

**Standing Rule No. 1. Membership.**

- a. All members of ALR Chapter 58 shall establish and maintain membership by owning, individually, through marriage, or as part of a long-term committed relationship other than marriage, a motorcycle licensed and insured as required by state law. To qualify, the motorcycle must be 650cc (40 cubic inches) or more.
- b. All new applicants and transferees should be sponsored or recommended by an ALR Chapter 58 member in good standing. Former members who have resigned and wish to re-join ALR Chapter 58 will be considered as new applicants and must complete the ALR Chapter 58 membership form.
- c. Individuals interested in membership must attend a minimum of 3 general membership meetings and complete a minimum of 3 rides (including 2 group rides of 4 or more Riders) with at least one ALR Chapter 58 Road Captain before presenting themselves to be considered for membership at a regular ALR Chapter 58 meeting.
- d. Once these minimum requirements have been met, a vote to grant or deny membership will be held by the members in good standing present at the next ALR Chapter 58 meeting. Before voting, an open, honest, and confidential discussion may be held regarding the prospective member's qualifications. The vote will be conducted in the same manner as any motion put before the membership. Membership in ALR Chapter 58 will be granted by an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the members present at a general membership meeting.

**Standing Rule No. 2. Inactive Status.**

- a. A strong and vibrant ALR Chapter 58 depends on the active participation of its riders and supporters. While there will be no compulsory participation in any event, all members and supporters are strongly encouraged and expected to participate in a minimum of four (4) ALR Chapter 58 events, rides, functions, or meetings annually.
- b. Members who fail to participate in at least four (4) ALR Chapter 58 events, rides, functions, or meetings shall be placed on inactive status. The membership officer will provide the inactive member a "change of status" letter detailing the reason why the member was placed on inactive status and the steps necessary to be reinstated to active status.
- c. Inactive members lose their ability to vote and will not be counted as members in good standing for the purpose of elections, passing motions at a meeting, or accepting new members.

### **Standing Rule No. 3. Forfeiture of Membership.**

- a. Inactive members who do not participate in Chapter events, rides, functions, or meetings for twelve consecutive months after being notified in writing of their inactive status shall forfeit their membership.
- b. The ALR Chapter 58 Executive Committee may, by a majority vote of the Executive Committee, grant an exception to this requirement for out-of-state or long-term members who become inactive because of circumstances beyond their control. Any such exception shall be recorded and signed by the ALR Chapter 58 Director, and it shall be re-evaluated by the Executive Committee on an annual basis.
- c. Any person who has resigned or forfeited his or her membership and has not been granted this exception must apply for reinstatement to be considered for membership and must meet the requirements put forth in Article II, Section 6 of the ALR Chapter 58 By Laws and Standing Rule No. 1.

#### **REFERENCES:**

#### **From ALR 58 By Laws:**

#### **Article XIV - Standing Rules**

Section 1. Standing rules are motions or resolutions governing actions of the Chapter. They may be adopted from time to time as needed to support the bylaws.

Section 2. Standing rules may be adopted, amended, or rescinded at any meeting of the Chapter without previous notice by a majority vote of members present who are in good standing.

Section 3. Standing rules may be suspended (waived) for one meeting only by a majority vote of the members in good standing present at any meeting of the Chapter.

Section 4. Standing rules cannot be adopted if they conflict with any Chapter, Post, Department, or national constitution and bylaws provisions. Should such a conflict occur, the standing rules in question are null and void and the bylaws shall take precedence.

#### **From Dep't Guidance:**

C. At a minimum, the Constitution and/or By-laws of each Chapter must contain the following:

- ◇ The membership year of the ALR Chapter must be from January 1 to December 31.
- ◇ The only authorized ALR logo and patch are those which are sold through Emblem Sales.

- ◊ A Post officer must be a signator on any ALR Chapter Bank accounts.
  - ◊ In order to be an ALR member, one must be a member in good standing of The Legion Family (The American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary, or Sons of the American Legion).
- D. Although not required, it is strongly suggested that ALR Chapters include the following in their Constitution or By-Laws or other rules of procedure:
- ◊ That there be at least two signatures on any ALR Bank accounts required to transact business.
  - ◊ That rocker placement be in such a way as to not make it appear that the ALR Rider or Chapter is a Motorcycle Club, and to not create any potential problems with motorcycle clubs.
  - ◊ **That there be provisions for the removal (and replacement) of officers, and for the removal of members from the local Chapter of the ALR.**
  - ◊ That the operator of a motorcycle should possess a valid license (endorsement) to operate a motorcycle in his state of residence.
  - ◊ That the operator of a motorcycle should maintain and keep current any and all insurance which is required by the State in which his motorcycle is licensed.

#### **From National Guidance:**

RESOLVED, That the following guidelines are recommended for The ALR program of The American Legion:

1. All members of The American Legion Riders shall be current members of The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary or Sons of The American Legion.
2. **Each ALR member shall establish and maintain membership by owning, individually or through marriage, a motorcycle licensed and insured as required by state law.**
3. ALR programs may allow for continued membership for those members who have given up motorcycle ownership because of age, illness, injury, or other reasons outside the member's control.
4. All ALR members shall strive to maintain the image of The American Legion, at all times upholding The American Legion name and emblem, which symbolizes the integrity and principles of this great organization.
5. All ALR groups shall avoid the perception of being a "motorcycle club" or "biker club."
6. The only recognized American Legion Rider logo is that which is copyrighted and sold through The American Legion National Emblem sales.
7. All Members will obey the motorcycle laws of their state.
8. No use of rockers with the ALR patch because touching the patch violates trademark laws of the ALR patch.

9. Sponsoring organization (Post and Department) will review liability insurance coverage to ensure that adequate coverage is available to cover the organization to include coverage for any specific special riding events; . . .