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HISTORY

Welcome to LAMA

The Latin American Motorcycle Association (LAMA) was founded in 1977 in Chicago's notorious Humboldt Park neighborhood. LAMA From the beginning LAMA was created with the intention of being a Moto Touring club with democratic ideals. Chicago was the only chapter until the opening of the first chapter in Miami in 1996, a National Association was created when the first national president was elected in 1996.

In 1999 LAMA became an International Association when chapters were started in Puerto Rico, Mexico, USA, and Cuba. Currently LAMA has chapters in 25 nations on 5 continents.

In 2000 to celebrate the millennium, the president of LAMA International created LAMA International Motorcycle Association for the purpose of globalizing LAMA Also known by its acronym as IMA

In 2006 the International President invented the Friendly Extreme Sport of Moto-Touring. Currently, Regional, National, Continental and World Championships of this sport are celebrated annually.

LAMA/IMA was created with the intention of being the model of the 21st century motorcycle club. It is a work in progress that continues with the flow of ideas from new members from lands near and far.

LAMA/IMA is a club without borders. It has evolved as an "International Humanist Association". It accepts working people from all walks of life, as members, without discrimination based on nationality, race, color, religion, social class, gender, age, motorcycle brand, etc.

The mission of LAMA/IMA is to promote Peace, Love, Harmony and non-Violence worldwide and in this way demonstrates through example that we can all live together in peace.

LAMA/IMA is one of the most respected associations in the world. As a member of LAMA, doors will open in all cities with other chapters / clubs. To understand LAMA, it is necessary to know other chapters, especially chapters in other nations.

LAMA/IMA is recognized as one of the most active long distance riding biker associations in the world. Our DAMAS DE LAMA, (official female member riders) accompany us on their own motorcycles, traveling extreme distances. Most motorcyclists find these distances too long, or almost impossible to complete, yet our male and female members perform these runs or rides often. Women are a very important part of LAMA and they fulfill the LAMA requirements just like the men.

The statutes and regulations of LAMA/IMA have been created, compiled, modified, and adapted through 46 years of experience. It is not our intention to carry around a dictionary of rules under the arm to spend a few hours of fun riding. Their existence, however, is very useful in times of controversies or for clarifications on situations. The By-Laws are intended to maintain LAMA worldwide on the same level.

WELCOME TO LAMA / IMA! YOU ARE NOW PART OF THE BEST RIDERS' ASSOCIATION IN THE WORLD. WE CHALLENGE YOU TO HELP US IMPROVE IT.

Mario Nieves,
Founder

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SECTION I: MISSION

Article 1: LAMA/IMA (hereinafter referred to as LAMA) was created to organize recreational activities for its members, such as tours, picnics, campouts, and a host of other social activities that benefit the members.

Article 2: LAMA must provide safety education for the membership and the public at large through classes, instruction at chapter meetings, televised programs, videos, workshops, etc., that promote the safe and legal use of motorcycles.

Article 3: LAMA International will act as the official international governing body for the sport of moto-touring. LAMA must provide and promote Moto-Touring sports competitions at the local, national, and international levels.

Article 4: LAMA is not a charitable organization, and our mission is moto-touring. However, as an integral part of our respective communities, LAMA chapters are expected to organize some charitable events on behalf of those less fortunate. This can be achieved through toy drives, food drives, blood drives, fundraisers, school supply drives, and a host of other activities.

Article 5: It is the responsibility of every chapter and member in every nation to serve as a voluntary promoter of tourism in their respective cities and nations. We have worldwide publicity coverage that can be of great assistance to every nation in promoting tourism. Many of our nations do not have the finances to promote tourism as they should. As proud citizens of our respective nations, we can be an asset without involving ourselves in politics.

Article 6: LAMA Station is the publicity branch of the International Committee. Among their responsibilities are promoting LAMA events at all levels, interviewing presidents, moto-touring champions, and other personalities, assisting in promoting tourism worldwide, promoting special events and LAMA Charity events, etc.

SECTION II: LAMA NAME AND LOGO

Article 1: This organization shall be known as the Latin American Motorcycle Association (LAMA) and/or International Motorcycle Association, also known by its initials LAMA/IMA

Article 2: The LAMA/IMA name and logo are trademarked. No International Committee, National Committee, or any committee, elected officer, chapter, or person may change, mutilate or redesign them. Nor can a motion be presented at any meeting for a vote to alter or change them.

Article 3: The logo contains a single star in the center of the geometric insert. The star represents the fact that all of LAMA is a single association. The colors of the geometric inset on the wings must match the colors of the national flag of the country in which each chapter resides but is not intended to be a copy of the flag. Those countries where the colors of the flag are the same or similar must use the same logo. LAMA must strive to reduce the differences between nations.

Article 4: The LAMA Name and Logo is a registered trademark protected by federal laws and is the exclusive property of the International Committee. The Official LAMA uniform patches (the colors) can only be fabricated by the International Committee, which will distribute them to all chapters worldwide. The International Committee has approved the use, sale, and distribution of LAMA merchandise, and is conferred to the National Committees of each country in the condition of a loan so that said products are sold to the different members and/or chapters for the benefit of the members. All LAMA merchandise must first be approved by the International Committee for proper use of the logo. The name of the country or nation must be included in the logo design. All LAMA national official merchandise must be obtained from the National Committee of each country. The loaned use of the name and logo is strictly under the condition that these committees must abide by the LAMA International by-laws.

Paragraph 1: Amendment 2022 – The emblem and/or colors of LAMA (name and logo) cease to be the exclusive property of the Chicago-based chapter and becomes the exclusive property of LAMA/IMA International Committee.

Paragraph 2: Amendment 2022 – Chicago ceases to be the main headquarters of LAMA/IMA, therefore will no longer include the Headquarter or HQ badge within its acronym in the same way, the prebend for the use of the international logo is eliminated and it will use the logo like all other chapters in the world.

Article 5: Chapters are granted the right to use the full name of the association on merchandise. However, the logo (center patch) should have a design in the center of the wings that distinguishes their specific chapter. Chapters are not allowed to use the official LAMA or DAMA logos to create merchandise. The complete logo, rockers, and wings cannot be used on t-shirts and clothing.

Article 6: The official name and logo of LAMA are registered as a collective membership mark. Only members and officers are permitted to wear emblems, patches, and garments featuring the official name and logo. It serves to distinguish membership in LAMA and should not be worn by non-members.

Article 7: Members are not authorized to produce, sell, or distribute the LAMA name or logo or any associated products. This includes any form or representation of the name or logo.

Article 8: Unauthorized use or abuse of the name or logo can lead to expulsion or membership cancellation. Additionally, a chapter may be disassociated or terminated from the association. Legal action may be pursued if necessary.

Article 9: The International Committee has the authority to authorize the use of the LAMA name and logo to promote commercial products or services. Contracts, negotiations, and authorization for royalties and fees must be handled by the committee.

Article 10: The LAMA colors, which refer to the registered logo distinguishing membership in LAMA, are considered to have a legal value of \$500. In the event of resignation or expulsion, members must return all national and international patches worn on the vest to LAMA. There will be no refund of any money paid on Membership or Patch rental fees. Destruction or mutilation of the patches will result in a fine of five hundred dollars (\$500). Members or officers who refuse to return these patches may be taken to court to recover their appraised value, including any associated court costs and legal fees. Failure to return patches also prohibits re-entry into LAMA at any time.

SECTION III: CHARACTER

Article 1: LAMA is a humanist association that promotes inclusivity and does not discriminate based on race, color, nationality, ethnic origins, religion, gender, age, social class, or motorcycle brands. LAMA members share a passion for motorcycles that unites them in a brotherhood with democratic ideals.

Article 2: LAMA is a non-profit and apolitical association. It shall not actively participate in political campaigns, have any affiliation with political parties, or engage in activities that may negatively impact the association's reputation.

SECTION IV: MEMBERSHIP

Article 1: Membership in LAMA is open to individuals who own a motorcycle with a displacement of 650 cc or greater, are employed (own a business or are retired with proof), hold a valid motorcycle driver's license, and have insurance where required by law.

Paragraph 1: (Amendment 1981): Women must be accepted as Full-Color members and granted the same privileges as men. The criteria for women's membership is the same as for men.

Paragraph 2: (Amendment 2000): In the event of a chapter full color member's death, LAMA International will donate a sum of \$750.00 to the person responsible for the deceased member's funeral arrangements.

Paragraph 3: (Amendment 2004): Physically incapacitated members may be granted the status of "Disabled Active Member." Such members maintain a voice and voting rights in the chapter but are not required to fulfill the motorcycle driving requirements.

Paragraph 4: (Amendment 2004): The widow of a deceased active member, known as the spousal member, retains chapter membership and receives the same privileges as other spousal members. Widowed spousal members are exempt from paying admission costs to LAMA events or functions sponsored by LAMA until they enter a new relationship.

Paragraph 5: (Amendment 2019): Spousal members who do not pay chapter membership dues are exempt from any fees contributed to their chapters. They are only required to pay the annual international membership renewal fee. This privilege is retained until they lose their status as the deceased member's spouse.

Article 2: LAMA members cannot simultaneously be members of any other motorcycle club, association, or organization. However, a member can appeal to the International Committee for approval if they wish to belong to another association.

Article 3: A member who is delinquent in dues or has been suspended from a chapter cannot transfer to another chapter until the delinquency or suspension is lifted by their original chapter.

Article 4: If a member sells their motorcycle, they have 90 days to provide proof of purchasing another motorcycle. After 90 days without owning a motorcycle, their membership in LAMA will be terminated, and they must return their patches. However, the member can maintain membership as an associate member until they purchase another motorcycle.

Article 5 (2015): After accumulating a total of 20 years of membership, a member can request an Active Retirement Membership Status to the International Committee. The retired member will:

- Continue to receive all the benefits of being an active chapter member.
- Not have nominating or voting rights and cannot be nominated for office in any chapter.
- Pay the international membership renewal fee but will not pay chapter dues.
- Choose to be reinstated as a Full-Color member with voting rights and the ability to run for office without any waiting period, if desired.

Article 6: LAMA members agree that they will not join any other motorcycle club, motorcycle assoc. or riders' association for a term of two years after their departure from LAMA. If at any time they have been an officer, the term will be three years. This can be appealed to the International Committee on a case by case basis.

SECTION V: QUALIFICATIONS

Article 1: To become a member of LAMA, an individual must complete the international application and pay a membership fee of forty-eight dollars (\$48) by check payable to LAMA INTERNATIONAL. Upon acceptance, the applicant will receive an international membership patch to be worn on the front left side of their black leather vest, a "P" patch to be placed on the back of the vest, and a membership card. Additionally, the new member will receive the national

flag patch, state patch, and one year of LAMA International membership for the remaining period until the next annual membership fees are due. The application date serves as the official start date of LAMA membership. The international membership fee must be paid before January 1 of each year, regardless of the start date.

Article 2: The process to obtain full membership colors (patches) follows the following order:

- A. After a minimum of three (3) months, the chapter executive committee assesses if the applicant meets LAMA's requirements for graduation. If so, the Prospect is nominated for graduation at the next official chapter meeting, where Full-Color members vote by a simple majority. If accepted, the Chapter President awards the top and bottom rockers containing the association's name and the Prospect becomes a "Probate". A fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25) is associated with this process. If the Prospect does not meet the requirements, the president holds a private meeting to discuss their shortcomings.
- B. After a minimum of six (6) months, the process is repeated, and the chapter executive committee determines if the Probate (graduate) has fulfilled all LAMA requirements to become a Full-Color member. If so, the Probate is nominated for a vote at an official chapter meeting. If accepted by a simple majority, the chapter president presents the new member with the official LAMA WINGS center patch. A fee of thirty dollars (\$30) is associated with this process. If the Probate has not fulfilled the requirements, the executive committee re-evaluates the case monthly. All membership patches and colors must be awarded at official monthly membership meetings or at a sanctioned event ceremonially.

Paragraph 1: (Amendment 2016): There is no "pre-qualification" period for Prospects joining LAMA. Once a Prospect expresses the desire to join and submits the completed application along with the forty-eight dollars (\$48) registration fee, the "P" patch is immediately delivered. Female Prospects must also receive the DAMA de LAMA patch for an additional processing fee of ten dollars (\$10). The qualification and acceptance period begins at this point, lasting a minimum of six (6) months.

Paragraph 2: (Clarification 2021): The new member must receive completely new patches, and used patches should not be accepted. The membership fee mentioned in this article is for acquiring membership in the LAMA association, and the official membership patches that distinguish LAMA membership remain the property of LAMA INTERNATIONAL. These patches must be returned to LAMA International upon member withdrawal or expulsion.

Article 3: All Prospects must be sponsored by an official chapter member who serves as their mentor. The application must be signed by the chapter president and the sponsoring member.

Paragraph 1: (Amendment 2019): Completed membership applications must be detailed, reviewed, and signed by the chapter president and sponsoring member. Scanned copies of these applications must be sent to the LAMA International Treasurer, International Business Manager, and the National Secretary of the new member nation within eight (8) days for record-keeping.

Article 4: Applicants must own a legally registered motorcycle with a cylinder capacity greater than 650cc and be willing to participate in LAMA-sponsored activities such as rides and events. Exceptions to engine size may be made in countries where high-displacement motorcycles are not readily available.

Article 5: To become a LAMA member, applicants must be presently employed, own a business, or be retired and provide proof thereof.

Paragraph 1: (Amendment 2023): Applicants who have been fired or dishonorably discharged for wrongdoing from a job such as, but not limited to, a police officer, sheriff, law enforcement officer or military, will not be accepted as LAMA members.

Article 6: All applicants must possess a valid and current motorcycle driver's license, motorcycle registration, and proof of insurance if required in their state of residence.

Article 7: Prospects and members must commit to attending at least one monthly meeting, participating in a minimum of two motorcycle rides per month with the chapter, actively engaging in LAMA-sponsored events, and fulfilling one duty per month on behalf of the chapter.

Paragraph 1: (Clarification 2017): Active membership and the right to compete and receive recognition in the Moto-Touring championships require participation in a minimum of 50% of the chapter's events and activities.

Article 8: Once accepted by the chapter president, the applicant must wear a "P" patch on the back of their black leather vest without any additional patches or adornments determined by LAMA INTERNATIONAL.

SECTION VI: DAMAS, ASSOCIATES, SPOUSALS, AND HONORARY MEMBERS

DAMA DE LAMA

Article 1: DAMA Patches will be awarded to women who own and ride their motorcycles and fulfill the same LAMA requirements as male members. The DAMA patch and the "P" patch will be presented together at the beginning of their membership. Sisters in Brother-Clubs who meet the same requirements may also wear the DAMA patch.

Article 2: DAMA patches cannot be used by Spousal Members, but a female spousal member can graduate to a DAMA without having to go back to wearing a "P" patch, if she fulfills the requirements.

Paragraph 1: (Amendment 2015): DAMA members must ride their own motorcycles and participate in required runs of the chapter. If DAMA members do not meet these requirements, the DAMA patch will be removed for a period of 90 days.

Paragraph 2: (Amendment 2017): DAMA members must own their motorcycles and continue to ride them like male members. If a DAMA is unable to ride her motorcycle due to an accident, she retains the right to keep and wear her DAMA patch.

Paragraph 3: (Amendment 2018): A female Spousal Member who has been a member for at least 12 months and purchases her motorcycle can become a DAMA without wearing a "P" patch. She must complete three separate caravan rides with her chapter within three months: one ride of a minimum of 50 miles, one ride of a minimum of 100 miles, and one ride of a minimum of 150 miles. The mileage is measured on the odometer of her motorcycle. If these rides are not completed within three months, the count starts over. Once completed within the stipulated time, she can receive her DAMA patch.

Paragraph 4: (Clarification to paragraph 3 of 2018, 2021): If a Spousal Member has been a Spousal Member for less than 12 months, he/she will start with the "P" process. The same requirements apply to a male Spousal Member who already has complete membership patches and wishes to register as an active riding member.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

Article 1: An associate member supports LAMA but may not have the time to fulfill the requirements of a chapter member. Associate members participate in LAMA activities but do not wear "colors" and wear the distinctive International Associate member's patch and yearly renewal rocker. Upon membership termination or resignation,

associate members must return all International and National patches worn on the vest to LAMA. There are no cash refunds for such returns.

Article 2: To become an associate member, an individual must obtain an application from an existing chapter president and pay an annual associate membership fee of forty dollars (\$40) payable to LAMA International.

Article 3: The official start day of an associate membership is January 1. If an associate membership is dated on any other date, the membership will be retroactive to January 1 of the year membership began.

Article 4: International Associate members have the right to participate in LAMA events but do not have a voice or vote in LAMA matters.

SPOUSAL MEMBERSHIP

Article 1: An active member can acquire colors for their significant other whom they are in a serious relationship with by having him/her fill out an application for an International spousal membership. The active member acts as the sponsor and pays the annual international membership fee, due on January 1 of each year, payable to LAMA International.

Article 2: Spousal members do not pay chapter dues.

Article 3: Spousal members qualify to wear the same membership patches (logo) as active members. If the active member wears a "P" patch, the spousal member wears the same. If the active member wears full colors, the spousal member wears the same.

Article 4: Spousal members do not have a voice or a vote in LAMA decision-making but can voice opinions or suggestions in meetings as they support their spouses and respective chapters.

Article 5: In the event of divorce, separation (legal or de facto) between the active partner and the spouse, the spouse loses their right to continue as a Spousal Member. They must return all LAMA emblems (international and national) worn on their vest, and their membership will be terminated. It is the responsibility of the active member to retrieve his colors from the spousal member.

Article 6: If a Full-Color member is terminated or resigns (except for retirement), the spousal member must return their colors along with the Full-Color member's colors to the chapter.

Article 7: Spousal Members who have been members for one year or more, and decide to purchase and ride their motorcycle, and join the chapter as active members, do not have to wear a "P" patch. They start paying the chapter membership dues, can apply for the DAMA patch and comply with the rides established in Section VI, DAMA De LAMA, Article 2, Paragraph 3 (Amendment 2018) section of the regulations. If a male spousal member meets the requirements, he must fulfill the same requirements but does not receive a DAMA patch.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

Article 1: Honorary Membership may be extended to select individuals, such as public officials, law enforcement officials, presidents of organizations, etc., who have provided exceptional service to LAMA. The chapter president shall apply for Honorary Membership to the International Committee for approval.

Article 2: Honorary members wear an honorary patch on the back of the vest, above the country patch (no city patch).

Article 3: Honorary membership is permanent. Honorary members are not subject to requirements imposed by the association or its chapters. However, they are expected to conduct themselves honorably, and their membership can be terminated for misconduct.

Article 4: Honorary members do not pay chapter dues and do not have a voice or vote in LAMA matters.

Article 5: Honorary memberships are reviewed annually by the International Committee to update the personal data of the members.

SECTION VII: RULES OF CONDUCT

Article 1: LAMA/IMA is an anti-drugs entity. You cannot use drugs in our clubhouses, their surroundings, rides, functions, or any LAMA event. There are no exceptions. While marijuana may be legalized in some areas, it remains prohibited in LAMA. What you do at home is none of our business, but what you do in the LAMA environment is LAMA's concern. If drugs are something you must use, there are thousands of clubs you can join that will be glad to have you. Breaking this rule will result in expulsion from LAMA.

Article 2: Absolutely no fighting is tolerated among the members. Fighting is considered a very serious offense and will result in immediate termination of membership without the use of progressive discipline.

Article 3: LAMA members cannot be involved in any illegal activities, including theft, drug use, drug sales, sale of stolen goods, prostitution, illegal gambling, etc. These activities will not be tolerated in the clubhouse or during any LAMA sponsored events. Any member found engaging in these infractions will be expelled without the use of progressive discipline.

Article 4: All women are to be treated with respect and as equals to male members.

Article 5: Absolutely no hot rodding, burnouts, wheelies, or any reckless driving that is deemed unsafe and/or illegal will be tolerated in front of the clubhouse, during events, or tours. All local traffic laws must be obeyed.

Article 6: A member who is deemed intoxicated and unable to operate their vehicle safely will be asked to surrender their keys. If they refuse, the highest-ranking officer present will forcibly take their keys.

Article 7: A member of LAMA never places anyone above or before their LAMA and IMA brothers and sisters, especially themselves.

Article 8: As a member of LAMA, you must be courteous to all visitors at our clubhouses and make them feel welcome. You are always the gracious host. It is prohibited to bad-mouth or discuss internal club problems, matters, or issues in front of visitors or public places. Such discussions should be reserved for meetings.

Article 9: As a LAMA member, you must never mock, make fun of, curse, belittle, humiliate, or disrespect another member, their spouse, family, or their company under any circumstances.

Article 10: All members of the chapter must leave the clubhouse or any designated location and return with the club during every event in which they participate. No brother or sister whose bike breaks down or encounters problems along the way will be left behind. The leadership will take responsibility for any member who experiences breakdowns and is left stranded. Appropriate measures will be taken.

Article 11: If a member participates in an event driving a vehicle, they should position themselves at the end of the motorcycle caravan and do their best to stay behind the caravan, serving as an additional emergency vehicle and escort for the group.

Article 12: All Full-Color members will positively guide Prospective members without ridicule, teasing, or harassment.

Article 13: A member of LAMA will never make jokes of a racial nature and will respect everyone regardless of nationality, race, creed, color, religion, gender, age, or social status. LAMA members must respect all religions and refrain from criticizing someone else's religion.

Article 14: LAMA members will respect all LAMA or IMA officers as they do their leaders, regardless of the chapter or committee they are from.

Article 15: LAMA members must treat all associate members as they do their chapter members, considering them as brothers and sisters.

Article 16: Any undesirable conduct by members at all official functions will be addressed by the highest-ranking officer present and will be dealt with accordingly at the chapter meeting.

Paragraph 1: The International Committee may suspend or terminate any member or officer for serious offenses after the member has been informed of the charges against them.

Paragraph 2: Amendment 2010 - Absolutely no internal business or negative comments about LAMA will be allowed in any public or open forum, including non-limited social networks such as Facebook, MySpace, WhatsApp, Messenger, and emails to non-LAMA members, etc.

Paragraph 3: Amendment 2010 - Defamation of any person or false accusations made by a member in open forums or social networks, without the provision of sufficient evidence, will result in the immediate expulsion of the member.

Paragraph 4: Amendment 2011 - The attendance of a LAMA member at a meeting summoned by the Executive Committee or the chapter president to discuss any issue or resolve differences between the member and the chapter will be mandatory. The refusal to comply with such summons will be considered an act of rebellion and grounds for immediate expulsion (voting will not be necessary). However, the member in question has the right to request and be granted a period of no more than 30 days to prepare and take the necessary measures to comply with the summons.

SECTION VIII: SANCTIONS AND EXPULSIONS

Article 1: The causes and methods for the application of sanctions and/or expulsion of a member are established in the LAMA International By-laws. A case-by-case analysis and the application of the 4-step Progressive Disciplinary Action by the chapter executive committee are requirements for the admonishment or expulsion of a member, except when Section VII, Article 16, Paragraphs 1 through 4 of these regulations apply.

Paragraph 1: Every chapter member and officer who has been disciplined has the right to appeal their case up the LAMA hierarchy from the chapter level up to the International Committee. Decisions made by the International Committee are final, and there are no further appeals.

Paragraph 2: Amendment 2016 - Discipline will be applied in four steps/stages:

- 1) VERBAL ADMONISHMENT: A personal meeting where a verbal notice will be given to the member in question for an infraction. This act will be documented, filed, and a copy will be delivered to the member.
- 2) REMOVAL OF CENTER PATCH (LAMA wings) for a predetermined period. A member will be in "BAD STANDING" as a result of this suspension step/stage and will not be able to hold or serve in any elected office or official position of LAMA.
- 3) EXPULSION FROM THE CHAPTER. Depending on the infraction, the member may still be able to participate in LAMA events.
- 4) EXPULSION FROM ALL LAMA gatherings, events, and rides. This final disciplinary step is determined by the authority of the International Committee. Officers wishing to apply this final step must present it to the International Committee for approval.

Clarification: Many members of LAMA are expelled from a chapter for failing to pay dues, not fulfilling requirements, etc. However, this does not make them our enemies. If they have respectfully returned their colors, they will not be excluded from LAMA events. Only the International Committee, on a case-by-case basis, can execute the 4th Step in an expulsion (to permanently exclude a former member).

Paragraph 3: Using the 4-Step Progressive Discipline, any member may be admonished or expelled for cause by the Chapter Executive Committee at a special meeting or Executive Committee meeting called for this purpose after the member has been informed of the charge.

Paragraph 4: Amendment 2017 - The first stage of the disciplinary process will not affect the candidacy of a member for an elected position.

Article 2: The International Committee has the right to step in when an individual or chapter is taking actions perceived to be damaging to LAMA and expel those members or chapters.

Article 3: If a member of LAMA is arrested and accused of committing a crime, he/she will be suspended immediately, and their colors will be confiscated. After the trial, if the individual is found innocent, they will be reinstated as a member. If they are found guilty, they will be expelled from LAMA permanently.

Note: Please keep in mind that these regulations are created for illustrative purposes. The specific disciplinary procedures may vary.

SECTION IX: REINSTATEMENT

Article 1: Full Members can be reinstated if they left in good standing for reasons such as health issues, family matters, loss of motorcycle, temporary relocation, etc. If the thirty-day period has elapsed, the member, at the discretion of the chapter executive committee, may be accepted but must pay a USD \$50 reinstatement fee to the International Committee. They will have to meet with the chapter executive committee first to be accepted. Then, they must attend an Official Monthly Meeting, be presented to everyone, and, if accepted, wear a P patch for 60 days. After 60 days, the individual will be nominated for a vote by the chapter membership, and if accepted, they will receive full colors.

Article 2: Members whose memberships are being reinstated must be presented to the board of directors of the Chapter by the chapter president. All reinstatements of any member must take place at an official chapter meeting.

Article 3: If a member is expelled from a chapter, the International or National Committees have the right to determine, after an individual investigation of the case, whether the member can be transferred or reinstated to another chapter.

SECTION X: DUES

Article 1: International dues must be paid annually by every person who wears our colors, including all chapter members, as well as spousal members, and is due on January 1 of each year. Membership privileges will be terminated after January 31 for members who have not paid their dues. Membership is officially terminated on March 31 for members who have not paid their international dues, and they must return their colors to LAMA.

Article 2: Associate members only pay annual international membership dues, which are due on January 1 annually.

Article 3: Chapter member dues are to be determined by each chapter. Any member who has not paid dues for a total of four (4) months will automatically lose all privileges. No vote is needed in this case. Their membership will be terminated automatically, and they must return their colors to LAMA.

SECTION XI: LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Article 1: Leave of absences are to be determined by each chapter using the following criteria: To receive a leave of absence, a member must apply in person at an official membership meeting. Leave of absences are given in 90 or 180 day increments. If accepted, the member must leave all colors in their possession in the care of the chapter President. During the leave of absence, the member does not pay chapter dues. The members must return no later than the last day of their leave of absence agreement. If the member returns on time, their colors must be returned to them. If the member shows up after the leave of absence agreement expires, their membership will be terminated. The member can request another 90-day leave of absence if a good reason is provided.

SECTION XII: MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Article 1: Membership meetings must be held at a minimum of once per month.

Paragraph 1: Amendment 2019 - It is mandatory that, at each chapter monthly meeting, the Chapter Treasurer presents a detailed treasury report to the membership. The President and Business Manager should do likewise.

Article 2: Times and dates of membership meetings are determined by the chapter members through a vote at an official meeting.

Paragraph 1: Amendment 1996 - The delivery of patches or colors to qualified members will be made during an official chapter meeting unless a special event has been designated by the president for that purpose. The awarding of the colors must be a ceremonial event, like graduation.

Article 3: Each meeting's agenda must include time allocated for the President or a designated officer to give an educational segment on motorcycle riding safety.

Article 4: Amendment 2016 - A mandatory "Sport of Moto-Touring" section will be added to the monthly chapter meeting's agenda. During this period, Moto-Touring standings, events, rules, and any other topics related to the sport of Moto-Touring will be presented and discussed.

Article 5: All LAMA meetings, at all levels, from the chapter to the International Committee, must be recorded.

SECTION XIII: TRANSFERS

Article 1: A member may transfer to another chapter of the organization under certain circumstances, such as moving to a different state or city where another LAMA chapter is closer to the member. In this case, the president of the member's current chapter must send a transfer approval letter to the president of the chapter to which the member wishes to be transferred. No member will be allowed to transfer if they have any financial debt with their present chapter.

Article 2: The president of the member's current chapter will notify the National Committee of the pending transfer so that the National Committee can keep current records of the members across the nation. The member must fulfill the Moto-Touring requirements, including providing odometer readings, etc. The National Committee has the authority to stop the transfer if they deem the member unqualified.

Paragraph 1: Amendment 2015 - A member is allowed a maximum of two transfers and can have membership in up to three chapters. Transfers for work reasons or moving do not count towards the maximum of two transfers and three chapters. Any variation of this regulation must be individually and exclusively approved by LAMA International.

Paragraph 2: Amendment 2015 - An officer or member who transfers from a chapter may not serve in any elected position in their new chapter for a period of two years. This rule does not apply to transfers for work reasons or moving.

Paragraph 3: Amendment 2015 - Prospects or Probates who are transferred from a chapter will have an additional period of 60 days added before they can be promoted to the next stage of membership.

Article 3: The member requesting the transfer must be in good standing with their current chapter.

Article 4: If a transfer is approved, the member can keep the patch representing their previous city and place it on the front of their vest. The member will then wear the new chapter's city patch on the back of their vest, and the new chapter will be considered their home chapter.

Article 5: If a member has been expelled from a chapter, the International or National Committee has the right to conduct a case-by-case investigation to determine if the member can be transferred or reinstated to another chapter.

Article 6: A member who is in default or has been admonished by their chapter will not be allowed to transfer or change to another chapter until the debt has been settled or the disciplinary period has ended or lifted by the original chapter.

SECTION XIV: ELECTIONS

Article 1: Elections for executive committee officers at all levels will be held every two years unless an earlier election is required by a decision of the Executive board.

Paragraph 1: Amendment 1983 - LAMA Officers must be Full-Color members. Spousal members cannot hold office. If a husband and wife are both Full-Color members, only one of them may hold office in an executive committee. Having a couple hold positions on the same committee is considered a conflict of interest and is not acceptable.

Paragraph 2: Clarification 2015 – Two members with family ties such as a spouse, boyfriend/girlfriend, unmarried people sharing a home/family under common law, parents, siblings, and children cannot hold office in the same committee.

Paragraph 3: Amendment 2017 – To qualify as a candidate for elected positions of president, or vice president at the international, national, or chapter level, the candidate must have attended at least 85% of the chapter meetings and participated in 66% of sanctioned LAMA events in their region, excluding their chapter events. Other candidates for elected office must participate in a minimum of 70% of chapter meetings and 55% of sanctioned LAMA events in their region, excluding their chapter events.

Paragraph 4: Amendment 2017 – Presidents and vice presidents at the international, continental, and national committee levels may not hold two elected positions at the same time. Similarly, two members from the same chapter cannot be officers on any one Committee.

Paragraph 5: Nominations for executive committee officers must be submitted to the members 60 and 30 days (nominations in 2 meetings) before the election. Elections must be held no later than 60 days after the first nomination. Nominations cannot be made on the day of the election.

Article 2: Only members in good standing within the chapter, without any reprimands in the previous 12 months, and with a minimum of 55% participation in sanctioned LAMA events in their region (excluding their own chapter's events) may be nominated for an executive position. If no nominated member qualifies with the required percentages, the chapter may reduce the qualifying percentage by 10%. If, even after reducing the qualification percentages by 10%, the chapter still does not have a qualifying nominee, the chapter will put the nominations on hold and contact the National Committee via email.

Article 3: For the positions of President or Vice-President, only members in good standing who have been with the chapter for a period of one year and without any reprimands in the previous 12 months may be nominated.

Article 4: In the case of a new "ORGANIZING CHAPTER" formed by the International Committee, the International Committee will decide who is qualified to hold the positions of President and/or Vice-President.

Article 5: On the day of the elections, only Full-Color members in good standing and without any dues in arrears will have the right to cast a vote.

Article 6: The voting process will be held as a secret ballot. A form listing all the nominated candidates will be given to the members, who will choose the best-qualified candidate for each position. After the voting, the chapter president, in the presence of two other Full-Color members, will tally the votes to maintain the integrity of the process. It is suggested that officers from a higher executive committee or another chapter assist with the vote count whenever possible.

Paragraph 1: Clarification – Any Full-Color member can nominate another Full-Color member for a certain position. This nomination must be endorsed or seconded by at least one other Full-Color member. The candidate must express whether they accept the nomination. If they decline, their nomination is deleted, and the process continues. Two or more candidates can be nominated for the same position, and the winner is determined by the vote count.

Article 7: The entire executive committee or any individual committee officer may be removed from office, at any time, by a majority vote of the voting members of the chapter, with probable cause due to infractions against LAMA International bylaws. If all officers are removed, new officers will be elected at the same meeting and will hold office for the remainder of the term.

Article 8: If an officer resigns from an elected position, they will not be able to hold an elected position during the next two electoral periods or a minimum of 4 years. If the officer resigned for medical reasons and the medical problem has been resolved, they qualify for election at the next elections.

SECTION XV: Chapter Status

Article 1: When a group is granted sanction to start a chapter, it is referred to as an “Organizing Chapter”. The sanction to start a chapter can only be granted by the International Committee. Organizing chapters have some flexibility in complying with all by-laws concerning elections and officials until they gain official status. The specific bylaws they may have flexibility with are determined by the International Committee.

Paragraph 1: The closing of a chapter can only be authorized by the International Committee.

Article 2: An Organizing Chapter is directly supervised by the International Committee until they are granted official chapter status. After being granted official chapter status, the chapter falls under the supervision of its respective National Committee.

Article 3: An organizing chapter can be granted official status after a minimum period of 18 months. The following requirements must be met:

- A. The chapter must have no less than 15 official chapter riding members (Full-Color).
- B. The chapter must submit the last three months treasury reports that the chapter treasurer presented to its members.
- C. The chapter must provide proof of its bank account in the chapter's name.
- D. The chapter must provide proof of incorporation in their state.
- E. The chapter must submit the last three month's minutes of the meetings as archived by the secretary.
- F. The chapter must provide the Moto-Touring COR (Chapter Odometer Report) document.
- G. The chapter must have proof that it presents itself in Full-Color uniform at all meetings and events.
- H. Once the proof is ratified, the International Committee must notify the National Committee by email that the organizing chapter has qualified to graduate to Official Chapter Status.
- I. The National Committee will then select an official function or activity and notify all presidents at least 30 days before the event. The presidents, vice presidents, and national officials present at the event will decide, through a simple majority vote, if the Organizing Chapter will be admitted as an official chapter of LAMA.
- J. A chapter is expected to prioritize participation and support in all LAMA activities and functions of other chapters and Brother-Clubs. Failure to do so may be grounds for closure of the chapter.

Article 4: Upon being voted in as an official chapter, the President and Vice President of the chapter will become part of the National Board of Directors with a voice and vote in that committee. If the chapter's membership drops below 15, the International Committee will put the chapter on probation. While on probation, the chapter will lose both seats on the National Board until it reaches 15 Full-Color riding members again. At that time, the International Committee will decide whether they will regain official status.

Paragraph 1: The International Committee has the authority to make exceptions to the rules for organizing chapters on a case-by-case basis.

Paragraph 2: Disrespect towards international, continental, national, or regional officers is not allowed under any circumstances. If a chapter president or other chapter officer cannot accept this, they will be replaced by the International Committee.

Paragraph 3: The National Committees must support chapters that have dropped to less than 15 members, providing a reasonable amount of time for their growth. If necessary, the closure of the chapter and the transfer of its members to the nearest chapters must be authorized by the International Committee.

SECTION XVI: CHAPTER AGREEMENT

Article 1: The chapter agreement serves as a binding agreement between LAMA and any chapter wishing to use the LAMA name and logo worldwide. It outlines the expectations and requirements for becoming and remaining a LAMA chapter. Chapters that refuse to recognize the authority of the International Committee, do not abide by the LAMA International By-laws, or fail to follow directives can be terminated from the association.

Article 2: The chapter agreement must be signed by the International President and Vice President, the National President, and the President and Vice President of the chapter or group applying for LAMA membership.

Article 3: The agreement ensures that the applying chapter agrees with the ideology of LAMA and will operate according to the established by-laws of the International Committee. All LAMA chapters are considered as one club, regardless of their location.

Article 4: Chapters must register and operate as non-profit organizations. All sales, donations, and funds raised at LAMA functions become club funds for the benefit of the members. These funds are not for individual or personal use.

Article 5: Each chapter must provide a monthly treasury report to its membership, detailing all economic movements, including income, expenses, and total funds collected.

Article 6: All chapters must register in their home state, but this registration does not grant any exclusive rights to the LAMA name or colors. The exclusive rights belong to the International Committee.

Article 7: Chapters must have the following Executive Officers: A) President, B) Vice President, C) Treasurer, D) Business Manager, E) Secretary, F) MTO (Moto-Touring Officer).

Article 8: Appointed positions by the Executive Committee of the chapter, such as Sergeant At Arms and Road Captains, must be filled by Full-Color members.

Article 9: Decisions at all levels, from the chapter to the International Committee, are made by consensus through a vote of the simple majority of the Executive Committee. No President or Vice President can make decisions on their own.

Article 10: LAMA membership patches (LOGO) and colors can only be obtained from the International Committee. These official patches are loaned to each member, and the Chapter President awards them to qualified members after a vote by the chapter membership. No chapter can create its colors. Funds raised from merchandise sales support LAMA events and the management of the association. Official LAMA logo merchandise can also be obtained from the National Committee and International Committee.

Article 11: The chapter must strive to have every member attend the LAMA National Rally, and their officers should attend the LAMA International Rally and at least one international and national meeting each year.

Article 12: The chapter must have an official place of business, such as a clubhouse, which should not be a domestic residence. Some flexibility may be allowed as determined by the International Committee.

Article 13: The creation or initiation of new chapters is the exclusive responsibility of the International Committee. No other chapter can start a chapter or have a sub-chapter elsewhere.

Article 14: LAMA chapters cannot join or affiliate with any other motorcycle club or organization without written approval from the International Committee. LAMA members are not allowed to wear support patches of other motorcycle clubs.

SECTION XVII: INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

Article 1: The International President is elected from among the chapters worldwide and serves as the Executive Director of all LAMA/IMA chapters. One of their responsibilities is to ensure the enforcement of rules, regulations, and Chapter Agreements signed with each LAMA chapter.

Paragraph 1: Amendment 2019 - To be eligible for a position on the International Committee, a member must belong to an official chapter with a minimum of 50 members. This requirement does not apply to those already in office, as their chapters may have lost members, etc.

Article 2: The International Board of Directors consists of the National President and National Vice President of each nation.

Article 3: The International Board of Directors has the authority to handle appeals of issues involving an International Committee Officer. If the issues are not resolved by the International Committee, they can be appealed to the International Board of Directors. The Board can make decisions regarding wrongdoings by the International Committee.

Article 4: Requirements to qualify for nominations to run for a position on the International committee.

1. Must be or have been a President or Vice President of a chapter for at least three years.
2. Must be a member of LAMA for no less than seven years.
3. Must come from a chapter with no less than 50 members.
4. Must meet the requirements of 78% of sanction events/rides and 90% in chapter meetings.
5. Must have participated in National rallies within their country and International rallies outside of their country.
6. Must not have had a disciplinary sanction against them in the last three years.

SECTION XVIII: CONTINENTAL COMMITTEE

Article 1: The Continental President is elected from among the chapters of the nations in their respective continent and serves as the Executive Director of all LAMA/IMA chapters there. One of their responsibilities is to ensure the enforcement of rules, regulations, and chapter agreements signed with each LAMA chapter.

Paragraph 1: Amendment 2019 - To be eligible for a position on the Continental Committee, an officer must belong to an official chapter with a minimum of 35 members. This requirement does not apply to those already in office, as their chapters may have lost members, etc.

Article 2: The Continental Board of Directors consists of the National President and National Vice President of each nation in their respective continent.

Article 3: The Continental Board of Directors has the authority to step in and stop any wrongdoing, perceived wrongdoing, or mismanagement by the Continental Executive Committee, then report it immediately to the International Committee.

Article 4: The continental committee will be composed of six officers, from six different nations.

Article 5: Nominations and Elections will be initiated with the highest-ranking position first, followed with a tabulated vote for its position, followed by the next highest-ranking position.

Article 4: Requirements to qualify for nominations to run for a position on the Continental Committee.

1. Must be or have been a President or Vice President of a chapter for at least three years.
2. Must be a member of LAMA no less than five years.
3. Must come from a chapter with no less than 35 members.
4. Must meet the requirements of 78% of sanction events/rides and 82% in chapter meetings.
5. Must have participated in a National Rally within their country and an international rally outside of their country.
6. Must not have had a disciplinary sanction against them in the last three years.

SECTION XIX: NATIONAL COMMITTEE

Article 1: The first National Committee in a nation is appointed by the International Committee. After two years, it becomes an elected committee through a vote by the Presidents and Vice Presidents of every Official Chapter and Regional Committee in that nation. In nations with 10 or fewer chapters, the six officers of each chapter's executive committee are eligible to vote in national elections.

Paragraph 1: Amendment 2019 - To be eligible for a position on the National Committee, a member must belong to an official chapter with a minimum of 35 members. This requirement may not apply to those already in office based on the grandfather clause.

Paragraph 2: The International Committee holds the highest authority in LAMA and handles day-to-day LAMA issues. They have the power to remove national officers or the entire national committee in a nation if there is due cause, such as defamation of character, causing division, committing fraud, engaging in criminal offenses, or involvement in drug use and sale. The proper committee should be allowed to address the issue first, and if corrective action is not taken, the International Committee can intervene.

Paragraph 3: If the International Committee forces a National Committee to step down, they can appoint a new Interim National Committee to rectify the situation and restore control in that nation.

Article 2: The National Committee consists of an elected Executive Committee, including the National President, Vice President, Treasurer, Business Manager, Secretary, and MTO.

Article 3: The main responsibilities of the National Committee are to enforce the international by-laws, maintain unity among chapters and members within their nation, and organize an annual National Moto-Touring Championship/National Rally.

Article 4: The National Committee comprises of an Executive Committee and a National Board of Directors. The National Board of Directors consists of the President and Vice President of each Chapter and Regional Committee in their respective nations.

Article 5: The National Committee works closely with all chapters in their country to ensure adherence to the International By-laws and LAMA ideology, fostering unity as "ONE LAMA"

Article 6: National committees must allocate funds raised to support members' participation in the LAMA/IMA World Moto-Touring Championships/International Rally. These funds are also used to organize an Annual National Moto-Touring Championship/National Rally in their respective nations.

Article 7: The National Committee sanctions all LAMA chapter and regional events in their nation. They must circulate the annual national calendar of events no later than January.

Paragraph 1: The National Committee must prioritize the seniority of events held by each chapter. If a chapter celebrates an event on a specific date, they have rights to that day. If they choose a different date and receive authorization, they forfeit the rights to the original date.

Article 8: The International Committee has the authority to investigate the treasury of National Committees. They can order a freeze on any National Committee bank account that is under investigation or suspected of improper use, pending resolution.

Article 9: National Committees should provide their chapters with quarterly national treasury reports, which must be sent to the LAMA International Treasurer for record-keeping.

Paragraph 1: Amendment 2016 - All members of the national committees must be present at the National Rally and National Meeting. In countries with ten or fewer chapters, all chapter officers must be present, having both voice and vote. In countries with eleven or more chapters, only the President and Vice President will have a voice and vote, while the other officers will have only a voice. Only official chapters in good standing have voting rights and organizing chapters and chapters on probation do not have a vote.

Paragraph 2: Clarification - A National Committee cannot close a chapter or remove a chapter president without first obtaining authorization from the International Committee.

Article 10: When a nation has six or more Official Chapters, only one officer from each chapter can serve on the national committee.

Article 11: The National Treasurer must archive monthly treasury reports from all chapters in the nation. The International Treasurer must archive quarterly national treasury reports.

Article 12: Requirements to Qualify for nominations to run for any position on the National Committee.

1. Must be or have been a President or Vice President of a chapter for at least two years.
2. Must be a member of LAMA no less than five years.
3. Must come from a chapter with no less than 35 members.
4. Must meet the requirements of 66% in sanction events/rides, and 82% in chapter meetings.
5. Must have participated in National rallies in their country.
6. Must not have had a disciplinary sanctioned in the last 24 months.

Article 13: The national committee will be composed of six officers, from six different chapters, except when there are less than six chapters in the nation.

Article 14: Election nomination will be initiated with the highest-ranking position first, followed with a tabulated vote for its position, followed by the next highest ranking position.

All countries with a National Committee:

1. USA
2. PUERTO RICO
3. MEXICO
4. CUBA
5. COLOMBIA
6. ECUADOR
7. PERU
8. URUGUAY
9. ARGENTINA
10. DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
11. CHILE

SECTION XX: OFFICER DUTIES AND DESCRIPTIONS

Article 1: The duties and descriptions of the officers of each chapter are as follows:

CHAPTER PRESIDENT

- A. The Chapter President is the Chief Executive Officer of the chapter and serves as the spokesperson for the executive committee on all decisions made by the body.
- B. A LAMA President at all levels does not make decisions alone. Any appointments made by the President must receive preapproval from the Chapter Executive Committee. All decisions made by the President require the approval of the executive committee. In LAMA, Presidents rule by consensus, with approval obtained through a majority vote of the six executive committee members, without exceptions.
- C. The President shall preside over all chapter meetings, enforce order, and ensure strict compliance with the By-Laws.
- D. In the event of a tie on a vote held by the Chapter executive committee, the President can break the tie with a tie-breaking vote.
- E. The President shall perform the duties of the Chairman of the Board.
- F. He/she shall sign all official documents authorized by LAMA.
- G. Act as a spokesperson before all businesses, government, individual organizations, and agencies.
- H. With the vote of the Chapter executive committee, the President shall appoint any executive position that becomes vacant for a term of less than 9 months (except for the positions of President or Vice President). If the vacant position has a term longer than 9 months, an election must be held.
- I. The President shall convey all unfinished business of the chapter to his/her successor.

CHAPTER VICE PRESIDENT

- A. The Vice President shall preside over meetings in the absence of the President and generally perform the duties of the President during any absences.
- B. He/she shall perform all of the aforementioned duties of the President in case of his/her absence and assist the President with chapter business.
- C. The Vice President shall conduct the tasks assigned to him/her by the President.
- D. In the absence of the President at meetings, functions, and tours, the Vice President must assume charge automatically. The excuse that the President is not present and therefore a meeting or ride cannot occur is not acceptable.
- E. If both the President and Vice President are absent from meetings, functions, and tours, the treasurer will assume charge, followed by the hierarchy of chapter officers until the Moto-Touring Officer is reached.

CHAPTER TREASURER

- A. The Treasurer shall have custody of all financial records of the chapter.
- B. The Treasurer shall receive and take charge of all chapter funds and keep a record of all monies and expenditures.
- C. He/she shall deposit all chapter funds into a designated bank account and be responsible to the chapter members for all finances.
- D. The Treasurer must maintain a list of members and collect monthly and annual dues. Additionally, the Treasurer shall keep a list of all associate members and collect dues each year.
- E. Any expenditure of funds (except for monthly bills), such as purchases, donations, charity, and spending on members at events, hotels, or restaurant meals, must be put to a vote of the chapter membership beforehand. No President or officer can spend money that has not been previously allocated in a chapter meeting. It is the Treasurer's responsibility to enforce this rule. The Treasurer can seek support from the National Committee or International Committee if needed.
- F. There must be a minimum of three signatures on the chapter bank account.

- G. When withdrawing funds from the chapter account, two signatures on the check and approval from the Chapter Executive Committee are required.
- H. The Treasurer must present a monthly Treasurer report to the chapter and send a copy of that report to the National Treasurer.
- I. He/she shall keep a detailed record of all receipts and disbursements.
- J. The Treasurer shall perform duties assigned by the President and convey all unfinished chapter business, along with monies, records, and checks, to his/her successor.
- K. In case of questionable practices by the chapter or its officers, or at any time members ask the International Committee to investigate, the International Committee reserves the right to order the bank to freeze the chapter bank account until the issues are resolved.
- L. The Treasurer must belong to the National Chat for Treasurers to stay informed and up to date.

CHAPTER BUSINESS MANAGER

- A. The Business Manager shall conduct any purchases as directed by the President, including products, services, and materials for the chapter.
- B. The Business Manager shall post flyers on chapter events at motorcycle dealerships, stores, etc.
- C. The Business Manager shall receive monthly utility bills, rent, and other related bills and determine which ones will be paid accordingly.
- D. The Business Manager shall present a monthly Business Manager report to the chapter.
- E. The Business Manager shall gather information on upcoming events and coordinate those events.
- F. The Business Manager shall order forms, patches, etc., from the International Committee.
- G. The Business Manager shall perform duties assigned by the President and convey all unfinished chapter business, including records, documents, and patches, to his/her successor.
- H. The Business Manager must belong to the National Chat for Business Managers to stay informed and up to date.

CHAPTER SECRETARY

- A. The Secretary shall act as the recording secretary at all official meetings and maintain minutes of each official chapter meeting in book form.
- B. The Secretary shall ensure the completion of all chapter correspondence, reports, and required forms.
- C. He/she shall receive, record, and file records of all activities, membership information, and business transactions of the chapter.
- D. The Secretary shall handle membership and newsletter mailings.
- E. The Secretary shall prepare an agenda for each meeting.
- F. The Secretary shall keep a list of chapter membership and associate members, including attendance records for all meetings.
- G. The Secretary shall conduct all chapter correspondence.
- H. The Secretary shall convey all unfinished chapter business, along with books, records, documents, and equipment belonging to the chapter, to his/her successor.
- I. The Secretary shall perform duties assigned by the President.
- J. The Secretary must belong to the National Chat for Secretaries to stay informed and up to date.

MOTO-TOURING OFFICER

- A. The Moto-Touring Officer (MTO) shall create and maintain proper documentation of chapter members' runs, events, trips, and mileage logs.
- B. The mileage of each member's motorcycle must be recorded at the beginning of their membership and every December 31 of each successive year. If information cuts are necessary for Regional and/or Continental championships, the MTO will act according to the instructions of the International MTO.
- C. The MTO shall turn in the COR report to the National Committee and Regional Committee annually.
- D. The MTO is responsible for registering members for their own chapter's events.
- E. The MTO must send registration sheets to the International, National, and Regional MTOs no later than seven (7) days after events.

- F. The MTO shall perform duties assigned by the President and present all updated files when requested.
- G. The MTO shall convey all unfinished chapter business, along with books, records, documents, and equipment belonging to the chapter, to his/her successor.
- H. The MTO shall perform duties assigned by the President.
- I. The MTO must belong to the National Chat for MTOs to stay informed and up to date.

SERGEANT AT ARMS

- A. The Sergeant at Arms shall attend the entry door at meetings and shall not permit entrance to any person who is not properly qualified by membership or is a duly invited guest unless otherwise ordered by the President.
- B. The Sergeant at Arms will take charge of maintaining order at all chapter meetings.
- C. The Sergeant at Arms shall lead and supervise all security measures and security at all events and functions.
- D. The Sergeant at Arms shall take charge of collecting all patches and membership cards upon termination, expulsion or quitting of a member.
- E. The Sergeant at Arms shall enforce all international by-laws and any additional National and local chapter by-laws.
- F. The Sergeant at Arms shall perform additional duties as required by the Chapter President.

CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- A. The Chapter Executive Committee will meet a minimum of once per month. Other meetings can be called at the request of three (3) members of the executive committee. A quorum of four (4) members, one of whom must be either the president or the Vice President, will be necessary for decision-making.
- B. To vote, nominate, or accept a nomination, qualified members must be present and in uniform.
- C. Before all official meetings, the executive committee must have a meeting. In this meeting, they will prepare the agenda for the membership meeting. They can also discuss problems and issues that have not been resolved at the general meeting.
- D. The Chapter Executive Committee will have an email address and phone number.
- E. The Chapter Executive Committee shall properly discuss and research all topics and matters of importance to the chapter members and decide in good faith what is best for the well-being of the chapter members.
- F. The Chapter Executive Committee will maintain an open attitude to communicate with officers and members.
- G. The Chapter Executive Committee will refrain from discussing publicly or with members of another chapter, questions related to a particular member or situation, which does not affect the chapter as a whole. All records, documents, and discussions will be kept confidential.
- H. The Chapter Executive Committee will accept all complaints from members by written communication and verbal communication at meetings. All pertinent information must accompany said communication. Issues that cannot be resolved by the chapter can be appealed in writing to the National Committee. Decisions made by the chapter executive committee can be appealed in writing to the national committee without any permission.
- I. Every LAMA member and officer has the right to appeal their case up the hierarchy to the International Committee. No member can be punished for appealing a case.

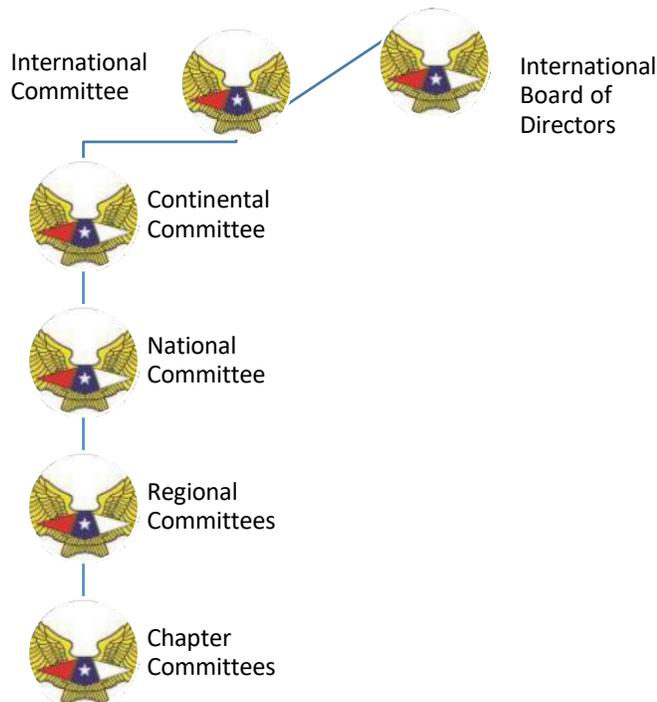
SECTION XXI: CHAIN OF COMMAND

Article 1: All members shall respect the chain of command.

Article 2: The chain of command is as follows:

- A. International Committee
- B. Continental Committee
- C. National Executive Committee
- D. Regional Executive Committee
- E. Chapter Executive Committee

Hierarchy organizational chart for each nation



Within each of the committees, the hierarchy of officers is as follows:

- a) Chapter President
- b) Vice President
- c) Treasurer
- d) Business Manager
- e) Secretary
- f) Moto-Touring Officer

Article 3: The National Presidents and Vice Presidents of each nation compose the International Board of Directors. This group has the authority to address any wrongdoing by an international Officer or the International Committee itself. Their authority is limited to the International Committee and any wrongful actions taken by the International Committee or Officers. After the International Committee has investigated and made a decision on the case, it can be appealed to the International Board of Directors. The International Board of Directors can take the necessary corrective action in each case.

Paragraph 1: When a member has a question or dispute, they should utilize the chain of command. However, members have the right to reach out to any officer who should guide them to the right entity to assist them with their case. No member can be punished for bypassing the chain of command. Any officer punishing a member for this action will be disciplined accordingly.

Article 4: If a member has utilized their chapter executive committee and the question or issue has not been resolved or they do not agree with the solution, they can file a written appeal, within 30 days, to the National Committee for resolution. If either party disagrees with the decision made by the National Committees, they then have the right to appeal in writing, within 30 days, to the International Committee for resolution. The International Committee is the highest authority in LAMA. Decisions and/or resolutions from the International Committee are final, and there are no higher appeals.

Paragraph 1: Amendment 2019 - As of April 1, the Continental Committee will have full power and serve as an additional step in the LAMA hierarchy. It will be positioned between the National Committee and the International Committee.

SECTION XXII: UNIFORMS

Article 1: The LAMA/IMA uniform consists of black boots, denim blue jeans, a black T-shirt (minimum 70% black), and a black leather vest with the appropriate membership patches sewn on in their proper locations. All members and officers must wear the official uniform at all functions when representing LAMA, including official events, rides, parties, meetings, etc. Members should not wear a leather vest (Colors) with colored shirts or clothing, flip-flops, sneakers, Bermuda shorts, etc. In tropical countries, an ash grey T-shirt (not in the USA) can be substituted, but the entire chapter must be in the same uniform.

Paragraph 1: Clarification 2017 - For LAMA women, it is approved that at parties they can wear a feminine denim (blue jeans) dress or skirt, as well as a black leather skirt, closed black shoes, and the uniform vest. It should be noted that this exception is only for parties. For rides and gatherings, the standard uniform must be worn. If a member is out and about without the three main components of the uniform, namely black boots, black T-shirt, and blue jeans, the vest should not be worn without exception. The position of the patches on the vest is clearly determined in the patch wear regulations, and presidents must ensure that this standard is communicated to all members with an emphasis on the leaflets. However, the full uniform is mandatory for all LAMA functions, rides, events, and meetings.

Paragraph 2: Any member who is out of uniform in a meeting or event does not have a voice or vote.

SECTION XXIII: SPORT OF MOTO-TOURING

Article 1: For the Sport of Moto-Touring we have the Moto-Touring Manual which is an extended part of the International Bylaws. There you will find a more detailed explanation of rules and regulations of the sport.

Article 2: When participating in rides or walks, members must arrive on time. A grace period of 30 minutes is granted to all members.

Article 3: All members must strive to depart and return together in a caravan for all activities.

Article 4: All riding must be done in a "two by two staggered formation." The formation will be led by the highest-ranking officer, or any other designated pilot appointed by the highest authority present.

Article 5: Members will travel in a formation according to rank and seniority. Passing other motorcycles or vehicles while traveling in formation is not permitted.

Article 6: All members participating in a ride must have a full tank of gasoline before arriving at the starting point.

Article 7: All local traffic laws must be followed and respected.

Article 8: All riders in the formation must know the hand signals to communicate safely while riding, and these signals should be replicated to the riders behind.

Article 9: Rest stops will be determined by the highest-ranking officer present or a road captain. The distance to be covered during a ride or walk should not exceed the maximum distance necessary to fill the smallest gas tank among the participants. The duration of the rest stop will be decided by the highest-ranking officer.

Article 10: Road captains and other members must be certified in first aid and CPR and carry a first aid kit in case of emergencies.

Article 11: In inclement weather, the highway captain or highest-ranking official will signal a stop in a safe area to wait or allow members to put on rain gear.

Article 12: An official or sanctioned event is one that a chapter requests from the National Committee to be included in the official calendar of the nation, or it is communicated at least 90 days in advance for the Committee to promote and disseminate it at the national level. To be considered a sanctioned event, a minimum attendance of chapters is no longer required. The national committee will ensure there are no other events in the region on the same date and include it as an official event within the schedule or calendar if the proposing chapter completes the request form for sanctioned events and relinquishes its rights to the National Committee. National rallies must be a minimum of three (3) days and no more than four (4) days in duration. National presidents are encouraged to ensure their chapter presidents create events to promote Moto-Touring so that members have options to attend as many of them as possible. The chapter MTO officers must report any modifications or updates of their chapter's members to the National MTO every three (3) months.

Article 13: The electronic format called SHAKEDOWN is replaced by the COR (Chapter Odometer Report), which will be operated by all chapters worldwide. All chapters must report in the same format to unify and facilitate the management of information.

Article 14: The distribution of LAMA chapters into five (5) continental areas is initially determined as follows:

1. **North America:** Canada, the United States, Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Cuba, and Puerto Rico
2. **South America:** Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Uruguay, and Venezuela
3. **Europe:** Germany, Spain, Italy, Switzerland, and Turkey
4. **Asia:** Philippines
5. **Africa:** Egypt, Nigeria

POINTS PER DISTANCE

POINTS AWARDED BY DISTANCE	
from 0 to 399 miles	0 (zero)
from 399 to 1500 miles	1 (one point)
from 1500 onwards	2 (two points)

They are the points that each of the members is credited with if their routes exceed 400 miles to and from an event.

Article 15: Regionalization. As of year 2019, three (3) countries will be divided by regions as follows:

1. UNITED STATES and MEXICO will be divided into 4 different regions
2. COLOMBIA will be divided into 2 different regions - North and South

Each of these three countries will hold a Championship and Rally for each of the regions with awards independent of what was performed in the National Championship.

Article 16: Taking Photographs of Odometers: It is a requirement that each chapter schedules an annual event for all the members (breakfast, lunch, etc.) with their respective motorcycles so that the MTO, and he alone, can take photos of each of the odometers along with the member's photo on the cut-off dates of information. It is one of the functions of this officer, and it IS NOT VALID for the member to submit their photograph of the motorcycle's odometer. If a member is not present at said meeting, he must arrange it with the MTO so that the member can attend his residence to take this photograph. If this is not possible, the members will simply not participate in the Motorcycle Touring Championship. The photograph must identify the member and his motorcycle, clearly showing his license plate and his odometer. For this, a collage with two or three photographs can be used.

Exceptional cases:

- a. For Cuba, as an exceptional case, where a good percentage of motorcycles do not have an odometer, the MTO of each chapter will keep a record of distances to events attended by each of its members, and this may be giving as odometer distances that have not been recorded.
- b. A second exceptional case is when a member suffers a travel mishap where the odometer stops working. In this case, with the endorsement of the Chapter President, the member can present evidence to the Chapter MTO so that it includes the miles stopped recording.

Article 17: Taking odometers at the end of the period to capture information will be the responsibility of the president of the chapter, who will call all members to a meeting so that the MTO of the Chapter, with the supervision of the Chapter Secretary, complies with this function.

Article 18: A President who does not comply with the delivery of information on Moto-Touring must step down from his position, and another officer can be elected who will comply with this requirement.

Article 19: How to determine the distances traveled to each event: For this, a worldwide web page is used, which is <https://www.travelmath.com>. It has two options: if it is a national event, it usually calculates driving distance; if not, it calculates flying distance. The origin and destination are provided, and the page gives us the distance in miles. This is the worldwide procedure for measuring miles.

- a) In other words, if a person did a different trip, it is not considered in determining the mileage. For example, if there is an event in Miami and I initially travel from Orlando to Atlanta before arriving in Miami, the distance between Miami and Orlando is the only distance considered. The rest of the trip is not counted. However, the odometer will reflect the entire mileage of the route the member took.
- b) Regarding attending two events in a row: If there are two events in a row, for example, one in Miami and a couple of days later one in Orlando, the distance for the first event is calculated from the member's starting location to Miami. The distance for the Orlando event is calculated from Miami to Orlando.

Paragraph 1: Amendment 2019 - Distances when attending two events in a row. In accordance with the previous item, if you attend two events in a row, for example, one in Miami and a couple of days later one in Orlando, and you travel from Bogotá to attend both events, the score obtained is equivalent to the class of the event plus two additional points since it is an intercontinental event. Therefore, it would be a CLASS 1B event. For the

following events attended within the same trip, they will all have the letter B because there is evidence (the mileage of the first event) that indicates travel from another continent. Similarly, this would apply to members from another country within the same continent, in which case it would be the letter A.

Article 20: Chapter Representation: In any event, organized in a nation, a chapter must have a minimum of 5 members present to obtain participation points and credit for the chapter. When traveling out of the country, your chapter needs a minimum of 3 members present at the event to receive participation points and credit. It should be specified that Full-Color members, Prospects, and Spousal members are counted as attendees, and all of them obtain participation points for the chapter. Guests and Associates do not count toward the chapter’s participation credit.

Article 21: When a member is entitled to receive a mileage patch, the member must have ridden at least 10,000 miles on their motorcycle(s). Regardless of whether they attended events or not, and regardless of how they use their motorcycle, the patch is awarded based on the distance of 10,000, 15,000, or 20,000 miles rolled, which is completely independent of miles attended at events and the number of events attended. Only the difference between the mileage in the initial odometer photo and the mileage in the final odometer photo counts.

Article 22: How attendance at sanctioned events count. There are currently five classes of events that contribute different scores, as follows:

POINTS AWARDED BY EVENT CLASS				
EVENTS	Event Class	For members within the same nation	For members of another NATION (A)	For members of another CONTINENT (B)
LOCAL	CLASS 1	1	2	3
REGIONAL	CLASS 2	3	4	5
NATIONAL	CLASS 3	5	6	7
CONTINENTAL	CLASS 4	10	11	12
INTERNATIONAL	CLASS 5	15	16	17

The events assisted in another NATION add ONE point

The events attended in another CONTINENT add TWO points

- A. Class 1 events are organized by chapters and include anniversaries, bike nights, and rides. The host chapter must invite the other chapters at least thirty (30) days in advance. Regardless of the number of attending members, the event is sanctioned, and the attendees will be registered on the event attendance sheet. Each chapter will have its own sheet(s). It is up to the host chapter to determine if there will be a charge for attendance. This event awards each attendee one (1) point.
- B. For members of other chapters outside the country but within the same continent, attending the event will add an additional point (total of 2).
- C. For members of other foreign chapters from another continent, attending the event will add 2 additional points (total of 3).

Article 23: Amendment 2020 - Mileage and Loaned Motorcycles

As of May 2020, if a LAMA member loans their motorcycle to another LAMA member, the mileage recorded does NOT count for the member who received the borrowed bike. Regardless of the length of the loan, the miles logged or walked will only belong to the owner of the motorcycle. This amendment modifies the previous rule, which stated that if the loan was longer than one month, the mileage would also count for the member who received the borrowed motorcycle. However, if the motorcycle is rented from a legitimate rental business,

regardless of the length of time, the member must provide the invoice from the renter indicating the initial and final mileage. Additionally, the member must take a photo of the odometer when receiving the rented motorcycle and another photo when returning it to the renter.

Article 24: Change in Rally Names

The name of the Rally at all levels, including National, Regional, Continental, and International, changes to the INTERNATIONAL MOTO-TOURING CHAMPIONSHIP; NATIONAL MOTO-TOURING CHAMPIONSHIP, and so on.

Article 25: Programming of Events by National Committees

The National Committees must have their event programming finalized in December for the following year. Each chapter may plan sanctioned events it will host and request the date from the National Committee no later than 90 days prior to the requested event date.

SECTION XXIV: LAMA AWARDS

Article 1: World Championship

Every 4 years, LAMA will celebrate a world championship where members can represent the nation of their birth. To participate, members must provide a legal birth certificate as proof of their nationality.

Article 2: Best Officer Awards

At national and international rallies, LAMA will start giving an award for the Best Officer in each executive officer position. This award recognizes outstanding performance and leadership.

Article 3: Trophy Standards

The following are the minimum standards for the height and width of trophies that each chapter should have at their official trophy parties. Chapters have the discretion to choose bigger trophies, but the minimum dimensions must be followed. Trophies may have 3 poles (minimum) but can use 4 poles if desired.

Trophies with 3 poles (minimum):

1. 1st place - Most members In-State: 36" tall, 8-9" in width
2. 2nd place - Most members In-State: 34" tall, 8-9" in width
3. 1st place - Most members Out of State: 34" tall, 8-9" in width
4. 2nd place - Most members Out of State: 32" tall, 8-9" in width (optional)
5. 1st place - Most members in a LAMA Chapter: 36" tall, 8-9" in width
6. 2nd place - Most members in a LAMA Chapter: 34" tall, 8-9" in width
7. 3rd place - Most members in a LAMA Chapter: 32" tall, 8-9" in width

Trophies with 2 poles (minimum, but 3-4 poles may be used):

1. Furthest Distance Club: 30" tall
2. First club through the door: 28" tall (optional)
3. Most members in a Women's Club: 26" tall (optional)
4. Most members in a Social Club: 26" tall (optional)

Paragraph 1: Individual trophies should be 50% in size compared to the Club trophies. Each chapter has the discretion to decide who receives these trophies and their size, but the above dimensions represent the minimum standards. Individual trophies are also optional and can be awarded based on chapter preference.

SECTION XXV: MISCELLANEOUS

Article 1: The LAMA-IMA World Moto-Touring Championships and International Rally have a duration of 2 weeks, and it can never be less than 10 days. The event is designed to be a touring vacation for LAMA/IMA members and their families. Each year, the rally takes place in a different nation, providing an opportunity to learn about and experience various cultures.

Article 2: The purpose of the International Rally/Moto-Touring Championship is intended to reimburse members for the money they have spent on LAMA and not as a profitable venture. The admission fee for the rally championship cannot exceed the total cost of one day's average expenses for meals for a single member attending the international rally.

Article 3: The Moto-Touring Manual is a separate document from the LAMA International By-laws, but its rules are approved and must be followed by LAMA members worldwide. The manual serves as a guide for moto-touring activities and provides important guidelines for members participating in such events.

SECTION XXVI: NON-PROFIT STATUS

Article 1: LAMA was founded as a non-profit organization, and it is a requirement for each chapter to fulfill certain obligations to achieve Official Chapter Status. Failure to comply may result in termination from the association. The requirements include:

- A. Registering the chapter as a non-profit corporation in accordance with the laws and regulations of the respective state or country.
- B. Obtaining non-profit corporation status to establish a bank account in the chapter's name, which is a crucial requirement of LAMA.
- C. Registering the chapter's status as a non-profit corporation or association for tax filing and payment purposes, as per local laws.
- D. Declaring taxes in compliance with national, state, and local laws, as applicable.
- E. Ensuring proper licensing for fundraising events, raffles, or any other activities aimed at increasing chapter funds, in accordance with all applicable laws.

SECTION XXVII: AMENDING THE BYLAWS

Article 1: Amendments to these By-Laws can only be passed into law at the Annual International meeting held in conjunction with the LAMA/IMA World Moto-Touring Championships. This ensures that any changes to the statutes are discussed and agreed upon by the LAMA community.

Article 2: Due to the geographical dispersion of the International, Continental, National, & Regional Committees, the option of conducting conference calls or utilizing the internet for communication purposes is available.

Article 3: All members shall be notified of the International Committee's decision by their respective National Committees and respective Chapter Committees. This ensures transparency and widespread dissemination of important information among LAMA members.

Article 4: All members will be informed of the decisions made by the International Committee through their respective national committees and the Chapter Boards of Directors. This ensures transparency and widespread dissemination of important information among LAMA members.

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By signing this document, you hereby acknowledge receipt of and agree to leading a LAMA chapter by adhering to the LAMA International bylaws.

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