

**BLUE KNIGHTS ® INTERNATIONAL BOARD of DIRECTORS**

**BOD Meeting Agenda**

**Wednesday March 12, 2025 @ 1300 Hours EST (1:00 PM Eastern Time)**

**Zoom Conference Call**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

**BLUE KNIGHT PLEDGE:** *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, operation, and enjoyment of motorcycles. I will work at all times to improve the relationship between the motorcycling law enforcement community and the general public. The fraternal spirit will always guide me in relating to other Blue Knights.*

**SECRETARY: Roll Call:**

**President:** DJ Alvarez (DJ)  
**Vice President North America:** Cal Ennals (CE)  
**Vice President Europe:** Holk Opitz (HO)  
**Treasurer:** John Bull (JB)  
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**Great Lakes:** Wayne Schultz (WS)  
**Mason-Dixon:** Mike Pollinger (MP)  
**Mid-West:** Doug Casteel (DC)  
**Northeast:** Deanno Piedimonte (DP)  
**Rio Grande:** Jay Gray (JG)  
**Southern:** Bob Awtrey (BA)  
**Southwest:** Jorge Ortiz (JO)  
**Tri-State:** Russ Harper (RH)  
**UK & I:** Graham Buxton (GB)  
**West Coast:** Rob Davis (RD)  
**Office Manager:** Jana Clark (JC)

**Guests:** Gayle Murnane – Chairman International Honorary Committee  
Randy Gracy – Publisher Sword and Shield Magazine

**Approval of the December 1, 2024, BOD Meeting Minutes:**

**Motion to accept the minutes:**  
**2<sup>nd</sup>:**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Internet Committee: Joe Ball - International Web Master**

**Sword and Shield Magazine: Randy Gracy – Publisher**

**Election Committee: Bob Awtrey**

**Headquarters: Guy O'Connor**

**Secretary: Glen Wheat**

**Treasurer: John Bull**

**Vice President North America: Cal Ennals**

**Vice President Europe: Holk Opitz**

**President: DJ Alvarez**

**Office Manager: Jana Clark**

**Board of Governors: Mark Howard - Chairman**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**NY II (New York 2) – Updates.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) International Honorary Member Approvals (List Attached):**
- 2) Proposals:**

# **BLUE KNIGHTS INTERNATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT MOTORCYCLE CLUB INC.**

## **INTERNATIONAL AGENDA PROPOSAL Proposal Number 2025-0001**

**Proposal:** 1) Change Article III Section 3.16.1 “International Application form,” to read “International Candidate Application Form.” 2) Approve the attached International Candidate Application Form.

1) Any regular member who wishes to be a candidate for an office on the International Executive Committee (President, Vice President North America, Vice President Europe, Secretary, or Treasurer) shall contact the International Headquarters between November 1st and December 31st of the year prior to the election (even year) and request their name be considered for nomination as a candidate of the specific office. The candidate shall also complete **an international application form** and submit it to the International Headquarters postmarked/timestamped by December 31st of the year prior to the election in which the candidate intends to run for office. Members shall not make application for more than one position. (2017-0005 Amendment Ratified 07/16/2018)

**Purpose:** To have a form designated solely for candidates who seek to participate in international elections.

**Background:** In the past candidates seeking Verification to be approved for the International Ballot have forgotten either paperwork or signature.

**Intent:** To ensure that everything required for vetting purposes is not overlooked or forgotten.

**Advantages:** Simplify the process for a candidate seeking to be included in international elections.

**Disadvantages:** None.

**Estimate of costs to enact/implement:** None.

**Suggested by:** 2025 Verification Committee: Myron Joseph – TSC/Verification Committee Chairman; Arnold Reithaar – EC; Sheldon DeMattio – GLRC; John Weinstein – MDC; Tom Luellen – MWRC; Deanno Piedimonte -NEC; Mark Hurst – RGC; Mike Shockley – SRC; Martin Cuesta – SWC; Roger Hopes – UK & I; Ted Littleton – WCC.

**Submitted by:** Russ Harper, Tri-State Conference International Representative.

**Approved by:** The 2025 International Verification Committee.

**Blue Knights® International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club, Inc.**

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**Official Candidate Application**

**Position you seek (Circle One):**

President   Vice President NA   Vice President Europe   Secretary   Treasurer

**Personal Information: Chapter Membership and Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Year Joined Blue Knights: \_\_\_\_\_

Any Breaks in Membership (If Yes, List Years): \_\_\_\_\_

Current Chapter: State and Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Conference Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Province/Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Chapter Offices (and Years) Held: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Chapter Offices (and Years) Held: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

All Conference Position(s) Held (and Years) Held: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address:

\_\_\_\_\_

Do you own a motorcycle? (Yes or No): \_\_\_\_\_

Motorcycle Registration Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a Current Motorcycle Operator's License (Yes or No): \_\_\_\_\_

If Yes, State and License Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## Personal Information: Career:

Did you retire from a Governmental Law Enforcement Agency by reaching required years of service? \_\_\_\_\_

Did you retire from a governmental Law Enforcement Agency on a disability retirement?

\_\_\_\_\_ Position

with your Department at the Time of Retirement? \_\_\_\_\_

How many years did you serve in this department? \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Address of Last Law Enforcement Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Law Enforcement Supervisor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years with all Law Enforcement Agencies? \_\_\_\_\_

## Certification:

*FOLLOWING CERTIFICATION TO BE COMPLETED BY CHAPTER PRESIDENT OR VICE PRESIDENT:*

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (name), Officer \_\_\_\_\_ (specify) of the  
Blue Knights International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club, in  
State/Province/Country  
\_\_\_\_\_, Chapter # \_\_\_\_\_ certify the above candidate is a member of the  
chapter indicated at the top of this form. Further, this candidate was / is (circle one) employed  
or retired (circle one) as stated on this application.

I affirm this candidate's status for candidacy to be in order.

Signature:

\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# BLUE KNIGHTS INTERNATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT MOTORCYCLE CLUB INC.

## INTERNATIONAL AGENDA PROPOSAL Proposal Number 2025-0002

### **Proposal; Article 6. Membership Classification, Section 1. Regular Membership. And Section 2 Associate Membership:**

**Intent:** To bring the Constitution up-to-date with international law and modern career practices within law enforcement and military equivalencies.

To provide up-to-date membership classifications which encompasses the international nature of the club and changes to career practices within law enforcement communities and military equivalencies since 1974.

To amend the Regular Membership classification and criteria for membership. Remove all references to Regular members being ‘employed on a full-time basis (32 hours per week minimum).

To amend the Associate Membership classification and criteria and remove all references to Associate members being employed on a part-time basis (Less than 32 hours per week, minimum 96 hours per year) from the Constitution and bylaws.

Reduce the number of years’ service criteria to reflect current work practices.

Create significant differences between Regular and Associate membership so the classification is meaningful.

### **Proposed wording Section 1 Regular Membership:**

- Except as otherwise provided in this section, Regular members must be certified Law Enforcement Officers by their home state, province, and/or federal government who are ~~employed as a full time (32 hours per week minimum)~~ employees of a governmental law enforcement agency or department private and state college or university and railroads. Such employment must be the primary source of employment of all regular members. All Regular members must have arrest authority, meaning they must be empowered “by statute” to arrest offenders, as defined in their jurisdiction (other than as a private citizen) at all times, while on duty. Any member who was a Regular member on March 4, 2017, shall have the right to continue as a Regular member if they meet all other requirements. (2018-0023 ratified 08/09/2019)
- Persons who have been employed and have taken honourable separation after ~~ten (10) twenty (20)~~ year’s total service as an ~~full-time (32 hours per week minimum)~~ employee of a governmental law enforcement agency/department, are eligible for Regular membership, although they may not be presently employed by such law enforcement agency/department. The person must submit letters or documentation of proof to substantiate their qualification under this section.
- Retired Active-Duty Military Personnel who served with a job classification in law enforcement and having served in that classification for not less than ~~ten (10) twenty (20)~~ years before honorable separation from the military, may apply for Regular membership.

The person must submit letters or documentation of proof to substantiate their qualification under this section.

- Persons receiving disability income or job reclassification due to injuries received while engaged in ~~full-time~~ law enforcement employment, or persons who are receiving retirement income for ~~full-time~~ employment as previously defined, are eligible for Regular membership, although they are not presently employed by such a law enforcement agency/department. The person must provide letters/documentation of proof to substantiate their qualification.

Each Regular member must be properly licensed to operate a motorcycle by the jurisdiction in which the member resides and must own a motorcycle. Persons who otherwise qualify as Regular members, but do not presently own their own motorcycle may become member if they plan to and acquire ownership in a motorcycle within six (6) months of their acceptance of membership.

A Regular member, who because of an injury or medical or physical condition, including age related conditions, are unable to safely continue operating a motorcycle may retain their membership as a Regular member. Members who qualify under this provision are exempt from motorcycle ownership and license requirements.

### **Proposed wording Section 2 Associate Membership:**

Except as otherwise provided in this Section, all Associate members must be certified Law Enforcement Officers by their home state, province, and/or federal government ~~who are employed on a part time basis (less than 32 hours per week, minimum of 96 hours per year), and work for such~~ governmental law enforcement agency or department, private and state college or university, and railroads. ~~Associate members must receive monetary compensation for such employment.~~

All Associate members must have arrest authority, meaning they must be empowered “by statute”, to arrest offenders, as defined in their jurisdiction (other than a private citizen) at all times while on duty, ~~or they have a statutory power of detention (other than as a private citizen) at all times while on duty.~~ Any member who was an Associate member on March 4, 2017, shall have the right to continue as an Associate member if they meet all other requirements. (2018-0022 Ratified 08/05/2019)

- Persons who have ~~worked, without monetary compensation for such work, been employed~~ and have taken an honourable separation after ten (10) ~~fifteen (15)~~ year’s total service ~~as a part time (less than 32 hours per week, minimum 96 hours per year) employee of in~~ a governmental law enforcement agency or department are eligible for Associate membership although they may not be presently ~~work for-employed by~~ such law enforcement agency or department. The person must submit letters or documentation of proof to substantiate their qualification under this section.
- Persons who have been employed ~~with statutory power of detention~~ and have taken honorable separation after ~~ten (10) twenty (20)~~ year’s total service as an ~~full-time (32 hours per week minimum)~~ employee of a governmental law enforcement agency/department, are eligible for Associate membership, although they may not be presently employed by such law enforcement agency/department. The person must

submit letters or documentation of proof to substantiate their qualification under this section.

- Regular members and persons may apply for membership as an Associate member if they have served more than ~~five (5) ten (10)~~ years but less than ~~ten (10) twenty (20)~~ as an ~~full-time (32 hours per week)~~ employee with one or more governmental law enforcement agencies or departments and have taken a separation from the employment, under honourable circumstances, and have had arrest authority, meaning they must be empowered “by statute”, to arrest offenders, as defined in their jurisdiction (other than as a private citizen) at all times while on duty. The person must submit letters or documentation of proof to substantiate their qualification under this section.
- Retired Active-Duty Military Personnel may apply for membership as an Associate member who served with a job classification in law enforcement and having served in that classification for more than ~~five (5) ten (10)~~ less but less than ~~ten (10) twenty (20)~~ total years in that classification before honourable separation from the military. The person must submit letters or documentation of proof to substantiate their qualification under this section
- Persons receiving disability income or job reclassification due to injuries received while engaged in the ~~part-time~~ law enforcement employment, as previously defined, are eligible for Associate membership although they are not presently employed by such law enforcement agency or department. The person must submit letters of proof to substantiate their qualification under this section.

Each Associate member must be properly licensed to operate a motorcycle by the jurisdiction in which the member resides and must own a motorcycle. Persons who otherwise qualify as Associate member, but do not presently own their own motorcycle may become member if they plan to and acquire ownership in a motorcycle within six (6) months of their acceptance of membership.

An Associate member, who because of an injury or medical or physical condition, including age related conditions, are unable to safely continue operating a motorcycle may retain their membership as an Associate member. Members who qualify under this provision are exempt from motorcycle ownership and license requirements.

### **Background:**

The current Membership classifications and eligibility criteria were drawn up in 1974 at a time when there were very few Part-time officers employed by Law Enforcement Agencies and even fewer female officers who rode motorcycles. The changes in 2015, although a move in the right direction, did not address the underlying unfairness that is present in the classifications.

The membership classifications need to be brought up to date to reflect the changes to working practices since 1974. Regular membership should reflect that we are special because of who we are and what we do/did in service to our countries, it should be irrelevant how many hours per week that a member works. The important facts for Regular Membership should be:



- Such employment is the primary source of employment
- Members have arrest authority at all times while on duty
- Properly licensed to ride a motorcycle
- Motorcycle ownership.

Officers who work part-time hours generally do so in order to bring up a family, those members should not be discriminated against and disadvantaged by our classifications of membership. A person could have moved from full time employment to Part-time employment due to family commitments and subsequently work for over 40 years in order to achieve a full pension. If they join Blue Knights at any time during their Part-time service, they would have to join as an Associate member. That person, despite working the equivalent of a full-time officer when they retire is currently disadvantaged by the bylaws from holding office on the International Board, Conference Board and Chapter positions.

Current Associate membership criteria means that a person qualifies for membership even if they only work for 8 hours in a month, as the definition states (less than 32 hours per week, a minimum 96 hours per year) this is not only insulting to our members who work half-time in order to also look after their family, but it is a meaningless and arbitrary figure written into the classification over 50 years ago, and it does not reflect current working practices. \

In the UK and Europe, it is unlawful for a Club, Association or Society to discriminate either directly or indirectly against a person. An Association, Club or Society is any group of 25 or more members, which has rules to control how someone becomes a member and involves a selection process. The rules may be written down like a Constitution or unwritten. It does not matter if the Club is run for profit or not, or if it is legally incorporated or not. As the rules apply equally in the UK and Europe as the USA, it is irrelevant that the club is based in the USA.

Although private clubs in the USA may claim exemptions from certain anti-discrimination laws, many states and local governments have passed their own legislation to address discriminatory practices in private clubs. For example, California law prohibits private clubs from discriminating on the basis of race, sex, religion, or national origin. Other states have similar laws, and some go even further to include additional protected classes such as sexual orientation and gender identity. So, this does not only apply to the UKIC, the club should embrace this change and respect our members.

The following seven bylaws disadvantage Associate members by preventing them from holding office and voting.

Article III, International Government. Board of Directors. Section 3.02. Qualification for Election.

Article IV, Board of Governors. Section 4.01. Membership and Organization.

Article V, Conferences. Section 5.02. Officers.

Article V, Conferences. Section 5.03. Officers.

Article VI. Chapter. Section 6.02. Chapter Officers.

Article VI. Chapter. Section 6.04. Board of Directors.

Article VIII. Voting. Section 8.02. Board of Governors.

By stipulating that Associate Membership is available to persons who work part-time, and that Associate Members are not permitted to hold office or vote in certain circumstances, they are being disadvantaged. Women are statistically more likely to work part-time due to family commitments. By stipulating that Associate membership is available to officers who are employed on a part-time basis makes the classification unlawful. Where it applies to time served, the term Associate member should relate to short service not Part-time service.

In addition, the opportunities to recruit new members is reducing as officers are no longer making a long career out of law enforcement, and if they do not join the club before they move to a different job, most will not achieve the eligibility criteria for length of time served. If time served is a stipulation of membership that determines which category of membership you can apply for then this needs to be fair and transferable between.

With only 24% of Officers in the USA having more than 11 years of service and the average length of service in the UK and Wales is only 12.8 years. So, the opportunities to recruit members who have left Law enforcement is reducing and we need to lower the time served criteria of our membership classification to reflect the changes to working practices. If we do not, then the number of people eligible to join our club will continue to reduce year on year.

**Intention:** To bring the Constitution up-to-date with international law and modern career practices within law enforcement and military equivalencies.  
To provide up-to-date membership classifications which encompasses the international nature of the club and changes to career practices within law enforcement communities and military equivalencies since 1974.

**Advantages:** Evolve into a truly International organization that treats members with respect and does not indirectly discriminate against members. Encourage recruitment and retention.

**Disadvantages:** Some regular members may feel that this is a lowering of the club eligibility criteria.

**Cost:** None

**Suggested By:** Leonie Tromans

**Submitted By:** Leonie Tromans

NAME

**10<sup>th</sup> February 2025** UKIC Chair

DATE

TITLE/POSITION

**Approved by:** The UK&I Conference Board

**CONFERENCE REPORTS:**

**European:**

**Great Lakes:**

**Mason-Dixon:**

**Mid-West:**

**Northeast:**

**Rio Grande:**

**Southern:**

**Southwest:**

**Tri-State:**

**United Kingdom & Ireland:**

**West Coast:**

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

**NEXT BOD MEETING:**

**Date and Time:**

**Deadline for Agenda Items:**

**Motion to adjourn:**  
**2<sup>nd</sup>:**

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Glen Wheat  
BK BOD Executive Board  
International Secretary  
February 10, 2025**

**Attachments:  
Seven International Honorary Member Approval Info.**

**International Honorary Member for the year 2025**  
**Nominee: King Albert II of Belgium**  
**Nominated by: DJ Alvarez, Blue Knights Int'l President**

Madam Chair, and International Honorary Committee Members,

I am submitting International Honorary King Albert II of Belgian to be re-voted in again as International Honorary for 2025. The King has been associated with the Blue Knights for over 34 years and having him as an International Honorary member would be beneficial with someone of his status in our organization. I will also add that King Albert II is highly renowned and respected throughout Europe, and the world. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,  
DJ Alvarez  
Int'l President

**The Intl Honorary Committee recommendation for the 2025 renewal request of King Albert II: YES**

**Reason: The committee agrees that this individual who has been put forth for 2025 renewal as an International Honorary more than meet the criteria set forth in the board approved proposal 2010-a1, which was voted on and passed by the board on 11/23/10:**

**“Persons who, by virtue of their image or position in the community, draw favorable attention to the Blue Knights and our objectives;**

**Or,**

**Persons who, contribute substantially and voluntarily to the improvement, enhancement, development or objectives of the Blue Knights.”**

**BK, Gayle Murnane**  
**Chair, International Honorary Committee**  
**01/04/25**

**International Honorary Member for the year 2025**  
**Nominee: Joe Ball**  
**Nominated by: DJ Alvarez, Blue Knights Int'l President**

Madam Chair, and International Honorary Committee Members,

I am submitting Joe Ball, our International Webmaster, to be re-voted in as International Honorary for 2025. Joe is currently our Int'l Webmaster and has been since October 2017 when our previous webmaster, Paul Croteau, transferred to Heaven 1. Additionally, he assists Randy Gracy with maintaining the online magazine and catalog at no cost to the organization for the hundreds of donated man hours given by him. Joe also has served on the Internet Committee for several years. Joe works with the International Office with the computer issues to get them resolved in addition to creating programs that benefit the members such as member info updates, and online voting for conference and chapter elections. I ask that you consider and approve my request for Joe Ball to continue being an International Honorary. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,  
DJ Alvarez  
Int'l President

**The Intl Honorary Committee recommendation for the 2025 renewal request of Joe Ball: YES**

**Reason: The committee unanimously agrees that this individual who has been put forth for 2025 renewal as an International Honorary more than meet the criteria set forth in the board approved proposal 2010-a1, which was voted on and passed by the board on 11/23/10:**

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**BK, Gayle Murnane**  
**Chair, International Honorary Committee**  
**01/04/25**

## **International Honorary Member for the year 2025**

**Nominee: Christine Fulton, MBE**

**Nominated by: Stuart T McAllister, Director, Blue Knights Scotland I**

I respectfully request that Christine Fulton MBE be invited to renew as an International Honorary Member of Blue Knights International for 2025. I believe she continues to be a worthy Honorary Member of our organization.

Christine is the surviving spouse of Police Constable Lewis Fulton, Strathclyde Police - EOW June 17<sup>th</sup>, 1994. PC Fulton was stabbed to death whilst protecting members of the public from a psychotic male who had already injured another officer, for which he was awarded a posthumous Queens Commendation for Bravery.

In 2004 Christine co-founded the charity Care Of Police Survivors (COPS) which supports the families of police officers who lose their lives on duty in the UK and served as the charities president for 7 years. The work she has done and continues to do for the charity has been recognized by her appointment as Life Vice President.

Christine also co-founded the Scottish Police Memorial which lists the names of all officers known to have lost their lives on duty in Scotland. She is still heavily involved with both charities.

In 2009 she was awarded an MBE (Member of the British Empire) by Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II at Buckingham Palace for services to Police Survivors.

In the past year Christine has continued to support and represent the Blue Knights throughout the police family and beyond, never missing an opportunity to wear her blue vest.

Christine attends as many events and fundraising initiatives as possible throughout the year, to lend both moral and practical support, whilst promoting the Blue Knights.

Christine was on hand, once again in a Blue Knight vest, at the UK COPS Survivor Weekend, to welcome the 21st UK Law Ride into the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire. She stood alongside senior representatives of almost every police force in the UK and hundreds of other officers (of all ranks), survivors and family members as they welcomed the Blue Knights to the Sunday service.

From initial skepticism of the 'bikers' from senior police leaders, the Blue Knights are now accepted as an integral part of the event and much more widely known and accepted within senior police leadership, much of which is directly due to Christine's influence over the years.

She never misses an opportunity to push the club and motorcycle safety and can often be seen wearing her Blue Knights vest at events.

At a local level, she is in regular attendance at BK breakfast meetings playing an active part in the discussions.

Her highlight for 2024 was without doubt making the long journey to Cody, Wyoming for the WCC Conference, the only International Honorary to do so. She has described it as an unforgettable experience, loving making new friends and renewing friendships with Blue Knights she has met previously. She was also delighted to be interviewed for the Blue Knights podcast.

2025 is already shaping up to be as busy as ever with a number of UK rally's already in her diary and the bi-annual Blue Knights picnic which she organizes, taking place in September.

Christine never misses a chance to promote the club, it's aims and objectives, aided by her profile within COPS, the Scottish Police Memorial Trust and the wider police service.

I have said it before, but Christine's Honorary membership is an accolade she treasures. I do hope you choose to continue her membership as she is an asset to the club and tireless in the promotion of everything we stand for.

RWP,

Stu McAllister

Blue Knights Scotland I

**The Intl Honorary Committee recommendation for the 2025 renewal request of Christine Fulton: YES**

**Reason: The committee unanimously agrees that this individual who has been put forth for 2025 renewal as an International Honorary more than meet the criteria set forth in the board approved proposal 2010-a1, which was voted on and passed by the board on 11/23/10:**

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**Or,**

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**BK, Gayle Murnane**

**Chair, International Honorary Committee**

**01/04/25**

## **International Honorary Member for the year 2025**

**Nominee: Maggie Gallant**

**Nominated by: Bob Awtrey, SRC Rep**

It is with pride that I endorse and re-affirm our support and sponsorship for member Maggie Gallant to continue to serve as a Blue Knights International Honorary.

Maggie has long supported our cause and law enforcement members with her actions and deeds. She has attended many of the Blue Knights events and continues to support Blue Knights International as often as she can, as she has done for as many years as we have been an organization. Her smile and kind demeanor have continually benefited our Brotherhood.

The Southern Regional Conference continues to support her and highly recommend the continuation of the Blue Knights International Honorary Member Status for our friend and Sister, Maggie Gallant.

Bob Awtrey, SRC IR

**The Intl Honorary Committee recommendation for the 2025 renewal request of Maggie Gallant: YES**

**Reason: The committee unanimously agrees that this individual who has been put forth for 2025 renewal as an International Honorary more than meet the criteria set forth in the board approved proposal 2010-a1, which was voted on and passed by the board on 11/23/10:**

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**BK, Gayle Murnane**

**Chair, International Honorary Committee**

**01/04/25**



## **International Honorary Member for the year 2025**

**Nominee: Fred Noe**

**Nominated by: DJ Alvarez, Blue Knights Int'l President**

Madam Chair, and International Honorary Committee

Members, I am submitting International Honorary Fred Noe, son of Booker Noe, to be re voted in again as International Honorary for 2025. Fred is a ninth-generation descendant of Jim Beam and is the master distiller for the Jim Beam Corp just as his father was. Allowing Fred to continue being an International Honorary like his father would be beneficial to have someone of his status in our organization. Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

DJ Alvarez

Int'l President

**The Intl Honorary Committee recommendation for the 2025 renewal request of Fred Noe:  
YES**

**Reason: The committee unanimously agrees that this individual who has been put forth for 2025 renewal as an International Honorary more than meet the criteria set forth in the board approved proposal 2010-a1, which was voted on and passed by the board on 11/23/10:**

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**BK, Gayle Murnane**

**Chair, International Honorary Committee**

**01/04/25**

## **International Honorary Member for the year 2025**

**Nominee: Terry Pendleton**

**Nominated by: Bobby Durden, President GA VIII**

It is with much pride that we unanimously endorse and re-affirm our support and sponsorship for member Terry Pendleton for continuation status as a Blue Knights International Honorary.

Terry has long supported our cause and law enforcement members with his actions and deeds. He has attended many of the Blue Knights events and sponsors an annual benefit ride for which we get positive publicity and support. Many Blue Knights from all over Georgia attend this event and have always found him willing to give of his time and brotherhood with the members, in his actions and deeds.

Blue Knights International Representative for the Southern Regional Conference, Bob Awtry, has asked me to respond to you with a 100% positive endorsement from the SRC Executive BOD and the Southern Regional Conference, "We support and highly recommend the continuation of the Blue Knights International Honorary Member Status for Brother Terry Pendleton"

**The Intl Honorary Committee recommendation for the 2025 renewal request of Terry Pendleton: YES**

**Reason: The committee unanimously agrees that this individual who has been put forth for 2025 renewal as an International Honorary more than meet the criteria set forth in the board approved proposal 2010-a1, which was voted on and passed by the board on 11/23/10:**

**"Persons who, by virtue of their image or position in the community, draw favorable attention to the Blue Knights and our objectives;**

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**Persons who, contribute substantially and voluntarily to the improvement, enhancement, development or objectives of the Blue Knights."**

**BK, Gayle Murnane**

**Chair, International Honorary Committee**

**01/04/25**

**International Honorary Member for the year 2025**  
**Nominee: Former WI Governor Scott Walker**  
**Nominated by: DJ Alvarez, Int'l President**

Madam Chair, and International Honorary Committee Members,

I would like to re-nominate Scott Walker, former Governor of The State of Wisconsin, for the position of International Honorary Member of the Blue Knights for 2025. As County Executive, Scott put on yearly motorcycle rides throughout Wisconsin, to raise awareness for tourism in the Southeast section of WI. He owns and rides a Harley Davidson Road King and Governor Walker has always been pro law enforcement and military and is well respected in Wisconsin by both. He was a candidate for President of The United States in 2016 but after a short run, he took himself out of that race to spend more time governing Wisconsin. I humbly ask the committee to re-nominate Scott Walker as an Int'l Honorary with the Blue Knights Int'l Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,  
DJ Alvarez  
Int'l President

**The Intl Honorary Committee recommendation for the 2025 renewal request of Scott Walker: YES**

**Reason: The committee unanimously agrees that this individual who has been put forth for 2025 renewal as an International Honorary more than meet the criteria set forth in the board approved proposal 2010-a1, which was voted on and passed by the board on 11/23/10:**

**"Persons who, by virtue of their image or position in the community, draw favorable attention to the Blue Knights and our objectives;**

**Or,**

**Persons who, contribute substantially and voluntarily to the improvement, enhancement, development or objectives of the Blue Knights."**

**BK, Gayle Murnane**  
**Chair, International Honorary Committee**  
**01/04/25**

**END OF ATTACHMENTS.**