

**STANDING RULES
OF THE
INTERNATIONAL AREA ORGANIZATION**

FAMILY MOTOR COACH ASSOCIATION, INC.

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1. International Area Organization (INTO) Executive Board officers are expected to attend, if at all possible, all FMCA international conventions, INTO rallies, and meetings of the INTO Executive Board and Board of Delegates. 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 Delegates 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 this Organization. He/She shall be responsible for planning and implementing an annual 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 Delegates. 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

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 2 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 international conventions.

SECRETARY

The Secretary shall perform all duties incident to the office, and such duties as may be required by the Bylaws of the Organization, or which, may be assigned by the President, Executive Board and/or Board of Delegates. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of 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 Delegates. He/She shall be custodian of permanent records of the Organization and shall be responsible for correspondence from the Organization. He/She shall be responsible for notifying the FMCA National office of any changes to the Organization's Bylaws, providing them a copy of the revised Bylaws. The Secretary shall prepare for the annual meeting by preparing voting credentials for the Board of Delegates 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 Delegates 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 Delegates, as required by law, the Articles of Incorporation or the Bylaws of this Organization. He/She shall receive all funds and pay all bills of INTO under the direction of its officers and delegates. 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 of the Organization in his/her custody, with all postings made to date of delivery. The Treasurer shall have charge and custody of, and be responsible for, all funds and securities of the Organization. All such funds shall be deposited in the name of the Organization in banks, trust companies, or other depositories as shall be selected by the Treasurer and approved by the Executive Board. 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 Delegates. He/She shall render to the President, Executive Board or Board of Delegates, 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 an examiner selected by the Executive Board.

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 second international 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 into any contract, or execute and deliver a binding instrument, in the name of and on behalf of the Organization. Such authority may be general or confined to a specific instance. Unless so authorized, no officer or agent shall have the power or authority to bind the Organization or render it liable monetarily for any purpose.

5. The Nominating Committee shall be nominated and elected at INTO's annual meeting in odd years.
 - a. Only voting delegates may nominate someone to serve on the nominating committee.
 - b. 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.
 - c. The committee shall choose their chairperson.
 - d. Results of the election shall be published in the next issue of *The International Travelers*, the International Area newsletter, and announced at the next meeting,
 - e. 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, four (4) Vice Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer. Solicitations for nominees interested in office may be published in *The International Traveler*, the International Area newsletter.
 - c. The Nominating Committee shall prepare a slate of qualified candidate(s) for each office. If the Committee identifies more than one (1) qualified candidate for the office of Senior Vice President and/or more than four (4) qualified candidates for the four (4) Vice President positions, all names shall be included in the slate. The same procedure shall apply to the office of Secretary as well as the office of Treasurer. The Committee shall obtain acceptance of each candidate to serve if elected and shall obtain a resume not to exceed seven hundred and fifty (750) words showing his/her qualifications for office. The Committee shall return the resume to the candidate if it exceeds seven hundred and fifty (750) words. 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. (Approximate date for submitting the report, acceptances, and resumes to the President is April 1.)
 - d. The President shall arrange for preparation of ballots for election by mail vote. The ballot shall note that the Board of Delegates' member is to vote for no more than one (1) candidate for the office of Senior Vice President, four

- (4) candidates for the office of Vice President, and one (1) candidate each for the offices of Secretary and Treasurer. Two (2) spaces for write-in votes shall be on the ballot for each office.
- e. The President shall mail the ballots and resumes, via U.S. mail, to the Board of Delegates' members. Only one (1) ballot shall be mailed to each Board of Delegates' member. If a Chapter's National Director is serving as an Executive Board officer, the ballot shall be mailed to the Chapter's Alternate National Director. A minimum of thirty (30) days shall be allowed between the date of mailing and the return date the ballots are due for tabulation. A stamped return addressed envelope will be provided with the ballots. For the offices of Vice President, the four (4) candidates receiving the greatest number of votes shall be declared elected. (Approximate date for mailing ballot to Board of Delegates' members is May 1.)
 - f. Election results shall be published in *The International Traveler*, the International Area newsletter. (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.** A Special Meeting may be called by ten percent (10%) of the Board of Delegates. The written request, clearly stating the purpose(s) for said meeting, shall be mailed to the Secretary of the Organization. The Secretary shall mail the request to the Board of Delegates with a stamped return addressed mail ballot within ten (10) days of receipt of the written request. The Board of Delegates shall have thirty (30) days between the date of mailing and the final date by which the ballots are to be returned to study the resolution. If the majority of those eligible to vote approve, the meeting shall be called immediately.