

# **2024 PROPOSED CHANGES**

## **STANDING RULES OF THE INTERNATIONAL AREA ORGANIZATION FAMILY MOTOR COACH ASSOCIATION, INC.**

Adopted August 2001  
Amended August 2004  
Amended August 2006  
Amended August 2007  
Amended August 2011  
Amended August 2019  
Amended July 2021

1. International Area Organization (INTO) Executive Board officers are expected to attend, if possible, all FMCA international conventions, INTO rallies, and meetings of the INTO Executive Board and Board of Directors. Their duties include, but are not limited, to the following:

### **PRESIDENT**

The President, as INTO's chief executive officer, has the duty and responsibility to promote INTO's welfare and progress, preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and Executive Board, and exercise supervision and control of the affairs and business of INTO. He/She shall perform all duties incident to his/her office and such other duties as may be required by law, by the Articles of Incorporation, or by the Bylaws of INTO. He/She shall be responsible for planning and implementing an annual INTO rally unless requested by FMCA not to have an INTO rally.

### **SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT**

The Senior Vice President shall, in the absence or disability of the President, or in the event of his/her refusal to act, perform all the duties of the President relating to INTO. When so acting, he/she shall have the powers of and be subject to the restrictions of the President. The Senior Vice President shall assist the President and shall perform the duties assigned by the President, the Executive Board, and/or the Board of Directors. The Senior Vice President shall assist the President with the overall planning of the annual INTO rally, including financial control and allocation, and the identification and evaluation of proposed rally sites. He/She shall assist the President in visiting already formed Chapters and in forming new International Area Chapters. A report of each visit identifying Chapter name, date and brief description of issues discussed shall be submitted to the President. He/She shall coordinate with the Vice Presidents visits with Chapters who meet during the international conventions.

### **VICE PRESIDENTS 1, 2, 3, and 4**

The four Vice Presidents shall perform all duties and directives as designated by the President and Senior Vice President. They shall assist the President and Senior Vice President in visiting already formed Chapters and in forming new International Area Chapters. They shall visit with Chapters who meet during the international conventions and shall represent INTO to the Chapters and represent the Chapters to INTO. A report of each visit identifying Chapter name, date and brief description of issues discussed shall be submitted to the President. They shall help to secure volunteers from the Chapters

for the INTO Rally and FMCA conventions.

#### SECRETARY

The Secretary shall perform all duties incident to the office, and such duties as may be required by the Bylaws or which may be assigned by the President, Executive Board and/or Board of Directors. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the Executive Board and annual meetings, shall certify all votes taken, and shall maintain a record of the Executive Board Officers and the members of the Board of Directors. He/She shall be custodian of permanent records and shall be responsible for correspondence. He/She shall be responsible for notifying the FMCA National office of the any changes to the Organization's Bylaws, providing them with a copy of the revised Bylaws. [The Secretary will submit the annual certification report to the FMCA National office.](#) The Secretary shall prepare for the annual meeting by preparing voting credentials for the Board of Directors and by obtaining FMCA's official Governing Board attendance roster to identify the voting delegate for each Chapter. He/She shall arrange for checking in each Chapter's voting member of the Board of Directors and the Executive Board members and for determining if a quorum is present for the annual meeting.

#### TREASURER

The Treasurer shall perform all duties incident to the office, as designated by the Executive Board and/or Board of Directors, as required by law, the Articles of Incorporation or the Bylaws. He/She shall receive all funds and pay all bills of INTO under the direction of its officers and Directors. The Treasurer shall make a financial report at each meeting. Within one month after expiration of his/her term of office, he/she shall deliver to the incoming Treasurer all monies, vouchers, books and papers in his/her custody, with all postings made to the date of delivery. The Treasurer shall have charge and custody of, and be responsible for, all funds and securities. All such funds shall be deposited in the name of INTO in banks, trust companies, or other depositories as shall be selected by the Treasurer and approved by the Executive Board. [The Treasurer shall file the required IRS tax forms annually.](#) He/She shall prepare an annual budget for INTO for review with the Executive Board and for approval during the annual meeting by the Board of Directors. He/She shall render to the President, Executive Board or Board of Directors, whenever it is requested, an account of any and all transactions made and the financial conditions of INTO. At the expiration of his/her term of office, the Treasurer shall, within thirty (30) days, submit his/her records for examination and approval by the audit committee.

2. The Immediate Past President of this Organization shall serve in an advisory capacity only to the Executive Board. His/Her attendance at meetings of the Executive Board shall not be counted in determining if a quorum is present.

3. The annual meeting, which is also the required business meeting, shall be held during FMCA's National convention scheduled during the fiscal year.

4. The President, with the approval of the Executive Board, may by resolution, authorize any officer or agent to enter any contract, or execute and deliver a binding instrument, in the name of and on behalf of INTO. Such authority may be general or confined to a specific instance. Unless authorized, no officer or agent shall have the power or authority to bind INTO or render it liable monetarily for any purpose.

5. The Nominating Committee
  - a. If someone who is nominated is not present at the meeting, the person nominating him/her must provide written proof that the person has agreed to serve if elected.
  - b. Results of the election shall be published ~~in the next issue of The International Travelers, the International Area newsletter,~~ [on the International Area website](#) and announced at the next meeting,
  - c. The Nominating Committee shall serve until the next Nominating Committee is elected.
  
6. The procedures for nominating and electing officers are as follows:
  - a. The Nominating Committee shall have approximately one (1) year following their election to prepare a slate of officers for election.
  - b. The Nominating Committee shall seek candidates for the offices of Senior Vice President, Vice Presidents 1, 2, 3, and 4, Secretary and Treasurer. Solicitations for nominees interested in office shall be published ~~in The International Traveler, the International Area newsletter~~ [on the International Area website](#).
  - c. The Nominating Committee shall prepare a slate of qualified candidate(s) for each office. If the Committee in even years identifies more than one (1) qualified candidate for the offices of Senior Vice President, Vice President 1, Vice President 2, and Secretary positions, all names shall be included in the slate. If the Committee in odd years identifies more than one (1) qualified candidate for the offices of Vice President 3 and Vice President 4, and Treasurer, all names shall be included in the slate. The Committee shall obtain a resume not to exceed seven hundred and fifty (750) words showing his/her qualifications for office. The Nominating Committee report and record of acceptance and resume for each candidate shall be provided to the President for distribution to the Executive Board. The report shall be published ~~in the next issue of The International Traveler, the International Area newsletter~~ [on the International Area website](#). (Approximate date for submitting the report, acceptances, and resumes to the President is April 1.)
  - d. The Nominating Committee shall arrange for preparation of electronic ballots for election. Two (2) spaces for write-in votes shall be on the ballot for each office.
  - e. The Nominating Committee shall transmit the ballots and resumes to the Board of Directors members at the email addresses on record with FMCA. Only one (1) ballot shall be transmitted to each Board of Directors member. If a Chapter's National Director is serving as an Executive Board officer, the ballot shall be transmitted to the Chapter's Alternate National Director. A minimum of thirty (30) days shall be allowed between the date of transmission and the return date the ballots are due for tabulation. (Approximate date for transmitted ballot to Board of Directors members is May 1.)
  - f. Election results shall be published in ~~The International Traveler, the International Area newsletter,~~ [on the International Area website](#). (Approximate date for election results is July 1.)
  - g. Newly elected officers shall be inducted and shall take office immediately following the next annual meeting.
  
7. Procedures for reimbursement of Executive Board travel will be as follows:

- a. The administrative travel budget for chapter visitation approved by the Board of Directors at the annual meeting will be divided among the Sr. Vice President and the four Vice Presidents. This will be accomplished at the Executive Board meeting following the annual meeting.
- b. Reimbursement for a single chapter visit will not exceed \$250.
- c. Only visitation to an assigned chapter will be reimbursed and is limited to one visit to an individual chapter in a calendar year.
- d. All requests for reimbursable travel must be approved by the President before the start of the travel. The Treasurer shall be copied on all travel requests.
- e. Approved travel reimbursement request with receipts will be submitted to the Treasurer for payment. ~~The Treasurer shall be copied on all requests.~~
- f. The Secretary and Treasurer may submit a request to the President for reimbursable travel identifying the necessity for travel and the source of funding.
- g. If the Treasurer has approved travel reimbursement, the request for reimbursement will be signed by the Senior Vice President before reimbursement is made.
- h. The administrative cost for the Executive Board meeting per member will not exceed a chapter visit.

8. Procedures for Cash/Debit Card use will be as follows:

- a. Cash/ Debit Cards will be handled like petty cash.
- b. Each use of the Cash/Debit Card must be supported by receipt, what was purchased and the reason for the purchase, and who authorized the purchase.
- c. The Treasurer will, monthly, reconcile the bank statement showing the Cash/Debit Card transactions to ensure all transactions have been recorded.
- d. The Cash/Debit Card will be safeguarded like cash on hand to ensure no unauthorized use of said card.

9. The President is authorized to approve payment of non-budgeted expenditures and services for an amount less than \$1,000. Between Board of Directors meetings, non-budgeted or emergency purchases and services for \$1,000 or larger shall be approved by the Executive Board.

~~10. The following procedures will be used only for the 2022 Officer Elections to institute staggered terms of the officers of INTO:~~

- ~~a. Senior Vice President, Vice President 1 (VP1), Vice President 2 (VP2) and the Secretary will be elected for a two-year term.~~
- ~~b. Vice President 3 (VP3), Vice President 4 (VP4) and the Treasurer will be elected for a one-year term.~~
- ~~c. The current VP's will be assigned as VP1, VP2, VP3, and VP4 based on alphabetical order of last names from A to Z.~~