

WOMEN IN THE WIND (WITW)
LADIES OF CHROME & LEATHER (L.O.C.A.L.) CHAPTER BYLAWS
(ADDENDUM TO WOMEN IN THE WIND BYLAWS)
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L.O.C.A.L. Chapter has adopted the Women in The Wind International (WITW) Bylaws in its entirety with the following changes, deletions and/or additions for its own Bylaws. These are to be used in conjunction with WITW Bylaws.

ARTICLE 4 (a) – MEMBERSHIP

- 1) Prospective members must attend one L.O.C.A.L. Chapter meeting and one L.O.C.A.L. Chapter group ride before joining.
- 2) All members shall attend at least one L.O.C.A.L. Chapter meeting and participate in at least one L.O.C.A.L. Chapter ride each year to be eligible to renew membership. “Year” is defined as beginning March 23 and ending March 22 (in accordance with WITW Bylaws for membership renewal.) If a member fails to attend at least one chapter meeting and participate in at least one chapter ride each year, the member may not renew her membership for the following year but may reapply for membership in accordance with the steps required for any other potential new member, i.e., complete an application and attend one chapter meeting and participate in one chapter ride.
- 3) A “non-riding member” is a member who otherwise attends chapter meetings and participates in rides but who does not ride her own bike, e.g., participates as a passenger. (Non-riding members are limited to three per WITW Bylaws.) Prospective “non-riding members” must be approved by the L.O.C.A.L. Chapter Board.
- 4) A riding member with previous good standing who cannot continue to attend and/or ride due to age or physical reasons may maintain her membership with approval of the Board and not be counted as a non-riding member.
- 5) Guests may attend three meetings and/or rides before being required to join L.O.C.A.L. Chapter.
- 6) Chapter membership is open to women who ride a 2- or 3-wheeled motorcycle of any make, provided the motorcycle has motorcycle controls and the member possesses an M1 motorcycle endorsement in accordance with WITW bylaws. New membership will not be granted to owners of 3-wheeled vehicles/roadsters with automobile controls, e.g., Polaris Slingshot, Morgan 3-wheeler, etc., unless the member also operates a traditional motorcycle or trike, with which she can participate in L.O.C.A.L. Chapter rides.

ARTICLE 5 (a) – OFFICERS

Officers of L.O.C.A.L. Chapter and their duties are:

PRESIDENT:

- 1) Presides over all meetings of the organization;
- 2) Organizes officers meetings when they may be necessary;
- 3) Supervises general affairs of the club and coordination/scheduling of all Chapter events;
- 4) Appoints committees as needed and assigns duties and responsibilities to members as necessary;
- 5) Brings to the attention of the Chapter all pertinent information from WITW;
- 6) Upholds the Bylaws of WITW and L.O.C.A.L. Chapter;
- 7) Fosters the positive atmosphere required to promote Chapter growth.

VICE PRESIDENT:

- 1) Assists President in all aspects;
- 2) Performs the duties of President in her absence;
- 3) Fills any office that has been vacated until a replacement can be appointed by the Officers for the remainder of the term;
- 4) Upholds the Bylaws of WITW and L.O.C.A.L. Chapter;
- 5) Fosters the positive atmosphere required to promote chapter growth;
- 6) Serves in such capacities as assigned by the President;
- 7) Supports officers as needed.

TREASURER:

- 1) Collects chapter and associate dues for forwarding to WITW Secretary/Treasurer;
- 2) Takes charge of all monies of the local chapter and prepares a treasury report for L.O.C.A.L. Chapter officers at each Board meeting;
- 3) Orders WITW logo merchandise and collects for their distribution to members;
- 4) Performs duties of President and/or Vice President in their absence;
- 5) Pays all bills incurred by the Chapter in the normal course of business and in a timely manner.

SECRETARY:

- 1) Takes the minutes and notes of the meetings;
- 2) Provides minutes and notes of meeting to Chapter newsletter editor;
- 3) Is responsible for the administrative needs of the chapter; ensures that all Chapter members are current members of WITW; provides WITW Treasurer a current list of Chapter members (including address, phone number and email address); maintains current roster;
- 4) Preserves and maintains a permanent file of reports, letters, newsletters, etc., of importance to the L.O.C.A.L. Chapter and its officers.

ROAD CAPTAIN:

- 1) Appoints Assistant Road Captains for the year and designates further leads/sweeps as the need arises;
- 2) Chairs the Ride Committee;
- 3) Has administrative responsibility over chapter riding events;
- 4) Assigns duties and responsibilities to members relative to riding events;
- 5) Submits ride-related articles for Chapter newsletter;
- 6) Actively promotes riding safety.

SAFETY/EDUCATION OFFICER:

- 1) Submits safety related articles for Chapter newsletter;
- 2) Presents safety-related topics at membership meetings;
- 3) Actively promotes riding safety;
- 4) May appoint Assistant Safety Officer for the term;
- 5) May also act as an Assistant Road Captain if appointed;
- 6) Administers WITW Safe Mileage Contest for L.O.C.A.L. Chapter;
- 7) Organizes educational events and activities related to safety, riding skills and maintenance.

ARTICLE 5 (b) – NON-OFFICER POSITIONS:

Positions such as committee chairpersons, Activities Committee and Chairperson, Membership Committee and Chairperson, Historian/Photographer, Public Relations Committee and Chairperson, Newsletter Editor, Maintenance Coordinator, Election Committee and Chairperson, and any other positions may be appointed by the Officers if they deem necessary. These positions will be defined by the Board and will remain in effect during the tenure of the Board.

ARTICLE 11 (a) – ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- 1) Election of officers shall be held every two years in August;
- 2) Anyone running for office must be an active member for no less than one year by September 1 of the year the new officers' term begins.
- 3) Terms of office shall be two years (officers may choose to run for additional terms).
- 4) Nominations shall be taken at the July meeting and up until a time determined by the Election Committee;
- 5) The Election Committee shall organize the election and conduct the election (Nominees for office may not act on Election Committee);
- 6) Members shall vote by ballot at the August meeting or by Absentee ballot which must be received by the Election Committee by the date determined by the Committee.
- 7) Associate and Honorary members will not have voting rights;
- 8) Majority vote shall prevail.
- 9) Newly elected officers take office on September 1 following the election and will conduct the September general membership meeting.

ARTICLE 12 (a) – ALTERATIONS OF BYLAWS

- 1) All articles included in L.O.C.A.L. Chapter Bylaws can be altered, deleted, or lengthened.
- 2) Proposals of changing the bylaws can be made only by chapter members.
- 3) Chapter members wishing to alter, delete, or add Bylaws must present the proposed changes by either a written letter or email directed to the officers.
- 4) The President shall then organize a vote by the membership on the proposed Bylaws changes.
- 5) Majority vote shall prevail.

ARTICLE 13 (a) – VOTING PROCEDURES

Refer to Article 11 (a) above.