

**NEW ORLEANS CHAPTER OF HARLEY OWNERS GROUP
BY-LAWS**

ARTICLE I: PURPOSE

The purpose of these by-laws is to put in practice the Articles of Incorporation of Harley Owners Group of New Orleans, Inc.

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

All Harley Owners Group International members in good standing are eligible for membership in the Chapter.

SECTION 1: An expired membership in H.O.G. International Organization automatically terminates that member from the Chapter.

SECTION 2: A chapter member may also be suspended or expelled for any act or acts which gravely endanger the physical or mental wellbeing of a fellow member or the public at large. This type of suspension or expulsion can only be enforced by the following procedure:

- (a) A written complaint (by any member) must be sent to the Chapter Director at which time an investigation will ensue.
- (b) The Chapter Director shall notify the charged member that a meeting of the officers to hear and resolve the complaint will be held. This notification shall be by mail, and must be at least ten (10) days before the scheduled meeting.
- (c) The charged member has the right to defend him/herself at the Officer's meeting. Any member in good standing in the Chapter may act as counsel for the charged member.
- (d) The Officer's meeting to resolve the complaint shall have a quorum of 100% of the elected officers and the franchise holder of Harley-Davidson of New Orleans.
- (e) The charge member does not have to be present for the officers to resolve the complaint.
- (f) After all the evidence has been presented to the officers, to resolve the complaint a vote (requiring at least three affirmative votes) to either drop charges, suspend, expel, or apply other sanctions, shall be taken.
- (g) A charged member may only be suspended, expelled, or have other sanctions levied by a vote of three officers.

ARTICLE III: DUES

The chapter is to be a not-for profit organization. Annual dues have been set at a maximum of \$25.00 which will be used solely for chapter administration, newsletter or event costs. Additional financial need may be met by various fund raising events.

(Amended July 1, 2017)

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ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

Chapter elective officers will be elected by a vote of the general membership for a term of one year. There will be no limit to the number of terms that a person may hold office. The positions and duties of those positions are listed as follows: (It is not meant that the descriptions be self-limiting or all inclusive, but act as brief guidelines only)

SECTION 1: DIRECTOR – The Director’s duties shall be to coordinate and schedule all chapter events and to uphold the constitution of the Chapter.

SECTION 2: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR – The Assistant Director shall assist the Director in the administration of the Chapter as the Director chooses, and conduct meetings in the absence of the Director.

SECTION 3: TREASURER – The Treasurer shall be responsible for the financial accounting of the Chapter.

SECTION 4: SECRETARY – The Secretary shall be responsible for the administrative needs of the Chapter.

SECTION 5: THE SPONSORING DEALER – To oversee the activities of the Chapter and to insure that the Chapter is operating to the standards of the dealer and that the Chapter is abiding by the Constitution on National H.O.G

ARTICLE V : SUCCESSION

In the event an elected officer must resign, the Chapter Director will appoint an interim replacement to serve until the next annual election meeting. If the Director should resign, the Assistant Director shall become the Director, and he will name an interim Assistant Director who will serve until the next annual elections are held.

ARTICLE VI: IMPEACHMENT

In the event of gross misconduct, any and all officers may be removed. A petition for impeachment must be drafted and contain the signatures of one-third of the chapter membership before it will be considered. The petition will then be submitted to the Director who will insure the publication of the petition in the newsletter. At the next chapter meeting a vote will be taken at which time a two-thirds vote for impeachment will be necessary to remove an elected officer.

ARTICLE VII: MEETINGS

There will be monthly chapter meetings to be held on the first Saturday of each month to conduct general chapter business. Robert’s Rules of Order will be used as a guide to conduct monthly meetings. At regularly scheduled meetings, the number in attendance shall be considered a quorum. The Director may hold officers’ meetings at his/her discretion or as the need arises. At normal officer’s meetings, those officers present shall be a quorum.

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ARTICLE VIII: NEWSLETTER

The newsletter is the primary communication link of the Chapter. It is the responsibility of the Editor to produce the newsletter on a monthly basis. The Editor may set deadlines, etc. in order to produce it on a timely basis. This newsletter must be submitted to the Chapter sponsor for approval as the National H.O.G. Constitution requires.

ARTICLE IX: AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

The procedure to amend the by-laws will be as follows: A proposed amendment will be submitted in writing to the Director. It will be presented to the officers at the next officers' meeting. A vote will be taken at said meeting with a simple majority required to pass. If the issue fails to pass, the petitioner will be notified. If the proposed amendment passes, it will be published in the next newsletter. A vote by the general membership at the Chapter meeting proceeding publication will be taken with two-thirds majority required by members present to pass.

ARTICLE X : DISCLAIMER

All Harley Owners Group members participate voluntarily and at their own risk in H.O.G. and H.O.G. Chapter activities. The New Orleans Chapter of the Harley Owners Group, the sponsoring Dealer, H.O.G. and Harley Davidson, Inc., are released and held harmless by the member for any injury or loss to the member or to his or her property which may result from participation in H.O.G. and H.O.G. Chapter activities. This mean that all members of the New Orleans Chapter of H.O.G. agree not to sue the New Orleans Chapter of H.O.G., the sponsoring Dealer, H.O.G. and Harley Davidson, Inc., for any injuries resulting to them or their property.

ARTICLE XI: SAVINGS CLAUSE

SECTION 1: In any provision of these by-laws shall be declared invalid or inoperative by any competent authority of H.O.G. or Harley Davidson, Inc., the Chapter officers shall have the authority to suspend such provision during the period of its invalidity and to bring forth the membership a substitution which will meet the objective and purpose of the application of such sections to persons or circumstances other than those to which it has been held invalid shall not be affected.

SECTION 2: Any matter not covered by this Constitution shall be resolved and controlled by the Constitution of H.O.G. and any provision of this Constitution and by-laws in conflict with the Constitution of H.O.G. shall be null and void to the extent of such conflict.