

**MINUTES OF INTERNATIONAL ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING HELD IN CHARLOTTETOWN,
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, CANADA ON SATURDAY, JULY 19, 2014.**

(WORDING FOR ALL MOTIONS IS FOUND IN THE MOTION LEDGER)

***(THE MINUTES ARE NOT IN THE SAME ORDER AS THE AGENDA AS WE MOVE ITEMS
AROUND)***

President Gadway called meeting to order at 9:06 AM on July 19, 2014

Roll call of Officers:

Board members present were:

Chris Gadway, President	Norm Beausoleil, Region 1
Jack Jarvis, Vice President	Scott Ryan, Region 2
Bill Snodgrass, Secretary	Tim Reinard, Region 3
Leo Patry, Treasurer	Joey Powell, Region 4
Gil Rekken, Region 5	Flint Bleeding, Region 6
Tom Delboi, Region 7	

Roll call of chapters:

- There were 61 voting chapters present.

President Gadway gave opening remarks and welcomed everyone to the 2014 Convention. He thanked PEI 1 for hosting the convention.

REPORTS:

1. Motion 2014-021 was made by Tom Caisse (MA 4) and seconded by George Colby (MA3) to approve the Board reports as published in the Convention Handout.
2. Treasurer Patry gave a review of the Annual Audit.
3. Convention Reports:
 - 2015, Region 6 Director, Breeding passed out a flyer and showed a DVD on the 2015 Convention in San Antonio, Texas. It will be held at the Drury Plaza Hotel on the fame Riverwalk. The hotel is close to the Alamo. Other attractions are the Tower of the Americas, the Alamo Bowl, Six Flags theme park and Schlitterbahn Water Park. They are also having rides to the hill county,

- 2016, Region 3 Director, gave short report, plans include a trip to the Harley Davidson Museum; hotel will be the Wisconsin Dells.
- 2017, Will be held at the Holiday Inn, plans include motorcycle rental (for those who fly in), trip to the mall and a train trip with Beer and Wine tasting
- 2018, No report

There was not a bid to host the 2019 convention (may be held in New Hampshire), therefore next year, we will accept bids for 2019 and 2020.

1. The Secretary reported that we have 390 chapters in good standing with 9315 members. We have had 31 requests for information on starting new chapters and have approved 7 to date.
2. The Secretary reported that we have lost 31 members since the 2013 convention and that their name will be read during the Memorial Service tonight.
3. The Secretary reported that we have 39 requests for insurance this year. The average cost is \$148.50.
4. Don Parker gave a report on the Memorial Committee. He orders name plates for members who have passed in groups of six. MA 1 is always ready to meet chapters at the memorial.
5. The Treasurer gave a financial report on Memorial. Income of \$5325.59 from donations and the selling of the Heaven One patch have been received. Bring the total in the maintenance budget to \$7307.37
6. Henry gave a report on the Grand Tour. Over 200 members took part in it this year.
7. The Vice President reports that we now have 18 overseas chapters with 12 in Australia and 6 in New Zealand. We now have Representatives in both countries.
8. Communication Committee: George Colby reported that we now have a new HAK chairperson, Erik Jock (NY 50) and Newsletter Editor Dave Michaud (ME 7).

OLD BUSINESS:

9. The Treasurer reported that seven (7) delinquent chapters would be voted out.

NEW BUSINESS:

10. Motion 2014-022 was made by George Colby and seconded by Dan Bransfield, that the RKIFMC make a donation of \$150.00 to the 2014 convention host charity of choice. Motion passed by a show of hands.
11. Motion 2014-023 was made by George Colby and seconded by Pat Hillyard (PA 8), that the RKIFMC makes a donation of \$150.00 to the AMA Legislative Legal Fund. Motion passed by show of hands.
12. Motion 2014-024 was made by Edward "Tiger" Fairbanks (TX 2) and seconded by Joe Stewart (TX 12) that the following charters be recalled: Alberta 10, Arkansas 2, George 18, Illinois 17, South Carolina 4 and Tennessee 6. Motion passed by show of hands.

13. By-Laws Chairperson explained that a 2/3 vote was needed to pass motions made regarding by-law charges. The number of voting chapters would be called before each vote.
14. Motion 2014-025 was made by Tom Caisse (MA 4) and seconded by Don Fair (MD5) to approve the By-Laws Section 2:01 as published in the International Booklet and posted on the International Web Site. Motion was approved by a vote of 41 in favor and 20 against, Motion passed.
15. Motion 2014-026 was made by Tom Caisse (MA 4) and seconded by Dan Bransfield (CT 2) to approve the By-Laws Section 2:01 C as published in the International Booklet and posted on the International Web Site. Motion was approved by a vote of 58 in favor and 3 against, Motion passed.
16. Question was asked by Matt Mattera if we could just do a voice count in order to speed up the voting process. He was advised that we could not be sure of a 2/3 vote for approval using a voice vote.
17. Motion 2014-027 was made by Scott Ryan (PEI 1) and seconded by Dave Gallant (NB 1) to approve the By-Laws Section 2:09 as published in the International Booklet and posted on the International Web Site. Motion was approved by a vote of 58 in favor and zero against, Motion passed.
18. Motion 2014-028 was made by Tom Caisse (MA 4) and seconded by Jeff Morin (VT5) to approve the By-Laws Section 3:02 as amended. There were two proposals submitted for this section. After discussion the membership "combined" the intent of the two into one motion. The wording of "their" was change to 'a". The last sentence (as published in the International Booklet and on the web site) is not to be deleted. Motion was approved by a vote of 51 in favor and 9 against, Motion passed.
19. Motion 2014-029 was made by Gary Schubert (OH 5) and seconded by Dale French (PA 18) to approve the By-Laws Section 3:05 as published in the International Booklet and posted on the International Web Site. Motion was approved by a vote of 51 in favor and 9 against, Motion passed.
20. Motion 2014-030 was made by Joe Stewart (TX 12) and seconded by Colin Nelson (NH 9) to approve the By-Laws Section 3:21.4 as published in the International Booklet and posted on the International Web Site. Motion was approved by a vote of 58 in favor and zero against, Motion passed.
21. Motion 2014-031 was made by Tom Cassie (MA 4) and seconded by Ron Cordingley (ON 11) to approve the By-Laws Section 6:01 as published in the International Booklet and posted on the International Web Site. There was much discussion on this motion. It was agreed to table the motion until the 2015 ABM to gather more information and cost to the International on this subject. This was approved by a voice vote.
22. Motion 2014-032 was made by Scott Ryan (PEI 1) and seconded by Steve Crawford (NB 3) for the compensation for the International Secretary and Treasurer in the amount of \$15,000. Per year each. Motion passed by a voice count.
23. Nominations Chairperson, Tom Caisse, advised that there no challenges to the slate of officers and he casted one vote for the slate to the President.

GOOD FOR THE ORDER

24. Rick Waterman (RI 1) thanked the members for the help that he and his family received last year going home from the 2013 convention when his daughter was involved in an accident.
25. Eddie Brouillet (MA 2) thanked the membership for the help that he received during this convention when he was involved in an accident.
26. Pat Hillard (PA 8) share information regarding the Blue Knights Convention.
27. Dave Emery (VT 2) thanked PEI 1 for hosting a great convention.
28. Norm Beausoleil (MA 1) share news about a firefighter from Buffalo, NY who has cancer and wants to wear a different fire department tee shirt each day while he is being treated. Norm asked if anyone there had a tee shirt to donate, Tiger (TX 2) would get them to him

CLOSING REMARKS

The International President, Chris Gadway, thanked everyone for coming to the ABM and for their patience during the meeting.

Motion 2014-033 was made by Dan Bransfield (CT 2) and seconded by Alan Billings (MD 4) to adjourn. Motion passed by a voice vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:22 pm

Submitted by:

Bill Snodgrass
International Secretary