



# Region 2 Newsletter – ‘Droppin The Deuce’

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Brothers and Sisters,

It has been a very busy last few months. In February, the Region Reps met with the NBOD in Kansas City. We discussed issues where we had disagreement as well as covered areas where we need to work to clean things up. That was followed up by a meeting of all of the State Reps and Sergeants At Arms in the Region. It was good discussion and the membership was well represented.

During the State Rep meeting I placed a freeze on the submission of Chapter bylaws. This was done in order to clear the backlog that is currently in the queue. Yes, there are Chapter bylaws that have been pending since July and August. We will work as a Region to get the remainder of the Chapters that need to update their bylaws through the process. We will begin submissions (one Chapter per month per State) again after this year's National Convention.

**Region 2 Rally.** If you have not already seen the flyer or received the information the R2 Rendezvous is scheduled for 20-22 October in Lynchburg, VA. Chapter 27-11 is putting in the work to make this a fantastic event. The Friday night meet and greet, the ride on Saturday and the after ride are going to be a great time. You do not want to miss this one. I have all of the State Reps on Hurricane watch to avoid a repeat of last year's weather.

**National Investment.** As I am sure you are aware, the NBOD consulted with an investment company and has made the decision to invest \$200K. The intent of this investment is to secure the long term financial health of the Association. The costs to maintain the Association (particularly the National Convention) are not likely to become cheaper. As an example, the number of Life Members as a percentage of Full Members continues to increase; beyond the Life Membership fee, those Life Members are no longer paying dues. The bottom line is that in the near future, if new members do not join the Association in the numbers of the past then the income to the Association will begin to decrease. This is a hedge against that. I would encourage Chapters to have this discussion about this and if you disagree with the method being pursued by the board, come up with an alternative solution. In the end, the long-term health of the Association is what matters.

**Bylaw Change Proposals for 2023.** The NSEC sent the four BLCs to State Reps yesterday. Those should be making their way through Chapter leadership and down to the members. Those members that submitted BLCs that were not recommended to be included in this year's group have received email from the Committee Chair explaining why their proposal did not move forward. Chapters are required to schedule a meeting to vote on these BLCs after 1 April. The BLC Guide (Administration Tab) carries these votes between 1 April and 12 June, but the end date is incorrect as the National Meeting is 10 June. Chapter Commanders must follow the procedures for logging in both the members present as well as the outcome of voting. State Reps are required to add up to two alternates who will swipe for the entire State (if the State Rep is unable to attend) voting to be counted.

**Logo Use Agreement.** A new LUA was uploaded on 15 March. I encourage all members but CEBs in particular to familiarize themselves with this update. Logo use continues to be an issue not only across the Association, but in the Region as well. The MOST common error is failing to make the circle R superscript after either CVMA or Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association. Please take the time to understand how to execute this using your type of software. With Microsoft, this can be accomplished by selecting the font and then select superscript. There are some other changes coming for the submission of items through the LUA queue and I will push them down through your State Reps as soon as it is confirmed. Suffice to say, Chapter Commanders and XO's cannot be the signature on the LUA and in the submission page.

**Application and Life Member Payments.** There has been an issue with Chapters making payment for new members and members pending Life Membership. In some cases, these payments have lagged for several months. I will not put out policy for this but be advised that the NSEC will begin deleting applications that have been pending payment for more than 30 days. We are aware that Treasurers are unable to make payments. The only members currently able to apply payment are the Commander and Secretary. This will not change. It has been discussed (at length) on the forums and the board has made their determination.

**2023 National Convention.** For anyone that has been in an information void, the National Convention is 6-11 June in Colorado Springs. The agenda was posted to the forums last week. The Meeting itself is scheduled to start at 0900 at the Colorado Springs Event Center (for Full Members). The Auxiliary Meeting is scheduled to begin at 1000 in the Grand Ballroom of the Courtyard Hotel (host hotel). The host Chapter has established a cut-off date to buy SWAG of 15 April. <https://www.cvmanationals2023.org/shop>

**Closing Thoughts.** All of the members that are pursuing National leadership positions have posted their bios on the forums. The National Vice President and National Treasurer for both the NBOD and ABOD are up for election this year. I encourage all members to take a look at these bios and make a determination of who is the best person to lead the Association for these positions. I look forward to hearing from you and meeting you as I travel around the Region.

#### **Upcoming R2 Events:**

25 March 2023	VA 27-10 Menage a Trois Event, TBD VA
15 April 2023	VA 27-7 Poker Run, Colonial Beach, VA
22 April 2023	VA 27-11 Ridge Runners Annual Poker Run, Lynchburg, VA
28 April 2023	TN 18-3 Hunt in the Smokies, Townsend, TN
6 May 2023	VA 27-3 Battlefield Bash, Colonial Heights, VA
13 May 2023	TN 18-6 Momma Tried Ride, Collierville, TN
20 May 2023	VA 27-1 Ride to Remember, Portsmouth, VA
10 June 2023	CVMA® National Meeting, Colorado Springs, CO
24 June 2023	VA 27-6 Ride for Sierra, Mechanicsville, VA
16 July 2023	Region 3 Rally, TBD ME
20 October 2023	Region 2 Rendezvous, TBD

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