

Texoma ABATE Newsletter

Nov 2011

ABATE IS: “An alliance dedicated to the protection of the individual rights of motorcyclists through political change and awareness, charitable deeds, public education and to the promotion of motorcycling” ABATE is a non-profit motorcycle rights organization

Preamble to the bylaws, Texas ABATE Confederation Inc.

Coordinator

Tim Walser

For those of you unaware, Gena passed away on Oct 1, 2011. On Sunday Sept 25th Gena had a serious brain aneurysm at the base of her skull. Your continued prayers and support for her family in the next few weeks will be appreciated. We have a benefit on Nov 19th (see run flyer for details) at the Sherman Elks Lodge to help offset costs for expenses. Let's all rally together and support Gena they way she has helped and supported so many over the years. Thanks to all those who have already shown their support to her family. Jesse Elliott has been appointed to the Chapter Rep position and is currently nominated in the upcoming elections. Support your Local ABATE, Tim

Meeting at Sherman ELKS Lodge at 1313 E Hwy 1417 Sherman Texas 3rd Sunday at 1pm every month.

Asst Coordinator

Crystal Wolff

As you know Joe and I had a baby boy “Preston” on Oct 13th. Ruthie and Gena threw us a baby shower on Sept 24th and they did an awesome job putting this together. Guys n gals were both welcomed. As a matter of fact, I think the guys were having more fun playing the games than the ladies, at least they were more competitive about it (especially Joe LOL!) There was lots of great food and gifts. What biker sponsored event would be complete without the 50/50, that was won by Jim Smith, who donated the \$25 back to us! Winners were Bingo – Jennifer Bringman, Toilet Paper measurement - Joe Wolff, and Word Scramble - Kaye Elliott. Thanks for the gifts and to all who attended, but most of all to Gena and Ruthie for all their hard work! Crystal Wolff

Announcements:

Kathy Walser

A benefit account has been set up in Gena's name at Cicost Federal Credit Union in Sherman. If you have any questions or anyone wanting to make donations please feel free to contact me (903)564-7858. Thank you!

Robin Warfield

Texoma ABATE Business Meeting Sunday, November 20 at 1pm at the Sherman Elks Lodge. Officer nominations for 2012 (an election year) close at this meeting. Come and get your nominations in!!

Legislative Rant

On November 8th we will be going to the polls to vote on 10 proposed constitutional amendments. It's up to each of us to read and decide. Always remember when it comes to these amendments, it is up to the state to let you know what they

mean, if the state doesn't do its job then it's up to you to block it. If you don't know, then vote NO!

Please note that some cities and counties may also have important things to vote on at the same time as this election.

Check with your local city or county for more info. Here is the Official info on the amendments, the pros and cons. http://www.lrl.state.tx.us/scanned/Constitutional_Amendments/amendments82_HRO_2011-11-08.pdf there is a shortened version of the above document. It is the same document, but some background info has been deleted. If you want to read it instead it is at this link. If you need more info you can also research the link above or contact your state rep.

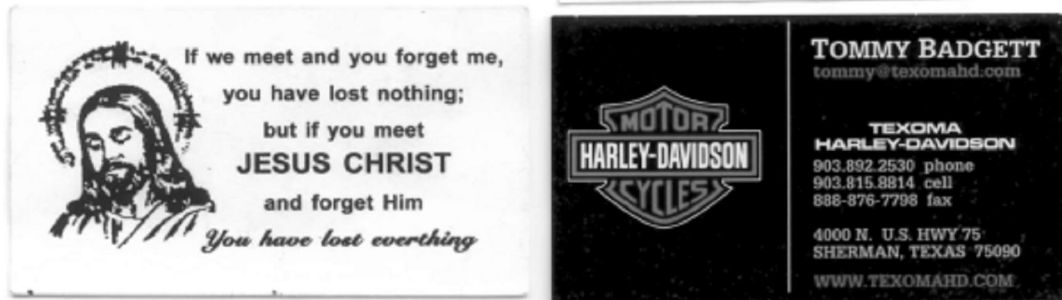
TMRA II Website Info

<http://www.tmra2.org/images/2011/2011propositions2.pdf>

Let's rock the vote this year. Make a difference don't just talk about it!

Robin Warfield

Quotable Quotes: "Whenever the people are well informed, they can be trusted with their government, for whenever things go so far wrong to attract their notice they can be relied on to set things right. If we are to guard against ignorance and remain free, it is the responsibility of every American to be informed." Thomas Jefferson



Secretary

Kathy Walser

Texoma ABATE Monthly Chapter Meeting 09/18/2011 1:00pm Elks Lodge Sherman Texas. Meeting called to order at 1:05 pm, followed by Pledge of Allegiance.

Tim – Thank you everyone for coming today

Minutes – Crystal read last month's meeting minutes from August motion made to accept, 2nd and passed

Treasurer report: read by Bruce, Motion made to accept, 2nd and passed

Membership: Read by Dollie: 2 expired in august bringing down to 76. 2 more expire in September. She plans to be @ gate at real fun poker run and will be checking memberships then.

Products: Crystal did not bring them to this meeting

Legislative: Buckett states he has not received anything current

Security: Joe will not be at Real fun poker run on Friday but will be there on Saturday. Is leaving radios with Tim. Robin requested Joe to check all radios before leaving with Tim. Stan offered a couple of radios to lead if needed.

Chapter Rep: Gena states that Sept 3rd is next meeting. Arlington is getting new t-shirts to support local ABATE. Denton chapter is doing great, had officers step down so they have new officers in place. They are in favor to rotate meetings.

There is a woman who is trying to get white bandanas tied onto handlebars to signify broke down motorcycle, she wants this to be a nationwide signal. Hammer chapter is doing Red Cross placement this month and welcome benefit for family from PA that moved to Houston for chemo. Net chapter is going to host seminar 10/15 and a hospice run. They lost motorcycle purchased for amsep program. Donations are needed for MidSouth M.I.L.E baskets. Contest to design logo for TALES (Texas ABATE Legislative Educational Seminar). General discussion ...next state meeting set for Jacksonville 11/12/2011

Newsletter: Need to get by-laws in newsletters and sent to each chapter to distribute to all members. Kaye is to work on getting this out

Old business – Officer Nominations are Joe-security, Gena-chapter rep Bruce-treasurer, Tim-coordinator, Dollie-Membership, Kathy-Secretary, Bucket-Assistant Coordinator, Crystal-Assistant Coordinator, Robin-Legislative, Kaye-Newsletter, All of these nominations were accepted

Crystal nominated Robin for products she declined. Crystal nominated Gena for Assistant coordinator-she declined, Teddy bear run was done on 9/17/11 and had 7 bikes then a few caught up on ride which totaled 11. Delivered bears at Bells, no one was in Sadler FD to accept, Sherwood Shores was delivered. Girls had photo ops in Sherwood Shores. Stopped and delivered in Tioga then ended at VFW in pilot point to meet up with Denton ABATE. Denton ABATE had 32 bikes \$113 brought in on teddy bear run. Robin wants to donate money to Bells VFD..motion passed and accepted. New Business: Michelle volunteered to make baskets and eat costs so we can auction off at each meeting to increase our bunds.

Robin suggested joining net chapter in April event in Bonham and she will contact net chapter for info.

Stan informed us that a Silent partner for Toy run has purchased 2 TV's for auction to get money coming in for "for the kid's toy run". He also states he will need help with city coordination. There was an executive decision to make last stop at elks lodge. He is going to be seeing about starting at ACS again. There will not be a silent auction this year will only have stockings to raffle off.

Oct 1st Elks lodge wants to coordinate a poker run for national foundation per Charlene. ½ money donated will go to foundation and ½ to local Elks Lodge. Buckettt volunteered to do run. Motion passed and accepted.

Real fun Poker run has new flyers and will be given at run committee meeting following chapter meeting. Michelle suggesting to have garage sale during real fun poker run. Robin volunteers to meet people to take stuff out to farm for garage sale.

Don't forget MidSouth M.I.L.E is Oct 21-23rd in Joplin MO.

Open floor: Dollie visited with Kokomo and he is doing great, still in rehab but is walking on his own.

Buckettt states Jeff Aday is opening his eyes and moving arms and legs.

Call post is due next month.

Kaye Elliott won 50/50 of \$42.00 and was donated back to ABATE

Motion to end meeting made, passed, and accepted



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Chapter Representative

Jesse Elliott

Gena Gayle Guffee June 17, 1963-Oct 1, 2011

It's easy to be a friend to someone in the good times of life. It's much more difficult to be a friend in the hard times. It is common for ones friends to drift away during those times because of the fear of the unknown and the prospect of their own mortality. I learned this when Jesse had cancer in 2003, twice. It would have impossible to have kept my sanity during that lonely void if it had not been for that knack Gena had for just being there when you were at your lowest. Gena rode out that storm with me even the prognosis was very bleak at first. Very few days went by that she didn't make that 23 M.I.L.E trip to my house, to hold my hand or give me a shoulder to cry on. A human being is defined by what they do for others and Gena was that...big hearted and loyal to the bone.

She has in 19yrs never failed anyone she came across in need. I used to kid her about all her wayward "kids' or strays. I know many of you have shared in this unique experience that was Gena. She will always be the true definition of "Guardian Angel" in my eyes.

Gena was a 20 year member of Texoma ABATE & a lifetime member of Texas ABATE Confederation Inc. She has held a variety of officer positions in our chapter as well as State officer positions over the years. I cannot begin explain to you in this short time the path she helped pave for bikers all over Texas and sometimes beyond. She will continue to influence the future through all she has taught others along the way. She was also a member of Texas Motorcycle Rights Assoc (TMRA), TMRA II, and the Sherman ELKS lodge #2280.

At the 2011 legislative session in January we all marched in to have a powwow with Representative Larry Phillips. Gena was down the hall roundin up stragglers. Mr Phillips looked at us and said where is your den mother Gena, we can't start without her. Representative Phillips was very saddened when I notified him. That alone spoke volumes. She left her mark everywhere she went. I've never seen Gena let anything stop her.

Her mighty little presence and that seize the moment attitude will be greatly missed. She will be impossible to replace in any sense of the word. All we can hope to do is follow her example and continue what she started and maybe we can make the difference she has. As long we do that, she will never truly be gone. I feel privileged to have been able to call her my friend, my sista! Stormy, Newsletter Editor

Quotable Quotes: "I never saw a wild thing feel sorry for itself...a small bird will drop frozen from a bough without ever having felt sorry for itself" DH Lawrence

Statement from Rep Larry Phillips:

"I regret that I cannot be with you today to celebrate the life of Gena Guffee. Gena had a great reputation as a grass-roots champion for motorcyclists' rights, and I will miss seeing and hearing from her. I know that she worked hard to make her community a better place for everyone, and her passing is a great loss to our community."

Rep. Larry Phillips

Stormy's Lair

Kaye "Stormy" Elliott

Hey to all the brothers n sistas reading this rag, this is Kaye "Stormy" Elliott, I have inherited the privilege of our newsletter. I hope to do ya'll a good job, (with the help of Robin) But I can't do it without your feedback and support. If you have a run flyer, event, or would simply like to speak your mind (within reason) all input is welcome. The newsletter deadline is 3rd Wednesday of every month. You can bring your submissions to the monthly meeting on the 3rd Sunday every month, mail to: Texoma ABATE PO Box 1113 Sherman, TX 75091, or email me at stormyslairtexomaABATE@yahoo.com.

Also we need sponsors! Business Card Ads are \$10 a month or \$100 a year (\$20 savings). In the future editions we hope to be running half and full page ads. If you own a business & you are reading this, so are other people. This newsletter can't happen without our sponsors. Remember donations are a good tax deduction but, so are business advertisements no matter how small. (hint, hint)

I would like to start our own version of "In The Wind", so send in your story about a run or event experience worth sharing funny or not. Hell I'll even run announcements if I receive 'em in time. I'm trying not to end up by the toilet of every ABATE member in Grayson county, maybe move me up to the coffee table...think about it. Hope you enjoy! Here's to keeping the wind at your back and rubber side down ...Stormy

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- Coordinator Tim Walser and Skee Dodson
- Asst Coordinator Crystal Wolff and Scott "Bucket" Hall
- Chapter Rep Jesse Elliott
- Treasurer Bruce Guffee and Kathy Walser
- Secretary Kaye Elliott
- Legislative Robin Warfield
- Membership Dollie Graham
- Security Joe Wolff
- Products Carol Cameron
- Newsletter Kaye Elliott

Come to the next meeting and make your nominations. If you don't show, you can't complain. Meeting is 3rd Sunday every month 1pm @ Sherman ELKS Lodge 1313 E Hwy 1417 Sherman, Tx (903)815-4958.

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Membership

Dollie Graham

I know we have all been going thru a lot organization wise and personally in our own lives However, I have had a very tough time this year as memberships have dwindled. Many of you received renewal letters and notice of where I will be at whatever event in order for you to renew your membership. However, I have had few responses. Thank you to those that replied but so many expired which I know care and joined because you believe in what we do but overlooked. So everybody lets pull together and put Texoma ABATE back on track. There are many delinquent members as well as many future members out there to be had. If all our 69 current members could each bring in 5 new members you get a free 1 year membership and we could be well on our way. Riding for the Cause is worth it, we give back to the community in so many ways. Let's remind people how important our role in the community is. And don't forget if we don't stick around to teach the next generation of biker who will? No one.

Please come to the meetings, we make a difference. We need help to make our Texoma ABATE as strong as it was a few years ago. The economy is hard and times are tough but Texoma ABATE needs you to come back and help us to continue to protect your motorcycle individual rights of politically, help us promote motorcycle safety awareness and help us in our charitable works. In our county we have had too many accidents the last year and several the last couple months which could have been prevented. It's tragic! Once again we must become strong and make ourselves heard. We need all of your help to do so. Come to the next meeting and speak your mind. Nominations for officers are open at the November 20th meeting. Election of officers is November 20th. We would love to have more participants and more nominations. Please come and participate and hell , run against me or another office. I don't care if you haven't been to a meeting in months or if you have been expired for months. It's ok, just step up now and HELP make Texoma ABATE like it should be and just my own thought "make Gena proud" So contact me at the next meeting personally or by phone / text @ 903-436-0157...email doll813@yahoo.com and postal mail @ Dollie Graham 175 Sherman Drive Pottsboro, Tx 75076. Thanks, God Bless, Good Wishes and Happy Riding / Freedom to ALL. Dollie Graham

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The proposed Bylaws are as follows, that must be published and voted on in a State Board meeting before implementation.

(The) Texas ABATE Confederation, Inc.

Preface

An alliance dedicated to the protection of the individual rights of motorcyclists through political change and awareness, charitable works, public education and the promotion of motorcycling.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

Definitions

Elected Chapter Representatives and the Independent Representative, hereinafter called the “Confederation”, shall hence be considered the “Board of Directors.”

Confederation Officers, elected plus appointed, shall hence be considered the “Administration.”

Article I

- A. The name of this Corporation is (The) Texas ABATE Confederation, Inc., a nonprofit corporation operating under the IRS 501(c)3 rules.
- B. The registered agent is Bruce Guffee, 390 Kerfoot Ln., Bells, TX 75414, mailing address is P.O. Box 1113, Sherman TX 75091.

Article II

Objectives

- A. Improve the image of motorcyclists to the general public throughout the State of Texas.
- B. Promote motorcycle safety through awareness and education programs.
- C. We promote education by doing talks and writing unbiased articles for distribution to the public.
- D. We are a social organization that is involved in charitable works throughout the State of Texas.
- E. Educate individuals in the political process.
- F. We are politically involved with the actions of our government with regards to the rights of the people (freedom of choice) within the State of Texas, with more emphasis being made directly with motorcycle rights.
- G. We are involved with our government at both the State and Federal level.

Article III

Members:

- A. Any person who wishes to become a member will be considered in good standing upon the completion of an application and membership fees are current.
 - 1. Types of memberships:
 - a. Individual – One person
 - b. Family - Two persons
 - c. Lifetime – (1) Gold An honorary membership approved by the Board
(2) Silver A membership purchased by the member
 - d. Inactive – Will be issued their former membership number if available when reactivating, otherwise will be issued a new number.
 - 2. Persons must have been a member in good standing for a period of one (1) month before having voting privileges.
 - 3. Persons may join either as:
 - a. Members of an existing chapter, or
 - b. Independent members
- B. Termination of memberships.
 - 1. Non payment of membership fees.
 - 2. Acts considered by the Board and or the Administration, to be detrimental to ABATE.
- C. The Confederation reserves the right to set the cost of membership fees.

Article IV

Governing body

- A. The Corporation shall be governed by a Board of Directors.
 - 1. The Board of Directors shall consist of members designated as Chapter Representatives, elected by their chapters, and the Independent Representative, elected by the independent members. Board members may hold other state positions, with the exception of the executive positions.
 - 2. Persons must be 18 years of age or older to be a state officer or Chapter Representative.
 - 3. The required executive officers of the Confederation shall consist of; Coordinator, Assistant Coordinator,

- Secretary and Treasurer. These officers serve two year terms and are elected by the Board of Directors.
4. The administrative officers of the Confederation are: Legislative, Membership and Newsletter. These officers are elected by the Board of Directors.
 5. The optional positions that may be filled, at the request of the Confederation may include; Security, Products and/or Media Relations. They may also include other positions, as required by the Confederation. The positions may be elected, or appointed by the State Coordinator with approval of the Confederation.
- B. A quorum of Directors is required for the corporation to conduct business.
1. A quorum shall consist of 50% of the directors.
 2. A director may be counted present if communicating with the board by electronic means (phone, etc.) during the meeting.
 3. Should a board member be unable to attend a scheduled meeting, that member may send a substitute carrying a written proxy from their chapter. A person present by proxy may not be counted toward a quorum. Once a quorum is established, the proxy vote will be counted.
- C. Administrative Officers shall serve for a period of two (2) years.
1. On even numbered years, the positions of Coordinator, Secretary and Legislative shall be nominated and elected. On odd numbered years, the positions on Assistant Coordinator, Treasurer, Newsletter, and Security shall be nominated and elected.
 2. The State Coordinator may appoint a member to fill a vacant state officer position on a temporary basis.
- D. The Board shall meet quarterly, or more frequently, as deemed necessary.
- E. The Confederation shall provide for not less than one general membership meeting annually.

Article V

Corporate functions

- A. Corporate Records:
1. Minutes of meetings of the Board and/or Administration shall be maintained by the appropriate state officer(s).
 2. Financial Records shall be maintained by the appropriate state officer(s).
- B. Use of the (The) Texas ABATE Confederation Inc. name, it's abbreviations, derivatives, or logo may not be used for endorsement by a business, person, political party, political candidate, or other organization unless authorized by the Board of Directors.
- C. The organization shall utilize prudent financial judgment in its conduct of business.
- D. Officers of ABATE may not be held liable for monetary damages as such for any action taken, or any failure to take action, unless the officer has breached or failed to perform the duties of his/her office and the breach or failure to perform constitutes willful misconduct or recklessness.
1. The provisions of this section shall not apply to the responsibility or liability on an officer pursuant to any criminal statute or the liability of an officer for payment of taxes to local, state or Federal agencies.
- D. Any situation, circumstance or procedure not covered by provision of these Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws shall be determined by Directors of the Confederation. The Confederation shall refer to Robert's Rules of Order for additional clarification as to procedure.
- E. Conflict resolution:
1. Situations concerning complaints, termination of memberships, removal of office, or acts detrimental to the organization shall be resolved by assignment of an appointed committee, not to be less than three people, none of whom are involved in the issue.

2. Upon receipt of a complaint, the person receiving the complaint shall report to the Board the nature of the complaint, the person making the complaint, and it's resolution, if applicable. Unresolved complaints shall be addressed by the Confederation.
3. The Confederation shall determine the validity of the complaint and take appropriate action, which may include removal from office, termination of membership, or appointment of a committee for further investigation. The Confederation will establish a committee.
4. The committee will investigate the complaint and report to the Board it's findings and recommendations.

Article VI

Changing the Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws

- A. Any changes, deletions, or additions may only be made by a 2/3 majority vote of the Confederation after a 90 day review and comment period.
- B. Changes are considered to be final upon publication in the state newsletter.

Article VII

Dissolution Clause:

- A. In the event ABATE should, for any reason, find it necessary to cease its existence, the following procedure shall be followed:
 1. All financial records shall be submitted to a CPA firm, selected by the Administration, for review and preparation of all final returns and obligation to Federal, state and local agencies
 2. Upon the dissolution of the organization, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all the liabilities of the organization dispose of all the assets of the organization exclusively for the purpose of the organization in such a manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under section 501C(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
 3. In case of insolvency, the assets will be sold and monies divided among debtors according to a formula of percentage as prescribed in bankruptcy proceedings.
 4. The Administration shall issue a written report to the selected CPA firm, documenting the specifics of above directed action, signed by all officers of the Administration.

BYLAWS

Article I

Meetings

- A. All ABATE business meetings shall be open to the public.
- B. Roberts Rules of Order will be followed at all meetings.

Article II

Chapters

- A. To establish a chapter: Any prospective chapter must have four (4) officers, a Coordinator, Assistant Coordinator, Secretary/Treasurer and one other officer. Also the Chapter must have a Chapter Representative. The Chapter Representative may hold any other position within the chapter.

- B. A start-up chapter must have and maintain (a minimum of) fifteen members. The chapter must have a mailing address, checking account (that requires two signatures), regular meetings, and regular representation at the Board meetings.
- C. The start-up chapter must also pay an initial charter fee of \$50.00.
- D. After a period of not less than six months, a start-up chapter may request recognition as a full chapter, provided that they have demonstrated growth and continuity. The Board may accept this petition by a simple majority.
- E. Should a start-up chapter decide not to apply for full membership, or not be approved by the Board, the Board will reevaluate the start-up chapter for suitability to continue.
- F. Chapter elected officers:
 - 1. Shall serve one year terms. These officers are elected by the chapter's members. Chapters may elect or appoint, at their discretion, other officer positions.
 - 2. Chapter Officers must be members in good standing for a period of six (6) months before serving as an officer.
- G. The State Treasurer shall be on the signature card of the chapter checking account. A copy of the monthly bank statement and financial report shall be forwarded to the State Treasurer.
- H. The chapters are required to pay an annual chapter fee. This fee is \$50.00 per year or \$1.00 per chapter member, whichever is greater. This is to be billed on January, 1 and payable before March 1.
- I. All chapter assets are the property of the (The) Texas ABATE Confederation Inc.
- J. Chapters shall meet on a regularly scheduled basis, not to be less than nine meetings per year.
- K. Chapters are to elect officers on an annual basis, and to notify the state officers of names, addresses, and phone numbers of the same.
- L. In the event of a vacancy at the chapter level the Chapter Coordinator shall fill the position with an appointee, subject to the approval of the chapter membership.
- M. Chapter Officers
 - 1. Coordinator
 - a. Chair meetings.
 - b. Formulate agendas for upcoming meetings
 - c. Call chapter officer meetings as necessary.
 - d. Formulate and propose projects, events, and objectives for the upcoming year to the membership.
 - e. Serve as official spokesperson for the chapter and generally lead the chapter politically, socially and charitably throughout the term.
 - f. Insure an article is sent, by the Chapter, to the State Newsletter for each issue.
 - g. Any other such duties as may be assigned by the Confederation or mandate of the chapter membership.
 - 2. Assistant Coordinator
 - a. Assume the position of the coordinator upon the office becoming vacant prior to the next general election, or in the event of the absence, disability or incapacitation of the coordinator, or at the request of the coordinator.
 - b. Any other such duties as may be assigned by the coordinator or mandate of the chapter membership.
 - 3. Secretary

- a. Maintain chapter records.
 - b. Record and report minutes of all meetings and forward copies of each meeting's minutes to the State Secretary.
 - c. Receive all chapter mail and present same at next meeting.
 - d. Any other such duties as may be assigned by the coordinator or mandate of the chapter.
- 4. Treasurer
 - a. Act as custodian of all chapter monies.
 - b. Receive and disperse money as approved by the officers.
 - c. Maintain current books and records of all financial transactions.
 - d. Report at each chapter meeting the financial status of the chapter, including receipts and disbursement, balances on hand and profits or losses from events and/or other projects.
 - e. Submit monthly financial reports to the State Treasurer no later than the 10th day of the following month. Bank statements and cashed checks are needed in the state office to comply with state law. (Bank statements must balance with your monthly financial report)
 - f. Chapter checks require two signatures.
 - g. Second signatures for checks shall be provided by officers who are not married, cohabiting or otherwise related.
- 5. Membership
 - a. Receive and process Chapter membership applications on a timely basis.
 - b. Maintain all Chapter membership records.
- 6. Legislative
 - a. Work in close coordination with the State Legislative Officer to keep the chapter informed of political and legislative issues that are important to the chapter.
- 7. Chapter Representative
 - a. Representative of local Chapter sitting as a Member of the Board as delineated by State law.
 - b. Reports Confederation information to local Chapter.
 - c. Votes at Confederation elections and meetings as directed by majority vote of local Chapter membership.
 - d. Presents local Chapter concerns and suggestions for changes, amendments, proposals, etc. to the State Confederation for their consideration.
- 8. Other officers
 - a. The chapter has the option of appointing or electing officers to fill positions other than those required by the bylaws.

Article III

Elections

- A. Election notification for open positions will be reported in the newsletter issue published during the year's first quarter.

- B. Nominations for open positions will be accepted from July through November.
- C. Candidates for the above positions must be current members, and must accept the nomination either in person, by phone or written notice. Candidates for office have the opportunity to address the general membership via the newsletter.
- D. All nominees are subject to Board approval.
- E. Board members are to vote at the last Confederation meeting of the calendar year.
- F. Installation of the new officers is to be held at the first meeting of the following year.
- G. The Independent Representative will be elected by a vote of the independent members only.

Article IV

General Fund

- A. The Confederation shall maintain a general fund, to be administered by the State Treasurer, at the direction of the Board.
 - 1. Monies shall be dispersed, as required, to maintain routine operational functions of the Corporation.
 - 2. These expenditures are expected to be reasonable and prudent.
 - 3. Should there be a questionable expenditure, the Treasurer is required to bring this expenditure to the attention of the Board for resolution.
 - 4. The executive and administrative officers shall develop and propose an annual budget for approval by the Board.
 - 5. Other expenditures require Board approval.

Article V

Duties of Confederation Officers

- A. State Coordinator:
 - 1. To oversee the operations of the organization, including state level meetings, events and other functions. The State Coordinator is required to direct the organization, and maintain organizational cohesiveness.
 - 2. The State Coordinator is responsible for public relations and may designate an official spokesperson.
 - 3. Chair all Confederation meetings and the Annual Membership meeting.
 - 4. Make all decisions, not requiring Confederation approval, to ensure continuous operation of the Corporation on a daily basis with the exception of obligating corporate funds or assets, sign contracts, exempt individuals or groups from bylaws and/or policies.
 - 5. May only vote at Confederation meetings in the event of a tie.
 - 6. May sign Confederation checks.
 - 7. Authorized to make expenditures benefiting the Corporation, not exceeding \$250.00 total, without Confederation approval. Additional funds for similar expenses requires written approval of the Confederation. This is not to be misconstrued as a petty cash fund.
 - 8. Prepare and submit a proposed annual budget for this Office to the State Treasurer.
 - 9. Submit an article twice a year pertaining to this position of office.
 - 10. Any such other duties that the Confederation shall require.
- B. State Assistant Coordinator

1. Assumes authority of Coordinator in the event of Coordinator's absence or temporary disability.
2. Oversee all Confederation committees.
3. To advise and assist the Coordinator, as required.
4. Is the Parliamentarian at the discretion of the Confederation.
5. Prepare and submit a proposed annual budget for this Office to the State Treasurer.
6. May sign Confederation checks.

C. State Secretary

1. Record and maintain Confederation meeting minutes, to include written proxies, votes, flyers, etc. And, to distribute this information to the appropriate officers and/or board members in a timely manner.
2. To work in conjunction with the Coordinator to establish meeting agendas and provide prior written notice for every Confederation meeting.
3. Maintain all Corporation records including, but not limited to, publications (flyers, newsletter, etc.), minutes of all Chapter meetings, correspondence, contracts, press releases, resignations, proxies and any other such documents deemed warranted.
4. Maintain a current copy of the Bylaws and Constitution, copies of all prior changes and requests for amendments.
5. Prepare and submit a proposed annual budget for this Office to the State Treasurer.
6. May sign Confederation checks.

D. State Treasurer

1. Responsible for maintaining the financial accounts and records of the Confederation.
2. Responsible for filing and maintaining all taxes and related documents.
3. Receive, maintain and monitor chapter financial reports. The Treasurer is responsible for distributing all forms necessary to the Chapters.
4. The Board of Directors may audit the financial records of the Confederation when deemed necessary.
5. Send quarterly financial reports to every board member and publish a year end statement in the State Newsletter.
6. All government filings (sales tax, IRS, Chapter filings, etc.) will be copied and dispersed to all Board Members and Officers and to each Chapter Coordinator within 30 days of the filings.
7. All checks require the State Treasurer's signature and that of one other state officer (Coordinator, Assistant Coordinator or Secretary). Second signature can not be by any officers who are married, cohabitate or otherwise related.
8. All checks received are to be deposited with ten days.
9. Prepare and present the proposed Confederation budget on an annual basis.

E. State Legislative Officer

1. Propose and direct the legislative and political goals of the organization.
2. Document and report on activities of our Legislature and Congress, and the relevant activities of other Motorcycle Rights Organizations (M.R.O.'s) around the country.

3. Serve as the Confederation's official representative to other M.R.O.'s and to any other body where action is deemed appropriate or to designate an appointee for same.
4. Work in close coordination with the Chapter Legislative Representatives to keep them informed of political and legislative issues.
6. Prepare and submit a proposed annual budget for this Office to the State Treasurer.
7. Submit an article twice a year pertaining to this position of office.

F. State Membership Officer

1. Maintain the mailing address for the Confederation and distribute mail in a timely manner.
2. Receive and process all membership applications on a timely basis.
3. Directly deposit funds into the State Membership Checking Account with monthly reports and all monies above the \$300.00 limit forwarded to the State Treasury by the 10th of the month.
4. Maintain all Confederation membership records.
5. Provide renewal notifications to members within a sufficient period of time to ensure no lapse of membership services.
6. Provide each Chapter with an updated membership list monthly.
7. Coordinate and maintain records on Chapter development and information on requests for new Chapter formation.
8. Work closely with each chapter regarding memberships.
9. Prepare and submit a proposed annual budget for this Office.

G. State Newsletter Editor

1. Responsible for the publication, editing and distribution of the State Newsletter.
2. Gather and promote gathering of information from National, State and Chapter sources concerning the ABATE purposes.
3. Establish and refine a usable format for the newsletter.
4. Collect advertising material for the newsletter, and forward billing information, or monies received, to the Treasurer's Office in a timely manner.
5. Prepare and submit a proposed annual newsletter budget to the State Treasurer.

H. State Products Officer

1. Makes recommendations to the Board regarding merchandise that the organization may wish to sell.
2. Maintain accountability of inventory and monies received.
3. Develop and implement a merchandising program.
4. Prepare and submit a proposed annual products budget to the State Treasurer.

I. State Security Officer

1. Maintain order at meetings and events at the request of the Coordinator and/or Assistant Coordinator.
2. Oversee security for all Confederation functions or as otherwise directed by the Confederation.

3. Keep and maintain security equipment.
4. Maintain records of and negotiates/monitors use and loans of security equipment to Chapters.
5. Prepare and submit a proposed annual budget for this Office to the State Treasurer

J. The Board of Directors

1. The Board of Directors is responsible for the development, implementation, and discharge of organizational policies.
2. Board members are responsible for the free flow of news and information between the board and their chapter membership.
3. Each board member shall have one vote. (The chapter must be in compliance by having at least 15 current members.)
4. The board is charged with the responsibility of aggressively pursuing income opportunities which will allow the organization to pursue its objectives, as outlined in Article III of the by-laws.

Article VI

Removal from office

- A. Any board member, administrative officer, appointee, member and/or committee person may be removed from office for proper cause.
 1. Insubordination.
 2. Improper behavior resulting in negative publicity or derogate to the image of ABATE or its chapters.
 3. Non-performance of duties, responsibilities, and assigned tasks by way of incompetence, dereliction, procrastination, or any other means that result in excessive delay or failure.
 4. Knowingly or willfully violating current governing regulations, bylaws, directives and SOP's.
 5. Failure to comply with orders/instructions of the State Coordinator, Board of Directors or their appointed representatives.
 6. Any action/behavior determined to be detrimental to the organization and/or its members.
- B. Charges shall be presented in writing to the Confederation detailing times, dates, places, persons relevant to said charges and signed.
- C. An immediate preliminary investigation will be initiated by the State Coordinator.
- D. If the investigation verifies the charges(s) are valid and circumstances warrant the State Coordinator and/or the Board of Directors will dismiss the defendant from subject position.
- E. Defendant will have 30 days to appeal this decision to the Board of Directors.
- F. If an appeal is granted the defendant is required to appear before the Board of Directors with whatever documents, witnesses and supporting evidence that supports their position. The appeal may be presented at a regularly scheduled meeting, or at the discretion of the Board of Directors, a "special meeting."
- G. If the charges are dismissed the member may resume their duties.
- H. If charges are affirmed, the member may be stripped of office, duties, and privileges they may have held, including membership at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
- I. The decision of the appeal hearing is final and is to be recorded in the minutes.