

ONTARIO COMMAND GENERAL BY-LAW FOR BRANCHES AMENDMENTS 2023

THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS WERE PRESENTED AND PASSED BY THE DELEGATES IN ATTENDANCE AT THE ONTARIO PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN AURORA, ONTARIO ON NOV 18TH, 2023.

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<p><u>ARTICLE 403</u></p> <p>A voting member will be required to serve at least one (1) term on the Branch Executive Committee to be eligible to be elected as President or Vice-President.</p>	<p><u>ARTICLE 403</u></p> <p>A voting member will be required to serve at least one (1) term on a Branch Executive Committee to be eligible to be elected as President or Vice-President.</p>
<p><u>ARTICLE 404. (1)</u></p> <p>A voting member will be required to have been a member of the Branch for a period for at least one (1) year prior to the date of election to be eligible to be elected to the Branch Executive Committee.</p>	<p><u>ARTICLE 404. (1)</u></p> <p>A voting member will be required to have been a member of a Branch for a period for at least one (1) year prior to the date of election to be eligible to be elected to the Branch Executive Committee.</p>
<p><u>ARTICLE 407</u></p> <p>The Offices of Secretary and Treasurer shall not be held by the President or any of the Vice-Presidents.</p>	<p><u>ARTICLE 407</u></p> <p>The Offices of Secretary and Treasurer or Secretary-Treasurer shall not be held by any Branch Senior Elected Officer. Note: Branch Senior Elected Officer includes the Immediate Past President/Past President as per S. 501. (1) and S. 512 of these By-Laws.</p>
<p><u>ARTICLE 501. (1)</u></p> <p>The Senior Elected Officers shall consist of the President, Immediate Past President, and two (2) Vice-Presidents. Branch Regulations may make provision for three (3) Vice-Presidents.</p>	<p><u>ARTICLE 501. (1)</u></p> <p>The Senior Elected Officers shall consist of the President, Immediate Past President/Past President, and two (2) Vice-Presidents. Branch Regulations may make provision for three (3) Vice-Presidents. No member can hold more than one (1) office as defined in this section.</p>
<p><u>ARTICLE 502</u></p> <p>The Executive Committee shall consist of the Senior Elected Officers, other identified Officers, and an approved number of Executive Committee Members as defined in the Branch Regulations together with such other voting Members as may be appointed in accordance with provisions found elsewhere in these By-Laws.</p>	<p><u>ARTICLE 502</u></p> <p>The Executive Committee shall consist of the Senior Elected Officers, the Offices of Secretary and Treasurer or Secretary-Treasurer, Branch Chair, Branch Service Officer, Chaplain, Sergeant-at-Arms, and an approved number of Executive Committee Members, as defined in the Branch Regulations, together with such other voting Members as may be appointed in accordance with provisions found elsewhere in these By-Laws. This includes the mandatory Committee Chairs as listed in S. 601. (1).</p>

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<p><u>ARTICLE 1101. (2)</u></p> <p>The Annual Branch Dues shall be as determined by minutes adopted at a General Meeting held prior to the month of September. Such dues shall include per capita tax to the Commands.</p>	<p><u>ARTICLE 1101. (2)</u></p> <p>The Annual Branch Dues, and any Enrolment Fees, shall be as determined by minutes adopted at a General Meeting held prior to the month of September. Such dues shall include per capita tax to the Commands.</p>
<p><u>ARTICLE 1204. (1)</u></p> <p>The persons designated and authorized to initiate and complete any financial transaction by cheque or electronic funds transfer from any account held by the Branch, including Poppy Trust Fund Accounts, shall be identified within the Branch Regulations by their respective Office or Position held in the Branch.</p>	<p><u>ARTICLE 1204. (1)</u></p> <p>The persons designated and authorized to initiate and complete any financial transaction from any account held by the Branch, including Poppy Trust Fund Accounts, shall be identified within the Branch Regulations by their respective Office or Position held in the Branch.</p>
<p><u>ARTICLE 1206. (6)</u></p>	<p><u>ARTICLE 1206. (6)</u></p> <p>The Branch Administrator (Financial Security Measures) is an appointed officer of the Branch. It can be any member of the Branch including a Branch Executive member. It should not be the Treasurer, or any other signing authority, as this could be, or perceived to be, a conflict of interest.</p>
<p><u>ARTICLE 1207</u></p> <p>(1) All accounts payable by the Branch in excess of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) shall only be paid by cheque, or, if such account is payable in relation to a normal operating expenditure payable on a regular and/or recurring basis and has been so designated by the Executive Committee for payment to a Payee by an automatic pre-authorized online withdrawal, by electronic funds transfer.</p> <p>(2) Branch Regulations may provide for a lower monetary limit.</p> <p>(3) No cheque shall be signed in blank.</p>	<p><u>ARTICLE 1207</u></p> <p>1207. (1) All accounts payable by the Branch, in excess of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) shall be paid by cheque, electronic funds transfer, credit card or debit card. When credit or debit cards are used, a signed requisition form with two authorized signatures will be required.</p> <p>1207. (2) If such an account is payable on a regular and/or recurring basis and has been so designated by the Executive Committee, payment may be made by an automatic pre-authorized online withdrawal or by electronic fund transfer.</p> <p>Current Sections 1207(2) and 1207(3) will be renumbered accordingly.</p>

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<p><u>ARTICLE 1208. (1)</u></p> <p>All expenditures, other than normal operating or emergency expenses, in excess of an amount set out in Branch Regulations which may not exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00), must be approved at a General, Special General or Annual General Meeting, prior to any commitment for such expenditure being made by the Executive Committee.</p>	<p><u>ARTICLE 1208. (1)</u></p> <p>All expenditures, other than normal operating or emergency expenses, in excess of an amount set out in Branch Regulations which may not exceed two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00), must be approved at a General, Special General or Annual General Meeting, prior to any commitment for such expenditure being made by the Executive Committee.</p>