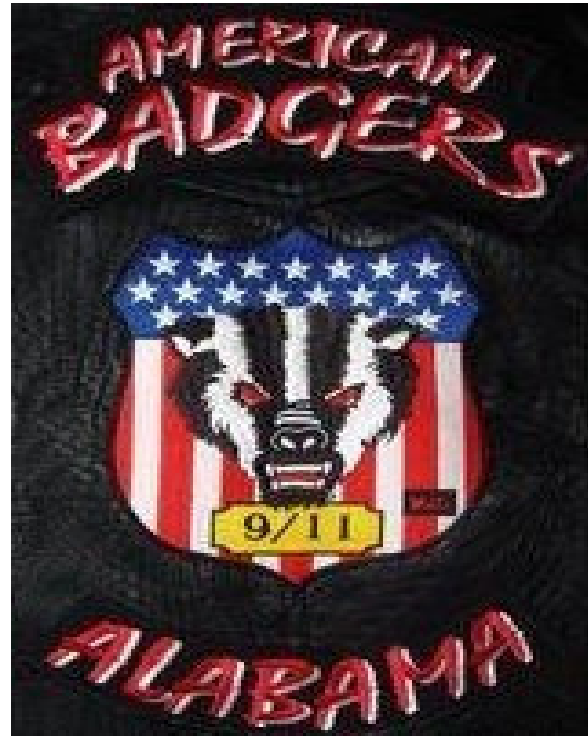


# AMERICAN BADGERS MOTORCYCLE CLUB

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## HISTORY OF THE AMERICAN BADGERS MOTORCYCLE CLUB

### CONCEPT

The American Badgers Motorcycle Club was founded on 9/11/2004 as a Motorcycle Club for riders in the State of Alabama and any other state where chapters may form. The club was organized to allow riders of any make of motorcycle to become members. We welcome female riders as members and even a few members who don't own motorcycles but show great interest in the ABMC in a support role.

The ABMC founders, who are made up of Law Enforcement personnel wanted to create a club where Law Enforcement and all employees of Public Safety or the Military are welcome.

### PURPOSES AND ADVANTAGES

The purpose of the ABMC is to create an organization where motorcycle enthusiasts can meet, network, and make new friends. These individuals may be associated with the Military, Law Enforcement, District Attorney's Offices, Fire Departments, Emergency Medical Services, and other related Government or private Organizations.

Advantages of forming the club are infinite but forming the club will allow persons from different places to come together, "talk shop", and form new relationships with persons who share their same interests. All members' information will be added to a database where all members can contact each other.

### GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The ABMC is expected to grow, hopefully in large numbers, creating the need for other chapters nationally. There is an ABMC website for anyone to view with a "members only" section. ABMC holds club functions such as cookouts, fund raisers, rides etc.

### NAME AND PATCH DESIGN

Everything involving the club patch design is centered on Public Safety and the U.S. Military. The name American Badgers was selected because everyone in our arena carries some sort of badge and/or represents the United States government. The American Badger head and shield seemed more than appropriate for the clubs official Logo. The club logo was designed to be patriotic in support of our country and the heroes of 9/11/2001. Our country will never forget the tragic date of September 11, 2001 and all of the Public Safety personnel that gave their lives trying to save and protect the citizens of our country. The club patch is described as a red, white, and blue badge style shield with a mean looking badger depicted in the center. The "badge number" at the bottom of the shield is "9/11" which memorializes the date of 9/11/2001 and is also the national number to call for emergency assistance by citizens of The United States when they need our help.

The ABMC patch is designed as a three-piece patch. Traditionally, "outlaw" motorcycle clubs as well as other clubs; have made their patches in a three-piece design. There should be no mistake made that we do not want to portray the "outlaw" side of motorcycle clubs. However, we did want to maintain a traditional club patch.

X

X

42 **CONSTITUTION**

43 X

44 **ARTICLES OF THE AMERICAN BADGERS**  
45 **MOTORCYCLE CLUB**

46 X

47 X

48 **ARTICLE 1. NAME.**

49 The name of the organization is "American Badgers Motorcycle Club"

50 X

51 **ARTICLE 2. PURPOSES.**

52 The purposes of the organization are to provide for the enjoyment, entertainment,  
53 assistance, and social benefit of its members, along with the general public; to promote  
54 the safety and sport of motorcycle riding; to develop a brotherhood between all public  
55 safety organizations; and to abide by the laws of the State of Alabama and The United  
56 States of America.

57 X

58 No part of the earnings of the ABMC shall be used to pay or benefit the Directors of the  
59 ABMC or any of its officers or other private citizens for personal gain. ABMC Funds may  
60 be used (after being approved by a majority vote) to reimburse any member for  
61 personal expenses used for club operations. ABMC funds may be used (after being  
62 approved by a majority vote) to contribute to charities, any ABMC member or private  
63 citizen that has experienced a substantial hardship. The ABMC will not participate in the  
64 furtherance of any political campaign or attempt to influence any state or federal  
65 legislation.

66 X

67 In such case the ABMC should be dissolved, the Board of Directors shall make  
68 provisions for the payment of any outstanding debts against the ABMC and a formal  
69 meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held to discuss the dissemination of all  
70 remaining funds.

71 X

72 **ARTICLE 3. DIRECTORS**

73 The minimum number of Directors shall be five (5) with additional positions added to the  
74 Board of Directors by majority vote of the Board. A chairman may be appointed at  
75 meetings of the Board but no one Director will have more governing authority than  
76 another.

77 X

78 **ARTICLE 4. MEMBERSHIP**

79 There shall be two (2) membership statuses:

80 (1) Regular members

81 (2) Honorary members

82 X

83 Any club or organizational interest of any member in the ABMC shall cease upon  
84 termination or resignation of their membership.

85 X

86 **ARTICLE 5. MEMBERSHIP STATUSES AND EXCEPTIONS**

87 The following membership statuses are established:

88 X

89 **Section A. REGULAR MEMBERSHIP**

90 ABMC seeks primary membership to be for LAW ENFORCEMENT individuals.  
91 Members in other Public Safety occupations that qualify will be considered. All regular  
92 members must be persons who are full-time, part time, retired, volunteer, or reserve  
93 members of a government or private agency in a Public Safety, investigations, security  
94 or military capacity. Any person who became a member under these requirements but  
95 later seeks employment in a non public safety profession may retain his membership  
96 as a full regular member.

97 X

98 No Regular member may be a member of another Motorcycle or Riding club. Any  
99 Regular member who became an ABMC member prior to 2007, and is currently a  
100 member of another club, may retain his ABMC membership until that second club  
101 membership is terminated. After termination; if that member later joins another club then  
102 the member must resign his ABMC membership or be terminated from the ABMC. This  
103 policy is established to maintain full commitment and support to the ABMC.  
104 Organizations such as Harley Owners Group (HOG) etc. are not considered as a  
105 motorcycle or riding club.

106 X

107 Any Regular member, who operates a motorcycle, must be licensed to drive a  
108 motorcycle in the State in which they live. A member must also have a minimum of at  
109 least liability insurance per state law.

110 X

111 Any Regular or Honorary member who because of medical illness, injury or other form  
112 of physical impairment that becomes unable to continue riding will retain his/her  
113 membership as a Regular or Honorary member. That member will be exempt from any  
114 dues during the time of his/her disability. When that person returns to full active status,  
115 that member will then resume any required dues beginning at that time. That member  
116 will not be required to pay past dues that occurred during the time of his/her absence.

117 Any Regular or Honorary member who becomes unable to participate because of  
118 military deployment, employment, family or any other personal conflict may take a leave  
119 of absence for an indefinite period of time. That member will be exempt from any dues  
120 during the time of his/her leave. When that person returns to full active status, that  
121 member will then resume any required dues beginning at that time. That member will  
122 not be required to pay past dues that occurred during the time of his/her absence.

123 X

124 **Section B. EXCEPTIONS TO REGULAR MEMBERSHIP**

125 (1) Any Regular member may sponsor any person who is not involved in Public Safety  
126 or the U.S. Military.

127 X

128 (2) Any spouse or significant other of any Regular member is allowed full Regular  
129 Membership in the ABMC. The spouse or significant other must pay any required ABMC  
130 dues and patch fees in this case for full membership. This member must follow the  
131 same requirements as stated in Article 5. Section A. Paragraph 2. – Line 46

132 X

133 X

134 X

135 **Section C. HONORARY MEMBERSHIP**

136 Honorary members must be persons who are expected to make considerable  
137 contributions to the ABMC and/or who have shown overwhelming interest in the  
138 advancement of the club. These members may not have motorcycles and may not be  
139 employed in Law Enforcement or any form of Public Safety but are voted in as full  
140 members of the ABMC. There will be no differentiation in regard to the colors (patches)  
141 worn by Regular members or Honorary members. Any persons accepted as members  
142 in the ABMC who are not Public Safety or U.S. Military will **NOT** be allowed to sponsor  
143 another person for membership into the ABMC. These persons will be made Honorary  
144 members. Honorary members may hold an officer position.

145 X

146 No Honorary member may be a member of another Motorcycle or Riding club. Any  
147 Honorary member who became an ABMC member prior to 2007, and is currently a  
148 member of another club, may retain his ABMC membership until that second club  
149 membership is terminated. After termination if that member later joins another club then  
150 the member must resign his ABMC membership or be terminated from the ABMC. This  
151 policy is established to maintain full commitment and support to the ABMC.  
152 Organizations such as Harley Owners Group (HOG) etc. are not considered as a  
153 motorcycle or riding club.

154 X

155 No individual chapters total Honorary membership will consist of more than twenty-five  
156 (25) percent of the Regular membership.

157 X

158 **Section D. VOTING**

159 Every Regular and Honorary member shall have the right to vote on general business  
160 submitted to him or her by the Board of Directors. Any of these members in good  
161 standing may vote on chapter business. Votes may be submitted at a formal meeting, in  
162 person or by confirmed and approved email unless that vote requires the member to be  
163 present and / or a signature vote. Votes may require to be unanimous, majority or %.

164 X

165 **ARTICLE 6. AMENDMENTS OF THE ARTICLES OF THE CONSTITUTION**

166 The Articles of the constitution may be amended by a majority vote of the members in  
167 good standing. No vote shall be made effective until the directors have proposed an  
168 amendment and directed it to be voted on. A written notice shall be given to all  
169 members of such amendment as provided in the bylaws. Notice and votes may be  
170 submitted by confirmed and approved email unless specified different.

171 X

172 **ARTICLE 7. AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS**

173 The Board of directors shall be able to make, alter, amend, or repeal the bylaws of the  
174 ABMC by majority vote of the Directors. Any such amendment will then be submitted to  
175 the membership of the club at the next formal meeting or by email. Any amendment will  
176 be effective immediately until and unless the amendment is disapproved by the  
177 membership. Disapproval will require a minimum signature vote of 75% of the  
178 Organizations' total membership. A written or oral notice shall be given to all members  
179 of such amendment as provided in the bylaws.

180 **BYLAWS OF THE AMERICAN BADGERS**  
181 **MOTORCYCLE CLUB**

182 X

183 **ARTICLE 1. NAME, ORGANIZATIONAL EMBLEM, COLORS**

184 X

185 **Section A. NAME**

186 The name of the organization is AMERICAN BADGERS MOTORCYCLE CLUB.  
187 (Referred to hereinafter as ABMC)

188 X

189 **Section B. ORGANIZATIONAL EMBLEM**

190 The organizational emblem is the ABMC logo as it is shown below:



192 **Section C. COLORS**

193 The colors of the ABMC shall consist of the official ABMC emblem which is a curved  
194 shield containing the colors red, white, and blue. The face of an American Badger is  
195 depicted on top of the shield in black and white. The number 9/11 is located at the  
196 bottom of the shield. There will be a banner above the center emblem containing the  
197 word "American" and a banner below the center emblem containing the word "Badgers".

198 X

199 The ABMC Board of Directors may and must approve to modify or change the original  
200 club rockers, or center patch. Members will be presented a detailed and accurate  
201 drawing, photograph etc. to give a complete description of the patch change for  
202 approval. The name must remain as American Badgers with a badger image depicted  
203 somewhere as the official Badger logo symbol. The patch must contain the original red,  
204 white and blue colors but may contain other additional colors.

205 X

206 Chapters can vote to require new members to complete a probation period.  
207 Requirements of probation may not allow the probationer to wear a full and complete  
208 patch. The probationer may also be required to display a temporary probation patch.  
209 Any probation actions must first be approved by the Board of Directors.

210 X

211 A Chapter may alter the patch to be worn by members of that Chapter only... after a  
212 majority vote of that Chapters members and after being approved by the Board of  
213 Directors. Any patch change by a Chapter will be at that Chapters expense.

214 X

215 **Section D. RIGHTS TO NAME AND MARKS**

216 The ABMC and its authorized chapters shall have the exclusive right to the name  
217 “American Badgers Motorcycle Club” and the words “American Badgers”. The ABMC  
218 shall retain the exclusive right to use or allow to be used, the emblems, seals, badges,  
219 or other items incorporating the words “American Badgers”.

220 X

221 The Board of Directors will approve any and all items bearing the ABMC badge, seal, or  
222 emblem, for use. Unauthorized use of the above mentioned shall be cause for removal,  
223 fine, suspension, or termination of offending members.

224 X

225 The Board Of Directors shall penalize any violations of this rule by a letter of warning,  
226 which will include the reasons for violation. The letter will include the location, date, the  
227 identity of the seller, and a description of the item in violation. A copy of this letter shall  
228 be forwarded to the Chapter President of the violating members chapter. The Directors  
229 will then convene to discuss action against the violating member.

230 X

231 **ARTICLE 2. BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

232 X

233 **Section A. NUMBER**

234 The number of Board of Directors shall be five (5) with no one Director having more  
235 governing authority than another. A UNANIMOUS vote of the Directors or a 75%  
236 signature vote of the Organizations total membership is required to terminate any  
237 Director.

238 X

239 A majority vote of the Directors is required to replace or add an additional member to  
240 the Board of Directors.

241 X

242 The Board of Directors are the primary governing authority of the Club and do not  
243 belong to any Chapter so therefore are exempt from any Chapter dues. The Board of  
244 Directors use extensive personal time and monies to maintain club operations and will  
245 also be exempt from any Organization Dues. The Club Founders, also Directors are  
246 granted a life time membership and will be exempt from any current and future dues. If  
247 a non founding Director resigns his Director position, he may transfer his membership to  
248 any Chapter and at that time begin paying any required Chapter or Organization dues.

249 X

250 **Section B. QUALIFICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

251 The Board of Directors is comprised of the founding members of the ABMC. When such  
252 time arises that a new member must be appointed to the Board of Directors, only  
253 members who currently serve in a Chapter Officers Position or have previously served  
254 in a Chapter Officers position for a minimum of twelve months will be considered.  
255 However, any member may be appointed to the Board of Directors in a support position  
256 but will not vote on Director business. A majority vote of the Board of Directors will also  
257 be required for support positions.

258 X

259 X

260 X

261 **Section C. RESIGNATION**  
262 Any Director may resign at any time by presenting written notice of such resignation to  
263 the Board of Directors.

264 X

265 **Section D. VACANCY**  
266 Any vacancy in the Board Of Directors can be filled at any time by a majority vote of the  
267 Directors. Once the majority vote is recognized the new Director will be officially placed  
268 on the Board of Directors and all Chapters will be notified of the new appointment.

269 X

270 **Section E. BOARD APPOINTED CHAIRMAN**  
271 The Directors may appoint any Director to be the Board Chairman for a designated  
272 period of time. The current Chairman will be responsible for calling certain meetings and  
273 notifying Directors of meetings to be held.

274 X

275 **Section F. MEETINGS**  
276 Meetings for the Board of Directors may be held where a majority of Directors are  
277 present.

278 X

279 **Section G. SPECIAL MEETINGS**  
280 The Board Chairman or a majority of the Board of Directors may call special meetings.  
281 A majority of the Directors present shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of  
282 business at any meeting of the Board.

283 X

284 **Section H. DUTIES AND POWERS**  
285 (1) The Board of Directors shall be responsible for all of the affairs and property of  
286 the ABMC.  
287 (2) The Board of Directors maintains the power to inspect, at their discretion, any  
288 records, accounts, or papers, of any chapter. Chapters will be responsible for  
289 submitting copies of any records if requested by the Board.  
290 (3) The Board may except or deny any application for membership and may expel  
291 or suspend any member for just reason.  
292 (4) The Board may grant any five (5) persons who qualify for membership, a charter  
293 for the formation of a chapter in the ABMC. A chapter must have five (5) regular  
294 members to retain their charter from year to year. The chapter may form its own  
295 bylaws in the likeness of the Constitution and Bylaws set forth by the ABMC  
296 organization. However all bylaws must be approved by the Board as they must  
297 be in conformity with the organizations bylaws.  
298 (5) The Board of Directors may by majority vote revoke any charter to any chapter  
299 who do not conform to the Constitution and Bylaws of the organization. Any  
300 monies and ABMC property shall be turned over to the Board Of Directors. The  
301 chapter will then immediately cease using the ABMC name and colors.

302 X

303 X

304 **Section I. COMPENSATION**

305 Directors will NOT receive any monetary compensation for their services on the Board.  
306 However, expenses for attendance at meetings of the Board or any personal expenses  
307 used in club operations may be allowed.

308 X

309 **ARTICLE 3. CHAPTERS**

310 X

311 **Section A. QUALIFICATION**

312 The Board of Directors in accordance with the Bylaws of the ABMC organization will  
313 establish all chapters. Any chapter so created may exercise full control over chapter  
314 business unless it is deemed necessary by the Directors to intervene. Chapter officers  
315 are responsible for organizing chapter activities at their level, including the collection of  
316 any patch fees, dues etc. which will be forwarded to the Board of Directors. It shall be  
317 the chapter officers' task to insure the proper guidance of their chapter in adhering to  
318 the Constitution and Bylaws of the ABMC.

319 X

320 As new chapters are formed within the ABMC, members shall have the right to transfer  
321 their membership to another chapter. This is expected to happen as new chapters form  
322 around Alabama and other states. Any transfer member will not be required nor  
323 expected to complete any probation period into another chapter.

324 X

325 **Section B. CHAPTER OFFICERS**

326 Chapter Officer positions shall be defined as President, Vice President, Secretary,  
327 Treasurer, and two (2) Sergeants at Arm. Other positions may be established and  
328 elected by the chapter members in accordance with ABMC Constitution and Bylaws. A  
329 single person may hold both Secretary and Treasurer positions if so voted on by a  
330 majority of that chapter's membership. Each year an election should be held for  
331 placement of any new officers. It is not required but recommended that new Chapter  
332 officer nominations be submitted in October and Vote in November. New officers would  
333 take office January first the following year. Officers may serve repeated terms if elected  
334 by a majority vote of chapter members.

335 X

336 **Section C. COMMITTEES**

337 Chapters may establish committees in accordance with procedures set aside by the  
338 ABMC Bylaws. Such committees will be established under the authority of the Chapter  
339 Officers. These committees may be formed to create special events or rides for their  
340 chapter or other related events, which will be overseen by the Chapter Officers.

341 X

342 **Section D. MEETINGS**

343 Only Regular members and Honorary members are allowed to be present at formal  
344 meetings where sensitive ABMC business will be discussed. Guest who are considering  
345 membership may attend general meetings after being approved by the Chapter  
346 president.

347 X

348 X

349 X

350 **Section E. DEFINITIONS OF OFFICER RESPONSIBILITIES**

351 X

352 **PRESIDENT**

353 The President is subject to the authority of the Board of Directors but shall be the  
354 executive officer of any chapter. The President shall preside at all chapter meetings and  
355 will be the presiding officer over any committees. Should a chapter vote to collect  
356 chapter dues, that chapter should have an individual banking account for chapter  
357 monies. The chapter President shall be the co-signer with the Secretary or Treasurer on  
358 any legal documents dealing with the chapter. He shall have the power to call meetings  
359 of the chapter officers and shall report all work of the chapter to the Board of Directors.

360 X

361 **VICE PRESIDENT**

362 The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President either at the Presidents  
363 request, absence, or disability. The Vice President will then have the full powers of the  
364 President until such time the Board of Directors declares a vacancy. The chapter will  
365 then vote on a new President passed by majority vote.

366 X

367 **TREASURER**

368 The Treasurer shall be responsible for all funds and property of the chapter, which is  
369 subject to the rules of the Board of Directors. The treasurer will be responsible for the  
370 collections of patch fees and yearly dues of the chapter members, which will be  
371 forwarded to the Board of Directors for deposit in the ABMC account. He will also keep  
372 accurate records of receipts and payments of each member. A report will be made to  
373 the Board on a yearly basis for the Directors to determine the membership status of  
374 each member.

375 X

376 **SECRETARY**

377 The Secretary shall be responsible for the documents and papers of the chapter and will  
378 have custody of the ABMC seal or letterhead. The Secretary shall attend the meetings  
379 of the chapters and keep a written log of the minutes. He will also maintain a written or  
380 computer alphabetized record of all of the members in the chapter. This record shall  
381 include addresses, contact numbers, and personal information of each member. The  
382 Secretary shall be responsible for notifying members of upcoming meetings of the  
383 chapter and or any special meeting requested by the Board of Directors.

384 X

385 **SERGEANT AT ARMS**

386 The Sergeant at Arms shall be responsible for the general security of the chapter. They  
387 shall position themselves at the entrance to any formal meeting and receive the  
388 members to ensure that only members are present when ABMC business is discussed.  
389 He shall be responsible for reporting any and all actions of chapter members that may  
390 reflect poorly on the image of the ABMC. If such an action occurs, a written report will  
391 be submitted directly to the Board of Directors explaining the incident in its entirety. If  
392 the actions of any member warrant suspension from the ABMC the Sergeant at Arms  
393 will be responsible for notifying the member of suspension, in writing, pursuant to the  
394 bylaws of the ABMC. In any of the above mentioned matters, the Sergeant at Arms  
395 should notify the Chapter President as soon as reasonably possible. The Sergeant at

396 Arms shall report directly to the Directors any member actions, which pose criminal or  
397 civil liability to the ABMC.

398 X

399 **ARTICLE 4. DUES AND PATCH FEES**

400 All patches are maintained and issued by the Board of Directors. All new Regular and  
401 Honorary members shall be assessed a first year patch fee. Patch fees may vary  
402 depending on the current cost to reproduce new patches. The Board of Directors may  
403 require yearly Organization dues to be paid to the Board of Directors. Those dues will  
404 be used to refurbish patches and for general operations of the club. Directors are  
405 permitted to use Organization funds to pay any operating cost for the club. Any  
406 Expenses paid from Organization funds will be approved by a majority vote of the  
407 Directors. All patch fees and any Organization dues will be paid by members to their  
408 prospective chapters and will be forwarded to the Board of Directors. Paid members  
409 will be issued an ABMC membership card, which should be kept with members at all  
410 functions of the ABMC. **If any member is terminated or resigns from any chapter, all**  
411 **ABMC patches and membership cards will be returned.**

412 X

413 Chapter Dues may be required by any Chapter (after a majority vote of that Chapters  
414 members). Chapter dues will go to that Chapter and will be used for that Chapters  
415 expenses.

416 X

417 Any member who makes considerable contributions to the club may be allowed  
418 exemption from Patch Fees, Organization and / or Chapter dues.

419 X

420 **ARTICLE 5. CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP CARDS**

421 No membership cards should be issued at the Chapter level. Any chapter who does will  
422 be advised to halt immediately. Any violation of this Article can result in revocation of a  
423 Chapters charter. The Board of Directors will issue any and all membership cards and  
424 no person will be considered a member without presenting a current or proper  
425 membership card on request.

426 X

427 **ARTICLE 6. VOTING**

428 Regular and Honorary members shall have the right to vote on general business  
429 submitted to them by the Board of Directors at any formal meeting. Votes may also be  
430 submitted through the AMBC website or by confirmed email unless that vote requires  
431 the member to be present and / or a signature vote. The chapter officer or Directors will  
432 determine if all members voting are in good standing with the ABMC.

433 X

434 **ARTICLE 7. VOTING BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

435 The Board of Directors will not vote on any Chapter level business within the ABMC.  
436 Directors will only vote on matters of business of the Board of Directors after chapters  
437 have voted on items and those items have been sent to the Board of Directors for  
438 approval or disapproval.

439 X

440 X

441 X

442 **ARTICLE 8. DISCIPLINE**

443 X

444 **Section A. CHAPTER SUSPENSION OR REMOVAL OF MEMBERS**

445 Chapter officers may suspend a member with just cause. Prior to suspension the  
446 member will be served with written notice of suspension containing a specific outline of  
447 charges against him/her and the proposed action to be taken. In instances where  
448 immediate action is necessary, members may be suspended without written notice until  
449 such time the presiding chapter officer can give the involved member written notice. Any  
450 Chapter officer can serve the written notice and a copy will be immediately forwarded to  
451 the Board of Directors for review.

452 X

453 In emergency situations where immediate action is necessary to protect the involved  
454 parties or the organization from civil or criminal liability, Chapter officers may revoke a  
455 person's membership until such time the Directors can review the offense and make a  
456 further determination.

457 X

458 **Section B. PROCEDURES BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

459 The Board of Directors will give all persons concerned the right to submit a written  
460 request for a hearing by the Directors. Such requests must be given to the Directors  
461 within thirty (30) days of any violation. Once the member gives written request, the  
462 Directors will set a date for a formal hearing. The member will then be given a chance at  
463 the hearing to present any evidence or testimony as to why he or she should not be  
464 suspended or removed from the ABMC. If written request for a hearing is not received  
465 within the given thirty (30) day time frame directors will then make a determination on  
466 the offense, submit the determination back to the involved chapter, and the presiding  
467 chapter officer will notify the involved member or members.

468 The Board of Directors reserves the right to suspend or remove membership of any  
469 persons in violation of ABMC constitution or bylaws. Such removal or suspension will  
470 require a majority vote of the Directors. The Directors will give the involved person  
471 written notice and the person will be given thirty (30) days to respond in writing to  
472 request a hearing by the Directors. If the Directors receive no written request, a  
473 determination will be made and written notification will be sent by the Board of Directors  
474 to the involved person.

475 X

476 **For the purposes of Article 8, the following terms are defined:**

477 **Member**

478 A person who is in good standing with the ABMC whose dues are up to date and who  
479 has not been declared as not qualified for membership by the Directors.

480 **Cause**

481 Cause of action that is legally adequate to sustain a decision to inflict punitive sanctions  
482 on a member.

483 **Suspension**

484 A temporary and reversible termination of the rights of membership. This is not to be  
485 confused with a termination of membership.

486 **Removal**

487 The termination of rights for a member in the ABMC.

488 **ARTICLE 9. AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS**

489 Amendments will be presented for a vote to all chapters and a majority vote of VOTING  
490 MEMBERS is required to amend the bylaws.

491 X

492 In certain instances the Board of Directors reserve the right to amend the bylaws of the  
493 ABMC without the majority vote of the membership. These instances include but are not  
494 limited to amendments involving the restructuring of government of the ABMC as the  
495 numbers of the club grows, and amendments involving the procedures of the Directors.

496 X

497 **ARTICLE 10. PROCEDURES FOR MEMBERSHIP AND APPLICATION**

498 A Regular member in good standing with the ABMC must sponsor every new applicant.  
499 The applicant will obtain a membership application, which will be completed and  
500 returned to the sponsor. The sponsor will then submit the application to his/her Chapter  
501 President. The Chapter President will then notify members of the applicant. The  
502 members in good standing will then vote either at a formal meeting or by approved e-  
503 mail to except or deny the applicant. The Chapter President will then notify the Board of  
504 Directors when a new member has been accepted or denied for membership.

505 X

506 **Any current member may transfer membership to another Chapter. A transfer**  
507 **member will not require a vote of acceptance and will not be required and will not**  
508 **be expected to complete any probation period.**