

# TEMPLE RIDERS ASSOCIATION

## Bylaws

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### 1. NAME:

The name is: Temple Riders Association. (Italics are not required) The abbreviation is: TRA. (Italics are not required) To avoid confusion, each Chapter will include a Chapter designation: Example: Temple Riders Association, Boise Idaho Chapter, or Temple Riders Association, Provo Utah Chapter (Type style is optional) the name: "Temple Riders Association" (without quotes) will be registered in each state by the initial State Director appointed in that state. Thereafter, all Chapters shall be authorized to use the name with the Chapter designation.

### 2. GOALS:

1. TO COMBINE THE ESTHETICS OF MOTORCYCLING WITH THE SPIRITUAL UPLIFT OF TEMPLE ATTENDANCE.
2. TO EMPHASIZE COURTESY, SAFETY AND FELLOWSHIP.
3. TO FOSTER BROTHERHOOD AMONG BIKERS AND TO EXEMPLIFY GOSPEL PRINCIPLES BY OUR CONDUCT.
4. TO INVITE FELLOW BIKERS WHO SEEK A WHOLESOME ENVIRONMENT TO JOIN WITH US.
5. TO PROMOTE MISSIONARY WORK WHEN APPROPRIATE AND POSSIBLE.
6. TO BE SENSITIVE TO AND SUPPORTIVE OF OTHER RIDING GROUPS IN THE PROMOTION OF SAFETY & BROTHERHOOD.
7. TO SCHEDULE AT LEAST TWO RIDES EACH MONTH TO BE HELD ON WEEK DAYS OR SATURDAYS.
8. TO SCHEDULE AT LEAST ONE TEMPLE RIDE PER MONTH.
9. TO MOTIVATE MEMBERS TO SPONSOR RIDES TO TEMPLES AND TO OTHER PLACES OF THEIR CHOOSING.
10. TO SCHEDULE RIDES AND MEETINGS, INCLUDING A MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING, SO AS TO GIVE EVERY MEMBER AN OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE.

3. ORGANIZATION: The Administrative Address of the Temple Riders Association (TRA is the address of the current General Director as published in the monthly TRA Newsletter and on the TRA Web Site. This address will change from time to time as new successor General Directors are appointed. The presiding authority is vested in the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee is composed of lifetime members, members who have term limits, and the current General Director. The Chairman of the Committee shall be the senior 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 nine members unless otherwise determined by a Majority Vote of the Executive Committee.

When any member of the Executive Committee, including the General Director, shall vacate his position as a member of the Committee, a new person shall be appointed to fill the vacancy. The new General Director shall be given a term limit of two years and all others shall be given a term limit of three years unless the term is otherwise determined by a Majority Vote of the Executive Committee as an "Exception" provided for in Section 13 and listed in Section 14. When all lifetime committee members have been replaced, all future Committee members will have a term limit. Any member of the Executive committee may be replaced, at any time, by a Majority Vote

of the Executive Committee. 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. In the event there are more than 3 members to be replaced, the terms of 1 or more of these shall be adjusted by the Executive Committee, by majority vote, so as to not replace 3 at a time again, to maintain continuity on the committee.

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, meetings and other General, State and Chapter activities will be under the direction of the originating General Director, Regional Director, State Director, or Chapter Leader within whose jurisdiction the said activity has its origin.

4. ADMINISTRATION: The General Director of the TRA and the Regional and State Directors are appointed by a Majority Vote of the Executive Committee and serve 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 lifetime member, if appointed as General Director shall cease to serve as a lifetime member, but shall resume his status as a lifetime member when he vacates the position of General Director. Any current member who has a term limit, shall vacate his position on the Executive Committee before accepting the appointment to become the General Director. The Newsletter Editor, Membership Coordinator, Webmaster and Treasurer, 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. Assistants to the General Director, and other members of his/her staff, shall be selected by the General Director at his/her own discretion. Chapter Leaders are nominated by the General Director after consultation with the appropriate Regional Director, State Director and/or At Large Chapter Leader, and are confirmed by a Majority Vote of the Executive Committee. Other General, State and Chapter Officers are appointed and confirmed by their respective General, State and Chapter Leaders. A member of the Executive Committee or the General Director can also be a State Director and a State Director can also be a Chapter Leader. A Majority Vote is defined to be an affirmative vote from at least two thirds of the Voting Members of the Executive Committee. All TRA Executive Committee Members are Voting Members, including the Chairman. When appointments are being made, all voting must be by secret ballot as specified by the Chairman or his/her designated Acting Chairman. If voting is done by email or by telephone, all votes must be given to the Chairman or his/her designated Acting Chairman. Votes that pertain to issues, and not to appointments or other matters of a personal nature, need not be by secret ballot unless otherwise determined by the Chairman.

5. SUCCESSION: When the Chairman of the Executive Committee vacates his position, the member of the Committee next in seniority shall become Chairman, unless otherwise determined by a Majority Vote of the Committee. The seniority of the original members of the Executive Committee was determined by the date that each person became a member of the TRA. Thereafter, seniority has been, and shall continue to be, determined by the date of appointment of each new member to the Executive Committee. 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. The names of the Committee Members shall be listed on the Website, in the order of their seniority. When a

new General Director assumes office, he/she will replace the retiring General Director on the Committee. When any lifetime member of the Executive Committee shall be replaced, said Committee Member may be awarded Emeritus status by a Majority Vote of the Executive Committee. Emeritus Members of the Executive Committee may, by invitation, attend Executive Committee Meetings, and be included in Executive Committee deliberations and express their opinions when invited to do so, but will not be Voting Members of the Executive Committee. In the event of improper 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.

6. PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE: In its business meetings, the TRA Executive Committee will follow the parliamentary guidelines written in a book titled "Roberts Rules in Plain English" (hereinafter referred to as "Roberts Rules") with the following exceptions:

(A) In meetings of the Executive Committee of the TRA, the Presiding Officer (the Chair) may be addressed by name or as Mr. or Madam Chairman, not as Mr. or Ms. President.

(B) In meetings of the Executive Committee of the TRA, a "Quorum" shall be defined as two thirds of the Voting Members of the Executive Committee (if there are nine members on the Executive Committee, a Quorum will be six).

(C) In meetings of the Executive Committee of the TRA, a "Majority Vote" shall also be defined as 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). This Majority Vote Rule holds precedent over the "Majority Vote Rule" and also the "Two-Thirds Vote Rule" referred to in Chapter 3, Chapter 13, and other Chapters of Robert's Rules.

(D) If agreed upon by a 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.

(E) 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, email or facsimile, 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.

(F) In the interval between Executive Committee Meetings, any Member of the Executive Committee may use electronic or other means to submit one or more Resolutions to the other Committee Members for a vote. For each Resolution, all Committee Members must be contacted, and a Majority Vote must be received to approve any said Resolution.

7. LOGO, etc: 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. 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, or logo, pin, or vest, or to display the name TRA or Temple Riders Association. However, 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.

8. **MEMBER DONATIONS:** All members are expected to make an annual donation so as to share the cost of necessary expenses incurred in the operation and administration of the Temple Riders Association. For further details see the TRA Guideline regarding donations.

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 interests of the TRA as a whole.

9. **MEMBER ELIGIBILITY:** Although there is an emphasis on attending LDS Temples, the TRA will welcome any person who can support these Bylaws and observe standards of personal behavior that are in compliance with LDS Church Standards, for the duration of any ride or activity in which they are a participant. Membership is limited to motorcycle riders, including those who ride Trikes. However, 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. TRA members, who find it necessary to dispose of their motorcycle due to age, infirmity, or other valid reasons, will automatically become "Emeritus Members" and 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 make the suggested annual contribution to the TRA. 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 make the suggested annual contribution to the TRA.

10. **MONTHLY NEWSLETTER:** 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. Chapter Leaders are expected 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. Ride and Dinner Meeting Sponsors are expected to report their plans to their Chapter Leader and Newsletter Reporter so that all Sponsor activities can be included in the Monthly Newsletter. Chapter Leaders are expected to furnish the current name, address and phone number of their respective Newsletter Reporters to the Newsletter Editor.

11. **MEMBERSHIP ROSTER:** 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 Web Site.

12. **NEW MEMBERS;** General Officers, State Directors, Chapter Leaders and all TRA members are encouraged to invite their motorcycle friends to join the TRA. The name and address of each interested party should be forwarded to the Membership Coordinator. New candidates for membership will receive a packet of information, which will include a copy of these Bylaws, the TRA Policy Statements, and a copy of the TRA Application & Information Request form. These Bylaws, and the TRA Policy Statements, will also be posted on the TRA Web Site for the benefit of the TRA Membership.

13. **Exception to a Rule:** The terms and conditions set forth in these Bylaws are considered to be the rules of the TRA. When there are extenuating circumstances, an "Exception to a Rule" may

be approved by a Majority Vote of the Executive Committee without changing the Bylaws. Each "Exception to a Rule" shall be published to each member of the Executive Committee in writing via handout, postal mail, or email and if approved by a majority vote of the Committee it shall be recorded in its chronological order under Section 14 of the Bylaws. Each Exception to a Rule is meant to have an expiration date and is not intended to become a Bylaw or a Rule in and of itself. When an Exception reaches its expiration date or is no longer relevant, it shall be deleted from the Bylaws at the discretion of the Executive Committee. Each Exception will be referenced to the paragraph(s) in the Bylaws that it is an exception to. Its reference mark will be an asterisk followed by its chronological number which is the number listed in Section 14.

14. Exceptions: