

BYLAWS OF SOUTH EAST PORTLAND CHAPTER A.B.A.T.E OF OREGON, INC.

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ARTICLE I NAME

This Chapter shall be known as the Southeast Portland Chapter of A.B.A.T.E of Oregon, Inc.

ARTICLE II OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this Chapter will be to represent and serve its members in accordance with the BYLAWS, rules and policies of the Chapter, and the BYLAWS of A.B.A.T.E of Oregon, Inc. To guarantee and maintain equitable relations between all its members. To assure membership control, and the democratic right to assemble, voice their views, discuss amongst themselves and take action on matters of mutual interest. To educate the general public on the wants, needs and desires of the motorcyclist.

ARTICLE III CHAPTER STRUCTURE

The structure of the Chapter shall consist of the following

1. The General Membership
2. Committees
3. The Executive Board (Officers and Representatives)

ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 - Eligibility

Any person eligible for membership in A.B.A.T.E of Oregon, Inc., as defined in ARTICLE V Section 1. of the A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon Inc. BYLAWS, shall be eligible for membership in this Chapter.

Section 2 - Application and initiation fee

Membership in the Chapter shall be obtained after making application on the proper forms to the State Membership Secretary, and payment of the initiation fee.

Section 3 - Transfer

- A. The transfer of membership from this Chapter to the jurisdiction of another Chapter or from another Chapter to this Chapter, shall be in writing to the State Membership Secretary.
- B. The transfer of Chapter membership must be registered with the Membership Secretary of the Chapter receiving the member and with the State Membership Secretary to acquire voting rights in the Chapter transferred to.

Section 4 - Duties of the members

It shall be the duty of each member of this Chapter to:

- A. Abide by the A.B.A.T.E of Oregon, Inc. BYLAWS, and the Chapter BYLAWS.
- B. Keep the Chapter Membership Secretary informed of his/her current address and telephone number.
- C. Bring to the attention of the membership any activity considered not to be in the best interest and welfare of the motorcyclist.
- D. Inform the membership of any motorcycle enthusiast who is eligible for membership in A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc.
- E. Attend membership meetings and exercise his/her voice and vote in the affairs of the Chapter.
- F. Comply with all approved State and Chapter policies.
- G. Conduct him/her self in keeping with the traditions and principles of the organization with respect to his/her fellow members, the community, its laws, and the good name of A.B.A.T.E of Oregon, Inc. and this Chapter.
- H. Fulfill his/her assigned duties, unless excused for good cause.
- I. Keep his/her dues current.

Section 5 - Termination of Membership

Membership in A.B.A.T.E. will be terminated upon death, written request from the member, nonpayment of dues, theft of A.B.A.T.E. assets, or by decision of the State Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V FINANCES

Section 1 - Membership dues

Each member of the Chapter shall pay membership dues in the amount established per year by the A.B.A.T.E State Board of Directors, or as otherwise defined in the A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc. BYLAWS (ARTICLE V, Section 2-B).

Section 2 - Disbursement

- A. All approved items of disbursements shall be supported by receipts or itemized vouchers.
- B. An up to date Chapter Financial Report shall be made available at each regularly scheduled Chapter Meeting to all Chapter Members.
- C. The financial records of this Chapter can be audited by this Chapter's Executive Board when deemed necessary. The result of this audit shall be made available for inspection by any member.
- D. The fiscal year of this Chapter shall be November 1st to and including October 31st, of the succeeding year.

ARTICLE VI GOVERNING BODY

Section 1 - Delegation of authority

The affairs of this Chapter shall be governed by its members in accordance with the Chapter's BYLAWS and the A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc. BYLAWS in the following manner:

- A. Through action taken at membership meetings.
- B. By actions and decisions of the Executive Board between membership meetings.
- C. The actions and decisions of the Executive Board between membership meetings, may be over-ruled by the membership at a regular scheduled meeting.

Section 2 - Executive Board

The Executive Board shall consist of the Coordinator, Vice Coordinator, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Membership Secretary, one State Representative and one Sergeant at Arms.

- A. One person may hold more than one office.
- B. The Chapter may also have, at the discretion of the Executive Board, other officers.
- C. Board meetings shall be held as frequently as determined by the Coordinator or a majority vote of the executive board.
- D. A majority vote of the members present at the Board Meetings shall be necessary to decide any business.
- E. A majority of the members of the Board shall constitute a quorum, at any scheduled meeting.
- F. The Board shall, subject to the authority of the membership, supervise the administrative affairs of the Chapter and:
 1. Coordinate activities of the Chapter with the activities of the State Board.
 2. Establish rules and regulations governing expenses and compensations for officers and members; subject to approval by the general membership.
 3. Arrange for the bonding of all Officers that require bonding.
 4. Establish committees and appoint such members thereto, to carry out the functions of the Chapter.
 5. Establish rules and regulations not inconsistent with the Chapter BYLAWS and A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc. BYLAWS for proper administration.
 6. Be authorized and empowered to take such action and make such decisions as may be necessary, to carry out fully and adequately all A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc. BYLAWS and decisions and such actions necessary to safeguard and promote the best interests of the membership.

ARTICLE VII MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Section 1 - The call of membership meetings

Regular membership meetings shall be twice monthly or as often as required. Special meetings may be called by the Executive Board.

Section 2 - Conduct of membership meetings

- A. Membership meetings shall be conducted in conformance with Chapter and A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc. BYLAWS (as per ARTICLE VII, F)
- B. The order of business at membership meetings shall be as follows:
 - 1. Call the meeting to order.
 - 2. Pledge of allegiance to the flag (optional).
 - 3. Reading and actions of the minutes of the previous meeting.
 - 4. Report of officers.
 - 5. Report of committees.
 - 6. Unfinished business.
 - 7. New business.
 - 8. Good and welfare for the organization.
- C. The order of business may be suspended by a majority vote of the members present.

ARTICLE VIII COMMITTEES

Section 1 - Procedure

- A. The committee shall:
 - 1. Keep accurate reports of committee actions
 - 2. Keep accurate records of their financial transactions.
- B. Members of all committees shall be selected by a majority vote of the Executive Board, subject to the right of all Membership to overrule such appointments.
- C. Vacancies on committees shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments.
- D. A member of any committee may be removed by a majority vote of the Executive Board, subject to the right of the Membership to over rule the vote of the Executive Board. A committee may also be removed by action of the Membership in a Membership Meeting.

ARTICLE IX NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

Section 1 - Rules and dates

- A. The nomination and election of Chapter Officers and Executive Board Members shall be conducted under the supervision of the Coordinator. The Coordinator shall have the authority and responsibility to see that nominations are conducted in accordance with these BYLAWS, with reasonable opportunity for each member to vote.
- B. All questions concerning the conduct and challenges of elections shall be determined by the Executive Board, subject to the right of appeal by the Membership of the Chapter.
- C. The elections in this Chapter will not be held before the first meeting in December and completed no later than the second meeting in December.
- D. The coordinator will notify all members of the Chapter prior to November 1st of the election year that he/she will be receiving nominations for all offices, and that all Members eligible to hold office are eligible to be nominated at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

- E. At the second regular scheduled Meeting in October, the Coordinator will notify the Membership that nominations will be taken at the first meeting in November, the second meeting in November and the first meeting in December.
- F. At the first regularly scheduled meeting in November nominations will be made and accepted.
- G. The nomination of an eligible absentee member can only occur when the absentee member indicates their acceptance of nomination, in writing, to the coordinator
- H. The Coordinator shall advise each nominee not eligible for election of the reason he/she is not eligible for nomination. The Coordinator shall also obtain assurance from each eligible nominee that he/she will accept the position for which he/she has been nominated.
- I. Each nominee shall be given a copy of the Chapter BYLAWS which describes the duties of the office he/she is seeking.
- J. Only Members in good standing shall be eligible to vote or hold office.
- K. No elected Officer of the Chapter shall qualify to take office unless and until he/she meets the qualifications/requirements, set forth in these BYLAWS and the A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc. BYLAWS.
- L. All elected Officers will assume office on the first meeting in January.
- M. The term of each elected office shall be one (1) year, or until their successors have been duly elected and qualified.

Section 2 - Election procedure at the Chapter Meeting

- A. At the second regularly scheduled Meeting in December elections will be conducted as follows:
 1. Each nominee, in order, will be asked to leave the room as his/her office is being voted on, or a ballot vote maybe taken.
 2. The candidate receiving the majority of the cast votes for each office shall be declared elected. If no one nominee has the majority of the votes cast on the first ballot, the vote shall again be taken and the two nominees having the greatest number of votes on the first ballot shall be nominees on the second ballot. In case more then one nominees ties for the highest number of votes, or second highest number of votes, all tying nominees will be placed on the final ballot.
 3. A Member may hold more than one office, but no more than two mandatory offices. The Chapter may have, at the discretion of the officers, other offices.

Section 3 - Mandatory Officers

- A. In accordance with the A.B.A.T.E. of Oregon, Inc. BYLAWS (as per ARTICLE VI ,section 1B) the following officer positions must be filled by the chapter: Coordinator, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, and one (1) State Representative.

Section 4 - Vacancies

- A. A vacancy in the office of the Coordinator shall be filled by the Vice Coordinator.
- B. Vacancies in other offices shall be filled by appointment by the Coordinator or the Executive Board until the position is filled through election by the General Membership at a regularly scheduled Chapter Meeting.

ARTICLE X
GRIEVANCES

Section 1.- Procedure

- A. Member complaints, disputes, dissatisfaction, problems and etc., with or about ABATE, shall be handled as follows:
1. The interested parties are urged to talk to each other with a view towards agreement, resolution, or compromise.
 2. If necessary, the interested parties can present the issue at hand to the Chapter for discussion and possible handling.
 3. If conditions warrant it, the interested parties can request a hearing before the State Board of Directors.
 4. The State Board of Directors has the final authority in resolving grievances.

ARTICLE XI
DISCIPLINE

Section 1.- Procedure

- A. In the event that a Member of ABATE acts in such a way as to cause damage to ABATE, its' Chapters, its' Officers or its' Members, a complaint may be lodged with a member of the State Executive Board.
1. The State Executive Board will determine if there is merit to the complaint, and if so will initiate disciplinary procedure.
 2. Disciplinary actions may be one or more of the following:
 - a. A verbal warning or discussion.
 - b. A written reprimand.
 - c. Suspension
 3. The affected Member can request a hearing before the State Board of Directors.
 4. The State Board of Directors has the final authority as regards disciplinary actions. (as per ARTICLE V, Section 5A of the A.B.A.T.E of Oregon, Inc. BYLAWS).

ARTICLE XII
AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

Section 1. Procedure

- A. These Bylaws may be amended as per Section 1B .
- B. Notice of proposed changes to these Bylaws must be presented to the Chapter Members present at a regularly scheduled chapter meeting for their review and dicussion before being voted on by the Chapter Members.

NOTE!
ONLY THE A.B.A.T.E. OF OREGON, INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS
HAS THE AUTHORITY TO REVOKE ANY MEMBER'S MEMBERSHIP IN A.B.A.T.E OF
OREGON, INC.