A.B.A.T.E. OF LOUISIANA, INC.
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ARTICLE I

NAME
The name of this corporation shall be A.B.A.T.E. of Louisiana, Inc., with A.B.A.T.E. being an acronym for American Bikers Active Toward**s** Education.

ARTICLE II

LOCATION
The Registered Office of the corporation shall be Post Office Box 132, Madisonville, La. 70447

ARTICLE III

PURPOSE
The purpose of this organization shall be:

- **To** initiate, endorse, and sponsor educational programs through education, public awareness, legislative and affirmative action, and individual freedom and rights.
- **To** create and promote a positive image of a motorcycle enthusiast, to dispel and disprove media-inspired motorcyclist images.
- **To** encourage good will and mutual understanding among motorcyclists, law enforcement personnel, and the general public.
- **To** serve as an information source pertaining to current laws, pending city, parish, and state legislation, personal rights, political inclinations of elected officials, and their constituents, A.B.A.T.E. of Louisiana, Inc. lobbying for voter awareness.
- **To** promote and coordinate recreational, legislative, advocacy, educational, and charitable activities.

ARTICLE IV

ORGANIZATION
This corporation shall consist of a State Board and such Local Chapters as are formed under the authority and direction of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE V

MEMBERSHIP
A TYPES OF MEMBERS

1. Regular member: any individual who has paid their dues for one full year shall be designated as a regular member.
2. Honorary member: any individual who the Executive Board may elect to so honor. Honorary memberships in A.B.A.T.E. of Louisiana, Inc. will be for a one-year period. The recipient shall not receive a patch and will have no voting privileges.
3. Youth member: any individual under the age of eighteen years who has applied for membership and has paid their dues for one full year shall be designated as a youth member.
4. Life member: any individual who has applied for membership and has paid dues for the life membership shall be designated as a life member. All life members of A.B.A.T.E. of Louisiana, Inc. will be charged full admission to attend any A.B.A.T.E. of Louisiana, Inc. function.
5. Member @ Large: any individual of A.B.A.T.E. of Louisiana, Inc. may choose to be a member @ large in the state, not a member of any chapter. That member will not be eligible to run for or hold any office at State or Chapter level.

B DUES

1. Dues shall be: $20.00 for single yearly membership, $30.00 for couple yearly membership, $5.00 for youth membership, $200.00 for single life membership, and $325.00 for couple life membership.
2. Dues are subject to change by a majority vote of the State Board.

C Memberships shall be non-assessable and non-assignable but shall be transferable among chapters within the state. Chapter transfers shall be requested from the member directly to the State Membership coordinator.

D Member of other State's Motorcycle Rights Organizations are eligible to become members of A.B.A.T.E. of Louisiana, Inc., at no charge for the remainder of their home organization's membership duration. This excludes Life memberships. Proof of SMRO membership and Louisiana residency must be provided.

E Membership to A.B.A.T.E. of Louisiana, Inc. shall be terminated upon:

1. non-payment of annual dues
2. death of a member (inform State Membership Coordinator as soon as possible)
3. written request delivered by U.S. Mail to the corporation business address
4. findings by a majority vote by the State Board that a member's conduct at meetings or events has been detrimental to the organization. A hearing for the member in question will be available at his/her request. A panel of five will be selected randomly by the Executive Board from the general membership to hear the case. Decision of this panel is final.

ARTICLE VI

EXECUTIVE BOARD

The corporation shall be governed by the Executive Board.

A The Executive Board Officers of the corporation shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. All Executive Board positions are elected positions. Candidates for Executive Board positions will have been a member of A.B.A.T.E. of Louisiana, Inc for at least 2 years and have held an elected chapter officer position for at least one term. Executive Board Officers duties shall take precedence over other civic organizational duties. Executive Board officers must have internet access available at their domicile as well as a device capable of executing the Microsoft office suite software in full featured mode.

B ELECTION AND TERM OF OFFICE

1 The State President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be elected every two years. The State President and Secretary shall be elected every EVEN year. The Vice President and Treasurer shall be elected every ODD year to provide continuity to the corporation.

2 Nominations for Executive Board positions shall be taken at the September State Board meeting in the appropriate year. The State Sergeant at Arms, along with the Membership Coordinator will verify candidate credentials prior to the next meeting. Elections shall be held at the next State Board meeting in November.

3 There shall be a sixty-day transition period for the new elected Executive State Officers to acquaint themselves with their new positions. They shall assume office in the month of January following the November election.

4 Vacancies on the Executive Board will exist a) on the death, resignation, or removal of any Executive Board member; b) failure of any Executive Board member to attend regular State Board meetings on two occasions, unless excused by the action of the Executive Board.

5. Vacancies on the Executive Board shall be filled by the State Board at its next regular meeting or at a special meeting called for that purpose. The Executive Board shall not be limited to its own rank in filling such vacancies.
6. There shall be no term limits.
7. Executive Board members may be eligible for retirement after three consecutive terms (6 years).

C DUTIES

1. State President: The President shall be the chief executive officer of the corporation and shall, in general, be subject to the control of the State Board, supervise and control all business and affairs of the corporation. He/She shall perform all duties incident to the office and such other duties as may be required by law, and the Articles of Incorporation of the corporation, or by these Bylaws, or that which may be prescribed from time to time by the State Board. He/She shall preside at all meetings of the State Board and be an ex-officio member of all standing committees. The State President shall represent the corporation before all business, government, and individual organizations and agencies. He/She shall co-sign with the State Treasurer all corporation checks. The State President shall have the discretion to access up to $200.00 per month from corporate funds, as needed for state business, without the approval of the Executive Board. The State President shall have the tiebreaker vote in the event of a tie vote among the Chapter Delegates.
2. State Vice-President: The Vice-President shall, in the absence of the State President, perform all duties required of, have all powers of the State President, and act as an ex-officio member of all standing committees. He/She shall perform such other duties as from time to time that may be assigned by the Executive Board. If the State President cannot complete his/her term, the State Vice-President will finish the term of office. The position of the State Vice-President will be filled by holding an election at

the next meeting of the State Board.

3. State Secretary: The State Secretary shall certify and keep at the principle office of the corporation or at such place, a copy of its Bylaws, as amended; keep at the principle office of the corporation or at such place , as the State Board may order, a book of all State Board meeting with minutes, time and place of holding, whether regular or called, and if called, how authorized; see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of the Bylaws or as required by law; in general, perform all duties incident to the office of State Secretary and other such duties as from time to time may be assigned to him/her by the Executive Board.
4. State Treasurer: The State Treasurer shall maintain a State checking account. All funds must be deposited into this account. He/She must record the income and disbursements of such funds. He/She shall keep accurate books of account and report to the State Board as to the financial condition of the corporation. Withdrawals from the corporation funds shall be made by check signed by the State President and the State Treasurer. Recurring expenses and scheduled or approved disbursements may be paid by use of the corporate credit card. The State Treasurer shall keep a copy of records at the principle office of the corporation or at such other place and make this information accessible to anyone upon request. The State Treasurer shall be bondable, and the State books shall be maintained by an accountant annually, or as the need arises for required financial reports. The accountant must be approved by the State Board, cannot be a member of, nor related to a member of the State Board. The State Treasurer receives all Chapter financial reports on a monthly basis. He/She is responsible for the completion of the yearly tax forms.

D GENERAL POWERS

All corporate powers shall be exercised by or under the authority of, and the business and affairs of the corporation controlled by the State Board. The State Board shall arrange the publication of an official newsletter for the organization, shall hold bi-monthly meetings of the State Board, and coordinate and/or arrange for such other programs/events that may be appropriate from time to time.

E SPECIAL MEETINGS

Special meetings may be called by the State President as the need arises to discuss particular items. At least ten days' notice must be given to all State Board members.

F REIMBURSEMENT

Officers and Trustees shall receive no compensation for their services. However, officers, trustees, and members of the Executive Board may be reimbursed for their reasonable and necessary expenses in attending regular State Board meetings, special Executive Board meetings, and visiting local chapter meetings with Executive Board approval.

G EXECUTIVE BOARD MANUAL

The Executive Board Manual shall contain the current Bylaws. The manual shall be kept at the Executive State level.

ARTICLE VII

STATE BOARD OFFICERS

The affairs of the corporation shall be managed by the State Board, consisting of, but not limited to, the Executive Board, the Chapter Delegates, and Trustees. Each member holding one of the said positions must be a current member in good standing

A. Executive Board: See Article VI, Section A

B. The Chapter Delegates of the corporation shall be the Chapter President and Delegate from each said local chapter or a selected chapter representative.

C. The Trustees of the corporation **can** be: State Sergeant at Arms; State Legislative Director; State Products Manager; State Newsletter Editor; State Membership Coordinator; Share the Road Coordinator; Public Relations Coordinator; MRF Representative; Webmaster, Riders' Advocate; NCOM Representative; Growth Coordinator and State Historian. Trustees are appointed positions. The Executive Board President may appoint other Trustees than those listed above as the business of the corporation may require. Trustees are not required to attend the state board meeting unless a project or program the trustee is responsible for is a subject item on the meeting agenda. If not attending, trustees must submit their regular trustee reports to the State Secretary no later than 14 days prior to the meeting. Trustees are always strongly encouraged to attend the meeting.

D DUTIES

1. Sergeant-at-Arms: The State Sergeant-at-Arms shall maintain peace during a State Board meeting. He/she shall oversee all security arrangements for any and all State events, and, if unable to attend any scheduled event, shall notify the State President at the earliest possible time. The State Sergeant-at Arms shall coordinate with Chapter Sergeant-at-Arms for all A.B.A.T.E. of Louisiana, Inc. state functions. He/She shall perform additional duties as directed by the State President.
2. State Legislative Director: The State Legislative Director shall work in the legislative and government affairs, including motorcycle safety and awareness programs. He/She shall work as a liaison with other organizations, clubs, and groups on state and national levels, shall encourage grass-roots participation in the organization, and shall encourage members to vote, and participate politically. He/She shall work legislative bills as decided by the State Board and shall get approval from the State Board before a commitment is made on policies, direction, and goals. He/She shall also provide at minimum, a monthly report of legislative news to each local Chapter Legislative Director, or Chapter President.
3. State Products Manager: The State Products Manager shall order, inventory, and distribute all State A.B.A.T.E. products. He/She shall submit bi-monthly inventory and financial reports to the Executive Board, as well as an annual physical inventory with a financial report at the November meeting. He/She shall maintain a checking account in the name of A.B.A.T.E. of Louisiana, Inc. State Store. Withdrawals from this account shall require the signature of the State Products Manager and the State President. The State Store account shall be subject to a maximum limit of $5000.00. All excess funds shall be forwarded to the State Treasurer. Funds in the State Store account shall be used only for the payment of such reasonable and necessary expenses as may be incurred in the normal operation of business. Prior approval by the Executive Board is not necessary for the payment of normal expenses unless such expenses should exceed $1000.00. He or She shall coordinate and maintain all State security equipment and be responsible for an annual inventory to the Executive Board.
4. State Newsletter Editor: The State Newsletter Editor shall be responsible for publishing and distributing a newsletter which shall be posted on the official web page. He/she shall handle billing of all advertisements and receiving of fees for such. The editor shall select material for the newsletter, so as portray a positive image of the organization to the general public, as well as helping to promote businesses affiliated with the motorcycle industry. He/she shall publish all Bylaw Amendments and shall print the complete Bylaws at the request of the Executive Board.
5. State Membership Coordinator: The State Membership Coordinator shall keep and record an accurate general membership list. He/She shall provide the Executive Board with a copy of the general membership list. He/she shall also provide each Chapter President a membership list of members that joined that particular chapter. Any monies that are received from membership applicants shall be turned over to the State Treasurer. He/she shall provide each local chapter with blank triplicate membership applications. He/She shall also provide NCOM a list of new/renewal members on a monthly basis for the process of membership cards.
6. Share the Road Coordinator: The Share the Road Coordinator shall manage the A.B.A.T.E. of Louisiana, Inc.'s Motorcycle Safety Awareness Program entitled "Share the Road." The mission of the program is to provide motorcycle awareness training to all drivers and soon to be drivers on the road in Louisiana. This training is intended to reduce accidents between automobile drivers and large trucks and motorcyclists by seeing, respecting, and understanding trucks' and motorcyclists' needs and rights on the highway. The coordinator will establish procedures to qualify presenters and establish guidelines for presenters' appearance, conduct, and performance. The coordinator will schedule presentations and assign presenters as requested by the public. The coordinator will manage any grants acquired and conduct training as necessary to ensure presenters are available to fill requested sessions.
7. Public Relations Coordinator: The Public Relations Coordinator will establish a communication network in Louisiana to distribute press releases and items of interest regarding A.B.A.T.E. of Louisiana, Inc. to the print, broadcast and electronic media. The coordinator will maintain the contact network in a spreadsheet or database that should include all motorcycle clubs and organizations in Louisiana as well as Motorcycle Rights Organizations (MRO) in others states and at the federal level.
8. MRF Representative: MRF representative will be an MRF member and coordinate with the Sustaining State MRO (SSMRO) board members of the Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF) to keep A.B.A.T.E. of Louisiana, Inc. membership informed of legislative and safety activities in other states and at the federal level. The MRF representative should attend one MRF convention annually and must attend if no executive board member is scheduled to attend. Additional duties include but are not limited to activities to increase MRF membership in Louisiana.
9. Webmaster: The state Webmaster shall establish and maintain the A.B.A.T.E. of Louisiana, Inc website and corporate email system. The webmaster should assist chapter personnel to establish and maintain a chapter page on the state website.
10. Riders' Advocate: The Rider's advocate shall establish a program to assist chapter level advocates, first and foremost, in assisting injured motorcyclists or family members of fatally injured motorcyclists in finding legal assistance and following the trial of any party who caused the accident through the judicial system to ensure equitable treatment for the victim. The advocate shall establish and maintain a page on the state website to easily collect and track incidents in the state and analyze the data for trends.

11. NCOM Representative: The NCOM (National Coalition of Motorcyclists) Representative shall be an active member of A.B.A.T.E. of Louisiana, Inc., informed of NCOM activities at the federal level and assist in supporting A.B.A.T.E. of Louisiana, Inc.
12. Growth Coordinator: The growth coordinator**s** shall be the President of each chapter.
13. State Historian: The Historian will establish the history of A.B.A.T.E. of Louisiana, Inc.'s achievements and disappointments and keep it up to date based on current activities. Minimum content should include corporate names, tax identification numbers, DUNS numbers, State Executive Board Members and their terms, and chapter presidents and delegates for their yearly terms.

E STATE BOARD MEETINGS

Regular State Board meetings shall be set before the end of each year. The meeting schedule shall include the place where the meeting shall be held, date, time, directions, and a contact phone number. Acceptable notice methods shall be in person, U.S. mail, telegram, phone, email, website, or other common form of communication. Every effort shall be made to communicate any deviations as soon as they may arise.

F ATTENDANCE

Meetings of the State Board shall be open to all members of the organization; guests are welcome but must be put on the agenda to speak. Request by Chapter Delegates/Trustees for items to be placed on the agenda of the regular meeting shall be submitted to the State President not less than ten days prior to the meeting. Participation by persons other than Chapter Delegates and Trustees in meeting discussions or presentations shall be at the discretion of the State President.

G QUORUM

Two-thirds of the present membership of the State Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. No meeting shall be legally convened unless a quorum is present. Unless otherwise specified by provision of these Bylaws, a simple majority shall be sufficient to carry a motion.

H VOTING

Only the Chapter Delegates shall have voting power at all State Board meetings.

I RULES OF ORDER

A.B.A.T.E. of Louisiana, Inc. By-Laws shall be the primary authority for any business conducted by the organization. Robert's Rules of Order, most recent edition, shall be the parliamentary authority for any business not covered by the existing by-laws of A.B.A.T.E. of Louisiana, Inc.

J RESIGNATION

Any officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the State President or State Secretary. Any such resignation shall take effect at the time specified therein or at the pleasure of the Executive Board, and unless otherwise specified therein, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

K REMOVAL

1. Local Officers: The membership of any local Chapter may, at any time, remove from office any officer elected by that body, with or without cause, by recall of the majority vote of the membership of the body.
2. Executive Officers: The State Board may remove from office any officer elected by that body, at any time, with or without cause, by a two-thirds vote by the State Board. A quorum must be present.
3. Property of the Organization: Upon completion of their term or removal of office, all officers and Trustees shall surrender to the Executive Board, within five days of receipt of a registered letter, any and all documents or property of A.B.A.T.E. of Louisiana, Inc., that is in their possession.

ARTICLE VIII

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

A CONTRACTS

The Executive Board, except as otherwise provided by these Bylaws, may by resolution, authorize any officer or agent of the corporation to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and in the behalf of the corporation, and such authority may be general or conformed to specific instances.

B FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the corporation shall be from January to December of each year.

C EVENTS

1. All State-sanctioned events will be planned at least four months in advance except in an emergency or

under special circumstances. Members should be notified at least two months in advance of events.
2. Benefits may be held for current members, in good standing at no cost to A.B.A.T.E. of Louisiana, Inc.
3. A.B.A.T.E. of Louisiana, Inc. shall recover all expenses incurred from other events plus 10% of the gross.
4. All flyers issued by A.B.A.T.E. of Louisiana, Inc. must contain a disclaimer statement to the effect that donations to the organization are non-tax deductible, and A.B.A.T.E. of Louisiana, Inc.'s EIN # is 72-1313712.

D PERSONAL LIABILITY

No officer, Trustee, or member of this organization shall be personally liable for debts, liabilities, or obligations of the corporation.

E MEETINGS

1. No alcohol purchase or consumption of any kind will be permitted during A.B.A.T.E. of Louisiana, Inc. State Board meetings.
2. An attendance list will be filled out at all State meetings, Chapter meetings, and all A.B.A.T.E. of Louisiana, Inc. functions. A copy shall be included as part of the chapter's meeting minutes.
3. The attendance list will be maintained by the corresponding secretary for the meetings.
4. The attendance list for functions shall be maintained by the function committee chairman.
5. Each shall forward a maintained list to the State Secretary for file records.
6. Discussion of any subject at a State Board meeting will be limited to 15 minutes. After time has expired the subject will be tabled, voted on, or the State President and State Board will decide if to extend the discussion for one additional 5-minute time limit. The State Sergeant-at-Arms will be the timekeeper.

F AWARDS

Petitions for FREEDOM FIGHTER POINTS must be in writing and be presented to the Executive Board at the January meeting.

G PUBLIC RELATIONS

1. No member of A.B.A.T.E. of Louisiana, Inc. shall issue any communication to any one concerning A.B.A.T.E. State or Chapter business unless prior approval is obtained from the Executive Board President or Vice President.
2. Any A.B.A.T.E. of Louisiana, Inc. member must notify their Chapter President before planning any event or function that includes A.B.A.T.E. of Louisiana, Inc. or committing A.B.A.T.E. of Louisiana, Inc. to help with any function for any cause. Chapter Presidents are ultimately responsible for any activity that occurs in their chapter.
3. For any NON-A.B.A.T.E. of Louisiana, Inc. function, the organization requesting our assistance must furnish to A.B.A.T.E. of Louisiana, Inc., in writing, exactly what is expected, how many persons will be needed, how long each will work, and what A.B.A.T.E. of Louisiana, Inc. will receive for its efforts. All functions are subject to approval by the Executive Board.
4. Local chapters have the option to endorse one or more charitable events per year.
5. Any news releases, press releases or written communications to any organization or individual other than The Executive Board, that conveys or states A.B.A.T.E. of Louisiana, Inc.'s position or point of view, must be reviewed and approved by at least (5) voting members of the State Board.

H NEWSLETTER

The deadline for articles and reports for the State newsletter will be the 15th of the month prior to the issue date.

I A.B.A.T.E. of Louisiana, Inc. NAME / LOGO

1. The use of the A.B.A.T.E. of Louisiana, Inc.'s Name/Logo on any product must have Executive Board approval.
2. Members may use the Name/Logo on personal correspondence with local, state and federal legislators and other government agencies.

J. OFFICER TRAINING CLASS

An officers training class will be held at the January State Board Meeting, each year to train all new officers and trustees at the State and Chapter levels in the performance of their duties.

ARTICLE IX

LOCAL CHAPTERS

A PURPOSE

The primary purpose of a local chapter shall be to help improve the effectiveness of the corporation in

obtaining its goals.

B ORGANIZATION

General: A local chapter may be chartered by act of the Executive Board in any area of the state where there are ten or more members living, whom request in writing that the Executive Board grants such a charter. Chapter charters must be renewed annually by the Chapter President and submitted to the State Secretary at the January State Board meeting. Each local chapter will operate as a non-profit segment of the organization in accordance with these Bylaws.

C OFFICERS

1. Elected officers shall be members in good standing of at least one-year membership and be registered to vote in the state of Louisiana unless amended by chapter vote prior to nominations.
2. The officers of each chapter shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Delegate.
3. Elected chapter officers' duties shall take precedence over other civic organizational duties.
4. The Chapter Trustees shall be Sergeant-at-Arms, Legislative Coordinator, Products Representative, Public Relations Representative, Riders' Advocate, and Newsletter Reporter.
5. Other Trustee positions may be created as deemed necessary by the Chapter President.

D ELECTION AND TERM OF OFFICE

1. Chapter Officers shall serve a term of one year. Nominations for chapter officers shall be taken at the chapter meeting in the month of November. Elections shall be held at the next meeting in December. Newly elected officers shall begin their term in January, following the December election.
2. There shall be a thirty-day transition period in which to acquaint them with the new position.
3. There are no term limits.
4. Chapter Trustees are an appointed position by the Chapter President. Chapter Trustees shall serve one year.

E DUTIES

~~1.~~ Chapter President: shall preside over all meetings of the chapter, insure the accomplishment of duties by other chapter officers and trustees in the time frame allotted, initiate such actions as are necessary to insure the orderly operation of the chapter, act as a spokesperson for the chapter before all business, government, and individual organizations and agencies, serve as an ex-officio member of all committees, will appoint a pro-tem to fill a vacant position until the next regular meeting when the members can vote on a person to fill the vacant position. Shall submit the annual Chapter Charter and a list of all chapter officers for the year at or before the January State Board meeting. This list will contain name, address, phone number, and email addresses.

2. Chapter Vice-President: shall act as an assistant to the Chapter President and perform the duties thereof in the event the Chapter President shall be incapable of performing those duties **and** shall chair all committees.

3. Chapter Secretary: shall act as recording secretary at all chapter meetings, ensure completion of all chapter correspondences, reports, and required forms in a timely manner, receive, record, and file records of all activities and business transactions of the chapter. Shall keep and maintain accurate records of the chapter's monthly minutes and send a copy to the Executive State Secretary after minutes have been accepted at the next monthly chapter meeting.

4. Chapter Treasurer: shall receive, record, and account for all chapter funds in accordance with the legal and corporation policies, shall maintain a chapter checking account, withdrawals deemed necessary from the chapter account must require signatures by the Chapter Treasurer and Chapter President, maintain and furnish such financial records to the chapter officers as may be required, and shall prepare a monthly financial report to be sent to the State Treasurer. The chapter account must maintain but may not exceed $400.00 without the approval of the Executive Board. A check must be given to the State Treasurer on a monthly basis for excess funds after that particular month has been balanced with the bank statement.

5. Chapter Delegate: shall represent the chapter and vote accordingly of the majority of the chapter's members on issues at State Board meetings. In His/Her absence of a particular State Board meeting, He/She must ask a chapter member to fill His/Her role as chapter delegate with prior approval of the Chapter President. The chapter Delegate holds one voting right at State Board meetings.

6. Chapter Sergeant-at-Arms: shall be in charge of all security arrangements for any chapter events, and, if unable to attend an event, shall notify the Chapter President at the earliest possible time, coordinate, maintain, and secure all chapter equipment, perform additional duties as directed by the Chapter President or the Executive Board, coordinate with the State Sergeant-at-Arms at state events, be responsible for annual inventory of all chapter property to be submitted to the State Products Manager at the November State Board meeting.

7. Chapter Legislative Coordinator: shall keep the chapter informed on all local, state, and national

news, shall work with the State Legislative Director on all related items.

8. Chapter Products Representative: shall inventory and distribute products received from the State Store, be responsible for collected product monies, and provide an inventory of products on a monthly basis to the State Products Manager. Monies collected are to be turned over to the Chapter Treasurer, in which a check is written to the State Store for the same amount.
9. Chapter Newsletter Reporter: Shall be responsible for providing the State Newsletter Editor with a bi-monthly report of the chapter's activities to be published in the newsletter. The main objective of this is to maintain a flow of current information to interested parties. Any selected material for the newsletter will portray a positive public image of A.B.A.T.E. of Louisiana, Inc. to the general public.
10. Road Captain: shall follow all state and local laws, shall organize the route used for chapter runs with the approval of the Chapter President, has the authority to eject anyone from a run that is not following the Rules of the Road. Chapter President may appoint as many Road Captains deemed necessary to provide safe riding for that chapter.
11. Chapter Riders' Advocate: The chapter level Riders Advocate shall assist local injured motorcyclists or family members of injured motorcyclists in finding assistance. The advocate shall collect reports and track incidents in the area and forward this information to the State Riders Advocate.

F QUORUM

No meeting shall be legally convened unless a quorum is present. A chapter quorum consists of ten percent of the chapter's membership. The Chapter President and or Vice President must be in attendance, along with the Chapter Secretary. If for some reason the secretary cannot be present, the residing President/Vice President may appoint a standing secretary for that meeting.

G CHAPTER DISCIPLINE

To protect the integrity of the organization, and to maintain accountability to the membership. The Executive Board shall maintain certain powers of discipline over the local chapters. If the officers and/or members of any local chapter fail to conduct the business and affairs of the corporation in such a manner which would reflect well on the organization the Executive Board may, at their discretion, first issue a written reprimand, then may enact other measures of discipline as may be deemed necessary, including but not limited to revocation of chapter status. At the time of such disciplinary action, the local chapter may ask for an appeal, which would be heard by the Executive Board. Decision of the Executive Board will be final.

H PROBLEM SOLVING

Each local chapter President shall address and resolve any problem/conduct at a meeting/event that may arise that is strictly a chapter-level problem. If a question arises whether the problem is of state-level significance, the Chapter President may request to be heard by the Executive Board for assistance in resolving the problem. The Executive Board shall then determine if the problem is a state-level or chapter-level problem. The Executive Board or Chapter Board shall then act accordingly.

I A.B.A.T.E. of Louisiana, Inc. PROPERTY

All Chapters will make a list of all A.B.A.T.E. of Louisiana, Inc. property in their possession and submit it to the State Products Manager. Any Chapter desiring to use any of this property will contact the State Products Manager for availability. The member using the equipment will be responsible for picking up and returning same.

J CHAPTER FINANCES

Each Local Chapter shall maintain a checking account. The chapter account must maintain but not exceed $400.00 without the approval of the Executive Board. Any excess funds shall be forwarded to the State Treasurer after each month has been reconciled with that month's bank statement. Each Local Chapter shall submit a written Chapter Financial Report and copy of that month's bank statement to each Executive Board Officer.

K CHAPTER CALENDAR

Each Local Chapter shall prepare a calendar of events for the next upcoming year for all chapter meetings and events to be turned in at the January State Board Meeting. No chapter shall schedule such to conflict with any State Board meeting or State Event.

L DISSOLUTION OF LOCAL CHAPTER

If for reasons stated below, a local chapter dissolves, all monies, property, and assets of the chapter shall be turned over to the Executive Board within thirty days of the chapter's dissolution notice sent by registered mail. It will then be distributed appropriately (i.e. monies to the State Treasurer, products and equipment to the State Products Manager). The Executive Board shall use all and any legal actions necessary to recover money, property, and assets of the dissolved chapter. A local chapter shall be considered dissolved for any

of the following reasons:

1 Less than ten current paid members
2 Failure to send delegates to three consecutive State Board meetings
3 Failure to have formal communication for a period of six months with the State Board
4 Failure to submit or maintain up-to-date financial, and chapter reports for three months

It shall be the Executive Board Officers responsibility to monitor and act on any chapter's actions that fall under the above reasons for dissolution.

ARTICLE X

NOTICES

Whenever any notice is required to be given to any Officer or Trustee, or to any other person by statue of these Bylaws, whether of a meeting or for some purpose, it may be given personally or sent to such Officer or Trustee by U.S. Mail, telegram, phone, email, or other common form of communication.

ARTICLE XI

BYLAWS

A Amendments

Bylaws may be amended or repealed at any regular meeting of the State Board by a two-thirds majority vote present at State Board meeting.

B Revisions

Bylaw revisions are as follows:

1 Committee appointed by Executive Board.
2 A sixty-day notice given to general membership of special meeting held by State Board.
3 Appointed committee presents revised Bylaws to members present.
4 Revision of Bylaws passed by two-third majority vote of members present.

C Effective Date

Amendments/Revisions to these Bylaws shall become effective immediately upon voting unless otherwise designated by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE XII

DISSOLUTION OF THE CORPORATION

Upon dissolution of this corporation, the Executive Board shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all liabilities of the corporation, contribute all the assets of the corporation to the Motorcycle Riders Foundation.