

ARTICLE I - NAME

Section 1.

The name of the organization shall be the International Police Association (IPA), United States Section, Region 57.

Section 2.

The Region was established 09/23/99 by unanimous vote of the United States Regions at the September 1999 National Delegate Conference held in St. Louis, MO. Region 57 officially was chartered on 10/01/99. The Founder of the Region and first President was Kevin Gordon. Addition initial officers: Kevin McGinnis - First Vice President: John Weston - Second Vice President: Roger McLean - Third Vice President: Tom Boyd -Secretary: Bruce Fleshren - Treasurer: Norm Venable - NDC Representative.

ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVES

Section 1.

The objectives of Region 57 shall be to carry to the objectives and goals of the International Police Association (IPA) at the regional level.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERS

Section 1.

The membership of Region 57 shall be limited to the membership as defined in the National and International IPA Statutes.

Section 2.

Officers injured in the line of duty which results in a full disability pension shall pay no dues.

Section 3.

All new members will receive a region 57 lapel pin, a window decal, and an IPA National lapel ID card.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

Section 1.

The elected officers of the Region will be a President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Third Vice President, Treasurer/Secretary and NDC Representative. These officers are referred to as the Region Board.

Section 2.

The President shall chair all the Region meetings, be the official representative of the Region, make appointments as provided, and carry out any other duties under these bylaws.

Section 3.

The Vice Presidents shall perform duties as determined by the Region Board and these bylaws. The 1st Vice President shall act for the President in the absence or inability of the President to act.

Section 4.

The Secretary/Treasurer shall take or cause to be taken the minutes of all Region Board meetings, shall maintain custody of the minutes and other Region correspondence and other duties as provided in these bylaws and shall be the chief financial officer of the region and shall have overall responsibility for all financial accounts of the region. The Treasurer shall insure that all fiscal laws are complied with by the Region and other duties as provided in these bylaws.

Section 5.

The NDC Representative shall be the region representative to National Executive Council (NDC) meetings. If the NDC Representative cannot attend the NDC, the President, or a member appointed by the President and approved by the Region Board, shall represent the Region at the NDC.

Section 6. All officers upon expiration of their term of office shall immediately turn over all books, papers and property of the Region to the new officers(s).

ARTICLE V - REGION BOARD

Section 1.

The Officers of the Region shall constitute the Region Board.

Section 2.

The Region Board shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Region, set the time and place of meetings, approve appointments, make recommendations to the members, and perform other duties as are specified in these bylaws.

Section 3.

The Region Board may adopt standing rules to carry out the provisions of the bylaws or the affairs of the Region and shall place in the standing rules and general policies of the Region.

ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS

Section 1. Membership meetings will be held quarterly, as set by the Region Board. Special meetings and functions may be set at any time as approved by the Region Board.

Section 2.

Region Board meetings will normally be held quarterly as approved by the Region Board. These meetings will normally be held just prior to the regular meeting. Special meetings may be called by a majority of the Committee or the President, upon 72 hour notice. Region Board meetings will be open to the general membership. Region Board members who can not attend board, regular or special meeting will notify the President in advance.

ARTICLE VII - VOTING

Section 1.

At membership meetings and for election of officers, each regular or regular life member shall have one vote. Honorary Members will not be permitted to vote.

Section 2.

At Region Board meetings each officer shall have one vote.

ARTICLE VIII - COMMITTEES

Section 1.

The President, with approval of the Region Board or the Region Board may authorize creation of committees for specific purposes or functions. The President shall appoint members of committees, except the election committee, with approval of the Region Board.

Section 2.

In every election year, each member of the Region Board shall appoint a member to the election committee. The duties of the committee shall be to conduct and oversee the election of Region officers. The committee shall select its own chairman and vice chairman.

Section 3. The President, at the end of the fiscal year, shall appoint two members from the Region, one from the Region Board other than the Treasurer, and one not a member of the Region Board, to an Audit Committee. The committee shall examine the books and accounts of the Region. A report shall be made at a membership meeting no later than 120 days after the end of the fiscal year.

ARTICLE IX - ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Section 1.

Only regular or regular life members are eligible to hold elected offices.

Section 2.

The Region officers shall be elected for three year terms as provided in the National Statues. Nomination for officers shall take place at a membership meeting which shall be held in October in the last year of the term. A mail ballot to all members shall be mailed no later then November 15 and must be returned by December 10 th, provided that if there is not more then one nomination for each Region office, no ballot need be sent out and the candidates may be elected by members attending the October nominations meeting. Candidates may provide the election committee by November 1st, a one-half page statement to be included with the ballot along with other candidate statements. The elected officers shall take office on January 1st.

Section 3.

For vacancies in the offices of President, or Vice Presidents, the remaining Vice Presidents shall automatically rise to the vacant position.

Section 4.

For vacancies in the office of Third Vice President, NDC Representative, Treasurer/Secretary. the President shall, within 90 days, nominate a replacement, who shall take office after approval by a majority of the remainder of the Region Board.

Section 5.

The President may appoint additional officers as needed with the approval of the Region Board. These officers can include but are not limited to the

- A. Board Representatives
- B. Assistant Secretary, who shall work under the direction of the Secretary
- C. Assistant Treasurer, who shall work under the direction of the Treasurer
- D. Parliamentarian
- E. Sergeant-of-Arms, as needed
- F. Hosting/Travel Coordinator
- G. Editor for the region publication
- H. Supply Officer

Section 6.

The Region Supply Officer shall be in charge of all supplies, including sales and ordering. The Supply Officer shall make an annual inventory and report on supplies to Region Board. Two members of the Region Board, appointed by the President, shall annually make a physical review of the supply inventory.

Section 7.

The Editor(s) shall be responsible for publishing the newsletter on a regular basis.

- A. Ad prices will be set by the Region Board. The editor will seek Region Board approval for questionable ads.

ARTICLE X - PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Section 1.

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rule of Order, Newly Revised shall govern in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order.

ARTICLE XI - PROHIBITIONS

Section 1.

No person shall make official use of the IPA Region 57 or IPA National or IPA International name without approval of the Region Board.

ARTICLE XII - AMENDMENTS

Section 1.

The Bylaws may be amended at any regular membership meeting of the Region by a two-thirds vote of members present. Approved amendments to the bylaws shall take effect immediately unless otherwise specified.

Section 2.

Standing Rules may be amended or adopted by the Region Board by a majority vote, provided that the amendment was submitted in writing at the previous regular Region Board meeting. Standing Rules may be amended or adopted at any time by a two-thirds vote of the Region Board.

Section 3.

These bylaws shall not be in conflict with the national or international IPA Statutes. Any section or portion of a section of these bylaws found by, a two-thirds vote of the total Region Board, the National organization or the International IPA, to be in conflict, shall automatically be repealed.

ARTICLE XIII - AWARDS

Section 1.

The President of Region 57 may present, once annually, an appreciation award. The award may be given in recognition to an individual or individuals who the President feels deserve recognition for their efforts or contributions to Region 57, the IPA or law enforcement in general. The award shall not need approval of the Region Board. Any cost or expense for the award must be approved by the Region Board.