

## **CHAPTER 3 - LOCAL CHAPTERS**

### **3.1 Definition**

Regular members, hereafter known as "Local Chapters", shall comprise any organization of people in Canada which:

- a) complies with the membership requirements as described in the By-laws of the Corporation;
- b) has objectives and policies that are not at variance with the objectives of the Corporation and submits acceptable By-laws;
- c) requires that all of its members be individual members of the Corporation as defined in By-law 5.1;
- d) pays the required initiation and membership fees to all levels of AIMCAN;
- e) has been approved for membership under the required procedure for Charter;
- f) applies for membership in the Corporation.

### **3.2 Discrimination**

The Corporation's services are available to all motorcyclists without distinction of race, religion, nationality or language.

### **3.3 Fully Affiliated Local Chapters**

#### **1. Definition**

A fully affiliated Local Chapter shall be an organization which has fulfilled the requirements to be granted such status.

#### **2. Qualifications**

Applicants for full affiliation shall be required to exhibit a reasonable history of the organization's stability, before their application for full affiliation will be considered.

#### **3. Recommendation**

Applicants for full affiliation must have received a visit and a recommendation by a representative of the Corporation approved by the National President before the application will be considered.

#### **4. Presence at National Convention**

Applicants for full affiliation must be represented at the General Assembly at the National Convention at which they seek full affiliation.

### **3.4 Special Requirements of Application for Full Affiliation**

#### **1. Application**

Each application for full affiliation must be reviewed by the National President or a delegated National Vice-President before affiliation is granted.

## **2. Issuance of Charter**

Upon the acceptance by two-thirds (2/3) majority of the General Assembly, the new Local Chapter will be presented with its Charter at the General Assembly at which their full affiliation is recognized.

## **3. Dues**

A Local Chapter applying for full affiliation shall be required to pay dues for the year of affiliation in accordance with By-law 17.1, Sect. 1.

## **3.5 Rights and Services**

Fully Chartered Local Chapters shall enjoy all rights and services reserved to a member of the Corporation.

## **3.6 In Good Standing**

A Local Chapter shall be in good standing with the Corporation provided it has:

- a) registered its membership, as required by By-law 16.2, Sect.1; and
- b) paid its dues in full; and
- c) made a complete and accurate membership registration to the satisfaction of the National Board; and
- d) settled any other outstanding financial obligation to the Corporation within sixty (60) days of invoice; and
- e) produced for the Corporation any reports on activities or financial matters the Corporation may deem necessary.

## **3.7 Minimum Performance Standards**

A Local Chapter as set out in By-law 3.1 shall be composed of all the individual members of that particular member organization. It shall not be designated as a Local Chapter or regular member unless 100% of its individual members are members of A.I.M. CAN. Each Local Chapter must agree in writing to adopt the guiding principles of the Corporation.

## **3.8 Termination of Membership**

Membership in the Corporation may be terminated by resignation or dismissal:

### **1. Resignation**

Any Local Chapter may resign from membership in the Corporation by giving written notice to that effect to the National President and such resignation will be effective as of the date it is received by the National President. Such resignation shall not have the effect of waiving any fees which may be due at that date by the resigning Local Chapter.

## **2. Dismissal**

Notwithstanding By-law 16.4, the membership of any Local Chapter may be recommended for dismissal by a three-quarters (3/4) vote of the National Board if the Local Chapter is in violation of By-law 3.7 or By-law 3.1, or under the provisions of By-law 3.1. Dismissal shall not have the effect of waiving any fees which may be due to the Corporation by the dismissed Local Chapter. The National Board shall provide the dismissed Local Chapter with thirty (30) days written notice by signature mail of the date of the meeting at which the decision to dismiss will be considered. The decision of the National Board to dismiss shall require ratification by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the General Assembly. In the interim all rights of the affected Local Chapter in the Corporation shall be suspended.

## **3.9 Automatic Termination of Membership**

Determination that the number of individual members in a Local Chapter has reached zero (0) on the National Membership Data Base shall constitute good and sufficient reason for Charter withdrawal and the affected Local Chapter shall be immediately notified pursuant to By-law 3.8.