

## **Bylaws**

### **Region No. 3 Forum**

### **International Right of Way Association**

#### **ARTICLE I - PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Region 3 Forum is to advance the aims and purposes of the International Right of Way Association by assisting the Regional Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary/Treasurer in the administration of the affairs of the Region and by serving as a communication link between Chapters, Region, and International.

#### **ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP**

The membership of the Region 3 Forum shall automatically be:

- A. The Region 3 Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary/Treasurer.
- B. All Presidents and International Directors of Chapters in Region 3.
- C. All persons whose principal membership is in a Chapter in Region 3 and who are currently members of one of the following:
  - 1. An International Committee
  - 2. The International Executive Committee
  - 3. The International Advisory Council
  - 4. Past Chapter President and Past Region officers

#### **ARTICLE III - OFFICERS**

The officers shall be the Region Chair of Region 3 who shall serve as "Chairperson" of the Region 3 Forum. In addition to presiding at all Forum meetings, the Chair shall be the Executive Officer to the Forum and shall designate the business address for the administration of Forum affairs. The Vice Chair of Region 3 shall serve as Vice Chairperson of the Region 3 Forum. The Vice Chair shall act in the absence of the Chair and shall manage the secretarial and fiscal affairs of the Forum in the absence of the Secretary/Treasurer of Region 3. The Secretary/Treasurer of Region 3 shall serve as Secretary/Treasurer of the Region 3 Forum. These duties shall include preparation and distribution of minutes of meetings and responsibility for Forum finances, if any. Both the Chair and Vice Chair must hold the SRWA designation throughout their term in office.

#### **ARTICLE IV - TERMS OF OFFICE**

The term of office of all officers and members of the Region 3 Forum shall be for a term of one year and run concurrent with their respective Chapter and International offices and status. Subject to the authority of the International Board of Directors, Region officers may be elected to serve one additional one year term. (Limit two year total for each position)

## ARTICLE V - MEETINGS

The time and place of meetings shall be designated by the Chair. The Forum shall meet at least twice each year, once in the Spring and once in the Fall, in addition to meetings held at the International Education Seminar. Except for the meetings at the International Education Seminar, notice of the time and place of all meetings shall be given to all members at least thirty days in advance.

## ARTICLE VI - VOTING

In respect to any matter calling for a vote of the Regional Forum, each chapter present shall be entitled to three votes regardless of the number of chapter members attending such meeting. Other members in attendance shall have a voice but no vote. A majority vote is required for passage.

Each chapter's votes shall be cast one each by the Chapter President and the two International Directors. Where an individual is both President and International Director, said individual shall cast two votes. All votes must be cast either in person or by a written designee. Written notice of such voting representation shall be submitted to the Region Chair. A designee voting in place of the President may not also vote as a Director.

In the event of a tie vote, the Region Chair may cast the tie breaking vote.

## ARTICLE VII - QUORUM

At the meeting of the Regional Forum, a majority of voting members or their written designees shall constitute a quorum.

## ARTICLE VIII - FUNCTION

The functions of the Regional Forum shall include but not be limited to the following:

- A. Nomination of the Region Chair and Vice Chair and election of the Secretary/Treasurer.
- B. Assist in the selection of prospective:
  - 1. Nominees for other International officer positions.
  - 2. International Committee Members
- C. Promotion and Sponsoring of Educational Seminars.
- D. Assist the Regional Chair and Vice Chair by communication of ideas, attitudes, information and data from the Chapters, and various Committees.
- E. Conduct Region business, including but not limited to, reviewing IEC and IGC actions, reviewing proposed changes in International education courses and other policies, reviewing proposed resolutions to be considered by the International Board of Directors and review the proposed Annual International Budget.

## ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may be repealed, amended, or new Bylaws adopted, at any regular meeting to the Forum by an affirmative vote of the majority of the voting representatives present after the same has been sent, by mail, to the active members of the Forum at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting. Said action by the Forum shall not become effective until approved by the International Executive Committee.

ARTICLE X - INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION

Nothing in these Bylaws shall be interpreted to be inconsistent with the Articles of Incorporation or the International Bylaws of the International Right of Way Association.

ADOPTED THIS: 25 DAY OF July AT: 9:30 A.M. C.T.

REGION OFFICER: MIKE MURRAY SR/WA SIGNATURE: Mike Murray  
Region 3 chair

REGION OFFICER: LOU ANN DOLLAR SIGNATURE: Lou Ann Dollar  
Region 3 vice chair