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ARTICLE I

Name, Colors, Uniforms Standards

Section 1.1: NE II Chapter Name/Charter –

- **1.1.1:** This Chapter is an affiliated chartered member of the Blue Knights International Law enforcement Motorcycle Club, Inc., IAW International *Article VI/Chapters, Section 6.01/Qualifications*, which is a non-profit corporation, headquartered in the Bangor/Brewer, Maine area, hereinafter referred to as the "International". This Chapter will have its own by-laws, which in no case will conflict with the Constitution and By-Laws of the parent corporation, the "International".
- **1.1.2:** The name of this chapter shall be Blue Knights International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club, Inc., Nebraska, Chapter II, hereinafter referred to as "NE II"; charter established on, 01 February 1996.
 - **1.1.2.1:** The purpose of NE II is to provide a fraternal and social motorcycle club for all its members and their families.
- **1.1.3:** This Chapter is located within the boundaries of the governing affiliated regional board, herein known as the Mid-West Regional Conference, herein referred to as "MWRC".
- **Section 1.2: NE II Exclusive Right to Name and Marks** Refer to *International By-Laws, Article I, Section 1.08; for complete submission, use, requirements, and violations criteria.*
 - **1.2.1:** No NE II member may wear anything on their vest that may entice, discredit and/or cause embarrassment to the chapter or club or be discriminatory to race, creed, color, sex, gender orientation and disability.
 - **1.2.1.1:** No member will wear any combination of uniform, in a way to bring discredit upon the Police profession, International or NE II.
 - **1.2.1.2:** All complaints will be directed to and decided by, the Executive Board, IAW *NE II Article VI/Discipline*.

Section 1.3: NE II Colors -

1.3.1: NE II members are authorized IAW International grandfather clause dated 15 July 2003, by charter: 01 Feb 1996, to wear the following five (5) piece back patch "Nebraska II" colors; as described below *(refer to Attachment #1 - NE II Tailor Guide)* and/or the standard issued "International" colors (patches), IAW *International Article I/Section 1.04/Colors:*

Top rocker: "Blue Knights" (Black background w/Royal Blue border; White "Olde English" font)

Center patch: Blue "Knight Helmet w/Chapter II" (Black background w/Royal Blue border; White "Olde English" font)

Left center patch: "LE" (If worn) (Black background w/Royal Blue border; White "Olde English" font)

Right center patch: "MC" (If worn)(Black background w/Royal Blue border; White "Olde English" font)

Bottom rocker: "Nebraska" (with or without name banner) (Black background w/Royal Blue border; White "Olde English" font)

1.3.2: NE II Colors Vendor – Members may purchase replacement and/or additional NE II colors through the following vendor: *Orders may be placed and paid on-line, at the members expense.*

Flatwater Apparel/T-shirt Engineers 311 W. 4th St., Grand Island, NE 68801 (308) 382-8742

https://flatwaterapparel.espwebsite.com/

NOTE: *NE II Members may choose to order the optional "double banner" state patch; placing their department name, personal name/moniker, "Family" or 99%, etc.*

Section 1.4: NE II - Uniform and Vest Standards -

- **1.4.1:** NE II members are authorized IAW International grandfather clause dated 15 July 2003, to wear the following five (5) piece back patch "Nebraska" colors; as described: (refer to Attachment #1 NE II Tailor Guide)
 - **1.4.1.1:** Should a member transferring from another chapter and "re-patch" a new vest, they will be required to abide by currently established "NE II" uniform standards.
 - **4.1.1.2: Vest Front** NE II Members may wear any patch and/or pin (i.e. BKMC conference, department, military service, country, state, motorcycle company, tour, rally fraternal organizations, college, sports etc.) on the front of the vest, as long as it does not bring discredit to the Country, International, Region and/or Chapter, IAW *International By-Laws, Article I, Section 1.08*.
 - **1.4.1.3: Vest Rear** NE II Members WILL NOT wear any other patches in competition with the "NE II/International" colors" on the rear panel, as defined by the side vest seams, under the arm pits. (*Refer to Attachment* #I NE II Tailor guide)
- 1.4.2: Garment Designation/Purpose/Definition
 - **1.4.2.1: NE II General Patch Wear (Front/Rear) (Refer to Attachment** #1 NE II Tailor Guide).
 - **1.4.2.2:** {**IF WORN**} "**US Flag" patch:** Will be worn above the "Moniker" patch.

- **1.4.2.2.1:** Members may wear any color combination of the US Flag; flags may include the "blue line", representing "Police". NO other state or country flag may be worn above the US Flag.
- **1.4.2.2.2.** Other patches and/or pins (non-state/country) are authorized to be worn above the US flag. (military service pins, dept pins, dept. patches etc.)
- **1.4.3:** "LE-MC" Patches wear NE II Regular/Associate/Honorary members When wearing the "NE II/International" Colors, the "LE-MC" patches are *optional*.

NOTE: Family members may wear the LE-MC patches, at their own risk.

- **1.4.4:** "*Hard*" colors/vest NE II Members may wear the following vest material and colors with issued "Hard/sewn on" patches affixed front and back:
 - **1.4.4.1:** Black leather or textile material
 - **1.4.4.2:** Blue (dark or light) leather or textile material

NOTE: All members are encouraged to wear "Hard" colors at all scheduled Chapter Membership meetings and "NE II/International – Sanctioned" rides/events.

- **1.4.5:** "Soft" colors NE II members are authorized to purchase and wear garments with the "Soft" printed "NE II/International" colors patch on any garment, at their own expense.
- 1.4.6: Special Uniform Wear
 - **1.4.6.1:** Formal Functions/Funerals-Memorial Service: Members will wear "Hard" colors with the following garment under; Black or Dark Blue, long or short sleeve (seasonal), collared shirt; Royal Blue tie (*OPTIONAL*).
 - **1.4.6.1.1:** Active or Retired LE/Military members May wear their respective issued uniform, if authorized.

ARTICLE II

Membership/Meeting Criteria

Section 2.1: NE II Membership classifications:

2.1.1: All NE II membership qualifications, classifications and categories will be defined IAW *International By-Laws Article II/Membership*.

Section 2.2: NE II Membership Application Process – All new membership to NE II will be accepted under the following criteria:

2.2.1: New Regular and Associate Members Application Process:

- **2.2.1.1:** All "Applicant(s)" must be presented and sponsored by at least one regular/associate member in good standing, at a regular chapter business meeting, prior to inviting the "Applicant(s)" to the next general membership meeting, for an introduction and interview.
- **2.2.1.2:** The "Applicant(s)" will be invited back to the "Introduction/Interview" meeting where the "Applicant(s)" will introduce themselves to the membership present at that meeting. The floor will then be open for members to ask questions of the "applying" member.
 - **2.2.1.2.1:** The "Applicant(s)" will then be excused in order for the membership present to have a fair and un-biased discussion and vote to accept the "Applicant(s)" into the application process.
 - 2.2.1.2.1.1: The NE II President or Vice President (Recruitment chair) will present the proposed "Applicant(s)" in an e-mail to the entire membership, requesting any issues, prior to inviting the "Applicant(s), back to the next membership meeting, for a "membership" vote.
 - **2.2.1.2.1.2:** Barring no presented issues and/or concerns. The "Applicant(s)" will be invited back to a "membership" voting meeting.

NOTE: The applicant is required to return within <u>60 days or two (2) meetings</u>, for a vote to be cast. Failure to meet this deadline, requires the "application" process to start over.

2.2.1.3.2: ACCEPTED – The "Applicant(s)" must receive a 2/3 vote of those members present and eligible to vote.

2.2.1.3.2.1: SPONSOR Responsibilities - Within 60 days or two (2) meetings, upon acceptance. The "applicant(s)" <u>SPONSOR</u> is responsible for ensuring the following:

- The "applicant(s)" International application and all

supporting paperwork is completed and submitted, to the NE II Secretary.

- All required dues and patch fees have been received and submitted to the NE II Treasurer.
- Coordinate order and payment with the authorized NE II Colors vendor (*Refer to 1.3.2: NE II Colors Vendor*)

NOTE: FAILURE to meet the 60-day deadline requirements, may result in the applicant starting the membership process over, as determined by the NE II Executive board.

- **AS A GIFT**; within 30 days of all accepted ppw and paid dues, the SPONSOR is encouraged to have their "Applicant(s)" vest outfitted (sewn) with the International/NE II "Hard" colors, patches as ordered, *IAW para 1.4.3*.
- 2.2.1.3.2.2: Once all paperwork and dues have been received. The "Applicant(s)" will be presented at the next available general membership meeting to receive the following "NE II Blue Knights Welcome Packet, containing the following:

The International membership package:

- International By-Laws
- International Membership Certificate
- International Membership card
- International 4" "Shield" patch
- International pin
- International decal

NE II membership package:

- NE II By-laws
- NE II Coin
- NE II 4" subdued patch.

2.2.1.3.3: If **DECLINED** – The "Applicant(s)" will be notified by their sponsor and may request the option to present any evidence, to contest any disqualifying information discussed, at the next general membership meeting.

NOTE: If the "disqualifying" information is from the "email notification". The member presenting the information will be required to be present at the re-discussion meeting.

2.2.1.3.3.1: The "Applicant(s) will be excused and the membership present will determine if a rediscussion and re-vote is warranted. The "applicant" will be notified of the membership's decision to move forward in the process or not. *All decisions will be FINAL*.

2.2.2: NE II Honorary and Special Honorary Members Definition:

- **2.2.2.1: Honorary members:** IAW International By-Law, *Section 3/Honorary Membership.* Must not exceed 10% of the chapter total membership population of the previous year's membership of Regular, Associate and Life members except for as noted in *Sub-Section B/" Tenured" Honorary Membership (2020-0001 Ratified 07/22/2021)*
 - **2.2.2.2: Special Honorary** The chapter Chaplain, does not fall into these 10% membership criterion but must be and maintain their ordainment. Only one (1) Special Honorary is authorized.
 - **2.2.2.3: Tenured Honorary Members** "Tenured" Honorary membership (20 Years). Any Honorary member, who has reached the 20th consecutive year of membership in the Blue Knights, will become a "Tenured Honorary Member" and would not count against the number of Honorary Members a chapter is allowed.
- **2.2.2.2: Application Process** Refer to Section 2.2. NE II Membership Application Process. ALL requirements apply.
- **2.2.2.3:** Honorary and/or Special Honorary Tenure Membership renewal is determined annually by a NE II Executive board vote, in *November*, before dues are requested/remitted.
 - **2.2.2.3.1: Dismissal** Should any Honorary/Special Honorary member be dismissed they will relinquish their Internal/NE II color (as applicable) to the NE II Sgt-at-Arms, within 30-days of notification.

2.2.2.3.1.1: 10% Membership - Should any Honorary Member be released due to NE II Regular/Associate membership, falling below the required 10%. NE II agrees to reimburse the Honorary/Special Honorary member; 25% of the agreed upon purchase value of the Honorary members International/NE II colors, and/or memorabilia.

NOTE: Should the membership rise above to the required 10% requirements; the dismissed Honorary member will be notified and may be invited back as a member; upon acceptance of the NE II Executive board.

2.2.2.3.1.2: Disciplinary – Should any Honorary/Special Honorary member be removed from the chapter under "disciplinary circumstances". That honorary member WILL relinquish ALL Internation/NE II colors/paraphernalia, to the NE II Sgt-at-Arms, within 30-days, without re-imbursement.

Section 2.3: NE II Membership Rights –

2.3.1: All Regular, Associate, Life, Honorary and Special Honorary members in good standing may participate in discussions and/or voting on NE II matters of business, as well as be nominated and hold a position on the NE II/International boards.

Section 2.4: NE II Membership Tenure and Standing –

2.4.1: NE II Tenure: All membership tenure with the exception of Life Members, is considered to be annually from January 1st to December 31st or any portion of the intervening period.

2.4.2: NE II Standing -

- **2.4.2.1: GOOD STANDING** NE II members who have made every effort to adhere to the minimum requested membership meeting criteria, IAW *Section 2.5.4.2. Membership Attendance* and have met the required dues standard IAW *5.2/NE II Membership Dues*, shall be considered a member in "Good Standing".
- **2.4.2.2:** <u>NOT IN</u> **GOOD STANDNG** NE II members falling short of the requested annual membership meeting minimums IAW *Section* 2.5.4.3./Membership Attendance, and/or failing to meet the required dues standard IAW *Section* 5.2./NE II Membership Dues, shall be submitted to the NE II Executive Board for membership renewal review, in *November*, before The November Membership meeting.
 - **2.4.2.2.1:** If accepted by the NE II Board; The identified members names will be presented at the *November* membership meeting, to the membership present for discussion and vote.

- **2.4.2.2:** Once accepted by the membership; the NE II President will notify the identified members with a "Membership Status Notice", via email (on record) and via certified USPS mail, to the members home address (on record).
 - **2.4.2.2.1:** NE II Members identified as NOT in *Good Standing, IAW Section* 2.5.4.3. *Membership Attendance*; forfeit the following rights:
 - To be nominated, hold or vote for any NE II board position

Until their *Good Standing* status has been restored, by the NE II Executive board. However, identified members MAY attend, discuss and vote at all meeting and/or events, in order to restore their Good Standing status.

- **2.4.2.2.2:** NE II Members identified as NOT in *Good Standing* due to failing to remit "Internation/Chapter Dues", IAW *Section 5.2./NE II Membership Dues* requirements, forfeit the following rights:
- Attend, any International/NE II meeting and/or events
- Participate in any International/NE II discussions/votes
- Be nominated/hold any International/NEII position Until their Good Standing status has been restored, by the NE II Executive board.
- **2.4.2.2.3:** Any NE II identified members have the right to petition the NE II Executive Board in writing, within <u>30</u> days, to have their Good Standing status restored.
- Section 2.5: NE II Meeting Criteria The Roberts Rules of Order will govern all meetings, unless inconsistent with these By-Laws or the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws of International.
 - **2.5.1:** General Membership Meeting: The NE II President or Vice President will set the agenda and notify the membership of the General Membership meeting schedule and request additional agenda items. The President or Vice President will notify the membership of any changes to the meeting place, time, date and/or agenda.
 - **2.5.2:** General Membership Meeting Procedures:
 - **2.5.2.1:** The NE II President or Vice President MUST be at the meeting and will call the meeting to order, at a designated time.
 - **2.5.2.1.1: Quorum** Five (5) members, one (1) of whom must be a Board member (Officer/Director) present, will constitute a quorum for Chapter meetings. Any lesser number; the meeting will be adjourned to a later date.

- **2.5.2.1.1.1:** A majority vote of those present and eligible to vote (Quorum) is required to pass any motion on business conducted at the General Membership meeting.
- **2.5.2.2:** The NE II Sgt-at-Arms, at the direction of the NE II President; will secure the meeting area and escort any approved non-members present from the area, at the NE II President's discretion.
- **2.5.2.3:** The NE II President will lead the "US Pledge of Allegiance" members will remove their hats, face the presented US flag and either place their right hand over their heart or salute and cite the "US Pledge of Allegiance".
- "I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."
 - **2.5.2.4:** The NE II President will call on a member present, if no Chaplain is present; to cite a short prayer and call for a moment of silence in honor of "*Heaven One*" members.
 - **2.5.2.5:** The NE II Secretary will request the posted sign-in roster, ask for alibis and call roll for the members present or pre-excused; and request any unknown excused absences.
 - **2.5.2.5.1: EXCUSED ABSENCE** For the good of the order and accountability; NE II members are encouraged to confirm their attendance status prior to a given meeting, providing notice to the NE II President or any other NE II Executive Board member, to be counted as "Excused" absent. NO specific reason is required to be absent.
 - **2.5.2.6:** Following the conclusion of all business discussions; setting the date time and location of the next "General Membership" meeting.
 - **2.5.2.6.1:** The NE II President will request from the membership additional items, for discussion for the "Good of the Order"; if no one has any additional items.
 - **2.5.2.7:** The NE II President will adjourn the meeting and direct the Safety Officer to lead the membership present with the "*Blue Knights Pledge*".
 - **2.5.2.7.1:** Members will remove their hats, face the head of the table or "International Flag" (if present) raise their right hand and quietly listen, as the NE II President cites the "International Blue Knights Pledge"; IAW with the pledge on the back of each "International" Membership card.

"As a Blue Knight, I pledge to act with honor and pride; to promote motorcycling and motorcycle safety by being an example of the safe use and operation and enjoyment of motorcycles. I will work at all times to improve the relationship between the motorcycling community and the general public. The fraternal spirit will always guide me in relating to other Blue Knights."

2.5.2.7.2: The NE II Membership present will answer the pledge:

"RIDE with PRIDE!"

2.5.3: Special meetings –

- **2.5.3.1: NE II Executive Board** Meetings will be attended by the Executive Board members only (NE II Officers/Directors), unless otherwise invited by the NE II President.
 - **2.5.3.1.1: NE II Executive Board Quorum** At least Five (5) board members, will constitute a quorum for "Board" meetings. Any lesser number; the meeting may conduct business. However, a majority vote of those present and eligible to vote (Board Quorum) is required to pass any motion on business conducted at a NE II Executive board meeting.
- **2.5.3.2: Appointed Committee** NE II shall appoint special committee IAW *International Article VI/Chapters: Section 6.03/Committees.*
 - **2.5.3.2.1:** Committee Meetings will be scheduled by the appointed "Chairperson" and attended by a majority of the committee members and at least one executive board member, as designated by the NE II President, usually the NE II Vice President.

2.5.4: Membership Attendance –

- **2.5.4.1:** The NE II Executive Board may restrict or excuse whomever (family, friends, and/or guests) during general meetings, special meetings, events and/or discussions.
- **2.5.4.2:** NE II Executive Board members requirements:
 - **2.5.4.2.1:** Must make every attempt to attend ALL planned meetings and/or sanctioned rides/events, per governing year.
 - **2.5.4.2.1.1:** NE II Executive Board members are encouraged to confirm their status during a given meeting and/or ride/event and provide notice to the NE II President or another Executive Board member.
- **2.5.4.3: NE II General Membership** All members are encouraged to meet the following minimum meetings requirements or follow the excused absence requirements, as defined in *2.5.2.5.1: Excused Absence*, to maintain their "*Good Standing*" status, as defined in *Section 2.4.2 Good Standing*, of this By-Law.

2.5.4.3.1: MEETINGS – Attend a minimum of four (4) membership meetings, defined as at least one (1) per quarter, defined as every three months of the calendar year, as defined between Jan 1st – Dec 31st:

2.5.4.3.1.1: 1st Qrt – Jan/Feb/Mar

2.5.4.3.1.2: 2nd Qrt – Apr/May/Jun

2.5.4.3.1.3: 3rd Qrt – Jul/Aug/Sep

2.5.4.3.1.4: 4th Qrt – Oct/Nov/Dec

2.5.4.3.2: RIDES/EVENTS – NE II members should make every attempt to attend, pre-planned meetings and/or events, as defined between Jan 1st – Dec 31st.

2.5.4.3.3: CONFERENCE/CONVENTION – NE II Members are encouraged to attend any Midwest Regional Conferences and/or other BK-LEMC Regional Conferences and/or International Conventions.

Section 2.6: NE II Chapter Membership Cards – Chapter "membership cards", are not authorized; IAW International Art. VII, Section 7.04/ Conference/Chapter Membership Cards.

ARTICLE III

NE II - Executive Board (Tenure and Chapter Ride Position)

Section 3.1: The NE II "Executive Board" – will consist of eight (8) elected members:

- President
- Vice-President
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Sgt-at-Arms / Director
- Safety Officer / Director
- Immediate Past President
- Director

Section 3.2: NE II Executive Board Qualifications –

- **3.2.1: NE II President and NE II Vice President:** Only Regular members may be elected to hold office.
- **3.2.2: NE II Secretary, NE II Treasurer or NE II Director(s):** Only Regular members may hold this office. If no Regular member is willing to run for office; an Associate member may be elected to hold the office.
 - **3.2.2.1:** The office of NE II Secretary and NE II Treasurer may be combined if there are not enough members to split the positions.
- **3.2.3: NE II Safety Officer, NE II Sgt-at-Arms and Director:** Any Regular or Associate members may be elected to hold the office.
- **3.2.4: NE II Road Captain or NE II Quartermaster:** Honorary or Special Honorary members may be appointed by the NE II Executive Board to hold these Positions, if no Regular or Associate members is willing to hold the position.
- **3.2.5:** VACANCIES In case any office of the NE II becomes vacant by death, resignation, retirement, disqualification, or any other cause; the majority of the NE II Executive Board then in office, although less than a quorum, may appoint a qualified person to fill the vacancy and the NE II Officer/Director so elected shall hold office and serve until the next election of a qualified successor.
- **Section 3.3: NE II Officer/Director Responsibilities and Tenure:** All NE II Executive Board members will perform their general duties, IAW International *By-Laws Article III*.

3.3.1: RESPONSIBILITIES -

3.3.1.1: NE II President / Officer: The NE II President shall be the Executive Officer of the Chapter.

- **3.3.1.2: NE II Vice President / Officer:** The NE II Vice President shall aid and assist the President in conducting meetings, and in the absence of the President, at which time he shall have the full powers of the President. Should the office of President become vacant during the elective term, the Vice President will assume the office of the President, with all responsibilities. He will be responsible for the Membership recruitment program and will submit necessary documents to the International in regards to membership recruitment awards. In the event the Treasurer is incapacitated or absent for an extended period, the Vice President may act as cosigner, with the President on all notes and/or checks, given on behalf of NE II.
- **3.3.1.3: NE II Treasurer / Officer:** The NE II Treasurer shall be the custodian of all the NE II funds. He shall keep accurate records of all NE II financial transactions. He shall be a cosigner with the President on all notes, checks, and legal documents given on behalf of NE II. He shall make a full report of the financial status of NE II at each monthly meeting; shall collect all yearly appointed dues. He shall insure that any legal related tax or revenue issues are completed, as required by law. In the event the Secretary is incapacitated or absent; the Treasurer will assume all scribe duties for any meeting/ride/events required, providing notes and assisting the Secretary in developing the required minutes, as soon as possible.
- **3.3.1.4:** Secretary / Officer: The NE II Secretary shall keep accurate records (meeting minutes, attendance records, chapter rides/activities, correspondence, membership roster and other related materials, as such books, documents, records, and papers) as directed by the NE II Executive Board. The Secretary will give notice to the membership as to the date and time of monthly meetings, special meetings, at the request of the President, also, give notice of meetings to the NE II Board of Directors. Will manage all business transacted at the membership and the NE II Board of Directors meetings. He shall keep an accurate record of the NE II membership; shall be responsible for sending membership applications and application status changes to "International". In the event the Treasurer is incapacitated or absent for an extended period, the Secretary may act as cosigner, with the President on all notes and/or checks, given on behalf of the Chapter.
- **3.3.2.5: NE II Immediate Past President / Officer:** The NE II Immediate Past President will act as an advisor to the NE II Executive Board members and provide continuity concerning previous board and chapter business. The Immediate Past President shall have full voting power.
- **3.3.2.6: NE II Directors:** The Directors will carry out such functions and duties that will be assigned to them by the NE II President throughout the year.
 - **3.3.2.6.1: NE II Director** The NE II elected Director will assume duties for the Safety Officer and Sgt-at-Arms, if/whenvacated, until the next Presidential appointment or election.

- **3.3.2.6.2: NE II Sergeant-at-Arms** / **Director** The Sgt-at-Arms shall ensure all by-laws and traditions are respected by everyone. During meetings, it is the responsibility of this member to make certain that parliamentary procedures are followed. The Sgt-at-Arms shall support the President by making sure he has all materials needed prior to the meeting. The Sgt-at-Arms will welcome members and guests, maintain discipline, enforce the by-laws and carry out orders from the President and perform other duties as may be assigned.
 - **3.3.2.6.2.1:** Should a member break down or become incapacitated during a ride; the Sgt-at-Arms will ride to the front and advise the NE II Safety Officer of the issue and return to rear to the incapacitated member until relieved, then return to his original position in the group.
- 3.3.2.6.3: NE II Safety Officer / Director The NE II Safety Officer shall coordinate with the MWRC (Mid-West Regional Conference) Safety Officer and ensure that all members have a copy of the Basic Group Riding Handbook; *Reference the Blue Knights International* website. The Safety Officer shall conduct a safety presentation at the May meeting(s) for Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month (May). The Safety Officer will monitor the Motorcycle Safety Foundation and provide members with safety tips throughout the year. The Safety Officer will monitor local/national Outlaw Motorcycle Gang (OMG) activity, especially concerning rides, events and venues attended by members. The Safety Officer will monitor safety information and recall alerts posted from the motorcycle and helmet manufactures. The Safety Officer will assist in coordinating ride events and shall ensure that members and guests are aware of the applicable laws, road and weather conditions, as well as applicable OMG activity on riding routes and destinations. The Safety Officer may request the President appoint any member(s) to the Road Capt. Position to assist.

Section 3.4: NE II Special Appointed Positions:

- **3.4.1:** The following positions may be appointed by the NE II Executive Board, prior to the January meeting. The Board may, through-out the year, appoint other positions, as they deem necessary. Any NE II member may hold these appointed positions. They will serve as advisors to the board but will not have a vote at the NE II Executive board meetings.
 - **3.4.1.1: NE II Road Captain Responsibilities:** Will assist the NE II Safety Officer in planning routes, securing gas, food and lodging destinations, during extended rides. Will act as the Safety officer, in their absence. The BOD may seek the guidance of the Safety Officer in selection and may appoint as many positions that are needed for the ride/event.

- **3.4.1.2: NE II Quartermaster Responsibilities:** Will maintain all NE II chapter merchandise, equipment and be available for issue upon request of the NE II President.
 - **3.4.1.2.1:** If directed by the NE II President to operate a "Support" truck/trailer to haul needed gear (equipment, merchandise, tools, ect.); will drive as a blocking/warning vehicle, behind the chapter and assist the NE II Road Capt In maintaining the route and safety of the members; should a member need the use of the trailer or equipment, due to mechanical or physical break down.

Section 3.5: NE II Special Committees –

- **3.5.1:** The NE II Executive Board may, from time to time, appoint such other committees as they may deem necessary or advisable for carrying out the purposes and work of the International and delegate to such committees such authority and powers as it may see fit to grant within the limits of the Board's authority.
 - **3.5.1.1:** Any chapter member may hold such a committee position (Regular, Associate, Life or Honorary).
 - **3.5.1.2:** The NE II Executive Board shall fix the tenure of each committee and may terminate a committee or replace any committee member, as needed.
- Section 3.6: NE II Chapter Riding Positions/Safety Instruction: Chapter Officers/Directors will lead the group at the front, in no particular order. Charter members, Life members, Regular and Associate members, Honorary members, family members and chapter guests will fall into the group behind the chapter officers/directors, in no particular order. All positions will ride in a double staggered formation unless roadway safety concerns require a single file formation.
 - **3.6.1:** Family Members May ride next to their patched member, within the group.
 - **3.6.2:** Trikes and Trailer Members riding Trikes and/or pulling trailers, will ride single file, following the group.
 - **3.6.3: Support Vehicles/Trailers** Members or member's family following the group with or without trailers will fall behind the main group, acting as a warning or blocking force. Trailers or vehicles may or may not have "Motorcycles Ahead" warning signs attached.
 - **3.6.4:** Multiple Clubs/BK-LEMC Chapters Members will follow the directions of the organizer or "lead" Safety Officer, usually of the ride/event sponsoring/hosting chapter.

Article IV Term/Tenure/Elections/Voting

Section 4.1: NE II Executive Board of Officer-Director/Appointments/Committee Tenure –

- **4.1.1:** ONLY members in "Good Standing" may be nominated for an elected/appointed position. Members NOT in "Good Standing" will be identified prior requesting nominations, at the September meeting.
 - **4.1.2: TERM** All Board of Officer/Director positions will be for a term of 24 months. NE II Officers/Directors positions will be elected by majority vote by the qualified voting membership in "Good Standing".
 - **4.1.3: TENURE** The following NE II Executive Officer/Director positions will be voted on for re-election.

4.1.3.1: **EVEN Years**:

- NE II President Officer
- NE II Treasurer Officer
- NE II Director Director
- NE II Safety Officer Director

4.1.3.2: **ODD** Years:

- NE II Vice President Officer
- NE II Secretary Officer
- NE II Sgt-at-Arms Director
- **4.1.3.3: NE II Immediate Past President Officer:** Will hold the office, until replaced by majority vote, unseating the current NE II President.
- **4.1.3.4: Appointed Positions:** NE II Quartermaster and NE II Road Capt The President may vacate and re-assign the position at any time.
- **4.1.3.5:** Committee Chair/Member(s): The President may establish, vacate and/or re-assign a position at any time.

Section 4.2: NE II Election/Voting Process:

- **4.2.1: SEPTEMBER NE II Nominations** Upon announcing the *September* General Membership meeting; the NE II President will:
 - **4.2.1.1:** Announce the offices up for election, the membership criteria to hold office and a call for new nominations to run for the office up for election. (Email, NE II web site, and NE II private Facebook page and social media platforms.
 - **4.2.1.1.1:** The current incumbents will commit or abstain from running verbally at the *September* general membership meeting in the presence of the members and recorded in the minutes.

- **4.2.1.2:** The President will call for nominations from the qualified general membership and prior to the close of the *October* meeting announce nominations presented. (By E-mail). Members shall not run for more than one position.
 - **4.2.1.2.1:** Nominated members must accept the nomination, prior to the close of *October* meeting. (By E-mail)
- **4.2.2: OCTOBER NE II Election Committee Appointment/Close Nominations** At the *October* General Membership meeting; the NE II President will; appoint an "Election" committee and call for any "present" alibis for nominations and have a short discussion concerning the nominations.
 - **4.2.2.1:** Upon conclusion of nominations discussions, any further nominations will be taken from the floor. Nominations will be closed prior to the conclusion of the *October* meeting.
 - **4.2.2.1.1:** If there are NO nominations presented for any current positions; and the current incumbent(s) accepts to continue their current positions; the NE II President will request a vote from the membership present, to accept the incumbents for another term. The Secretary will record the votes within the meeting minutes. No election committee will be appointed.
 - **4.2.2.1.2:** The NE II President will present the accepting incumbents to the entire membership, via e-mail and other social media platforms.
 - **4.2.2.2:** Election Committee Duties Between the October and December voting meeting; the "Election" committee will:
 - **4.2.2.2.1:** Prepare ballots, (either paper and/or electronic), as decided by the membership, to be presented to the voting membership present at the *December* meeting.
 - **4.2.2.2.2:** Prepare the process for members with an "Excused Absent" members, as determined by the "Election" committee that cannot attend the *December* meeting, as a means to present their vote.
 - **4.2.2.2.3:** The NE II President will advise the Election Committee chair of all members NOT presently in "Good Standing" and those members will not be afforded a ballot, prior to the December voting meeting.
 - **4.2.2.2.4:** Officers/Directors positions will be elected by the candidate receiving the higher number of votes by the qualified voting membership. (No write-in votes will be allowed)
- **4.2.3: DECEMBER Voting Meeting –** The *December* meeting will be dedicated PRIMARILY to the voting and election process. A two (2) hour time limit will be dedicated for the election process.

- **4.2.3.1:** The "Election" chairperson or appointed committee members will hand out the ballots to the voting members present.
 - **4.2.3.1.1:** If an electronic voting method is used, members would still vote in person during the December meeting unless approved to vote "absentee". The election committee would provide the individual authorized access at the meeting.
 - **4.2.3.1.2:** ALL eligible voting members MUST be present to enter a vote unless "excused absentee" or "electronic" voting was approved prior to meeting by chapter President or Vice-President, if President is running for office
 - **4.2.3.1.3:** If paper ballots are used, ONLY members with "Excused Absence" by the NE II President may utilize the "Electronic Voting" process, which must be completed prior to the start of the December meeting.

NOTE: If the President is running, then the Vice-President will approve/deny absentee voting requests. Name and email addresses of eligible voters will be provided to the election committee by 30 November.

- **4.2.3.2:** At the conclusion of the two-hour set deadline, the NE II President will call for the voting process to be "Closed" and call for the "Election" committee to collect, to count and present the compiled results of the votes.
 - **4.2.3.2.1: Tie Breaker** In the case of a tie, the "Election" committee chairperson or appointed committee member will place the names of the nominees involved, into an approved container.
 - **4.2.3.2.1.1:** The Election Committee Chairman will draw a name to determine the winner. This procedure will be done at the General Membership meeting, before all members present.
- **4.2.3.3:** The NE II President will announce the results of the election and acceptance of the position to the general membership present and via the following methods: E-mail, NE II web-site and all social media platforms.
 - **4.2.3.3.1:** The ballots will be secured or "sequestered" by the current Election committee Chairperson for a period of 30 days; pending any contention of the vote.
 - **4.2.3.3.1.1:** Provided there are NO contentions to the election; The NE II President will communicate the election results to Midwest Region Chairperson and the International President and/or administration office for record. Any contention or tie breakers to the election will follow the procedures outlined in *Section 4.3: NE II Election Contentions*.

- **4.2.4: JANUARY Swearing in Oath of Office:** At the January meeting; the NE II President will announce any contentions noted of the election; assuming no contention noted; will call for the destruction of the ballots. The ballots will be destroyed by the Election Committee Chairperson, as witnessed by current NE II Sgt-at-Arms, by means of shredding.
 - **4.2.4.1:** Oath of Office Barring no Contentions; the NE II President will ask the elected members present to rise, raise their right hand; at which time the NE II President will read the NE II Oath Of Office; with elected members confirming their duties with a verbal: "I DO".

Section 4.3: NE II Election Contentions –

- **4.3.1: Member Challenges** Only Nominees and/or Incumbents involved in the election process may challenge or contend the results of election results.
 - **4.3.1.1:** All challenges must be presented to the NE II Executive Board in WRITING, within the 30-days of ballot "sequester" period, IAW *Section 4.2/NE II Voting Process* of the NE II By-Laws.
 - **4.3.1.2:** NO ballots will be discarded, destroyed, deleted pending the final resolution of the challenge/contention.
 - **4.3.1.2.1:** Should a re-vote be ordered by any Executive Board decision; only those eligible "active" members that previously voted in the election, may enter a re-vote.
 - **4.3.1.3:** NO contested or challenged offices will be assumed, pending the final resolution of the challenge/contention.
- **4.3.2:** Contention Protocol The NE II President will call an emergency meeting of the NE II Executive Board, the Election Committee chair/members, the "challenger", as well as any witnesses required to come to a suitable resolution. ALL MEMBERS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND, IF SUMMONED.
 - **4.3.2.1:** The NE II President will call the meeting to order; take rollcall and will present the members with the "challenge".
 - **4.3.2.2:** After discussion and presentation of witnesses/evidence, the President will excuse the "challenger", Election committee and witnesses, for an Executive Board discussion, vote and resolution.
 - **4.3.2.3:** Upon conclusion of the NE II Executive Board discussion; the President will call the full meeting back to order and present the Executive Decision to the "challenger", Election committee and witnesses.
 - **4.3.2.4:** The final resolution does not require to meet the satisfaction of the "challenger" but should be in the best interest of the chapter.

- **4.3.2.4.1:** NE II Executive Board Decision Rebuttal If not satisfied with the NE II Executive Board decision. The "challenger' may submit a written rebuttal to the Blue Knights higher Chain of Command, beginning with the Mid-West Regional Conference (MWRC) and then International Board of Directors, in kind, within 30 days. All communications with MWRC and/or International higher authorities will be coordinated through the NE II President. NO other rebuttals will be presented or accepted, failing to meet the 30-day deadline.
 - **4.3.2.4.1.1:** The NE II Executive Board will ensure any and all higher authority decisions (MWRC or BKMC International) are adhered to. NO other rebuttals will be accepted, failing to meet the 30-day deadline.
 - **4.3.2.4.1.2:** The BK-LEMC International Boards decision will be final.
 - **4.3.2.4.1.3:** Any disruptive behavior of the "challenger" will be not be tolerated and assessed by the currently elected NE II Executive board, IAW *NE II Art. VI/Standards of Conduct/Discipline.*

Section 4.4: NE II Elected Post Assumption –

- **4.4.1:** The above noted election terms will start at the January General Membership meeting, following their respective elections.
 - **4.4.1.1:** Upon final resolution of the any "challenges"; the elected officer will assume responsibilities, on the next General Membership meeting of the following month.
- **4.4.2:** The "Incumbent" officer will afford any assistance to the "gaining" elected officer; providing a smooth transition, in an attempt to prevent as little disruption of chapter business. No time frame will be dedicated to the turn-over process.
 - **4.4.2.1:** Any disruptive behavior of the "Incumbent" member will be assessed by the current NE II Executive Board, IAW *NE II Art. VII/Discipline*.

ARTICLE V Dues/Financial

- Section 5.1: Non-Profit Status NE II has been granted "Non-Profit" status, by the state of Nebraska, effective: 01 September 2018, SOS #10255698. (Confirmed per NE state statutes)
- Section 5.2: NE II Fiscal (financial) Year Timeline For the purpose of collection and disbursement the fiscal year will run from January 1st to December 31st.
- Section 5.3: NE II Membership Dues All regular, associate, honorary, special honorary member International and Chapter dues will be assessed and collected IAW International Article VII/Dues.
 - **5.3.1:** Charter/Silver Members (Effective: 24 September 2024) All current Charter/Silver members with no break in continuous membership with the chapter since inception, shall be exempt from all chapter membership dues.
 - **5.3.2:** New Member "Applicant(s)" Will submit their application and dues for International/NE II membership in person IAW Section 2.2 of these by-laws.
 - **5.3.2.1:** New members will be subject to "mid-year pro-rating" of International dues, as set forth by the International.
 - **5.3.3: NE II Chapter dues** International/NE II dues WILL be paid in full before the close of the January General Membership meeting; with pre-approved exception, by the NE II President.
 - **5.3.3.1:** NE II chapter annual dues will be assessed at a general membership meeting IAW assessed "International" dues.
 - **5.3.3.1.1:** Members may be paid to the Treasurer in the following manners: cash, check, money order at any NE membership meeting, through any Omaha Police Credit Union; to the NE II account or by USPS mail to the current NE II Treasurer address, no later than 15 January.
 - **5.3.3.1.2:** ALL NE II members are required to pay their assessed International/NE II dues.
 - **5.3.3.2:** Once all dues are received and/or rectified. The NE II Treasurer/Secretary and President will complete all required annual International paperwork and remit payment to the International Office and/or International Treasurer, no later than 31 January, per International requirements.
 - **5.3.4: Delinquent Dues -** Members failing to pay their required assessed dues after the January General Membership meeting, will INCUR A PENALTY OF \$5 and provided an official "Membership Status Notice", by the NE II President, advising the actions to be taken, IAW Section 2.4.2: NE II Standing, para. 2.4.2.1.1.2.2.





5.3.4.1: NO litigation will be brought towards delinquent member to collect unpaid dues.

Section 5.4: NE II Chapter Financial Organization – (Disbursement/Reimbursement)

- **5.4.1:** Only the NE II Treasurer, Secretary, President and Vice President will be authorized access to the NE II checking account.
 - **5.4.1.1:** In the event the NE II Treasurer is incapacitated or otherwise not available for an extended period (and the expenditure cannot wait for his return), then the funds (Check, Electronic funds) may be disbursed by the NE II Secretary in his stead.
 - **5.4.1.1.1:** All checks written by NE II will be signed by the NE II Treasurer or NE II Secretary and either the NE II President or NE II Vice President.
 - **5.4.1.1.2:** Electronic funds (Credit/Debit cards, Pay-Pal, Bill-pay, electronic transfer) will be accomplished by the NE II Treasurer, with prior coordination of the NE II President or NE II Vice President.
- **5.4.2:** Any NE II member designated, by the NE II President, to attend as a sole representative of "NE II", may request reimbursement of up to \$100.00, for any Blue Knights Regional Conference and up to \$150.00 for any International Convention.
 - **5.4.2.1:** Reimbursement requests must be made to the NE II President in advance of attendance and may be allowed once annually to each qualified member.
 - **5.4.2.1.1:** Approval will only be granted if funds are available and total costs do not exceed 25% of total chapter funds.
- **5.4.3:** Any member may, with prior approval of the NE II President, disburse or commit NE II funds up to \$100.00,
 - **5.4.3.1:** The NE II Executive Board must approve any disbursement or committal of NE II funds over \$100.00.
 - **5.4.3.2:** The NE II membership must approve any disbursement or committal of NE II funds over \$400.00, via membership meeting vote or via e-mail discussion. Must meet a membership quorum IAW *Section 2.5.2/General Membership Meeting Procedures, para. 2.5.2.1.1/Quorum* and reported at the next available general membership meeting.
 - **5.4.3.3:** The disbursement of funds involved in the normal administration of the NE II business is not restricted by these limits, must be authorized by the NE II President.

Section 5.5: NE II Committee(s) Budget -

- **5.5.1: "Annual" established committees** Recruiting, Public Relation/Fund Raiser, Election and Convention/Conference {as needed}, etc.), must present a proposed "annual working budget" within 60 days of appointment, to the NE II Executive Board, for approval.
- **5.5.2: "Temporary" established committees** By-Laws, Disciplinary Inquiry, Chapter events, etc.), must present a proposed "working budget" within 30 days of appointment, to the NE II Executive Board.
 - **5.5.2.1:** The committee's annual budget will be based off the previous year's budget and increased or decreased, as predicted.
- **5.5.3:** Any established committee may raise and disburse funds that have been allocated to that committee, by the NE II Executive Board without prior approval of the General Membership.
 - **5.5.3.1:** All funds/property donations raised will be reported to the NE II Treasurer monthly; to be reported to the membership, by the Committee Chairman at the monthly "General Business" meetings.
 - **5.5.3.1.1:** The disbursement of funds cannot exceed the original approved budget amount, without pre-approval of the NE II Executive Board and membership.
 - **5.5.3.1.2:** The committee will turn in ALL unused funds/property to the NE II Treasurer, at the termination of the committee's business for the fiscal year or termination of the event the committee was originally established.
- **5.5.4:** Reall Property Donations Property Donations such as; bicycles, televisions, swag, gift certificates, monies, etc. provided to or secured by the NE II membership will be designated by the NE II Executive Board, based on the end needs of the chapter and/or the committee(s) requirements, for the end purpose of benefiting charities or events sponsored by the NE II.

Article VI Standards of Conduct / Discipline

Section 6.1: General Membership Discipline – Will be conducted IAW *International Article VIII/ Discipline* – "General Chapter and Chapter Member Discipline, Sections:

Section 10.01: Chapter/Conference Suspension or Removal of Members

Section 10.02: Procedure at Chapter Level

Section 10.03: Procedures for Review by International Board of Directors

Section 10.04: Suspension or Removal of Members by the International Board of

Section 10.05: Discipline

Section 10.06: Persona Non grata"

Section 6.2 – NE II Standards of Conduct: At NO time will any NE II member or guest of the NE II, bring discredit upon the BK-LEMC International, MWRC and/or Chapter.

- **6.2.1: NE II Chain of Command (CoC):** All members will make every attempt to resolve any chapter issues and/or complaints at the lowest level possible. All members will first notify/consult/utilize the NE II Executive Board; *prior to* elevating any chapter issues/complaints, *next to* the Midwest Regional Conference (MWRC) Board and *then to* "International". Failure to follow the CoC protocol may result in disciplinary action.
- **6.2.2: Filing a Complaint:** If any member(s) of the Chapter becomes aware that another member(s) of the Chapter has not maintained a standard of conduct acceptable to the Chapter or International standards, shall provide full details to the Chapter President and/or Vice President, in writing.
 - **6.2.2.1:** Any allegations that are criminal in nature; will render the defendant(s) membership be "suspended" by executive order of the NE II President; pending the final outcome of the criminal proceedings and NO disciplinary committee will be formed.
 - **6.2.2.1.1:** The defendant(s) will relinquish his hard colors to the Sgt-at-Arms, for safe keeping pending the outcome of criminal proceedings. (*Refer to International By-Laws Art. VIII/Discipline for further criteria of a "guilty" verdict/decision*. (Property Receipt provided)
 - **6.2.3: NE II Disciplinary Committee Protocol** The NE II President will appoint a committee of four regular members consisting of; NE II Vice President (committee chairman/Non-voting), the NE II Sgt-at-Arms and two (2) NE II Regular members, in Good standing. If the member who is being investigated is the NE II Vice President or the Sgt-at-Arms; the NE II Secretary and/or the NE II Safety Officer, respectively, will fill the position on the committee.
 - **6.2.3.1:** The purpose of the committee is for conducting an investigation into the allegations of misconduct or malfeasance.



- **6.2.3.1.1:** Prior to any interview(s), the defendant will be advised in person and/or in writing by (certified mail and e-mail) of the allegations/complaints against them.
- **6.2.3.2:** The investigation will include an interview with complainant(s), witnesses' and the defendant.
 - **6.2.3.2.1:** The defendant(s) may present any witnesses or evidence on his behalf.
 - **6.2.3.2.1.1:** No legal representation or police union representation will be authorized. As these proceeding will not be reported to the defendant's organization nor should they be criminal in nature, see *para*. 6.2.2.1.1., concerning criminal action.
 - **6.2.3.2.2:** Any/All suspended member(s) will relinquish their colors to the Sgt-at-Arms, within 10-days of written "Notice of Suspension for Cause by the NE II President, following a NE II Executive Board review.
 - **6.2.3.2.2.1:** Suspended members will not be allowed to attend any chapter, conference or international meetings or events, until a full resolution and/or reinstatement by the Chapter Executive Board.
 - **6.2.3.2.3:** The committee chair will report the findings of the committee to the NE II President within thirty 30-days.
 - **6.2.3.2.3.1:** The NE II President will report the committee decision to the MWRC and International.

6.2.3.3: Findings -

- **6.2.3.3.1: UNFOUNDED** If the complaint is determined to be "unfounded" and without merit, the matter will be dropped; the complainant and the defendant will be so advised by the NE II President, in person.
- **6.2.3.3.2: FOUNDED** If the complaint is determined to be "founded"; the committee will present their findings, within 10 days of the decision, via written report to the NE II President.
 - **6.2.3.3.2.1:** The NE II President will review the report the NE II Executive Board to determine an appropriate disciplinary action.
 - **6.2.3.3.2.1.1:** The NE II President and NE II Sgt-at-Arms will advise the defendant in person and by hand delivered mail.

- **6.2.3.3.2.1.2:** The Sgt-at-Arms will oversee said disciplinary action and advise the NE II Executive Board of the status.
- **6.2.3.4:** Appeal If the respondent feels that the action taken is not justified, he may appeal to the NE II Executive Board by presenting his appeal to the Board in writing, within thirty (30) days of the receipt of the notice of said action.
 - **6.2.3.4.1:** The NE II Executive Board will hear such appeal at the next Board meeting or, if necessary, they will convene a special meeting. The appeal will be resolved by a secret ballot.
 - **6.2.3.4.2:** The respondent may appeal the Chapter Executive Board's decision, to the Midwest Regional Conference Board (MWRC); in writing, within 30 days. A written copy of the appeal request must be presented to the NE II President. The NE II President will correspond with and notify the respondent of the MWRC decisions.
 - **6.2.3.4.3:** As a last resort, the respondent may appeal the MWRC Board's decision, to the International Board of Directors. A written copy of the appeal request must be presented to the NE II President and the MWRC Chairman. (*Refer to International By-Laws Article X, Section 10.02.*). All such appeals must be filed with International within thirty 30-days of the final Conference Board decision.
 - **6.2.3.4.3.1:** The NE II President will notify the respondent in writing, within 30 days of the last known board decision and the final decision of the NE II Executive Board. Upon exhaustion of all appeals (chapter, conference and/or BOD), No other appeals will be heard, following the International BOD final decision (if sought).
 - **6.2.3.3.4:** Failing to follow any of the above appeal requirements or meet established timelines, will render all appeals null and void and the original disciplinary decision will be carried out.

- **6.2.3.5: Decision Notification** The NE II President will advise the general membership of the outcome of all investigations and/or appeals processes at the following general membership meeting.
 - **6.2.3.5.1:** The President will advise International in writing should any member's member-ship be revoked, providing full details of the incident and all investigative and/or appeal actions taken. The NE II President will advise whether a request for "Persona Non grata" is warranted, per the NE II Executive Board decision.

Article VII Amendments to Articles of Bylaws

Section 7.1: By-laws Amendment Protocol: These Blue Knights International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club - Nebraska Chapter II By-laws were approved and ratified by a unanimous vote, of the attending eligible NE II membership, convened by Special Membership Meeting, by order of the current NE II President; on the 14th day of September 2024. (*Refer to NE II Secretary for attending membership roster, if needed*).

7.1.1: Amendments Protocol –

- **7.1.1.1:** International by-laws changes Any part of these By-laws may be amended (additions/deletions), to meet International by-law posted changes, Following a majority membership vote of the members present at a regular NE II membership meeting.
- **7.1.1.2: NE II by-laws changes** Any NE II member may request a change of any part of the NE II by-laws, at any general membership meeting, following standard meeting protocols. A 2/3 majority vote of those members present and eligible to vote, must be met to proceed with publishing the amendment proposal to the membership.
 - **7.1.1.2.1:** If passed; Notice of the "proposed" amendment will be published to the general membership 30 days prior to the next general membership meeting; by e-mail, NE II Chapter Website and NE II Private Facebook page.
 - **7.1.1.2.2:** Once published, the amendment proposal will be presented at the next available general membership meeting for a discussion and vote. A 2/3 majority vote of those members present and eligible to vote, must be met to pass any amendment to the By-Laws.
- 7.1.2: Upon approval of the amendment(s), the NE II Secretary, will:
 - **7.1.2.1:** Submit the amended NE II by-laws to NE II Executive Board for final review and approval.
 - **7.1.2.2:** Upon NE II Board approval; the NE II by-laws or amendment(s) will be sent to the International By-laws Committee, review and approval and coordinate any questions and/or concerns with the NE II by-laws committee chairperson (if appointed) or membership, during a regular membership meeting.
 - **7.1.2.2.1:** Once a "Letter of Approval" is received from the current International President. The Secretary will coordinate signatures from the current NE II Executive Board members.
 - **7.1.2.2.2:** Once signed by the NE II E-board; an electronic copy, via e-mail to the International and MWRC, for record.



Article VIII General (By- Laws Approval and Term)

Section 8.1: By-laws Effective Dates – These aforementioned Nebraska II by-laws shall become effective upon approval by a 2/3 majority vote of the eligible membership present, approved by the International By-law committee and/or International President (*Refer to Attachment #2/International President By-laws Approval Notice* – *NE II*) and signed by the elected NE II Board of Officers/Directors.

8.1.1: The posting of the approved NE II By-laws will be announced and presented by the NE II President, at the next "General Membership" chapter meeting. The NE II Secretary will provide an electronic copy to all NE II members, via e-mail and post in the NE II Website/Members Only section

8.1.1.1: The NE II Secretary will have copies of the International/NE II by-laws Present at membership meetings for reference.

Section 8.2: By-laws Term – Once approve and signed these by-laws shall remain in effect as stated under the terms, so noted. These by-laws herein drafted for the Blue Knights Nebraska Chapter II, shall remain in effect indefinitely or until such time as amended as described in NE II Article VI or the chapter has relinquished its Charter and is no longer active.

Board of Officers/Directors Signatures

NEBRASKA, CHAPTER II (Posted: 24-September 2024)

President:

SCOTT ALTIC, Pottawattamie County SO (Retired)

Vice-President:

KEN McCLURE, Council Bluffs PD (K9 Unit)

Treasurer:

CARL GRUBB, Bellevue PD (Retired)

Secretary:

COREY D. ZIMMER, USAF-SF (Retired)

Director:

RICHARD LIDDICK, Omaha PD (Retired)

Safety Officer – Director:

THOMAS KOKSAL, LaVista PD (Retired)

Sgt-at-Arms – Director:

SCOTT HALBROOK, Council Bluffs PD (Retired)

Immediate Past President:

BOBBY CLARK, Omaha PD (Motor Unit)

Past President (2006-2012), BKMC-NE II



Attachment 1

NE II Tailor Guide

(Effective: 24 September 2024)

FRONT – (As wearing)



Left upper breast:

#1 – "US Flag" patch (union "stars" closest to the heart).

NOTE: Members may wear any color combination the US Flag; flags may include the "blue line", representing "Police". NO other state or country flag may be worn above the US Flag. Other patches and pins (non-state/country) are authorized to be worn above the US flag.

Right upper breast:

#2 – {If applicable} – "Officer/Director" or "Life Member" identifier patch: Will be worn above the "BKMC NE II" patch, if worn. (1"x4", Blue border w/white "Old English" font),

NOTE: Members may wear a Velcro patch above or in place of, the "BKMC NE II" patch placement, for future use.

#3 – {ISSUED or NE II Purchased} – "Blue Knights International Shield" patch: will be worn above the "NE II Officer/Director" patch, as applicable.

NOTE: Members may wear one of two versions of the "International Shield"; the "Issued" standard full color (white and blue w/blue border) or the "NE II Purchased", "subdued" colored (black and blue w/silver border. Members may wear any patch of their choosing as long as it does not bring disrespect to the Blue Knights®.



REAR – (As wearing)



Member will wear the issued "NE II" authorized five pieces back patches.

"Blue Knights" rocker (top patch): Will be worn on the top centered.

Blue "Knight Helmet" w/ Chapter II" center patch: Will be worn, under the "Blue Knights" top patch, centered.

"Nebraska" state rocker (bottom patch): Will be worn under the "Knight Helmet" center patch.

NOTE: Members may choose or order the optional "double banner" state rocker (bottom patch); placing their department name, personal name/moniker or 99%, etc.

"LE" patch: If worn; will be worn centered, to the RIGHT of the "Knight Helmet" center patch.

"MC" patch: If worn; will be worn centered, to the LEFT of the "Knight Helmet" center patch.

NOTE: <u>NO</u> other patches will be worn in competition with the "Colors" on the rear facing panel, as defined by the centered side vest seams (<u>See red lines</u>), under the arm pit.





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Reference: By-Law Amendments Review

On September 23, 2024, the International Office requested me to review the By-Law received from your chapter, Nebraska II. I was able to review the By-Laws today, September 24, 2024.

Following this review, I have found that as presented the By-Laws of Nebraska II presents no conflicts to that of the International Constitution and By-Laws. It is for that reason that I am recommending that they be approved.

As you may understand, the job of the By-Law Committee in reviewing Chapter Constitutions and By-Laws is to verify that they do not conflict with those of the International's.

As with all reviews, this review will be forwarded to the International President for his review. A copy of this letter with the paperwork received by me will be forwarded to the International Office for their files.

Michael Scarborough

International By-Law Committee

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