

A.B.A.T.E. OF OKLAHOMA, INC.
STATE ORGANIZATION BY-LAWS

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ARTICLE I

This organization shall be known as A.B.A.T.E. of Oklahoma Inc., A.B.A.T.E. being an acronym for “A Brotherhood Aiming Toward Education”. The Mission Statement of A.B.A.T.E. is to promote and defend motorcyclist freedom, safety, and awareness through education and legislation to make Oklahoma the best place to ride. A.B.A.T.E. of Oklahoma, Inc. does not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, religion, sex, age, nor type of or lack of motorcycle.

ARTICLE II

The principal address of A.B.A.T.E. of Oklahoma, Inc. is P.O. Box 23616 Oklahoma City, OK 73123. There shall be a minimum of one (1) State General Membership meeting held per year of A.B.A.T.E. of Oklahoma, Inc. All State Board meetings shall be open to the general membership.

ARTICLE III

The State Board of A.B.A.T.E. of Oklahoma, Inc. shall consist of the State Executive Officers and the Chapter Representatives. The State Executive Officers of ABATE of Oklahoma, Inc. shall be:

State Coordinator
Sergeant-at-Arms
Secretary
Treasurer

The voting rights of the Executive Officers of A.B.A.T.E. of Oklahoma, Inc. shall be as follows: The State Coordinator shall vote only in case of a tie. The Secretary, Treasurer, and State Sergeant-at-Arms are non-voting positions. No State Executive Officer can function as a Chapter Representative.

The terms of office for all officers of A.B.A.T.E. of Oklahoma, Inc. shall be for two (2) years, subject to Article IX. Nominations for Officers shall take place during the July State Board Meeting, occurring in odd numbered years, with the vote on said nominations taking place at the October State Board Meeting, occurring in odd numbered years. The new State Officers shall take office during the following January State Board Meeting.

No two (2) State Executive Officers may be from the same household or the same immediate family.

In the event an office becomes vacant, nominations shall be opened for replacement. That office shall be filled by a vote of the Chapter Representatives at the next State Board Meeting, subject to Article X. The new Officer shall hold office until the end of the current term, subject to Article IX.

ARTICLE IV

The duties of the State Coordinator shall be:

- a. To show equal loyalty to all Chapters.
- b. To preside at all State Board Meetings and State Membership Meetings, subject to Article VII
- c. To have general supervision of the affairs of A.B.A.T.E. of Oklahoma, Inc.
- d. To personally represent A.B.A.T.E. on the proper occasions, lobbying and business contracts.
- e. To appoint any member in good standing to committees or special tasks, subject to Article XIII and approval of the State Board, subject to Article X. Starting in 2010, at least once every two years, the Representative(s) and/or Committee Chair(s) appointed by the State Coordinator for Legislative, Safety, NCOM, and MRF must be reviewed by the ABATE of Oklahoma State Board and voted to retain or remove by a simple majority of the quorum present at the January Board Meeting.
- f. To assist all other officers with problems that may arise.
- g. To sign or authorize State checks with the Treasurer or Secretary as required.
- h. To vote only when necessary to break a tie.

ARTICLE V

The duties of the State Secretary shall be:

- a. To keep minutes of meetings, send out notices of meetings and special events.
- b. To sign checks with the State coordinator or Treasurer as required
- c. To give the secretarial report at each State Board Meeting.
- d. To appoint any member in good standing to committees or special tasks relating to the Secretary position, subject to Article XIII.
- e. To perform all other duties that generally pertain to this office.

ARTICLE VI

The duties of the State Treasurer shall be:

- a. To keep financial records, collect dues and all other monies due A.B.A.T.E. of Oklahoma, Inc.
- b. To give a financial report at each State Board Meeting, including a projected annual budget at the January State Board Meeting.
- c. To appoint any member in good standing to committees or special tasks relating to the Treasurers position, subject to Article XIII.
- d. To sign checks with the State Coordinator or Secretary.
- e. To perform all other duties that generally pertain to this office.

ARTICLE VII

The duties of the State Sergeant-at-Arms shall be:

- a. To keep order at all State Board and State General Membership Meetings.

- b. To preside over State Board Meetings in the absence of the State Coordinator, subject to Article IV.
- c. To coordinate security efforts at all State events and coordinate all Committees.
- d. To insure adherence to parliamentary procedure according to the State Coordinator.
- e. To receive written proposals and/or complaints from Members or Chapters, and to submit them to the State Officers for consideration and to report the results to the Member or Chapter.
- f. To appoint any member in good standing to committees or special tasks pertaining to this office, subject to Article XIII.
- g. To maintain record of Chapter attendance and inform the State Board of consecutive Chapter absences in accordance with article XVI.

ARTICLE VIII

Chapter Representatives:

Each Chapter shall have a maximum of two (2) Representatives, to be chosen by the Chapter. Each Chapter shall have only one vote through its Representative(s).

The duties of the Chapter Representative(s) shall be:

- a. To represent their Chapter at all State Board Meetings in accordance with Article XVI, section "a."
- b. To act as liaison between the State Board and their respective Chapter.
- c. To bring information from their Chapter to the State and from the State to their Chapter.
- d. To keep the State Office informed regarding local ordinances and information.
- e. To appoint a Chapter Member in good standing subject to Article XIII to represent their Chapter at State Board Meetings in their absence.

ARTICLE IX

Removal from Office:

- a. Any Officer may be removed from office for any of the following reasons:
 - 1. Resignation
 - 2. Death
 - 3. Gross negligence of duty
 - 4. Breach of Trust
 - 5. Abuse of Power
 - 6. Monumental Stupidity damaging to the Organization
 - 7. The Board of Chapter Representatives may automatically remove an Officer if that officer misses three (3) or more consecutive regularly scheduled meetings without prior coordination with the State Board. This removal may be done without notification of said Officer. This vote requires a simple majority vote of board members present at a regularly scheduled Board meeting. The removal will be followed by the sending of a letter explaining termination of office to said Officer.
 - 8. For non payment of dues in accordance with Article XIII, sections A - B & E

- b. Written charges, specifying the grounds for removal may be brought by any two (2) Officers, or two-thirds (2/3) of the Chapter Representatives. The written allegations shall be presented to the Officer to be removed. The accused shall continue to exercise the powers and duties of Office, thereafter, unless suspended by two-thirds (2/3) vote of Chapter Representatives. Chapter Representatives shall report the issue to their respective Chapters. The charges shall be presented at the next regularly scheduled State Board Meeting. The first order of business shall be the presentation of charges against said officer. A spokesman for those bringing the charges shall be afforded ten (10) minutes to argue for removal and the accused Officer shall be afforded ten (10) minutes for rebuttal. Chapter Representatives shall vote. Upon receiving a negative vote of two thirds of the Chapters, the Officer shall be removed.

ARTICLE X

Quorums:

- a. To establish a quorum, one-third (1/3) of all active Chapters must be present at said meeting.
- b. State Board decisions shall be made on the basis of two-thirds (2/3) votes of the Chapters represented.

ARTICLE XI

Mandatory Board Vote:

Approval by a vote of the Board, pursuant to the Quorum requirements of Article X, shall be required for the following:

- a. Any expenditure in excess of five hundred dollars (\$500.00)
- b. The adoption, or change, of any well-established policy or position.
- c. Charitable contributions over fifty dollars (\$50.00).
- d. Approval of loans (borrowing or lending) and grants.

Any monies expended without Board approval shall first be discussed among All Executive Officers. The Secretary should keep a record of said discussions.

ARTICLE XII

Amendments to the By Laws and/or Dissolution shall be conducted as follows:

- a. Amendments to the By Laws and/or Dissolution of the Corporation of the Corporation of A.B.A.T.E. of Oklahoma, Inc. shall require a Special Quorum of two-thirds (2/3) of all the Chapters, which are part of the Organization, be present.
- b. The vote for the amendment to the By Laws and/or Dissolution shall be two-thirds (2/3) majority of those present.

SPECIAL NOTE: If after two (2) consecutive State Board Meetings, a Special Quorum is unable to be obtained, on the third State Board Meeting, where a By Law or Dissolution has been brought up pursuant to the regular course of business, the quorum requirement will revert to that of Article X.

ARTICLE XIII

Membership:

A Member of A.B.A.T.E. of Oklahoma, Inc shall be:

- a. Any person who declares his or her support for the goals and purposes of the organization and pays their dues pursuant to subsection (e) herein. 1.
Exception: Initial membership dues may be waived for a predetermined period of time, event or events as stipulated by and approved by ABATE Of Oklahoma Inc. The purpose of this exception is to increase membership on a statewide basis. Once the criteria has been established by the State Board it shall require two-thirds (2/3) of all Active Chapters to be present for the vote. Approval of the waiver shall require a two-thirds (2/3) majority to enact.
- b. A Member shall be terminated upon any of the following:
 1. Resignation
 2. Death
 3. Monumental Stupidity damaging to the Organization
 4. Any Member deemed derogatory to the Organization
 5. Non payment of dues in accordance with Sections (A) - (E). Membership shall be expired when annual renewal dues exceed thirty days past due. Exception: Members on active military deployment shall be allowed to continue their active ABATE status while away. However, they would be required to pay any dues owed within 60 days of return from deployment.
- c. Written charges, specifying the grounds for removal, may be sought by any two (2) Officers or by two-thirds (2/3) of Chapter Representatives. The written allegations shall be presented to the member to be removed. The accused shall continue to maintain his/her membership in the Organization until the charges presented have been decided upon at the next State Board Meeting. At this meeting, the first order of business shall be the presentation of charges against said Member. A spokesman for those bringing charges shall be afforded ten (10) minutes to argue for removal and the accused member shall be afforded ten (10) minutes for rebuttal. Upon a negative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of an established quorum of the Chapters, the Member will be removed from the Organization.
- d. Membership cards shall be issued to new members and re-issued to present members yearly upon payment of dues. Lost cards will be replaced for cost and handling.
- e. Price – Twenty dollars (\$20.00) per year for Full Membership, (\$15 to State, \$5 to Chapter) Any Member may join any Chapter, subject to that Chapter’s approval. However, a person can hold membership in only one Chapter at a time or only be a “Member-at-Large.” Dual-Chapter Memberships are strictly prohibited.
- f. “Chapter Only” memberships are not allowed, except for non-voting honorary members.
- g. The State Organization may accept “Members-at-Large” (Members not belonging to any Chapter). Because they are not members of any Chapter, the State Organization shall mail each Member-at-Large a copy of the State Bylaws.
- h. The State Organization may not assign members to a chapter without said Chapter’s approval.

- i. Members may present allegations of misconduct by any active Member to their respective Chapter Representatives or the State Sergeant-at-Arms for presentation to the State Board. Members-at-Large may present grievances to any State Officer.
- j. Minimum age for membership shall be subject to individual Chapter By Laws.

ARTICLE XIV

Duties of Chapters to the State Organization:

- a. To keep and abide by a current copy of the State By Laws/Constitution
- b. To supply the State Organization with a current copy of Chapter By Laws/Constitution upon any changes to Chapter By Laws.
- c. To send the State Organization a current Chapter Membership Roster upon request.
- d. To send all the State Organization's funds in a timely manner.
- e. To send a Chapter Representative to all State Meetings, subject to Article VIII.
- f. To supply the State Organization with a quarterly financial statement upon request.
- g. To supply the State Organization with a year end financial statement, no later than the January General Membership Meeting of the following year.
- h. Those chapters which are independently incorporated and possess a separate Federal Tax Identification Number than that of the State Organization are exempt from subsections (f) and (g)

SPECIAL NOTE: Under subsection (h), it is therefore the responsibility of independently incorporated Chapters to file their own tax paperwork with the IRS.

ARTICLE XV

Duties of State Organization to Chapters:

- a. To keep current copies of all Chapters' By Laws
- b. To supply Chapters with current copies of State By Laws upon any changes, or to a new Chapter upon its formation.
- c. To send any Chapter a current copy of that Chapter's Membership List, or financial status with the State Organization, upon request.
- d. To send any funds or merchandise belonging to a Chapter to that Chapter in a timely manner.
- e. To notify all Chapters of the expulsion of any active Member.

ARTICLE XVI

Suspension/Dissolution of Chapter(s):

- a. In the event that any Chapter's membership falls below ten (10) paid Members or said Chapter fails to have a Representative at three (3) consecutive State Board Meetings, the Chapter Representatives may vote to suspend said Chapter. At the Second State Board Meeting where said Chapter is not represented, the State Sergeant-at-Arms will inform the State Board and the State Coordinator will discuss the issue with the said Chapter's Officers. If said Chapter's Representative does not attend the following State Board Meeting, the other Chapter

Representatives may vote to suspend. Vote shall be two-thirds (2/3) majority subject to Article X.

- b. Any Chapter which remains in suspension for three (3) months, may be dissolved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Chapter Representatives subject to Article X.
- c. Chapter Representatives may, by two-thirds (2/3)-majority vote, subject to Article X, vote to reinstate a Chapter from suspension.
- d. Upon the dissolution of a Chapter, the disposition of any monies remaining in said Chapter's treasury shall be decided upon by the remaining members of said Chapter.
- e. In the event no Chapter members remain, the State shall absorb these monies into its general treasury.

ARTICLE XVII

New Chapter Admission:

- a. A new Chapter shall be formed when a minimum of fifteen (15) Members shall pay their dues, petition the State for a Charter, and be accepted by the majority vote of existing Chapter Representatives, subject to Article X.
- b. The petition shall include the current addresses and telephone numbers of all Members. Officers and Chapter Representatives shall also be identified on this list. The petition shall also include the Chapter's mailing address, a copy of the Chapter's Constitution and/or By Laws and a copy of the minutes of the meeting during which Chapter Officers and Representatives were elected.
- c. Upon acceptance into the State Organization, the Chapter shall be subject to State By Laws.
- d. Charter Members of the new Chapter shall include only those persons named on the accepted petition.

ARTICLE XVIII

State Membership Rosters:

- a. State Membership Lists shall be confidential and available only to the State Officers and designated appointees.
- b. The State Membership Coordinator shall maintain the State Membership Roster.
- c. Exceptions shall ONLY be as follows:
 1. The Newsletter Staff may use the Membership Roster to mail the State Newsletter.
 2. The Membership Roster may be made available to other persons upon a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote, subject to Article X, of the Chapter Representatives and then only on the condition that it is not sold or re-distributed.

ARTICLE XIX

A.B.A.T.E. of Oklahoma, Inc. claims all rights to its name and the use of said name.

A.B.A.T.E. of Oklahoma, Inc. also claims all rights to its logos and the use of said logos.

Use of this name and these logos is restricted to A.B.A.T.E. of Oklahoma, Inc., and its various Chapters, and for purposes approved by A.B.A.T.E. of Oklahoma, Inc. Any and all other uses will be only with the prior written permission of A.B.A.T.E. of Oklahoma, Inc., resulting from a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Chapter representatives, subject to Article X.

A.B.A.T.E. of Oklahoma, Inc. will not be held liable for any damages resulting from the unauthorized use of its name or logos.

ARTICLE XX

Any subject not covered in the above By Laws, shall be governed by ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER. **SPECIAL NOTE:** It is strongly recommended that each Chapter obtain a copy of and become familiar with ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER.

Signed By All Current Executive Board Officers:

State Coordinator:	[signed copies on file: Garry R. Canaday, II]	Date: _____
State Sergeant-At-Arms	[signed copies on file: Jack Shelley]	Date: _____
State Treasurer:	[signed copies on file: Callie Catcher]	Date: _____
State Secretary:	[signed copies on file: Brook Bullock]	Date: _____