

**CANCELLERS  
AMERICAN POSTAL WORKERS  
RIDERS CLUB  
BY LAWS**

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**ARTICLE 1.**

- A. As of 16 June 2010 the following By-Laws will be that of the Cancellers American Postal Workers Riding Club.
  
- B. The purpose of these By-Laws is to preserve and protect the integrity and character of the club and its membership.
  
- C. In the event of an item not covered by these By-Laws a decision will be made using Richards Rules of Order by the National Officers.

**ARTICLE 2.**

- A. Calling an order of Business
  - a. In the case of a call to order of Business an email will be sent 3 days in advance stating a time for the meeting.
  - b. The meetings will be held on the clubs website in a designated chat room.
  - c. The order of Business will be as follows:
  - d. Call meeting to order
  - e. Roll call of officers
  - f. New Business
  - g. Unfinished/ Old Business
  - h. Report of officers
  - i. Adjournment

- B. Meetings

- a. General membership meetings will be held the first Wednesday of each month on the clubs website in the Meeting Chat Room at 9:00PM EST. There shall be at least 5 days prior written notice of any change in the date or time.
- b. There must be ten percent (10%) of the membership present with a majority of the National and Area officers to hold a general membership meeting.

### **ARTICLE 3. Officers.**

#### **A. Principal Officers – Executive Committee**

There shall be five voting officers for National: President, Vice-President, Intel Officer, Secretary, and Sergeant-at-Arms. There are four voting officers for each of the nine Postal Areas: President, Vice President, Sec/Treas, and Sergeant-at-Arms. These 41 officers make up the executive committee.

#### **B. Eligibility**

For newly formed areas, Officers for each area will be from the first nine members to join in each area. These nine will choose a Vice President, an Intel Officer, and a Sergeant-at-Arms.

- a. After the first year of formation, any active member may run for office in their Postal Area. Nominations are not required to run for any principal Area office. Any Active Member may become a candidate by simply stating their intention to do so by October via the Website. A member may not run for more than one office at a time.

#### **C. Elections**

Elections of principal officers shall be held in December. Each area will have a ballot with those running for each office on the Club Website. In order to allow for an orderly transition of administrations, the newly elected slate shall assume office in February. All principal officers shall be elected by a plurality vote. A member may not hold more than one office at a time.

#### **D. Term of Office**

All principal area officers shall be elected for a term of one year. The National Officers will be elected for a term of three years.

E. National Presidential Election.

Every three years there shall be an election by the 4 voting members in each of the 9 areas. The election will be for National President only and by Nomination. Nominations must be submitted by October of the election year, and voting will be in December of the same year. The winner of the election will then hold elections in his Postal area for National Vice President, Intel Officer, National Secretary Treasurer and National Sergeant-at-Arms. We feel it important to keep National Officers in the same Postal Area so they can work closely together and do the best job for the Club.

F. Special Elections

In the event that the current elected officer is no longer able to perform their duties, a special election for that position shall be held to fill that position.

G. Impeachment.

Any active member may submit a writ of impeachment against any officer. This writ must be signed by at least three Active Members of the area and must list the charges as the basis for the writ. All Active Members in the area must be informed of the writ prior to any impeachment vote. In order to allow the officer in question an opportunity to prepare a statement concerning the charges against them, a special form on the Club Website shall be scheduled for action on the writ no less than three, no more than seven, days following the submission of the writ. Impeachment requires a 2/3 majority vote of all Active Members in the area. The National officers will decide upon any disciplinary action besides the impeachment within 7 days of the impeachment vote.

#### **ARTICLE 4. Duties of the Officers**

A. President National and Area

The National President is the Chairman of the Executive Committee and the Chief Executive Officer of the club. All matters concerning relations between the club and any outside person or organization should be routed to the Area or National President for appropriate action. The Area President or his delegate shall assume the Chair in all Area decisions. He is responsible for controlling the meeting and keeping order. The Chair may not make or second

any motion, and may only vote on questions where their vote would affect the outcome, as in making or breaking a tie vote, or on ballot questions. The National President has final word on all Club matters and will be informed on all outside relations concerning the Club.

#### B. Vice-President

The National and Area Vice-Presidents shall coordinate all committees and supervise plans for all club events. The Vice-President shall act as an intermediary between the President and the Members. All questions or comments concerning any club business not specifically related to the duties of the other officers should be brought directly to his attention. Additionally, the Vice-President is the Second-in-Command to the President, and shall assume all responsibilities and duties of the President in their absence.

#### C. Sergeant-at-Arms

The Sergeant-at-Arms is responsible for ensuring that the Bylaws and Standing Rules of the club are not violated. He is responsible to insure the orders of the Executive Committee are carried out in an expeditious manner. He is responsible for policing and keeping order at all club events, WE POLICE OUR OWN as not to bring disrespect upon our Club. He may conscript members to aid in keeping order on their own authority. He has the responsibility to the club to report any unseemly behavior of incident to his areas Executive Committee and to the National Sergeant-at-Arms. He is responsible for securing any patches from any member who retires, resigns, or is expelled. The SAA is responsible for the safety and security of the club, as well as the protection and defense of its members. He shall keep and maintain a record of all data pertinent to the safety and security of the club and it's members. Upon becoming aware of any real or perceived threat to the club, its Members, or events, he shall immediately notify the National Sergeant-at-Arms of that information.

#### D. Intel Officer

The Intel Officer is responsible for Club correspondence and the Club website. He will notify active members of special or

emergency web meetings, and notify all the members of any appointments or elections in their absence

E. National and Area Secretary Treasurer

The National Sec/Treas is responsible keeping all club records, membership list, records of all area appointments, all written reports, copies of all correspondence . The Area Sec/Tres will have the same responsibilities on the Area level. The Sec/Treas also ensures Club flyers are distributed throughout their areas including Plants, Stations and Branches. The National Sec/Treas is responsible for maintaining dues records for all nine Postal areas.

## **ARTICLE 5. Membership**

A. Membership Qualifications

a. Regular Members

1. Be a Present Postal employee.
2. Be a Retired Postal employee drawing a Postal pension.
3. Possess a valid license to operate a motorcycle.
4. Own or plan to purchase within the next six months a 650cc or larger motorcycle.

b. Honorary Members

1. Honorary members must be a person who has substantially contributed to the promotion of the club and to the purposes for which the club is organized. Honorary members in any given area may not exceed more than 5 persons or 10% which ever is larger.
2. To vote in an Honorary member, there must be a 100% yes vote by the Area officers.
3. Honorary members will receive free membership but must pay for any other gear, like patch, t-shirt, etc. Area members can choose to pay for their Honorary members gear.

c. Life Members

1. Life members are restricted to the past National Officers in good standing. Life members are not obligated to be a member of an area.

## **ARTICLE 6. Dues.**

- A. Dues are \$30.00 per year. When paid you will have the remainder of that month plus 12 full months. The National Secretary will notify you 2 months in advance of your renewal.

## **ARTICLE 7. Club Patches.**

- A. Cancellor Patches are rented and the National officers retain the rental fee. The rental is for the life of the member as long as they are in good standings with the club. When a member leaves the club his/her patch will be relinquished.
  - a. If a member leaving the club refuses to relinquish his or her patch, legal action will be taken to obtain said patch.

## **ARTICLE 8. Club Rules and Regulations.**

- A. We are a Postal Employee Riders Club.
- B. We are a one-piece patch, non-territorial club; however we are broken into Postal areas for charity purposes.
- C. All Canceller patches are rented and not earned.
- D. Each member at the time of joining shall pay dues, purchase a club t-shirt, and pay their rental fee for their patch.
- E. All patches will be in the club colors of Black and White signifying the colors of ink and paper.
- F. All bikes must conform to local state inspection codes.
- G. All members must have a valid license, registration, and insurance in order to operate a motorcycle.
- H. We are a neutral club and do not wear any MC support patches, but show the utmost respect to all other clubs.
- I. Women riders are welcomed and encouraged to join.
- J. We do not discriminate. All ethnic backgrounds are welcome.

## **ARTICLE 9. Disciplinary Actions.**

- A. Any complaints on or against any member(s) or guest attending any club function must be brought before the Area officers in writing. Complaints may range from malfeasance of office to bringing negative attention or disrespect upon the club, to any violation of the

rules and by-laws of the club. Complaints will be handled as outlined below:

- a. A written complaint must be filed with the Sergeant at Arms of the Postal area. The person making the complaint must appear personally before the Area officers to lodge their complaint verbally.
- b. Upon receiving the complaint the Area officers shall notify the National Sergeant at Arms of the complaint. Then shall make the necessary inquiries into the allegations.
- c. The accused will be served with written notice of the complaint lodged against them by certified mail, or in person.
- d. After the necessary inquiries have been made, the results will be brought before the Club officers within thirty days for action.
- e. The accused shall be given the opportunity to express their defense of the allegations before any action is taken. The accused also has the right to present the allegations and their defense to the general membership for input. The membership will then be presented the opportunity to vote on any action taken.
- f. The type of disciplinary action taken shall depend upon the offense and results of the inquiry. A member may be dismissed from the club for cause, suspended from any/all events for a specified period of time, may receive a written reprimand or notice, or any other disciplinary action deemed appropriate by the Club officers and/or the general membership.
- g. The member being disciplined shall be notified by written notice of the final decision made by the Area officers and/or the general membership.
- h. The member then has the right to appeal any and all decisions to the National Committee.

#### **ARTICLE 10. Amendments to the Club By-Laws.**

A. The By-Laws of the club may be amended after written notice to the membership of the proposed amendment. A vote on the amendment shall be held at the next monthly meeting. A majority of the general membership is required for the passing of the proposed amendments.

