

Temple Riders Association Bylaws

These Bylaws, and the TRA Policy Statements are posted on the TRA Website for the benefit of the TRA Membership.

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1. DEFINITIONS:

- a. CHAPTER shall be used to refer to both approved Chapters and Riding Groups.
- b. CHAPTER LEADER shall be used to refer to leaders of either Chapters or Riding Groups.

2. NAME:

- a. The name is Temple Riders Association (Italics not required). The abbreviation is TRA.
- b. To avoid confusion, each Chapter will include a Chapter designation. Example: Temple Riders Association, Boise Chapter; or Temple Riders Association, Provo Riding Group (font style is optional).
- c. Chapter abbreviations are created by the webmaster and approved by the Executive Committee as a management tool for the TRA website and are not an official part of a Chapter name. For example: Temple Riders Association, Salt Lake Chapter is UTSL. Nevada Las Vegas Riding Group is NVLVRG.

3. TAG LINE:

- a. Where Great People, Good Values, and Amazing Rides Meet

4. GOALS:

- a. To combine the aesthetics of motorcycling with the spiritual uplift of temple attendance.
- b. To emphasize courtesy, safety, and fellowship.
- c. To foster friendship among bikers and to exemplify gospel principles by our conduct.
- d. To invite fellow bikers who seek a wholesome environment to join with us.
- e. To promote missionary work when appropriate and possible.
- f. To be sensitive to and supportive of other riding groups in the promotion of safety and friendship.
- g. To schedule one or more rides, a temple visit, and a business meeting each month so as to give every Member an opportunity to participate.
- h. To encourage Members to sponsor rides to temples and other places of their choosing.

5. ORGANIZATION:

- a. The Administrative Address of the Temple Riders Association (TRA) is the address of the current General Director. This address will change from time to time as new successor General Directors are appointed. The website address is www.templeriders.com and the email address is acct@templeriders.org.

- b. The presiding authority is vested in the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee is composed of 4 permanent Members, 4 Members who have term limits, and the current General Director. The Chairman of the Committee shall be the senior permanent Member unless otherwise determined by a Majority Vote of the Executive Committee. The number of Executive Committee Members authorized to hold office at any given time shall be 9 Members unless otherwise determined by a Majority Vote of the Executive Committee.
- c. When any Member of the Executive Committee, including the General Director, shall vacate his or her position as a Member of the Committee, a new person shall be appointed to fill the vacancy. The selection of new persons to fill vacancies should be done in a timely manner and should take place shortly before the end of any term.
- d. The new General Director shall be given a term limit of two years and all rotating Members shall be given a term limit of four years unless the term is otherwise determined by a Majority Vote of the Executive Committee.
- e. All policy decisions, for all organizational units of the TRA, will be made by the Executive Committee. However, day to day scheduling, management for rides, and other activities will be under the direction of the individual under whose auspices the said activity has its origin.

6. ADMINISTRATION:

- a. The General Director of the TRA is appointed by a Majority Vote of the Executive Committee and serves at the discretion of the Executive Committee. Current and former Members of the Executive Committee shall be considered as candidates when selecting a new General Director. A permanent Member, if appointed as General Director shall cease to serve as a permanent Member, but shall resume his or her status as a permanent Member upon vacating the position of General Director. Any current Member who has a term limit shall vacate his or her position on the Executive Committee before accepting the appointment to become the General Director.
- b. The Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, Membership Coordinator, Website Manager, Social Media Manager, and other General Officers designated in the Appointments Chart, are each nominated by a Member of the Executive Committee and are confirmed by a Majority Vote of the Executive Committee.
- c. Assistants to the General Director shall be selected by the General Director at his or her own discretion.
- d. Chapter Leaders are nominated by the General Director after consultation with the Executive Committee and are confirmed by a Majority Vote of the Executive Committee. Chapter Officers are appointed and confirmed by their Chapter Leaders.

7. SUCCESSION:

- a. When the Chairman of the Executive Committee vacates his position, the permanent Member of the Committee next in seniority as a permanent Member

shall become Chairman, unless otherwise determined by a Majority Vote of the Committee. Seniority is determined by the date of appointment of each new Member to the Executive Committee.

- b. Should more than one person be appointed to the Executive Committee on the same date, the order of their seniority shall be determined by the order in which they are appointed. The first shall be senior to the second, and so on.
- c. When a new General Director assumes office, he/she will replace the retiring General Director on the Committee.
- d. In the event a permanent Member of the Executive Committee shall become incapacitated, physically or mentally, said Committee Member may be awarded Emeritus status and be replaced on the Executive Committee in accordance with these Bylaws by a Majority Vote of the Executive Committee. Emeritus Members of the Executive Committee may, by invitation, attend Executive Committee Meetings and express their opinions when invited to do so, but will not be Voting Members of the Executive Committee.
- e. A permanent Member replacement shall be appointed as soon as possible. Nominees for this position shall come from Members who are presently serving on the Executive Committee, or who have served as Members of the Executive Committee previously including General Directors. Selection will be by Majority Vote of the Executive Committee.
- f. Should any Member of the Executive Committee, whether permanent or rotating, find himself/herself in a position where circumstances preclude him/her from functioning effectively as a Member of the Executive Committee, he/she is encouraged to notify the other Members of the Committee.
- g. Health, employment, family needs, church assignments, and changing interests are some circumstances that may influence any person at any time, thus limiting their participation in the TRA activities and also reducing their beneficial contributions to the governance of the TRA organization. Under such circumstances, after careful consideration, and with a Majority Vote by the Executive Committee Members, a replacement Committee Member may be selected.
- h. In the event of behavior contrary to the standards of the TRA, a Member of the Executive Committee may be removed by a Majority Vote of the other Members of the Committee.

8. VOTING PROCEDURES:

- a. ALL TRA Executive Committee Members are Voting Members, including the Chairman.
- b. A Majority Vote is defined to be an affirmative vote from at least two thirds of the Voting Members of the Executive Committee (if there are nine Members on the Executive Committee, a Majority Vote will be six votes).
- c. If agreed upon by the simple majority of those in attendance, the votes of absentee Committee Members may be obtained by electronic or other means to achieve a Majority Vote for a Motion during an Executive Committee Meeting.

Also, a Motion may be postponed pending the receipt of votes from absentee Committee Members.

- d. Members of the Executive Committee who may expect to be absent from an Executive Committee Meeting may give their proxy vote in written form by letter, text, or email to any other Member of the Executive Committee who will attend the said Executive Committee Meeting, and may instruct their proxy how they want their vote to be cast or allow their proxy to vote according to his or her own discretion.
- e. If voting is done by email, telephone, or electronic device, all votes must be given to the Chairman or Acting Chairman.
- f. In the interval between Executive Committee Meetings, a Member of the Executive Committee may use electronic or other means to submit one or more Proposals to the other Committee Members for a vote. For each Proposal, all Committee Members must be contacted and a Majority Vote must be received to approve any said Proposal.

9. LOGO, etc:

- a. Before any logo, pin, business card, cap, or clothing is used, which includes the name "TRA" or "Temple Riders" or "Temple Riders Association", it shall be approved by the Executive Committee.
- b. From the beginning of the TRA, it has been the attitude of the Executive Committee that individual Members of the TRA should be free to choose their own clothing for riding and that Members should not be pressured to wear a specific item of clothing, logo, pin, or vest, or to display the name TRA or Temple Riders Association.
- c. If individual Members desire to display the name TRA or Temple Riders Association (or a logo or pin containing the name) on their clothing or bike, and if the design is approved by the Executive Committee, they should feel free to do so.

10. MEMBER DUES:

- a. All Members are expected to pay dues annually so as to share the cost of necessary expenses incurred in the operation and administration of the Temple Riders Association. The Executive Committee is responsible for setting the annual dues and for overseeing the expenditure of all funds in a manner that would be in the best interest of the TRA as a whole.
- b. For further details see the TRA Policy regarding dues on the TRA website.

11. MEMBER ELIGIBILITY:

- a. Although there is an emphasis on attending temples of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, the TRA will welcome any person who can support these bylaws and observe standards of personal behavior that are in compliance with the standards of the Church for the duration of any ride or activity in which they are a participant.

- b. Membership is limited to riders who own an operating motorcycle, including those who ride three wheeled cycles.
- c. Existing TRA Members who are unable to ride a motorcycle due to short term extenuating circumstances should be invited to participate in TRA activities even if it is necessary for them to drive their car.
- d. TRA Members who find it necessary to dispose of their motorcycle due to age, infirmity, or other valid reasons, will automatically become “Emeritus Members”. They may continue to be active in the TRA and may drive a vehicle of their choice to TRA activities for as long as they continue to pay annual dues to the TRA.
- e. At the discretion of the General Director and with the approval of the Executive Committee, where there are extenuating circumstances, Membership privileges may be extended to an individual or to a couple who do not pay annual dues.

12. MONTHLY NEWSLETTER:

- a. A Monthly Newsletter will be prepared by the TRA Newsletter Editor under the direction of the General Director and will be distributed to all contributing TRA Members by a method to be determined from time to time by the Executive Committee.
- b. Chapter Leaders are encouraged to appoint a Newsletter Reporter to submit data on all Chapter activities to the Newsletter Editor so that all activities can be included in the Monthly Newsletter.
- c. Ride and Meeting Sponsors are encouraged to report their plans to the Chapter Leader and Newsletter Reporter so that all Sponsored activities can be included in the Monthly Newsletter.
- d. Chapter Leaders are expected to furnish the name, email address and phone number of their current Newsletter Reporters to the Newsletter Editor as well as furnish the Newsletter Editor’s current email address to the Newsletter Reporters.

13. MEMBERSHIP ROSTER:

- a. A Roster (membership list) of TRA Members will be compiled and maintained by the Membership Coordinator for the benefit of all TRA Members. This Roster will be available to any Member upon request and will be posted on the TRA Website.

14. NEW MEMBERS:

- a. All TRA Members are encouraged to invite their motorcycle friends to join the TRA.
- b. When completing an application to join, the new member acknowledges that he or she will review and abide by the Bylaws and Policies found on the TRA website.
- c. Once the new member pays the annual dues, the membership coordinator will verify and approve the application.

- d. New members will receive a TRA patch, pin, and name badge with the TRA logo of their choice.

15. CHAPTERS ABROAD:

- a. Any creation of a Temple Riders Association chapter or riding group is to be made only within the United States or as authorized by the Executive Committee. It is difficult to organize international chapters due to customs, language, and limited oversight. By not following our guidelines, the reputation of the TRA may be hindered or at risk.
- b. Membership will remain open to anyone who meets the membership criteria. The Executive Committee is willing to guide and assist any group that may want to organize a chapter or riding group patterned after the TRA.