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Dues

Dues are set at \$12.00 per member per year. This amount was established as part of the budget approval in 2012 at the Daytona National Convention.

Adopted 8-12-2012

Membership Approval 8-12-2012

Committees

National Rider Officers shall chair the following committees:

Membership – 1st Vice

Reporting – 2nd Vice

Finance – Treasurer

Audit – Treasurer

IRS 990 Compliance – Sgt-at-Arms

CBL/Resolutions – Judge Advocate

Fund Raising – Immediate Past President

Convention Rules – Judge Advocate

Uniform & Insignia – Sgt-at-Arms

Long Range Planning – 2nd Vice

Programs – 2nd Vice

Standard Operating Procedures – Judge Advocate

Scholarship – 1st Vice, Chaplain, Immediate Past President

Death Benefit – Chaplain, Treasurer, 1st Vice

Mid-Year – Immediate Past President

Delegates – Secretary, Communications

Officer Qualifications – Secretary, Communications

Gold Star Families – Chaplain

Convention – 2nd Vice

Adopted 5-5-2017

Membership Approved 5-6-2017

Revised and Approved 8-24-2019

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Membership

In the event of a Chapter folding either by charter surrender or revocation a member who was in good standing at that time shall have no longer than ninety (90) days to transfer to another Chapter. If any member affected by this closing is a Department or National Officer, they may continue to hold said office for that ninety (90) day period. If after ninety (90) days any member has not transferred their membership privileges are terminated.

Adopted 5-5-2017

Membership Approval 5-6-2017

Individual members that have not paid current year dues by July 1st will be dropped from the membership roster for said year, must apply for membership for the next year as a new member.

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Membership Approval 5-6-2017

Any Member of this organization that receives suspension by their parent organization, upon their reinstatement, shall be prohibited from holding any Rider office at any level, for a period of (2) Two years from the date of reinstatement.

Adopted 8-11-2018

Membership Approval 8-11-2018

Once a member has provided proof of eligibility to be a Rider (legally permitted to operate a motorcycle, registration, and proof of insurance where applicable) to the Chapter President and one other Chapter Officer upon their application their documentation shall be protected from any further scrutiny. The status of any individual Rider shall be maintained only at the Chapter level. If a member's status is questioned at the National or Department level, said member's Chapter's President shall honestly verify the information and report on that status. In the case that a Chapter President for any reason provide false information, then the Chapter President shall be charged accordingly.

The required eligibility can be required by the Chapter to verify the annual dues and remittance.



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The required eligibility shall not be required at National or Department level for purposes of eligibility to determine delegate status for conferences or conventions.

Adopted 8-24-2019 Membership Approval 8-24-2019

You may only hold a Riders Chapter office at the Chapter located at your Parent Organization's Post. **This SOP has been put on hold until after further conversation at the 2024 Mid-Year Rally.**

Adopted and Approved 8-26-2023

If your Chapter Revalidation is not complete by July 15th, you are suspended per the By-Laws and your members can not vote at that year's National Convention even if you revalidate prior to Convention

Adopted and Approved 8-26-2023

Qualifications for National Office

The qualifications to hold a National Elected Office are as follows:

- 1) Have been an Elected Department Officer for a period of (2) two years and either attended (2) two National Meetings (Mid-Year or Convention) or sat on a National Committee for a period of (2) two years.

OR

Have held a National Appointed Office for a period of (2) two years.

The qualifications to hold a National Appointed Office are as follows:

- 1) No qualifications required.

The qualifications to hold the Office of President are as follows:

- 1) Must have held a National Elected Office for at least (2) two years.

Adopted 8-11-2017 Membership Approval 8-12-2017



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Qualifications for National Office from Non-Department Members

The qualifications to hold a National Elected Office from a Non-Department are as follows:

- 1) Have been a Chapter President for a period of two (2) years and either attended three (3) National Meetings (Mid-year or Convention) or Sat on a National Committee for a period of three (3) years.

OR

Have held a National Appointed Office for a period of two (2) years.

The qualifications to hold a National Appointed Office are as follows:

- 1) No qualifications required.

The qualifications to hold the Office of President are as follows:

- 1) Must have held a National Elected Office for at least two (2) years.

Adopted 8-24-2019

Membership Approval 8-24-2019

National Officers from a Single Department

The maximum number of National Officers from a single Department at one time shall be limited to the following:

- 1) There shall be no more than (2) two Elected and (1) one appointed officers from one Department or (2) two Appointed and (1) Elected officer from one Department.

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Membership Approval 8-12-2017

National Travel Expense Policy

The following policy is for the payment and documenting of expenses for AMVETS Riders National Officers and other members of the Riders Organization when authorized by the Riders National President and Riders National Executive Board.



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Payment for attendance at National Executive Committee Meetings, Mid-Year Rally, and National Convention will be paid at the following rates:

National President: Travel shall be paid either full airfare or mileage reimbursement rate, which will be choice of the RNP. RNP may have a suite when booking rooms and the allotted days of reimbursed lodging shall be, Maximum of four (4) days for National Executive Committee Meetings plus the Mid-Year Rally, and a maximum of seven (7) days maximum for the National Convention. Additional days must be approved in writing by the NEB. RNP may rent a vehicle when needed while attending authorized functions for National Riders with prior approval of the NEB.

Elected Officers: Travel shall be paid at the lesser rate of mileage or airfare. If requesting mileage and it exceeds \$500- Officer must provide comparison documentation for proof of which is the lessor amount, and shall get prior approval from NEB. Mileage reimbursement may include tolls or pass fees. Lodging shall be paid at the full rate of a 1 or 2 bed regular room, any charges for a more expensive room will be paid by the Officer. Maximum of THREE (3) days for National Executive Committee Meetings, National Convention and Mid-Year Rally, additional days must be approved by the NEB. One of the following Appointed Officers, RNS ,RNCO, or RNPO shall be reimbursed for FOUR (4) days for Convention and Mid-Year in order to organize and set up for meetings ahead of time. Any additional expenses must have prior approval from the NEB. If mileage is less than 100 miles round trip individual must have pre approval by the Riders National Executive Board in order to be reimbursed for hotel accommodations.

Immediate Past President: Shall be reimbursed at the same rate as Elected Officers. Any additional expenses must have prior approval from the NEB.

Past National Presidents: Will receive up to \$ 500.00 to cover travel and/or lodging with approved receipts. Any additional expenses must have prior approval from the NEB.

Appointed Officers: Shall be reimbursed at the same rate as Elected Officers. Any additional expenses must have prior approval from the Riders National Executive Board.

Official Business Travel: Individuals traveling on official business as directed by the Riders National President and Riders National Executive Board shall be reimbursed at actual costs unless different reimbursements are agreed upon before expenses are incurred.



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Reimbursement Rates:

Mileage shall be paid at a rate of \$0.36 per mile based on Google Maps from home address to event. Mileage reimbursements may include tolls, and shall not exceed \$500.00 without prior approval from NEB. Air Fare shall be based on the lowest air fare available a minimum of 30 days prior to the scheduled event date, to include round trip mileage to the airport, parking, and baggage fees. Air Fare shall be for economy class travel or the lowest priced airfare available on Priceline.com, and shall not exceed \$500.00 without prior approval from BEB. When booking airfare in advance any and all Officers can opt to take flight cancelation insurance.

Authorized Misc. Expenses: Shall be paid at actual cost for expense as long as receipts are provided with proper documentation and approval.

Any Officer who does not attend or is late to required meetings they were financed to attend may be required to forfeit financing for that day of lodging and possible travel unless excused by the RNP and NEB.

Receipts and Reporting:

All expenses incurred while on official business shall be accounted for with legible RECEIPTS clearly stating the INDIVIDUAL'S NAME, DATE, PLACE of PURCHASE, and AMOUNT. The Treasurer shall date and initial receipts when received.

Expenses shall be listed on the Official AMVETS Riders Travel and/or Expense Report and submitted to the National Treasurer no later than the 10th of the month immediately following the expenditure. All expense report that exceed \$100 must be signed by a combination of TWO (2) National Rider Officers and ONE (1) shall be the National Riders Treasurer and the other be either the Riders National President or the National 1st or 2nd Vice Presidents. E-mail approval is acceptable as long as it is filed with the expense sheet. No Officer can be an approved signature on their own expense sheet. Any expenses \$100 or less only need one approved signature which shall be the Treasurer unless it is charges by the Treasurer, then the one (1) signature shall be either Riders National President, Riders National 1st Vice, or Riders National 2nd Vice.

AMVETS Riders Credit Card charges: All expenses charged to the AMVETS Riders Credit Card must have supporting documentation to be valid. All National Officers are required to submit receipts to National Riders Treasurer by the 10th day of the following month the expense is incurred. (Example: charge 4/17/2017; receipt must be turned in by



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5/10/2017). National Riders Treasurer is responsible for ensuring all credit card charges have supporting receipts.

- Non-travel expenses: All official AMVETS Riders expense reports must be completed for all non-travel expenses in the month incurred and submitted in accordance to timeline stated above, multiple expenses within the same month may be recorded on one (1) report.
- Travel expenses: An official AMVETS Riders expense report must be completed and submitted to the National Riders Treasurer in accordance with time lines stated above. Expenses on report must indicate whether credit card or cash was utilized, and all expenses must have receipts.
- Any Officer not following proper procedure for turning in receipts and documentation shall fall under the three (3) strike rule. After three (3) times of not turning in proper paperwork their credit card will be revoked and will have to pay for all expenses on their own and then file for reimbursement.

Non-Credit Card charges: Follows same policies as AMVETS Riders Credit Card in order to be reimbursed.

TRAVEL and LODGING ARRANGEMENTS and PAYMENT

Each individual is responsible for making their own Travel and Lodging arrangements. Failure to make proper arrangements will be at the expense of the INDIVIDUAL and NOT the RIDERS ORGANIZATION. No reimbursement will be made for improper Travel, Lodging, or other expenses incurred.

There will be no advanced payment for Travel, Lodging, or other expenses except when authorized by the Riders National President and the Riders National Executive Board whom shall assume responsibility for any and all costs or losses associated with any advanced payment not used or recovered. Each National Officer has their own National Riders credit card and may use it for authorized travel expenses.

At no time will AMVETS Riders Credit Cards, Banking Account Information, or any check which is not properly completed be given to any individual or entity except by the individual authorized to do so.

Any reimbursement received or receiving from their Parent Organization, Chapter, or Department is to be used first before National Riders picks up the remaining cost of eligible expenses.



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This Travel Expense Policy is not a guarantee of all reimbursements stated. If for acceptable financial reasons approved by a 2/3 vote of The Riders National Executive Board, any or all reimbursements may be reduced or eliminated. Prior notification of reimbursement changes will be given before expenses are incurred by individual.

Each National Riders Officer shall sign Travel Expense Policy and a copy shall be filed with the Riders National Secretary and Treasurer.

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