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Welcome to the LAMA Family!

The Latin American Motorcycle Association (L.A.M.A) was founded in 1977 in Chicago's notorious Humboldt Park neighborhood. From it's inception L.A.M.A. was intended as a Moto-Touring club with truly Democratic ideals. A lone chapter until the first chapter was started in Miami in 1996, LAMA became a National Association when the first national president was elected in 1996.

In 1999 LAMA became an International Association with chapters in Puerto Rico, Mexico, U.S.A. & Cuba. Presently LAMA has additional chapters in 24 nations in 5 continents.

In 2000 to celebrate the millennium the L.A.M.A. International President created the LAMA International Motorcycle Assoc. to globalize LAMA.

In 2006 the International President invented the "FRIENDSHIP SPORT" of MOTO-TOURING. We now celebrate National and a World Championship of this sport annually.

LAMA/IMA was intended as the club of the 21st century and is a work in Progress, to be continued by the flow and ideas of new members in near and far off lands!

LAMA/IMA is a club without borders. We have evolved into an "International Humanist Association". We accept working people from all walks of life regardless of nationality, race, color, religion, social class, gender, age, brand of motorcycle, etc. We believe that it is more important to be human than to be Latin, Asian, African, European, etc.

The LAMA/IMA mission is to promote Peace, Love, Harmony and Non Violence worldwide and in that way, serve as an example that we can all live together in peace.

LAMA/IMA is one of the most respected clubs in the world. As a LAMA member there are doors opened to you in every city where we have chapters and Brother-Clubs. To know LAMA is to visit the other chapters, especially chapters in other nations.

LAMA/IMA is recognized as one of the most active long distance riding clubs in the world. Our women (DAMAS DE LAMA) accompany us on their own motorcycles, riding Xtreme distances, which most Bikers find way too far and others find a challenge of endurance. Women are an important part of and have an equal role in our association.

LAMA/IMA by-laws were compiled through 40 years of experiences. It was not intended so that we carry a dictionary of rules to have few short hours of fun. On the other hand, there are times when difficulties occur, and that's when they come in handy.

WELCOME TO LAMA! YOU HAVE JUST JOINED ONE OF THE BEST CLUBS IN THE WORLD. WE CHALLENGE YOU TO HELP US IMPROVE IT.

Mario Nieves, Founder

Latin American Motorcycle Association INTERNATIONAL BY-LAWS

Mission

Article 1: L.A.M.A. was created to organize recreational activities for its members and friends, such as tours, picnics, camping, custom motorcycle shows, motoskill events and a host of other social activities that benefit the members.

Article 2: L.A.M.A. must provide safety education for the membership and the public at large that promote the safe and legal use of motorcycles through classes, instruction at chapter meetings, televised programs, videos, workshops, etc.

Article 3: The Latin American Motorcycle Assoc. aka L.A.M.A. International Motorcycle Assoc. since June 2000, will act as the official International governing body of the association and the sport of Moto-Touring. L.A.M.A. must create, promote and regulate Moto-Touring sports competitions on local, national, and International levels.

Article 4: L.A.M.A. is not a charitable organization and our mission is in the sport of moto-touring, but as an integral part of our respective communities, L.A.M.A. chapters are expected to organize some charitable events on behalf of those less fortunate. This can be achieved through toy drives, food drives, blood drives, fund drives and a host of other activities.

Article 5: LAMA members and chapters serve as voluntary promoters of tourism in their respective cities and nations. This is in accordance with our mission to bring together people of all nations to visit each other and in this way foment Peace, Love, Harmony and Non Violence.

SECTION I NAME

Article 1: This organization shall be known as: Latin American Motorcycle Assoc. (L.A.M.A.) aka LAMA International Motorcycle Assoc. since June, 2000.

Article 2: Any unauthorized use or abuse of the name or logo shall be grounds for dismissal and/or termination of an individual's membership, or the affiliation of a chapter from the Association and/or legal action will be taken.

Article 3: The name L.A.M.A International Motorcycle Assoc. was created in 2000 to celebrate the millennium. It is intended for the use of members/chapters outside of Latin America. Both, Latin American MA and LAMA International MA are identical in every sense of the word. Except that on the rear of the official black leather vest, where the original logo says LATIN AMERICAN, it is replaced with a patch that says INTERNATIONAL with a small patch above it that says LAMA. That is the only difference.

SECTION II CHARACTER

Article 1 The Latin American Motorcycle Association is a humanist association that does not distinguish between race, color, nationality, ethnic origins, religion, gender, age, social class, motorcycle brands, etc. L.A.M.A. members share a passion for motorcycles that unite us in a brotherhood with Democratic ideals.

Article 2 The Latin American Motorcycle Association is a Not for Profit, apolitical association and shall not take active participation in political campaigns, have no affiliation with any political parties or any activities that may cause a negative effect on the reputation of the association.

SECTION III MEMBERSHIP

Article 1: L.A.M.A. membership is open to all individuals who possess a legally registered motorcycle with an engine size of 650cc or larger, a valid motorcycle license, and insurance where required.

Article 1-A In other nations the engine size (CC) will be determined by the national Committee of that nation. But once it is decided it cannot be changed to a lower size.

Article 2: L.A.M.A. Members cannot be members of any other motorcycle club, association or organization without written approval of the International Committee.

Article 3: A member who is delinquent in dues or has been suspended from a chapter will not be allowed to transfer to another chapter until such delinquency or suspension is lifted by their original chapter.

Article 4: A member who has sold his/hers motorcycle has a period of ninety (90) days to show proof of purchase of another motorcycle. After ninety (90) days without owning a motorcycle the chapter membership will be terminated and their colors must be turned in. The individual can maintain an Associate membership or Spousal membership until he/she purchases another motorcycle.

Article 1: 1980 - No officer can terminate a member. Once a prospect is promoted to full member status, the only way his/her membership can be terminated is by a simple majority vote in an official meeting, **except when Article 1 section VI, Article 12, Section VIII applies** and/or any other infractions where the by-laws call for automatic expulsion.

Article 2: 1981 - Women are to be accepted as full members and accorded the same privileges as men and the criteria for women's membership must be the same as for men.

Article 6: 2000 - In the event of a mortal accident of a chapter member, L.A.M.A. International will donate a sum of no less than \$500.00 to whomever is deemed financially responsible for the funeral arrangements of said member.

AMENDED - Article 15: 2015 - The Death Benefit for the loss of life of an Official L.A.M.A. member will be increased to \$ 750.00.

Article 8: 2004 – Spousal members of a deceased chapter member will be able to maintain their spousal membership, their colors and be awarded the same privileges as other spousal members. Widows will not have to pay admission into any L.A.M.A. function in any L.A.M.A. events until they marry or are living in a relationship.

Article 9: 2004 - A member who becomes disabled will continue as a member and will be awarded an “Active Disabled Membership” even though he/she may not be able to ride a motorcycle. A Disabled Member must fulfill those parts of the rules, membership meetings, club functions that his disability allows and will maintain all his rights and privileges in the chapter even if his disability is so severe that he cannot fulfill any of the membership requirements.

Membership requirements. HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

Article 1: Honorary membership may be extended to select individuals, such as public officials, law enforcement officials, Presidents of organizations etc., who have gone above and beyond the call of duty on behalf of L.A.M.A. The chapter President shall notify the National Committee to receive approval to extend an honorary membership to the selected individual. The National President will notify the International Committee who will review the application to award final approval. No chapter official or national official can grant anyone an honorary membership.

Article 2: Honorary members will wear an Honorary patch in the back of the vest, above the country patch (No city patch).

Article 3: Honorary membership is permanent. Honorary members shall have no requirements placed upon them by the Association or its Chapters. Honorary Members are expected to conduct themselves in an honorable manner and can have their membership terminated for bad conduct.

Article 4: Honorary members do not pay dues within the chapter nor have a voice nor vote in L.A.M.A. matters.

Article 5: Honorary memberships will be reviewed by the chapter’s Executive Board on an annual basis in order to update personal data.

SECTION IV QUALIFICATIONS

Article 1: Any person desiring membership to the Latin American Motorcycle Association shall complete an application furnished by L.A.M.A. International. The member must complete the application for International membership with a forty eight dollar (\$48) check payable to **L.A.M.A. INTERNATIONAL**. The Prospect will receive the right to wear the nation's flag, the state (province, department, territory) patch, an International membership patch to be worn on the front left side of his/her official black leather vest (below name tag), a "P" patch to be worn on the back of the vest for a period of **no less than six (6) months** as well as a membership card. In addition the \$ 48 includes L.A.M.A. International fee for a year, or partial year depending on the date the member joins L.A.M.A. The date on the application is the official start date of the L.A.M.A. membership. The International membership fee is due on or before January 1st of each year, regardless of the starting date.

Article 2: All Prospects must be sponsored by a chapter member who is willing to be their mentor and who must sign the application along with the chapter President. Any member can present a prospective member to the chapter. If they are not accepted, the member must be given a reason on why that individual was denied entry into chapter.

Article 3: All prospects must own a legally registered motorcycle with a 650 CC displacement or larger and be willing to drive it to L.A.M.A. sponsored activities, tours, etc. The International Committee can make some exceptions in the countries without the availability of motorcycles with high CC.

Article 4: All prospects must be presently employed and show proof thereof. If retired or on disability, you must show proof thereof. But a person whose disability does not allow him to ride a motorcycle, does not qualify for membership.

Article 5: All prospects must have proof of ownership of motorcycle, a current motorcycle license, current motorcycle registration, and proof of insurance (if it applies in the state of residence).

Article 6: All prospects must agree to attend at least one official chapter meeting per month, take active participation in L.A.M.A. sponsored events monthly, and perform at least one duty per month on behalf of the chapter.

Article 7: Once accepted by the chapter President the prospect must wear a "P" patch for a period of no less than six months (could be more) to be worn on the back of a black leather vest with no other decorations on the back.

Article 8: In the event of membership termination or resignation, the member agrees to return **all International and National patches (worn on vest)** to L.A.M.A., and accepts the fact that there will be no cash refunds for such.

L.A.M.A. Colors (Patches) are solely the property of L.A.M.A. Failure to return all patches within thirty (30) days of the date of termination or resignation will result

in a daily fine in the amount of \$20.00 dollars plus any legal and court fees incurred by L.A.M.A., in order to have said patches returned. Destruction and or mutilation of patches will carry a fine of \$500.00 dollars.

Article 22: 2015 - After twenty (20) years of uninterrupted membership, a member can request an active retirement membership status. This member will: a) Continue to receive all benefits, b) Will not qualify to vote, c) Will pay international renewals, but will not pay chapter dues, d) Will not qualify to have any officer positions or any elected positions in any chapter.

Clarification: To be considered an active member of a chapter, which would give a member the right to compete for "Moto-Touring" awards, a member must participate in a minimum of 50% of the chapter's events.

Clarification: It was made clear that there is no "prequalifying" period for prospects interested in joining L.A.M.A. The instant they express the desire to join, an application should be provided. Once completed, and the forty (\$40.00) dollar membership is collected, a "P" patch will be provided to the prospect; if this prospect is a female, the "P" patch should be accompanied by a DAMA L.A.M.A. patch (\$10.). It is at this moment when the prospect's qualification period starts and it should last a minimum of six (6) months.

SECTION V DAMAS, ASSOCIATE, SPOUSAL, AND HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

DAMA L.A.M.A. Patches

Article 1: "DAMA L.A.M.A." patches will be awarded only to women who drive and have their own bikes and pay dues to the Chapter. This patch will be given in addition to the "P" patch at the beginning of the membership. The right to wear the "DAMA L.A.M.A." patch will be extended to women riders of L.A.M.A. and Brother Clubs who meet the same criteria.

Article 2: DAMA L.A.M.A. patches are not for spousal members. However, a female spousal member can graduate to a DAMA L.A.M.A. without having to go back to wearing a "P" patch.

Article 16: 2015 - The DAMA L.A.M.A. patch will be given to the member at the same time as the "P". In order to keep wearing a DAMA L.A.M.A. patch, the member must be a riding member and comply with the required rides in the chapter. The DAMA L.A.M.A. patch will be removed for a period of 90 days from the DAMA L.A.M.A. that does not comply.

Article 35, 2018: When a spousal member acquires their own motorcycle and fill the application to become a full member it is established that there is "no" P period involved. They have to comply with three runs, 50, 100, 150 miles within a period of three months to receive the DAMA L.A.M.A. patch. If this requisite is not attained within the prescribed period, the new full member

(DAMA) will restart the trial period. There is the option of instead of three runs, this new member in consideration, will do a single run of 300 miles at which moment the DAMA L.A.M.A. patch will be earned without any other requirements.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

Article 1: An associate member is an individual who supports the Latin American Motorcycle Association but may not have the time to fulfill the requirements of a chapter member. The associate member has the privilege to participate in all L.A.M.A. activities hosted throughout the world. Associate members are members at large and do not wear “colors” but wear the distinctive International Associate member’s patch and the yearly renewal rocker. In the event of membership termination or resignation, the member agrees to return **all International and National patches (worn on vest)** to L.A.M.A. and accepts the fact that there will be no cash refunds for such.

Article 2: The individual will be provided with an application from an existing chapter President and will pay an annual associate membership fee of forty dollars (\$40) made payable to **Latin American Motorcycle Association**.

Article 3: The official start day of the associate membership will be January 1st. If an associate membership is dated on any other date, the membership will be retroactive to January 1st of the year membership began.

Article 4: International Associate members have neither voice nor vote in L.A.M.A. matters.

Article 22: 2015 - After twenty (20) years of uninterrupted membership, a member can request an active retirement membership status. This member will: a) Continue to receive all benefits, b) Will loose voting rights, c) Will pay international renewals, but will not pay chapter dues, d) Can’t hold any elected position in any chapter.

SPOUSAL MEMBERSHIP

Article 1: An active member can acquire colors for a wife/husband and girlfriend/boyfriend by having the significant other complete an application for an International spousal membership, circle spousal on the application, have the active member sign it where it says “sponsor”, and pay the International membership fee which will thereafter be due on January 1 of each year; payable to **Latin American Motorcycle Association**.

Article 2: Spousal members do not serve a prospective 6 month period. The spousal member qualifies to wear the same colors (logo) as the active members. If the active member wears a “P” patch, that is what the spousal member qualifies to wear. If the active member wears full colors, that is what the spousal member qualifies to wear.

Article 3: Spousal members do not have a voice or a vote in L.A.M.A. decision-making. They can voice opinions or suggestions in meetings since they are always involved in supporting their spouses and respective chapters.

Article 4: In the event of a break up between the active member and the spousal member, the spousal member must return all L.A.M.A. patches (International and National) worn on the vest back to the active member at which time membership will be terminated.

Article 5: In the event a full member is terminated or resigns (with the exception of retirement); the spousal member must return their colors along with the full member's to the chapter.

Article 6: Spousal members who decide to ride their own motorcycle and join the chapter as active members do not have to go back to wear a "P" patch to become chapter members. They simply start paying chapter dues and pay for the "DAMA L.A.M.A." patch.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

Article 1: Honorary membership may be extended to select individuals, such as public officials, law enforcement officials, Presidents of organizations etc., who have gone above and beyond the call of duty on behalf of L.A.M.A. The chapter President shall notify the National Committee to receive approval to extend an honorary membership to the selected individual. The National President will notify the International Committee who will review the application to award final approval.

Article 2: Honorary members will wear an Honorary patch in the back of the vest, above the country patch (No city patch).

Article 3: Honorary membership is permanent. Honorary members shall have no requirements placed upon them by the Association or its Chapters. Honorary Members are expected to conduct themselves in an honorable manner and can have their membership terminated for bad conduct.

Article 4: Honorary members do not pay dues within the chapter nor have a voice nor vote in L.A.M.A. matters.

Article 5: Honorary memberships will be reviewed by the chapter's Executive Board on an annual basis in order to update personal data.

SECTION VI RULES OF CONDUCT

Article 1: Absolutely no fighting is tolerated among the members. This is considered a very serious offense and cause for termination of membership.

Article 2: L.A.M.A. members cannot be involved in any illegal activities including theft, drug use, drug sales, sale of stolen goods, prostitution, gambling, etc., nor will these activities be tolerated in the clubhouse or during any L.A.M.A. sponsored events. Members arrested of any crimes will be suspended immediately pending the court case. If found innocent the member will be reinstated, if found guilty, the member will be immediately terminated and expelled indefinitely.

Article 3: All women are to be treated with respect and as equal to male members.

Article 4: Absolutely no hot rodding, burnouts, wheelies, or any reckless driving which is deemed unsafe and/or illegal in front of the clubhouse, at events or runs will be tolerated. All local traffic laws will be obeyed.

Article 5: A member deemed to be intoxicated to operate his/her vehicle in a safe manner will be asked for his motorcycle keys and if the member refuses, **will have his/her keys taken away by the highest ranking officer on site. Forcibly if necessary.**

Article 6: Never put anyone before my L.A.M.A. and I.M.A brothers and sisters, especially myself.

Article 7: Members are required to be courteous to all visitors at our clubhouses and make them feel welcome. They are never to bad-mouth or discuss internal club problems, matters or issues in front of visitors or public places. All issues are to be discussed during meetings.

Article 8: Members are to never under any circumstance make fun of, curse, belittle, humiliate or disrespect another member, spouse or their company.

Article 9: Members are to leave the clubhouse or other designated location and return with the club on every event participated in. Never will a brother or sister be left behind whose bike breaks down or acquires problems along the way.

Article 10: In the event a member has to drive a vehicle. They will do their best to stay behind the caravan and serve as an additional emergency vehicle to the group.

Article 11: All full color members will do their best to guide prospective members in a positive way without ridicule or badgering.

Article 12: Members are to never use racial jokes and respect everyone regardless of nationality, race, creed, color, religion, gender, age, or social status.

Article 13: All members of L.A.M.A. will respect L.A.M.A. and I.M.A officers regardless of chapter as their own leaders.

Article 14: Members are to treat all associate members and Brother Clubs members like chapter members and as brothers and sisters.

Article 15: Any other undesirable conduct by members will be decided by the highest ranking officer present and dealt with accordingly. Any final disciplinary action due to such action will be determined at official chapter meeting.

Article 10: 2010 – Absolutely no L.A.M.A. internal business, issues or negative comments will be allowed in any public or open forum such as Face Book, My Space, etc.

Article 11: 2010 - Defamation of character made by false accusations by a member without any evidence in open forums or otherwise, will result in immediate termination

Article 12: 2011 - When Members are summoned by the chapter's executive board or the chapter President to resolve any difference/issues between the member and the chapter, he/she must comply. Refusal will be an act of rebellion and will be grounds for immediate termination (No vote needed). If needed a maximum of thirty (30) days will be granted to the member(s) to make any necessary arrangements to meet with the chapter executive board.

Article 25: 2016 - The present Section XI, Article 2 has been changed to:

Discipline will be enforced in four (4) steps:

- 1) A personal interview with a verbal warning, which will be documented, filed, and a copy sent to the disciplined member.
- 2) Removal of the center patch for a predetermined period. A member can't hold office during this stage of disciplinary action. This step will result in a member being in "bad status".
- 3) Expulsion from chapter.
- 4) Expulsion from L.A.M.A.

Members who resign, or are terminated from a chapter, and respectfully have turned in their colors, are not banned from L.A.M.A. events. Only the International Committee, on a case by case basis can ban an ex member permanently.

SECTION VII RUNS AND TOURING

Article 1: When participating in runs or rides, members should be on time. All members should be given a thirty (30) minute grace period.

Article 2: All members should strive to leave together and return together on all activities.

Article 3: All riding should be done in "staggered twos" with the highest ranking officer in front or any other rider designated by the highest ranking officer.

Article 4: All members will ride in formation according to rank and then seniority. Passing will not be tolerated when riding in ranks.

Article 5: All members participating in a run or ride should have a full tank of gas before arriving at the starting point.

Article 6: All local traffic laws will be followed and respected.

Article 7: All members should know the hand signals so all riders can safely communicate when riding from front to back.

Article 8: Rest stops will be determined by the highest ranking officer present or a road captain. Runs or rides should not go any further than the distance necessary to refill the smallest tank on the trip. The highest ranking officer will decide the length of time of the rest stop.

Article 9: Road captains and other members should be certified in first aid and CPR and carry a trauma kit in case of an emergency.

Article 10: When inclement weather is evident, the road captain or highest ranking officer will determine a safe pull-off location to put on rain gear.

Article 11: Members who have not ridden with the chapter in 4 straight months can be automatically terminated.

Clarification: MOTO TOURISM An officially sanctioned event is one which was included from the beginning of the yearly calendar of events of each nation, and the national committee of each respective country will inform and promote the event nationwide. The national committee will also watch that there will not be parallel events on the same date, or conflicts with their own national, continental, or international events.

It is clear that an event could be sanctioned independent of being an official event, only, if it is presented to all chapters with a minimum of eight days of anticipation and if three or more chapters attend the event. For chapter moto touring credits, a minimum of five members must assist, there is no minimum requirement for credits to individual members. A Registration Report official form must be turned into the National MTO within 7 days. Casual meets where members of different chapters run into each other will not be accepted as a sanctioned event.

A host chapter is defined as a chapter that programs an event and three or more chapters assist, the host chapter will not be credited moto touring credits if the event is done in their own headquarters. On the other hand, if the event takes place in a location 25 or more miles from their headquarters the chapter will no longer be a host, instead it will become the organizing chapter, and received moto tourism credits as any of the other assisting chapters.

The national rallies will be a minimum of three days long, and we exhort all national presidents to promote the creation of events to foment moto tourism giving their members the best of opportunities to attend the greatest possible number of events.

It is required that each nation, and each chapter have a moto tourism officer, this officer must comply and maintain all records in reference to shakedown forms, registration forms, rosters, and participation forms, at the chapter level the MTO must inform the chapter committee of the

status of the chapter and each member monthly. The chapter MTO's will report, changes, modifications, or actualizations of their records to the National MTO every three months.

SECTION VIII AMENDMENTS

All amendments have been allocated to their respective articles so as to make it easier to read and understand the by-laws to eliminate confusion.

Article 1: 1980 - No officer can terminate a member. Once a prospect is promoted to full member status, the only way his/her membership can be terminated is by a simple majority vote in an official meeting, **except when Article 12, Section VIII applies.**

Article 2: 1981 - Women are to be accepted as full members and accorded the same privileges as men and the criteria for women's membership must be the same as for men.

Article 3: 1983 - Officers of L.A.M.A. must be full members. Spouses of members cannot hold office. In the case of a husband and a wife who are both full members, only one can hold office. If both were to hold office it would be a conflict of interest and unacceptable.

Article 4: 1985 - Any member who has not paid dues for a total of four (4) months will lose all privileges automatically (No Vote Needed) and will have his/her membership automatically terminated. The member must return his/her colors to L.A.M.A.

Article 5: 1996 - The L.A.M.A. colors (name and logo) are solely the property of the Headquarters Chapter in Chicago. The colors are to be accorded the same respect as the flag of a country.

A) The name and logo of L.A.M.A. are permanent. No committee, elected official, chapter, or individual can change, mutilate or redesign them.

B) The logo contains a single star in the center of the geometric inset. The single star represents the fact that all L.A.M.A. is one club. The colors of the geometric inset on the wings should match the colors of the national flag where each chapter resides but are not intended to be a copy of the flag. In countries where the colors of the flag are similar, they should wear the same logo. L.A.M.A. must strive for fewer differences between nations.

C) Colors to qualifying members should only be awarded at official meetings, unless a special event is designated by the President to award the colors. Awarding of the colors should be a ceremonial event (like a graduation).

Article 6: 2000 - In the event of a mortal accident of a chapter member, L.A.M.A. International will donate a sum of no less than \$500.00 to whomever is deemed financially responsible for the funeral arrangements of said member.

Article 7: 2004 – In addition to the International Committee, the approval of the usage, sell for profit and distribution of the L.A.M.A. logo and name is loaned to the National committees of each nation to sell official merchandise to the chapters and the members. The name of the country/nation must be included on the logo design.

All official merchandise must be obtained from the National committee of each nation. Chapters can use the name of the association for merchandise but not the official logo.

Article 8: 2004 – Spousal members of a deceased chapter member will be able to maintain their spousal membership and be awarded the same privileges as other spousal members. Widows will not have to pay admission into any L.A.M.A. function in any L.A.M.A. events.

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Article 13: 2012 - Chapter Presidents will appoint a **Moto-Touring Commissioner**. Moto-Touring Commissioner's Duties will be as follow:

- A) Create and maintain proper documentations of chapter member runs and mileages.
- B) Responsible for registration of members to Chapter events.
- C) Send Registration sheets to the International and National Secretaries, as well as National Motor Touring Commissioner and International Motor Touring Commissioner no later than seven (7) days after events.
- D) Conduct duties assigned by the President
- E) Moto-Touring Commissioners have no seat, voice, or vote in the Executive Board or ranking authority.

Article 14: 2013 - The "DAMA L.A.M.A." patch will be given to women riders in addition to the "P" patch at the beginning of the membership. Article 1, Section V must be met. The right to wear the "DAMA L.A.M.A." patch will be extended to women riders of brother clubs who meet the same rules in Article 1, Section V.

Article 15: 2015 - The Death Benefit for the loss of life of a L.A.M.A. member will be increased to \$ 750.00.

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Article 17: 2015 - A member must be in "good status" in order to transfer to another chapter. A member would be allowed to have two transfers and be a member of a maximum of three chapters. Transfer requests because of a change of jobs or address will not count in this maximum of two transfers and three chapters rule. Any variant to this rule would have to be dealt with in an individual and exclusive manner by the L.A.M.A. International Committee. A member that transfers chapters cannot hold elected office for two years as of the transfer date.

Article 18: 2015 - An officer or a member who transfers to a new chapter, will not be able to hold an elected position in the new chapter for a period of two years. This rule will not affect transfers due to move, or job related changes.

Article 19: 2015 - If an officer resigns to an elected position, this officer will not be able to hold an elected position during the next two electoral periods.

Article 20: 2015 - No two family members, spousal, girlfriend, common law, father, mother, sister, brother, or son/daughter can serve on any one committee at the same time.

Article 21: 2015 - Members can keep their city patch when transferred to another chapter.

Article 22: 2015 - After twenty (20) years of uninterrupted membership, a member can request an active retirement membership status. This member will: a) Continue to receive all benefits, b) Will lose voting rights, c) Will pay international renewals, but will not pay chapter dues, d) Can't hold any elected position in any chapter.

Article 23: 2015 - Prospects/Probates that transfer will have an additional sixty (60) days before they can be promoted to the next membership level.

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in consideration, will do a single run of 300 miles at which moment the DAMA L.A.M.A. patch will be earned without any other requirements.

Clarification: MOTO TOURISM An officially sanctioned event is one which was included from the beginning of the yearly calendar of events of each nation, and the national committee of each respective country will inform and promote the event nationwide. The national committee will also watch that there will not be parallel events on the same date, or conflicts with their own national, continental, or international events.

It is clear that an event could be sanctioned independent of being an official event, only, if it is presented to all chapters with a minimum of eight days of anticipation and if three or more chapters attend the event. For chapter moto touring credits, a minimum of five members must assist, there is no minimum requirement for credits to individual members. A Registration Report official form must be turned into the National MTO within 7 days. Casual meets where members of different chapters run into each other will not be accepted as a sanctioned event.

A host chapter is defined as a chapter that programs an event and three or more chapters assist, the host chapter will not be credited moto touring credits if the event is done in their own headquarters. On the other hand, if the event takes place in a location 25 or more miles from their headquarters the chapter will no longer be a host, instead it will become the organizing chapter, and received moto tourism credits as any of the other assisting chapters.

The national rallies will be a minimum of three days long, and we exhort all national presidents to promote the creation of events to foment moto tourism giving their members the best of opportunities to attend the greatest possible number of events.

It is required that each nation, and each chapter have a moto tourism officer, this officer must comply and maintain all records in reference to shakedown forms, registration forms, rosters, and participation forms, at the chapter level the MTO must inform the chapter committee of the status of the chapter and each member monthly. The chapter MTO's will report, changes, modifications, or actualizations of their records to the National MTO every three months.

SECTION IX L.A.M.A. NAME AND LOGO

Article 1: The L.A.M.A. name and logo is a registered trademark and protected by copyright laws. The L.A.M.A. name and logo is owned by the International Committee in Chicago or wherever the Democratically elected Committee may be head quartered at the time. The National committee of each nation has been granted rights to make jewelry, t-shirts, pins, event patches, belt buckles, hats, and/or display the L.A.M.A. name and logo on merchandise it chooses for sale to their chapters and members, in order to raise funds for their respective committees. All items produced by a nation must bear its country/nations name.

Article 2: No member has the authorization to make, sell, any articles or clothing using this logo or distribute the L.A.M.A. name and logo in any way shape or form.

Article 3: The L.A.M.A. name and logo are registered as a "collective membership mark" that distinguishes the membership in L.A.M.A. Official chapter patches and official T-shirts bearing this logo can only be sold to or worn by official members.

Article 4: The use of the L.A.M.A. name and/or logo to promote commercial products or services can only be authorized by the L.A.M.A. International Committee. Contracts and negotiation of royalties and fees can only be determined and/or authorized by the L.A.M.A. International Committee.

Article 5: 1996 - The L.A.M.A. colors (name and logo) are solely the property of the Headquarters Chapter in Chicago. The colors are to be accorded the same respect as the flag of a country. In 1996 the founder Mario Nieves became the first National President with a plan to globalize LAMA. The Chicago HQ Chapter decided to grant the right of permanent use of the official registered LAMA logo to the National Committee which subsequently became the International Committee in 1999.

Article 7: 2004 – The International Committee gave the approval of the permanent usage, sell for profit and distribution of the L.A.M.A. logo and name is loaned to the National committees of each nation to sell official merchandise to the chapters and the members.

The name of the country/nation must be included on the logo design.

No national committee can charge their chapters for the use of the LAMA name nor a percentage of profits from the chapter's sale of T-shirts and other articles for their chapter's benefit.

SECTION X DUES

Article 1: International dues must be paid annually by all chapter members as well as all spousal members, and will be due on January 1st of each year. All membership privileges will be terminated after January 31st for those members who have not paid their dues. Membership is officially terminated on March 31st for members who have not paid their International dues and they must return their colors to L.A.M.A.

Article 2: Associate members pay only annual International membership dues which are due on January 1st of each year.

Article 3: Chapter member dues are to be determined by each chapter. Any member who has not paid dues for a total of four (4) months will lose all privileges automatically (No Vote Needed), Terminate his/her membership automatically and must return their colors to L.A.M.A. (Article 4, Section VIII).

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SECTION XI SUSPENSIONS AND EXPULSIONS

Article 1: To be determined by each chapter by majority vote on a case by case basis. **(Except when Article 12 Section VIII applies)**

Article 2: Discipline should be enforced in three (3) steps:

1. A personal interview with a documented verbal warning
2. Removal of the center patch for a predetermined period
3. Permanent expulsion from the chapter

Article 4: 1985 - Any member who has not paid chapter dues for a total of four (4) months will lose all privileges automatically (No Vote Needed) and will have his/her membership automatically terminated. The member must return his/her colors to L.A.M.A.

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- 9) A personal interview with a verbal warning, which will be documented, filed, and a copy sent to the disciplined member.
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- 12) Expulsion from L.A.M.A.

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SECTION XII REINSTATEMENT

Article 1: Any member whose membership is suspended as provided in Section XI, may have his/her membership reinstated on such terms as their Chapter Board of Directors deems appropriate. All dues in arrears must be paid current before reinstatement.

Article 2: All members acquiring reinstatement must be presented to the Chapter Board of Directors, by the Chapter President.

Article 3: If a member is expelled from a chapter, the International or National Committee has the right to investigate on a case by case basis, and determine if the member can be moved or reinstated to another chapter.

Article 4: If a member leaves the chapter in good standing and turns in his/her colors to the Chapter President, the member has thirty (30) days from the date he/she has resigned to approach the President and Board of Directors and request to be reinstated back into the chapter.

If the thirty (30) day period has elapsed and the ex-member asks to rejoin LAMA and is accepted, they must start with the “P” process for a period of sixty (60) days. After the sixty (60) day period the Chapter Members will decide, by a simple majority vote, if the individual can be graduated to Full Color Member.

SECTION XIII LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Article 1: To be determined by each chapter using the following criteria; to receive a leave of absence a member must apply in an official membership meeting. If accepted the member must leave all colors in his/her possession in the care of the Chapter President. If the member returns on the agreed time, the colors must be returned to the member.

SECTION XIV MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Article 1: Membership meetings must be held at a minimal of one per month.

Article 2: Times and dates are determined by the chapter.

Article 24: 2016 - A mandatory Moto-Touring section will be added to the monthly chapter meeting's agenda. During this period moto tourism standings, events, rules, and anything else dealing with this subject will be presented and discussed.

SECTION XV TRANSFERS

Article 1: A member may transfer to another chapter in certain circumstances, for example: A member moves to a different state or town and another L.A.M.A. chapter is closer to the member. The President of the chapter the member is transferring to must receive a letter from the Chapter President of the old chapter approving the transfer of the member.

Article 2: The President of the member's current chapter will notify the National Committee of the pending transfer so the National Committee can keep current records of the members across the nation. The National Committee will make a decision if the pending transfer will be approved.

Article 3: The member requesting the transfer must be in good standing with the current chapter.

Article 4: If a transfer is approved the member will surrender the city patch to the chapter President of the current chapter. The member will wear the new chapter's city patch and this will be considered their home chapter.

Article 5: If a member has been expelled from a chapter, the International or National committee has the right to investigate on a case by case basis, and determine if the member can be transferred or reinstated to another chapter.

Article 17: 2015 - A member must be in "good status" in order to transfer to another chapter. A member would be allowed to have two transfers and be a member of a maximum of three chapters. Transfer requests because of a change of jobs or address will not count in this maximum of two transfers and three chapters rule. Any variant to this rule would have to be dealt with in an individual and exclusive manner by the L.A.M.A. International Committee. A member that transfers chapters cannot hold elected office for two years as of the transfer date.

Article 21: 2015 - Members can keep their city patch when transferred to another chapter.

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SECTION XVI ELECTIONS

Article 1: Elections for the Executive Office and Board Members will be held every two (2) years, unless it is required earlier due to a decision of the Executive Board.

Article 2: Nominations for the elected positions will be brought to the chapter members sixty (60) days before the election.

Article 3: Only members in good standing within the chapter and without any reprimands in the previous twelve (12) months may be nominated for an executive position.

Article 4: For the position of President or Vice-President, only members in

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SECTION XVII

Chapter Status

Article 1: When a group is granted sanction to start a chapter in their respective area they are called an “Organizing Chapter”. Sanction to start a chapter can only be granted by the International Committee. An organizing chapter has the advantage of not having to fully comply with all By-Laws concerning elections and officials until they gain official status. The international Committee will give guidance on what parts of the by-laws the Organizing Chapter is not able to comply.

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Article 3: An Organizing Chapter can be granted official status after a period of no less than eighteen (18) months. The following requirements must be met:

- A. Must have no less than fifteen (15) Full Color Chapter Members.
- B. Must be nominated by International President or Int. Vice President to the National Committee of their respective nation by mail, in person or otherwise.
- C. The National Committee will then pick an official function or activity and notify all Presidents at least thirty (30) days prior-to the event. The Presidents and Vice Presidents of the chapters and the National Officials present at the event will, through a simple majority vote, decide if the Organizing Chapter will be admitted as an official chapter of their respective Nation.
- D. A chapter is expected to prioritize participation and support all L.A.M.A. activities and functions of other chapters and Brother-Clubs.

Article 5: Upon being voted in as an official chapter, the President and Vice President of the chapter will compose part of the National Board of Directors, with a voice and a vote in that committee. In the event that the chapter's membership drops below 15, the chapter will lose both seats on the National Board until that time when it reaches fifteen (15) Chapter Members again.

CHAPTER AGREEMENT

Article 1: The chapter agreement is intended as a binding agreement between the Latin American Motorcycle Association (L.A.M.A.) having headquarters in the city of Chicago, IL, and every chapter wishing to wear and/or use the L.A.M.A. name and/or logo anywhere in the world. These rules dictate what is expected of those who wish to become and remain a chapter of L.A.M.A.

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Article 3: In essence the contract guarantees that the applying chapter agrees with the ideology of L.A.M.A. and will run itself according to the established By-Laws of the International and National Committee. The undersigned chapter also agrees that all L.A.M.A. chapters are ONE club no matter what country, state, or city, said chapter resides within.

Article 4: The chapter must be registered and run as a NON-PROFIT Organization. All sales from t-shirts, pins (i.e. anything with the chapter name and chapter logo) or donations, money raised at L.A.M.A. functions become club funds, not individual or personal funds.

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Article 7: All chapters must have Executive Officers as follows:

A) President, B) Vice President, C) Treasurer, D) Business Manager, and E) Secretary

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Article 9: Appointed positions by the chapter President that must be filled by full color members are: A) Sergeant At Arms, -B) Road Captains, and C) Motor-Touring Commissioner.

Article 10: Elections for all offices must take place every two years.

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Article 13: L.A.M.A. colors (LOGO) can only be obtained from the International Committee. The Chapter President will award to qualified members. No chapter under any circumstances can fabricate their own colors. Funds raised from these and other items will be used for the International Rally taking place once a year. Official t-shirts and articles sporting the official L.A.M.A. logo can also be obtained from the National Committee of each country.

Article 14: Membership and sequence to obtain full colors is as follows:

Prospective members will complete an International membership application and pay a forty eight (\$48.00) dollar International membership fee. (This will provide Prospects an official starting date for all privileges and seniority). Prospects will receive from the Chapter President an International membership patch (worn in the front upper left of the vest) a " P " patch (worn on the back of the vest) as well as an ID card. At this time the same can be obtained for a spouse by applying for a spousal membership.

B) After three (3) months, The President will determine if the Prospect has fulfilled his/her requirements in order to be presented to the chapter members to vote for the acceptance of promotion to Probate status. If accepted, the Chapter President will award the top and bottom rockers at this time. If the Prospect has not fulfilled the requirements, the President will evaluate the case on a month to month basis.

C) After six (6) months, the President will determine if the Probate has fulfilled his/her requirements in order to be presented to the members to vote for acceptance as a Full Color Member, qualifying the Probate to receive the center patch awarded by the Chapter President. If the Probate has not fulfilled his/her requirements, The President will evaluate the case on a month-to-month basis.

Colors will be awarded only at official meetings in a ceremonial manner.

Article 15: The chapter must make an effort to have every member attend the L.A.M.A. International Rally and National Rally held once a year, and at least one (1) International and National meeting yearly.

Article 16: The chapter must have an official place of business, (i.e., Clubhouse) not a domestic residence.

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Article 18: L.A.M.A. chapters cannot affiliate themselves with any other motorcycle club or organizations without prior written approval from the International Executive Committee. L.A.M.A. members are not allowed wear support patches of other motorcycle clubs.

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SECTION XVIII NATIONAL COMMITTEE

Article 1: The National Executive Committee is composed of an elected Executive Committee consisting of the following: A) National President, B) National Vice President, C) National Treasurer, D) National Business Manager, E) National Secretary, F) National Moto-Touring Officer.

Article 1A: National Committee Elections should be held in conjunction with the National Rally. Nominations are to be held at the same rally.

Article 2: The National Committee manages the chapters of their respective Nations, molding them into a unit and enforces the International By-Laws.

Article 3: The National Committee will consist of an Executive Committee and a Board of Directors composed of the President and Vice President of each chapter in their respective nation.

Article 4: The National Committee will work closely with all of the chapters in their respective country to ensure that all By-Laws and the L.A.M.A. ideology is being followed; ensuring all chapters are operating as “ONE L.A.MA.”

Article 5: Funds raised by the National Committees, will be used to manage the National Rally, National Moto-Touring Championships, National Meetings, etc., and at the discretion of the National Board of Directors, to fund officers participation in National and International meetings. 50% of national funds are to be used to fund the National Delegation that participates in the International L.A.M.A. Rally annually.

Article 6: National Committees should present their chapters with a quarterly National Treasury Report.

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SECTION XIX OFFICER DUTIES AND DESCRIPTIONS

Article 1: The duties and descriptions of the officers of each chapter are as follows:

CHAPTER PRESIDENT

- A) The Chapter President is the Chief Executive Officer of the chapter.
- B) He/she shall preside at all chapter meetings, enforce order and see that the By-Laws are strictly adhered to.
- C) Perform the duties of the Chairman of the Board.
- D) He/she shall sign all official documents that are authorized by L.A.M.A.
- E) Act as a spokesperson before all businesses, Government, individual organizations, and agencies.

F) He/she shall fill a vacancy in any office that is vacant and the term has less than nine (9) months left, except for President or Vice President. If the vacant position has more than nine (9) months, an election must be held.

G) He/she shall convey to his/her successor all unfinished business of the chapter.

CHAPTER VICE PRESIDENT

A) He/she shall preside at meetings in the absence of the President and shall otherwise generally perform the duties of President during any absences.

B) He/she shall perform all of the previously mentioned duties for the President in case of his/her absence, and assist the President with chapter business.

C) Conduct duties assigned by the President.

TREASURER

A) He/she shall have custody of all financial records of the chapter. The Treasurer shall receive and take charge of all monies belonging to the chapter and keep a record of all monies and expenditures.

B) He/she shall deposit all monies belonging to the chapter in a designated bank to the chapter account.

C) There will be minimum of three (3) signatures on the bank account.

D) When withdrawal of funds occur from the chapter account, there will be two (2) signatures on the check and approval from the Board of Directors.

E) Present a monthly Treasurer Report to the chapter.

F) He/she shall keep an itemized record of all receipts and disbursements.

G) Conduct duties assigned by the President.

H) He/she shall convey to his/her successor all unfinished business of the chapter along with monies, records, and checks to the chapter.

I) Officially starting on 01/01/2018, if a transaction exceeds \$ 100.00, the chapter account will be set up to send a notification to all officers serving in the committee. This rule will include will apply to all committees from the international level to chapter level. This rule is permanent and can't be nullified under any circumstances by any future officer or committee.

BUSINESS MANAGER

A) He/she shall conduct any purchases as directed by the President (i.e. products, services and materials for the chapter).

B) Post flyers on chapter events (M/C dealerships, stores, etc.).

C) Receive monthly utility bills, rent, and other related bills and determine what will be paid accordingly.

D) Present a monthly Business Manager report to the chapter.

E) Gather information on upcoming events and coordinate the events.

F) Order forms, patches, from Headquarters.

G) Conduct duties as assigned by the President.

H) He/she shall convey to his/her successor all unfinished business of the chapter including records, documents, and patches to the chapter.

SECRETARY

- A) He/she shall act as the Recording Secretary at all official meetings.
- B) Ensures completion of all chapter correspondence, reports and required forms.
- C) He/she shall receive records and file records of all activities, membership information and business transactions of the chapter.
- D) Handle membership and newsletter mailings.
- E) Prepare an agenda for each meeting.
- F) He/she shall keep a list of members and collect monthly and yearly dues. The Secretary shall also keep a list of all Associate Members and collect dues each year.
- G) He/she shall keep minutes of each meeting and conduct all correspondence.
- H) He/she shall convey to his/her successor all unfinished business of the chapter along with all the books, records, documents, and all equipment belonging to the chapter.
- H) Conduct duties as assigned by the President.

Moto-Touring Commissioner-

- A) Create and maintain proper documentations of chapter member runs and mileages.
- B) Mileages are to be taken at the beginning of the membership and December 31st of every year thereafter.
- C) Responsible for registration of members to chapter events and archiving a copy of all the registrations he sends to National Committee.
- D) Sends Registration Sheets to the International and National Secretaries as well as the International and National Motor Touring Commissioners respectively, no later than seven (7) days after events.
- E) Conduct duties as assigned by the President.
- F) He/she shall convey to his/her successor all unfinished business of the chapter along with all the books, records, documents, and all equipment belonging to the chapter.
- G) The Moto-Touring Commissioner has no seat, voice or vote in the Executive Board, or ranking authority.

| **Article 13: 2012** - Chapter Presidents will appoint a **Moto-Touring Commissioner**.
Moto-Touring Commissioner's Duties will be as follow:

Create and maintain proper documentations of chapter member runs and mileages.

Responsible for registration of members to Chapter events.

Send Registration sheets to the International and National Secretaries, as well as National Motor Touring Commissioner and International Motor Touring Commissioner no later than seven (7) days after events.

Conduct duties assigned by the President

| Moto-Touring Commissioners have no seat, voice, or vote in the Executive Board or ranking authority.

Article 24: 2016 - A mandatory Moto-Touring section will be added to the monthly chapter meeting's agenda. During this period moto tourism standings, events, rules, and anything else dealing with this subject will be presented and discussed.

Article 28: 2017- The position of Moto Tourism Commissioner, MTC, has been changed to Moto-Touring Officer, MTO, this is an elected position. This officer will be part of the international, national, or chapter committee and will have a voice and vote in all matters.

SERGEANT AT ARMS

- A) Shall attend the door during meetings and shall not permit entrance to any person who is not properly qualified by membership or is a duly invited guest unless otherwise ordered by the President.
- B) Shall maintain order at all chapter meetings and functions.
- C) Shall collect all patches and memberships cards upon termination.
- D) Enforces all International, National, and local chapter By-Laws.
- E) Is to Head and oversee all security and safety arrangements at all events.
- F) Performs additional duties as directed by the Chapter President.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- A) The Chapter Board of Directors shall meet at least monthly. Additional meetings shall be called upon petition of three (3) board members. A quorum of four (4) members one of whom must be the President shall be necessary for the transaction of business. The President may vote by proxy at any such meeting.
- B) The Board of Directors shall have a working email address and phone number.
- C) Shall meet for discussion of problems and issues that cannot be resolved by the general membership.
- D) Shall meet for discussion of upcoming issues, new information and to set and agenda for the next scheduled chapter meeting.
- E) Shall properly discuss and investigate all business and important situations to the chapter members and makes decisions in good faith for the welfare of the chapter members.
- F) Shall remain open to communication with officers and members.
- G) The Board of Directors shall not discuss with the general public or other members of the chapter, any issues concerning a particular member or situation that does not affect the chapter as a whole. All records, documents, and discussions shall be kept confidential.
- H) The Board of Directors will accept all grievances from the members in letter form. All pertinent information shall accompany the request. Before a grievance is filed, the member shall go through the proper chain of command to settle the issue. If the issue is not resolved, only then is the member granted permission to file the grievance.

SECTION XX

CHAIN OF COMMAND

Article 1: All members shall respect the chain of command.

Article 2: The chain of command is as follows:

- A) International Committee
- B) National Committee
- C) Chapter President
- D) Chapter Vice President
- E) Chapter Treasurer
- F) Chapter Business Manager
- G) Chapter Secretary
- H) Chapter Moto-Touring Officer

Article 3: When a member has a question or dispute, they should utilize the chain of command.

Article 4: If the member has utilized the chain of command and the question or issue has not been resolved, he/she can file a grievance to the Board of Directors. If the questions or issue still has not been resolved, the member can contact the National Committee to get a final answer to the issue or question. The National Committee's answer shall be final as long as the National Committee follows the International By-Laws. The National Committee and or the member(s) have the right to appeal to the International Committee if the question or issue cannot be resolved. The National President shall notify the International Committee and address the question or issue.

Article 5: The National and International Committees also act as disciplinary boards. All L.A.M.A. members and Officers have rights. Any decision made on a chapter level can be appealed to the National Committee if one of the parties is not happy with the decision. If one of the parties is unhappy about the National Committee's decision, they can then appeal to the International Committee in writing.

The response and or resolution from the International Committee is final and not open for further investigation or discussion.

SECTION XXI UNIFORMS

Article 1: The L.A.M.A. uniform is composed of black boots, denim blue jeans, black t-shirt and a black leather vest with the correct patches on it, sewed on their proper locations. All members and officers must wear the official uniform when representing L.A.M.A. in official events, rides, parties, meetings, etc. Any time a member wears the leather vest (Colors) he/she should not wear it with other colored clothing, shorts, sandals etc. In tropical countries, (to exclude the USA) an ash grey T-shirt can be substituted, but the whole chapter must be in the same uniform.

Article 1A: Because the above is a riding uniform, women can substitute a leather or blue jean skirt in place of pants, if wishing to do so, to parties they host or were a motorcycle was not used for transportation.

Clarification: We reaffirm the uniformity of the dress code for all L.A.M.A. worldwide. For the DAMAS L.A.M.A. a variance is approved. With the purpose of giving our female members, conyugal, or DAMAS the opportunity to dress up looking more feminine, for parties, or events they may wear a skirt of black leather, or jean fabric, with black shoes, high hills approved. For runs and meetings the female members must wear the regular uniform od black shirt/blouse, blue jeans, black boots, and vest without exception. All chapters must provide the members, specially new prospects the norms for the patch locations in the vest. If at any time all three components , blue jeans, black shirt/blouse, or boots are not being worn, then you must not wear the vest because you would be out of uniform.

SECTION XXII NON PROFIT STATUS

Article 1: The Latin American Motorcycle Association (L.A.M.A.) aka LAMA International Motorcycle Assoc. was founded as a non-profit motorcycle association. It is each chapter's responsibility to do the following at such a time that each chapter deems it necessary for its proper operation:

- A) Establish articles of Incorporation in their States or Country.
- B) Files for the proper non-profit tax filing status.
- C) Files tax returns in accordance with State and Federal laws.
- D) Each chapter is responsible for the proper conduct and licensing of any and all fundraisers, raffles, or events that raise monies for their chapters and must do so in accordance with Local, State and Federal laws.

SECTION XXIII AMENDMENTS

Article 1: Amendments to these By-Laws can only be passed into law at the Annual International Meeting.

Article 2: Since the members of the International Board are located across the globe, the International Board has the option to conduct conference calls or utilize the internet for communication purposes.

Article 3: All members shall be notified of the International Committee's decision by their respective National Committees and respective Chapter Committees.

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DATE _____ **INTERNATIONAL VICE-PRESIDENT**

DATE _____ **CHAPTER PRESIDENT**

DATE _____ **CHAPTER VICE-PRESIDENT**