

## **BY-LAWS**

### **INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SHRINE MOTOR CORPS**

#### **ARTICLE I - NAME AND OBJECT**

Section 1. The association shall be known as the International Association of Shrine Motor Corps.

Section 2. The purpose of this association is to promote the organization and the betterment of Motorized Units among the various Temples of the Shrine, to create and devise motorized equipment that fits in with the style and display purposes of the Shrine, and to promote cordiality and good fellowship among its members.

Section 3. This association, as a body, shall not use its influence in any way, take sides in any manner whatsoever in the affairs of the Imperial Council, or enter into collusion with others having that intent.

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

Section 1. Membership in this association shall be composed of active members, and honorary members.

Section 2. An Active Member shall be any Shriner in good standing who is a wheeled motorized vehicle rider, either as an individual or as a member of an established unit of his temple.

Section 2-A. All officers of this Association shall automatically be considered active members of this Association for the duration of their term of office. All Past Presidents shall be active life members.

Section 2-B. The elective offices of this Association cannot be filled by two (2) Nobles of the same Temple.

Section 2-C. Any member of this Association desiring to become a candidate for elective office in the Association shall submit his credentials and shall preferably present himself in person to the Mid-Winter Meeting immediately prior to the Imperial Session in which he allows himself to be nominated. Credentials shall include personal history and background, fraternal history, work or business affiliation consisting of time available for regular meetings, special meetings or events requested by the President, conventions, ability and necessary time to fulfill the duties related to his office during his tenure in line, and his preparedness to carry out the required performance of an officer without financial hardship to himself or his family.

Section 3. Honorary members shall be appointed by the officers and/or the board of governors of this association.

Section 4. A Shrine motorized unit desiring to affiliate with this Association shall submit an application on a form furnished by the IASMC listing its officers and members, together with the current dues, shall then become members of this Association.

#### **ARTICLE III - OFFICERS AND MEETINGS**

Section 1. The Annual meeting of this Association shall be held during the Imperial Session of Shriners International at such time and place as may be determined by the Convention Committee of this Association.

Section 1-A. The Mid-Winter Meeting of this Association shall be held at the time and at the place and at the discretion of the President of this Association, typically between February and mid-April.

Section 2. The elected officers of this Association shall be President, President-Elect, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Third Vice-President, and Sergeant-at-Arms, all of whom will be elected for a term of one ( 1) year at the Annual Meeting of this Association and who shall serve until their successors have been elected and installed. Only Active Members, as described in Article II, Section 2, may hold office in this Association.

Section 2-A. The Secretary-Treasurer will be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Association for the term of three (3) years. After serving for at least three (3) years, he will become an active life member, a member of the executive committee and board of governors, and his dues waived as long as he is in good standing with his Temple.

Section 3. One representative from the units of a Temple, affiliated with this Association, together with the elected officers of the Association as enumerated in Section 2 thereof and including the Past Presidents and past Secretaries of this Association that are in good standing herein shall constitute the Board of Governors of this Association. Representatives to the board of Governors from the units of a Temple affiliated with this Association shall at the Annual or Mid-Winter Meeting of this Association or prior thereto furnish satisfactory credentials of his election or appointment to the Secretary-Treasurer of this Association. If the regularly designated representative is unable to attend the Annual or Mid-Winter Meeting, an alternate may be selected from the units of his Temple, and he shall qualify and function as a representative.

Section 3-A. When representatives from the units of a Temple or a designated alternate do not attend the Annual or Mid-Winter Meeting of this Association and an elected officer of this Association is present from the same Temple, only one (1) vote will be available for that Temple. The elected officer will not cast a vote as the Temple representative and as an elected officer.

Section 3-B. Any elected officer who is unable to attend the Annual or Mid-Winter Meeting of this Association cannot designate an alternate to serve as a voting representative on the Board of Governors. Any elected officer or appointed representative or alternate who absents himself nullifies that Temple's representation.

Section 3-C. The President can vote as any other member when the vote is by ballot. In all other cases, the President can (but is not obligated to) vote whenever his vote will affect the result; that is, he can vote to break a tie. The President cannot vote twice, once as a member, then again in his capacity as President.

Section 4. The Board of Governors shall meet annually and semi-annually to transact the business of this Association.

Section 4-A. Active members shall have the right to attend all meetings of the Board of Governors and may participate therein but shall have no vote and may not propose any motion unless he be a member of the Board of Governors.

Section 4-B. The elected officers, past presidents, and past secretaries of this Association shall constitute the Executive Committee. This committee may transact the interim business of this Association. The President shall be chairman of the Executive Committee and this committee shall have the authority to fill any vacancy in any elected office or remove from office any officer incapable of performing his duties until the next Annual Meeting, at which time the vacancy shall be filled by the Board of Governors.

Section 5. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association and carry out all orders and resolutions of the Association; he shall be an ex-officio member of all committees; he shall appoint all committees and fill any vacancies occurring therein; he shall, at least one day prior to the Annual Meeting, appoint an Auditing Committee of not less than three (3) to audit the books and accounts of the Association and report their findings to the Association at the Annual Meeting.

Section 6. The President-Elect shall, in the absence of the President, perform the duties of the President. The remaining Vice-Presidents shall in their order, in the absence of the President and the President-Elect, perform such duties of the President. They shall also perform such duties as may be assigned to them by the President.

Section 7. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall properly tile all meetings of this Association. He shall provide a record of each noble attending the meetings, and shall validate that all meeting participants are dues paying members of this association.

Section 8. The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep the records of this Association and record its minutes. He shall receive all dues and funds of the Association and deposit same in a reputable bank covered by the FDIC in the name of the International Association of Shrine Motor Corps and pay the bills of this Association. He shall prepare an annual report rendered in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices, on an accrual basis, of all financial transactions and prepare minutes of the Mid-

Winter and Annual Meetings, forwarding copies of each to all officers of this Association.

Section 8-A. The Secretary-Treasurer shall give good and sufficient bond for the faithful performance of his duties, in such an amount as the Executive Committee shall require, and the cost of said bond should be paid out of the Association's Treasury. This bond shall be kept in the custody of the President.

Section 8-B. The Secretary-Treasurer will maintain the Bank accounts. The Secretary-Treasurer will provide a detailed Treasurer's report at the Annual and Mid-Winter Meetings showing all transactions and all balances of all accounts held by the Association.

#### **ARTICLE IV - DUES**

Section 1. The annual dues for each member of the Association shall be the amount set by the Board of Governors at the Annual Meeting (U.S. funds) and due on January 1 of each year and shall be paid into the Treasury of this Association on or before the annual meeting and competition.

Section 1-A. A new unit desiring to associate with this Association may do so at any time during the year for the regular amount of the annual dues.

Section 2. Should the dues of any member not be prior to the annual competition, the member shall be denied all of the rights and privileges of the International Association of Shrine Motor Corps and shall be immediately suspended from membership at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

Reinstatement of such unit and its members or such member-at-large shall be accomplished by paying the present year's dues.

Section 2-A. Any member who failed to pay his dues for a year or more immediately preceding the year in which said member desires to compete, said member must, in addition to being a member in good standing, pay the present year's dues.

Section 3. A roster of active dues-paying members shall be maintained by the Secretary/Treasurer.

Section 4. The official insignia of this Association shall be a winged emblem three inches long, containing a center circle three fourths of an inch in diameter, circumscribing a Shrine emblem. Around the circumference shall be the words International Association of Shrine Motor Corps. The wings shall be silver, the outer border of the circle yellow, and the star red. This insignia will be sold only to members of this Association.

#### **ARTICLE V - COMMITTEES**

Section 1. The President shall appoint an editor whose duty shall be to publish a magazine that will be recognized as the official publication of this organization, to be known as the Cakras. This editor will select his staff of reporters or assistants, preferably one from each member unit, to assist in this work. The purpose of the entire group is to publicize this Association at every opportunity and to keep each member of this Association informed on current events and activities of the association. The Cakras should be published within two (2) months after the Mid-Winter Meeting.

Section 1-A. The President shall appoint an officer of this Association who will be responsible for publishing the results of the annual competition within 30 days of the annual meeting.

Section 2. The President shall appoint a Convention Chairman. The Chairman shall appoint his own Committee and shall make and direct all arrangements for meetings and entertainment to be held by the Association. All expenditures shall have the approval of the President and a report of these transactions shall be made at the Annual Meeting.

#### **ARTICLE VI - ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Section 1. Unless otherwise ordered, the order of business at the meetings shall be as follows:

- A. Reading of the Minutes
- B. Bills and Communications
- C. Report of Officers
- D. Report of Standing Committees
- E. Report of Special Committees

- F. Unfinished Business
- G. New Business
- H. Election of Officers
- I. Adjournment

Section 2. All business shall be conducted as governed by Robert's Rules of Order where not specifically covered by the foregoing By-Laws.

#### **ARTICLE VII - COMMUNICATIONS**

Section 1 – IASMC.org shall be the official communication vehicle of this organization. Bylaws, competition rules, field layouts, registration forms, and other forms shall be published there on. It is the member's responsibility to review IASMC.org periodically and in advance of the annual meeting, mid-winter meeting, and competition to review and become familiar with all relevant information.

#### **ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENTS**

Section 1 The By-Laws may be amended at any Annual or Mid-Winter Meeting of this Association by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of those present and qualified to vote provided said amendments are submitted in writing to the Secretary-Treasurer and to be published in the official communication of this organization. Section 2. Any business pertaining to this Association may be handled in the appropriate manner at any Annual or Mid-Winter Meeting of this Association by a majority vote of those present and qualified to vote.

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