



International Fellowship of
Motorcycling Rotarians

International Fellowship of Motorcycling Rotarians (IFMR)

Bylaws for the fellowship group

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ARTICLE I - NAME

Section 1.1. The name of this Rotary Fellowship shall be **International Fellowship of Motorcycling Rotarians**.

Section 1.2. The abbreviation shall be **IFMR**

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

Section 2.1. The purpose of this group is to promote recreational motorcycling as an opportunity for fellowship in accordance with Rotary International policy

This Rotary Fellowship shall operate in compliance with Rotary International's policies for Rotary Fellowships, but it shall not be an agency of, or controlled by, Rotary International.

ARTICLE III – OBJECT

Section 3.1. The object of this Rotary Fellowship is to:

- bring together individuals from around the world who share a common interest in owning and riding all types of recreational motorcycles
- coordinate and promote motorcycle riding within and between regional Chapters
- generally promote motorcycling and motorcycle safety

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

Section 4.1. Membership of this Rotary Fellowship is open to

- Rotarians, Rotaractors and their family members
- Other motorcyclists, by the way of exception

Section 4.2. Membership shall be offered on an annual basis.

Section 4.3. The Regional Chapters may bestow Honorary Membership of their chapter on persons who have distinguished themselves by meritorious service in the furtherance of the Fellowship's objectives.

ARTICLE V – FELLOWSHIP OFFICERS

Section 5.1. The Rotary Fellowship shall be administered by at least two executive officers viz. International President and International Secretary. Both the officers shall be active Rotarians, Rotaractors or Peace Fellows. The terms of officers shall be three years and shall coincide with the Rotary year, i.e. 1 July through 30 June.

Section 5.2. The officers shall perform the duties and functions usually attached to the title of their respective offices, together with such other duties as may be prescribed by the Rotary Fellowship's Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VI - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 6.1. The Rotary Fellowship shall be governed by a Board of Directors.

Section 6.2. Apart from the Fellowship Officers, the board shall consist of the serving Presidents of each regional chapter or his/her nominated representative.

Section 6.3. All directors shall be active Rotarians or Rotaractors or Peace Fellows.

ARTICLE VII – ADDITIONAL OFFICE BEARERS

Section 7.1. The Rotary Fellowship shall have the following two office bearers, who shall not be a part of the board:

- Bulletin Editor
- Historian

Section 7.2. The term of these office bearers shall be of one year. However, the same can be renewed and shall not exceed 3 years in succession.

ARTICLE VIII – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 8.1. The board of directors (Article VI) and the additional office bearers (Article VII) together shall constitute the Executive Committee of Rotary Fellowship

ARTICLE IX – DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Section 9.1. The International President of the Fellowship will preside at meetings of the Board and Executive Committee, will represent the Fellowship at Rotary International functions, and perform such other duties as ordinarily pertain to this office.

Section 9.2. The Immediate Past International President will carry out the duties of President when that officer is unavailable.

Section 9.3. The International Secretary will send out notices of meetings and keep records of such meetings, prepare the required reports for Rotary International, and maintain contact and correspondence with the regional Chapters.

Section 9.4. The Bulletin Editor shall collate updates on the activities of various regional chapters and shall publish the IFMR Newsletter. The frequency of publishing shall be quarterly.

Section 9.5. The Historian shall maintain the history of IFMR. The regional chapters shall appoint a representative from their chapter who shall share the necessary information about their chapters for record keeping.

The Bulletin Editor and Historian shall communicate with the regional chapters through the International Secretary.

ARTICLE X – ANNUAL MEETING

Section 10.1. The Annual Meeting shall take place during the 90 days prior to the annual Rotary International Convention.

ARTICLE XI - ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 11.1. The Nominating Committee shall consist of the International President and International Secretary and a notice on expiring position shall be sent to the regional chapters by the International Secretary. Notice transmitted via email to the last known email address of the regional chapter Presidents and Secretaries shall be considered good and sufficient notice. The Nominating Committee shall receive nominations for expiring Officer positions until a specified deadline, whereupon nominations shall be closed. The Nominating Committee may also offer its own nominees for election. All nominees must indicate their willingness to serve by a specified deadline to be considered valid nominees for election.

Section 11.2. The names of the nominees for Officer positions shall be distributed to the regional chapters at least 30 days prior to the annual meeting of the members. Ballots may be transmitted via email to the last known email address of all active regional chapter Presidents and Secretaries. Ballots shall indicate that they must be returned to the Nominating Committee at least seven days prior to the annual meeting.

Section 11.3. The Nominating Committee shall tally the votes cast and announce the newly elected incoming Officers prior to the annual meeting of the members.

Section 11.4. The additional office bearers shall be appointed by the Board of Directors.

Section 11.5. A director or officer may be removed from office by a two-thirds vote of the Rotary Fellowship's Board of Directors, or, by a two-thirds vote of the membership.

ARTICLE XII – ELIGIBILITY FOR THE POSITION OF OFFICERS

Section 12.1. The member being nominated for the position of International President Elect should have successfully completed a full term (12 months) as a Chapter President of any active regional chapter before the term of the position, for which the member is contesting, begins.

Section 12.2. The member being nominated for the position of International Secretary Elect should have successfully completed a full term (12 months) as a Chapter President or Chapter Secretary of any active regional chapter before the term of the position, for which the member is contesting, begins.

Section 12.3. A member who has completed a full term (12 months) as a Chapter President, Chapter Secretary to be appointed for any other non-board positions of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE XIII – FEES AND DUES

Section 13.1. The fiscal year of the Rotary Fellowship shall be the same as the Rotary year, i.e.1 July through 30 June.

Section 13.2. The Rotary Fellowship’s dues shall be set by the Board of Directors and shall be due on 1 July of each year. The Rotary Fellowship’s dues shall be of a reasonable amount.

Section 13.3. Funds shall be deposited in a financial institution approved by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XIV - REGIONAL CHAPTERS

Section 14.1. Individual nations or group of nations are encouraged to form Regional Chapters of the Rotary Fellowship. The boundaries of such Chapters should take into account such factors as physical size, population density, common language, and any other pertinent factors relevant to the Administration of a Chapter. A Chapter may be a whole nation or a combination of several nations.

Section 14.2. A Chapter shall have a minimum of 20 active members and a governing body consisting of at least a Chapter President and Chapter Secretary. The Chapter shall be in line with the IFMR Bylaws.

Section 14.3. Where the proposed regional chapters do not have the required member strength of 20 members, they shall be recognized and enlisted as ‘regional contacts’.

Section 14.4. The Chapters and Regional Contacts shall provide all necessary local support to other IFMR members visiting their province for activities related to this fellowship.

ARTICLE XV - COMPLIANCE WITH RI POLICIES

Section 15.1. The Rotary Fellowship shall comply with Rotary International’s policies for Rotary Fellowships, as set forth in the Rotary Code of Policies. The Rotary Fellowship’s Board of Directors and executive officers shall familiarize themselves with these policies and any amendments to these policies as adopted by the RI Board of Directors from time to time.

ARTICLE XVI - AMENDMENTS

Section 16.1. This document can only be altered at an Annual Meeting of the Fellowship after at least 60 days’ notice has been sent to the Regional Chapters that an item proposing amendment of the Constitution has been placed on the agenda of the Annual Meeting



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