority of the entire National Council shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the National Council.

- A. The National Council shall not conduct any formal actions, motions, decisions, policies or any related functions on behalf of the organization absent a quorum, unless specifically allowed under these bylaws.
- B. The council members present in person or in proxy at a duly organized meeting of the National Council may continue to do business until adjournment, notwithstanding the withdrawal of enough council members to leave less than a quorum. Less than a quorum may adjourn any meeting of the National Council.

ARTICLE VI ELECTION OF NATIONAL COUNCIL OFFICERS

Section 1 Nominating Committee

The nominating Committee shall consist of at least one representative from each Frontier. Current National Council Officers may not be members of the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee members shall be selected by each Frontier biennially or every two (2) years. The Nominating Committee shall present a slate of potential officers for consideration to the National Council for the offices of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The National Council can also nominate candidates for the National Council Offices not recommended by the Nominating Committee.

Section 2 Election Committee

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The Elections Committee will have oversight of all elections for the National Council Officers including special or emergency elections. The Committee's primary goal is to ensure that elections are efficient and fair.

The Elections Committee should be composed of at least one member from each Frontier of the National Council. The Elections Committee members must be in "good standing" i.e. all national and chapter dues must be paid.

The Elections Committee may solicit additional volunteers from the National Council at the time of elections in order to hold efficient elections.

Section 3 Election Process

The election of officers for the NABSTMC will take place and be completed during the National Conference meeting of the election year.

The election should be the first item of business on the agenda after the lunch break on the first full day of the National Conference Meeting of the election year.

In order to vote and/or receive a ballot, a National Council Member must be signed-in on the attendance form for the National Conference meeting.

- A. A National Council member who is not able to attend the National Conference Meeting may designate a proxy.
- B. A National Council member who holds a proxy vote from another National Council Member who is unable to attend the annual National Conference Meeting will receive a ballot for the purpose of proxy voting that he/she holds. Upon the issue of a ballot to the member holding the proxy vote he/she will sign off his/her name against the name of the proxy voters on the full list of members in good standing.
- C. No ballots will be issued after the official voting has started.
- D. A simple majority vote will determine the winner of each office.
- E. For the purpose of elections, all elected offices are declared open. The elected offices are: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- F. Those currently serving in elected positions will continue to serve until the end of the National Council meeting of the next election year.
- G. If a current national officer is not re-elected, he/she will vacate the position at the end of the National Conference meeting of the election

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year. All officers leaving office have a sixty (60) to ninety (90) day transition period to turn over all official documents etc. (*Article III, Section 1C.*)

- H. Whenever there is a tie for an elected office, there will be a run-off vote.
- I. All five (5) Election Committee members shall tally the votes. All tied votes and cases of majority wins by five (5) votes or less will be recounted by the full Election Committee.

Section 4 Candidates

- A. All council members in good standing are eligible to run for elected office.
- B. There shall be no nominations from the floor.
- C. No candidate can participate in the oversight or management of the election.
- D. Candidates for elected offices may be nominated or may declare their intention to run.
- E. All candidates, including incumbents, must declare their intention to run for office on or before May 31 of the election year.
- F. A candidate may run for only one office. If an incumbent runs for an office other than the one he/she currently holds, he/she forfeits the right to run for their current office.
- G. Candidates' names will appear in alphabetical order on the ballots.
- H. All candidates shall be given five (5) minutes to speak prior to the election during the National Conference meeting of the election year.
- I. An unopposed candidate will be declared the winner by acclamation.

ARTICLE VII

OFFICERS

Section 1 Officers

The officers of the NABSTMC must be members, Presidents or Vice Presidents of a local chapter. The officers of the NABSTMC shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant-At-Arms, Chaplain, and National Webmaster. The NABSTMC may have an Executive Director, Assistant Secretaries and Assistant Treasurers as the Council may designate. The officers shall be elected by the National Council with the exception of the

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Sergeant-At-Arms, the Chaplain, and the National Webmaster. These three officers are appointed to their positions by the newly elected National President and must be a member in good standing in their local chapter. The National Council may elect or appoint such other officers as the National Council shall deem desirable. All officers shall have the authority and perform the duties in the management of the NABSTMC as provided in these bylaws or as may be determined by the resolution of the National Council not inconsistent with these bylaws. The National Council shall elect all officers for terms of two (2) years. Such officers shall hold office until their successors are elected and qualified. An elected officer cannot serve for more than two (2) consecutive terms. They must be out of office for at least one two (2) year term before being eligible to run for office again.

Section 2 Compensation

National officers of the NABSTMC shall not receive any salaries for their services as officers. However, national fund reimbursements for travel expenses to defray their travel expenses while on National business may be awarded. National officer compensation or reimbursement payments shall be limited to their attendance to National and Frontier meetings only. If any Frontier meeting travel expenses are paid by the Frontier, no travel expense reimbursements will be paid out of the National treasury.

Section 3 Elections and Terms of Office

The officers of the NABSTMC shall be elected every two (2) years by a majority vote of the National Council at the annual meeting of the National Council. If the election of officers shall not be held at such meeting, such election shall be held as soon thereafter as convenient. New offices may be created and filled at any meeting of the National Council. Each officer elected as herein provided shall hold office until a successor shall have been duly elected and qualified, subject to term limitation, early termination by removal or resignation.

Section 4 Removal

Any officer elected by the National Council may be removed for cause by a two-thirds majority vote of the National Council.

Section 5 Resignation

An officer may resign by written notice to the President or National Council. The resignation shall be effective upon receipt thereof by the President or National Council or at a subsequent time as shall be specified in the notice of resignation.

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Section 6 Vacancies

Any vacancy occurring among the officers, however caused (including, but not limited to, death, resignation, removal, disqualification), shall be filled in the manner provided in these bylaws or in the absence of such provision by a majority vote of the National Council.

Section 7 President

The President shall preside at all meetings of the National Council. The President shall have general supervision of the affairs of the NABSTMC and perform all duties incidental to the office of President. The President's duties include the following:

- A. Open the Annual National Meeting at the time at which the National Council is to meet, by taking the chair and calling the members to order
- B. Announce the business before the National Council in the order in which it is to be acted upon
- C. Recognize members entitled to the floor to state and to put to vote all questions which are regularly moved or necessarily arise in the course of the proceedings and to announce the result of the vote
- D. Protect the assembly from annoyance from evidently frivolous or dilatory motions by refusing to recognize them
- E. Assist in the expediting of business in every way compatible with the rights of the members, as by allowing brief remarks when non-debatable motions are pending, if he thinks it advisable
- F. Restrain the members when engaged in debate within the rules of order
- G. Enforce on all occasions the observance of order and decorum among the members, deciding all questions of order (subject to an appeal to the National Council by any two members) unless when in doubt he/she prefers to submit the question for the decision of the National Council
- H. Inform the National Council, when necessary, or when referred to for the purpose on a point of order or practice pertinent to pending business
- I. Authenticate, by his signature, when necessary, all the acts, orders, and proceedings of the National Council declaring its will and in all things obeying its commands.

The President may sign, with the Secretary or any other proper officer of the NABSTMC authorized by the National Council, any deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts or other instruments which the National Council has authorized to be

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executed, except in cases where the signing and execution thereof shall be expressly delegated by the National Council or these bylaws and, in general, and such other duties as may be prescribed by the National Council from time to time.

Section 8 Vice President

The Vice President shall perform such duties and have such authority as from time to time may be delegated by the President or by the Council. The Vice President will chair committees on special subjects as designated by the Council. In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall perform the duties designated to the President. During the absence or disability of the President, the Executive Vice Presidents, if any, or any of the Vice Presidents in the order designated by the National Council, shall exercise all the functions of the President. Each Vice President shall have such powers and discharge such duties as may be assigned to him/her from time to time by the National Council.

Section 9 Treasurer and Assistant Treasurers

The Treasurer shall have custody of all monies and securities of the NABSTMC, shall keep regular books of account, and shall render to the National Council from time to time as may be required, an account of all transactions undertaken as Treasurer and of the financial condition of the NABSTMC. If required by the National Council, the Treasurer shall give a bond for the faithful discharge of duties in such sum and with such sureties as the National Council shall determine. The Treasurer shall have charge and custody of and be responsible for all funds and securities of the NABSTMC, receive and give receipts for moneys due and payable to the NABSTMC from any source whatsoever and deposit all such moneys in the name of the NABSTMC in such banks, trust companies or other depositories as shall be selected, and in general, perform all the duties incident to the office of Treasurer and such other duties as from time to time that may be assigned to the Treasurer by the President or by the National Council. The Assistant Treasurer or Assistant Treasurers, in the order designated by the National Council, shall perform all of the duties of the Treasurer in the absence or disability of the Treasurer and at other times may perform such other duties as are directed by the President or the National Council.

- A. The Treasurer shall present a written financial report to the National Council at every National Council meeting.
- B. The Treasurer shall execute a Surety Bond in the amount of either the National Association's Treasury Bank Balance as of January 1 of each year or an amount approved by the National Council at its last National

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- C. A copy of the Surety Bond insurance policy shall be forwarded to the National Secretary for the Association's records and archive.
- D. The NABSTMC shall pay the insurance premium for said surety bond.
- E. An annual audit of the Treasurer's account shall be performed under the supervision of an Audit Committee as appointed by the National President. The National President may call for an audit of the accounts at any time.

Section 10 Secretary and Assistant Secretaries

The Secretary is responsible for the following:

- A. Keep minutes of the meetings of the National Council in one (1) or more books provided for that purpose
- B. See that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these bylaws or as required by law, except for notices of special meeting of the National Council
- C. Be custodian of the NABSTMC records and of the seal of the NABSTMC and see that the seal of the NABSTMC is affixed to all documents, the execution of which on behalf of the NABSTMC under its seal is duly authorized in accordance with the provisions of these bylaws
- D. Keep a register of the post office address of each member and Director which shall be furnished to the Secretary by such member or Director
- E. Perform all the duties incident to the office of Secretary and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to the Secretary by the President or by the National Council.

The Assistant Secretary or Assistant Secretaries, in the order designated by the National Council, shall perform all of the duties of the Secretary, and at other times may perform such duties as are directed by the National Council. The secretary shall provide copies of annual meeting minutes and financial reports by e-mail to all council members and chapters within one (1) month after an annual meeting and provide hard copies of the same to all present at the next annual meeting.

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Section 11 Sergeant-At-Arms

The National Sergeant-At-Arms will be asked to become very familiar with Robert's Rules of Order and play a major role in assuring the smooth exchange of information during official meetings. The Sergeant-At-Arms will:

- A. Insure that motions are acted upon correctly and will assist in all counts of votes.
- B. Maintain possession of the 9th and 10th cavalry flags and ensure that they are displayed at all meetings and formal gatherings.
- C. Work with the National Council to ensure that members are at assigned locations in a timely manner.
- D. Bring all meetings and events to order before introducing the National Council.

The individual appointed to this position must be a people person with unsurpassed communicative skills. He/she must also be very detailed in planning and preparation for NABSTMC membership rides. Most importantly, the Sergeant-At-Arms must serve as the "point man" identifying potential problems before they become real trouble spots, and keeping a pulse on our membership to ensure no surprises occur that could in any way tarnish our image as Buffalo Soldiers.

Section 12 Chaplain

A caring, effective, and professional individual is required for the position of National Chaplain. The National Chaplain will be responsible for much more than just the opening and closing prayers at official meetings and events. The National Chaplain will be one of the first people notified in the case of death or serious injury to any of our members or immediate family.

- A. He/she will have an established plan of action that will immediately show the affected family the genuine concern of the NABSTMC. Flowers, cards, visits when appropriate, and phone calls for updates on the condition of the injured member is the responsibility of the National Chaplain.
- B. He/she will be responsible for notifying the National Officers as well as the general membership of all tragedies involving members. The National Chaplain will work with the National Treasurer to establish a working budget for the Chaplain's office so that flowers, cards etc., can be purchased without hesitation.

Section 13 Webmaster

The NABSTMC Webmaster agrees to carry out the duties and responsibilities

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imposed by the NABSTMC President and National Council to the best of his/her abilities. He/she will obtain approval from the NABSTMC President or his/her designee to create and maintain the national website (NABSTMC Web Portal) and the national council e-mail distribution (NABSTMC e-Distro) list.

- A. **Approval for content on the NABSTMC Web Sites:** The NABSTMC webmaster recognizes that the NABSTMC web site and chapter links are for a closed forum of expression and that the NABSTMC President has final authority and say over what may appear on all NABSTMC related web sites.
1. NABSTMC chapters with websites that fall out of tolerance with the scope of expression recommended by the NABSTMC President may have its NABSTMC Web Portal links extinguished for cause.
- B. The NABSTMC Webmaster is responsible for ensuring that requests from individual chapters for additions, deletions, and corrections of content on the NABSTMC website are requested from an authorized source, i.e. the President, Vice President, or designated Webmaster of the requesting chapter or from the National President or the owner of the NABSTMC domain name(s).
- C. The Webmaster is also responsible for maintaining the e-Distro list using the same authentication methods for requests as set forth for the NABSTMC Web Portal.
- D. The NABSTMC Webmaster shall not be held responsible for incorrect, invalid, unattended, or forgotten e-mail addresses or passwords of e-Distro members nor shall the NABSTMC Webmaster be held responsible for glitches, malfunctions, or dysfunctions of SMTP, POP3 servers, IMAP Servers, and settings of full or unattended mailboxes of individuals on the e-Distro list or their e-mail service providers.
- E. The NABSTMC Webmaster shall make every effort to assist e-Distro members with resolving any e-mail issues regarding the e-Distro list and the NABSTMC Portal in a coordinated and timely fashion.

ARTICLE VIII

CODE OF CONDUCT

Section 1 Code of Conduct

All members are expected to conduct themselves in a manner so as to bring honor and respect to the club at all times. Any actions by a member deemed detrimental to the organization (NABSTMC) shall be cause for review and could result in discipline up to or including suspension or expulsion from membership in the NABSTMC.

- A. At no time shall any NABSTMC member or chapter be associated with

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so-called One Percent (1%) or “Outlaw” motorcycle clubs and/or organizations. Such association shall be deemed grounds for immediate suspension and/or possible revocation of membership.

- B. Local chapter officers are required to seek counsel and advice from either their State “Mother” chapter and/or Frontier Executive Committee prior to applying for membership into any Coalition of Clubs (COC) or affiliated organization.

ARTICLE IX PHYSICAL AND VERBAL ALTERCATIONS

Section 1 Physical and Verbal Altercations

Physical and Verbal Altercations is defined as any confrontation, tussle, or physical act of aggression that may or may not result in injury. Physical altercations are distinguished from verbal altercations by the use of physical force or contact. It may also be referred to as bullying, fighting, or battery.

Section 2 Charging Process

Any member may file charges against another member for alleged misconduct as defined by the following rules:

- A. Written charges and specifications must be filed with the National Secretary who will send a copy of the charges to the accused and each member of the National Executive Committee as well as the accused’s chapter President.
- B. The National Executive Committee, after review, will decide whether the charges, if proven, constitute misconduct as defined by *Article VIII, Section 1*.
- C. If no misconduct exists, the National Executive Committee must refuse to entertain jurisdiction.
- D. If the National Executive Committee entertains jurisdiction, it shall fix a date for a Hearing within two weeks thereafter.
- E. The National Secretary shall send to the accused, via registered mail, Notice of the Hearing, assurance that he/she may present a defense to the charges and that he/she will have/be given an opportunity to be heard.
- F. The accused has the right to legal counsel and can present written depositions from witnesses on his/her behalf at the Hearing.

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Section 3 Disposition

If Charges are sustained by three-fourth's vote of the National Executive Committee, then sanctions may be imposed pursuant to *Section 4* below.

- A. The National Secretary shall notify the accused of the National Executive Committee's decision and penalties, if any, within five (5) days of the decision.

Section 4 Sanctions

Sanctions will/can consist of the following:

- A. Expulsion from the NABSTMC.
- B. One (1) year suspension.
- C. One-Hundred dollar fine and/or one (1) year probation or both.
- D. Restitution.

ARTICLE X BYLAWS & CHARTER AGREEMENT

Section 1 Bylaws & Charter Agreement

A chartered chapter is one that has been "*Declared*" to the National Council, has signed the National Charter Agreement, and has agreed to accept these National Bylaws and the Charter Agreement of the NABSTMC.

- A. These Bylaws shall be the fundamental law of the NABSTMC.
- B. Each chartered chapter of the NABSTMC shall establish its own operating policies and chapter bylaws. However, local chapter bylaws and operating policies shall not override or conflict with these National Bylaws of the NABSTMC. A copy of the local chapter Bylaws and any subsequent amendments shall be forwarded to the chapter's State's Mother Chapter, if an Open State then to the Frontier's Executive Committee for a check of compliance with the NABSTMC's National Bylaws, Constitution, Charter Agreement, Articles of Incorporation, and Non-Profit status.

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ARTICLE XI ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER

Section 1 Robert's Rules of Order

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the NABSTMC in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these National Bylaws and any special rules of order that the NABSTMC may adopt.

ARTICLE XII DISSOLUTION

Section 1 Dissolution

The NABSTMC may be dissolved by the Board of Directors upon recommendation of the Voting Members and a two-third majority vote of the Directors. In the event of dissolution, the NABSTMC's assets will be distributed to non-profit organization(s) whose purposes are consistent with the purposes of the National Association of Buffalo Soldiers and Troopers Motorcycle Clubs, Inc. The distributee(s) will be determined by a majority vote of the National Council members in good standing.

ARTICLE XIII AMENDMENTS

Section 1 Amendments

Changes to these National Bylaws shall be accomplished through an "Amendment." Proposed amendments shall initially be presented to the National Bylaws Committee for review and approval. The National Bylaws Committee will in turn forward those "approved," proposed amendments to the National Council for two-third majority vote approval. An amendment requires approval by a two-third majority vote of the National Council. Approved National Bylaws amendments shall be recorded in the National Conference meeting minutes and eventually distributed by the National Secretary to the general membership. All proposed amendments must reference the Article, Section, and/or Paragraph to be amended.