

**BY-LAWS**  
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**LINCOLN LAND CHAPTER**  
**of A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois, Inc.**

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**ARTICLE I – Purpose**

Lincoln Land Chapter of A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois, Inc. (hereinafter sometimes “Lincoln Land”) is organized as a chapter of A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois, Inc.,(hereinafter “A.B.A.T.E.”) an Illinois not-for-profit civic organization. As such, the corporation assumes full liability for its activities, but is subordinate to A.B.A.T.E. on policy matters. Lincoln Land is organized for charitable, educational, civic, benevolent, social, and athletic purposes including, for such purposes, the promotion of motorcycle use, acceptance, safety, and enjoyment. Said purposes include promoting the motorcycling interests of members of A.B.A.T.E. Lincoln Land is further organized to undertake such interaction (including lobbying and litigation support) with various governmental bodies as may be necessary or desirable to promote the corporation’s interests.

**ARTICLE II – Principal Office and Registered Agent**

**Section 1:** The principal office of the corporation shall be P.O. Box 5774, Springfield, Illinois 62705.

**Section 2:** The Registered Agent shall be selected with the intention of achieving consistency and facilitating information flow throughout A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois, Inc. Toward that end, the address of the Registered Agent should be the corporate headquarters of A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois, Inc.

**ARTICLE III – Membership**

**Section 1:** Only those members in good standing in A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois, Inc. may be members of Lincoln Land. All members of Lincoln Land shall have full voting privileges.

**Section 2:** Membership in the corporation may be transferred to or from any other chapter of A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois, Inc.

**Section 3: Termination of Membership**

The Board of Directors (hereinafter sometimes “BOARD”), by an affirmative vote of 2/3, may terminate or suspend a membership for cause after the member is given notice and an opportunity to be heard. Any person in default in the payment of annual membership dues shall automatically and immediately have his membership terminated without notice or other action of Lincoln Land.

**ARTICLE IV – Board of Directors**

**Section 1:** The BOARD shall consist of the officers of the corporation (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Legislative Coordinator, Public Relations Coordinator, Safety & Education Coordinator, Membership Coordinator, Activities Coordinator, Products Coordinator and Newsletter Coordinator). The BOARD, with the exception of the Treasurer, shall be elected annually by the membership of the corporation and shall consist of registered voters. The position of Treasurer shall be appointed by a majority of the BOARD when need arises. The position of Sergeant-at-Arms shall be a non-voting, elected position and shall be responsible for maintaining order at Chapter meetings.

**Section 2: Powers and duties:** The business and affairs of the corporation shall be conducted by the BOARD which shall have such powers and perform such duties as may, from time to time, be specified in resolutions or other directives of the BOARD. Any action of the BOARD may be countermanded by a majority vote of the membership at any meeting of the Chapter.

**Section 3: Meetings**

- a. **Frequency:** Board of Directors meetings shall be held at least 5 calendar days prior to any regular Chapter meetings.
- b. **Quorum:** A simple majority of the BOARD shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the BOARD. If less than a quorum of the BOARD are present at any meeting, the meeting may be adjourned by a majority of those present.
- c. **Notice:** Board of Directors shall establish a consistent meeting place, time, and day, of the month (e.g. second Tuesday, 7:30 PM). Other meeting arrangements may be made at the discretion of the BOARD with at least 5 days prior notice to those BOARD members not present when alternate meeting arrangements were made.
- d. **Urgent business:** Special meetings may be called by the President to conduct business of the Chapter that requires immediate attention. A special meeting may also be called by at least 5 BOARD members. As much notice as feasible must be given prior to any special meeting. In combination with, or in lieu of a physical gathering, BOARD members may conduct business by electronic communication or by polling by the President on special issues.

**Section 4: Removal:** Any officer or director may be removed by 2/3 of the BOARD whenever said BOARD shall determine the interests of the corporation would be served by such removal. Removal of an officer or director may result from the nonperformance of a specific duty or the commission of other acts or omissions deemed by the BOARD to be contrary to the interests of the corporation. Three-fifths (3/5) of the membership present may remove an officer or a person in a role of authority from their respective position at a Chapter meeting with or without cause.

**Section 5: Vacancies:** Any vacancy occurring in the BOARD may be filled by a majority vote of those present at any meeting of the BOARD. An officer or director appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve for the unexpired term of his predecessor. A special election may be called by a majority vote of those present at any meeting of the BOARD.

**Section 6:** Members of the BOARD shall not be personally liable for acts of the BOARD of Directors.

**Section 7:** The BOARD may form committees to address any issue deemed appropriate. The President shall appoint the chairman of each committee. The chairman shall determine the membership of the committee with the advice and consent of the President.

**Section 8:** The BOARD by a majority vote of those present at any meeting of the BOARD must approve the expenditure of all moneys and must give prior approval to amounts in excess of \$100.00.

**Section 9: President:** The President shall preside over Chapter meetings, and coordinate business and affairs as determined by the BOARD. The President may spend up to a total of \$100.00 per month without prior BOARD approval.

**Section 10: Vice President Duties:** The Vice-President shall preside over Chapter meetings in the absence, or at the request of the Chapter President, and shall also coordinate the corporation's business and affairs as determined by the BOARD.

**Section 11: Secretary's Duties:** The Secretary shall keep minutes of all Executive and Chapter Board meetings, review those minutes at meetings, furnish copies of said minutes at meetings, and furnish copies of said minutes to all officers at or before each Executive Board meeting. The Secretary may spend up to a total of \$100.00 per month without prior BOARD approval. The Secretary shall perform any other secretarial duties as directed by the BOARD.

**Section 12: Treasurer's Duties:** The Treasurer may hold office only so long as that person is covered by an adequate bond made payable to Lincoln Land. Lincoln Land shall reimburse the Treasurer for the reasonable cost of said bond. The Treasurer may take office only after a certified copy of the bond is accepted by the BOARD. The BOARD shall accept the bond except for good cause. The bond shall provide that the bonding company shall notify Lincoln Land at least 30 days prior to the termination of the bond. The Treasurer shall submit a detailed financial report at each Chapter meeting and shall submit a financial report to the State Office as requested by that Office. The Treasurer shall maintain and keep all financial records for the corporation and be responsible for all moneys collected by the corporation. The Treasurer shall act as the liaison to any certified public accountant hired by the corporation and insure the timely filing of state or corporate financial forms. The Treasurer shall also perform any other financial duties as directed by the BOARD.

**Section 13: Activities Coordinator's Duties:** The Activities Coordinator shall coordinate all Chapter activities and work in conjunction with Chapter personnel and coordinate other activities as directed by the BOARD.

**Section 14: Legislative Coordinator's Duties:** The Legislative Coordinator shall coordinate all state and federal legislative concerns and work in conjunction with the State Legislative Coordinator.

**Section 15: Newsletter Coordinator's Duties:** The Newsletter Coordinator shall be responsible for compiling, assembling, and delivering the Chapter newsletter. The Newsletter Coordinator shall be responsible for distributing all moneys collected, expenditures, and financial records in association with the publication or distribution of the Chapter newsletter to the Chapter Treasurer on a monthly basis.

**Section 16: Public Relations Coordinator's Duties:** The Public Relations Coordinator shall be responsible for communicating the activities and events of Lincoln Land to the members, the general public, and the media, and work in conjunction with the State Public Relations Coordinator.

**Section 17: Product Coordinator's Duties:** The Product Coordinator shall oversee the sale of Lincoln Land and A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois, Inc. merchandise. The Product Coordinator shall provide for appropriate intellectual property right protection on all original artwork used in Lincoln Land products.

**Section 18: Safety & Education Coordinator's Duties:** The Safety & Education Coordinator shall promote motorcycle safety to motorcyclists throughout the state and motorcycle awareness to the general public, and work in conjunction with the State Safety & Education Coordinator.

**Section 19: Membership Coordinator's Duties:** The Membership Coordinator shall promote the enlistment of new members and maintain the membership data of active and inactive members at the chapter level and will also coordinate and maintain the Chapter membership data in conjunction with the State Office Manager.

## **ARTICLE V – Meetings**

**Section 1:** The location of meetings shall not be at the office of the Registered Agent without the consent of said Registered Agent. The meeting shall be held monthly within the geographical boundaries of the corporation.

**Section 2: Quorum:** Thirty members or 1/3 of the membership, whichever is less, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting.

## **ARTICLE VI – Amendment of By-Laws and Other Provisions**

These By-Laws may be altered, amended, or repealed and new By-Laws may be adopted by a majority vote of the members at any regular or special meeting if at least 14 days written notice is given prior to such meeting. The written notice must advise the members that the alteration of the By-Laws will be voted on at the upcoming meeting.

## **ARTICLE VII – Miscellaneous**

**Section 1:** The corporation shall act as a chapter of A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois, Inc. a state-wide corporation. As such, the corporation shall assume full liability for its activities, but shall answer to the state organization on policy matters.

**Section 2:** The geographical boundaries of the corporation shall center in Sangamon county and may include portions of any or all counties that border with Sangamon county.

**Section 3: State Board Representative:** The State Board Representative shall be a current member of the Lincoln Land, and shall be appointed by a majority vote of the BOARD. The State Board Representative, under the guidance of Lincoln Land and the BOARD, shall serve as the Chapter Representative to the State Board of Directors. The State Board Representative shall submit a report to Lincoln Land during the regular chapter meeting following any State Board of Directors meeting.

**Section 4: Alternate State Board Representative:** The Alternate State Board Representative shall be a current member of the Lincoln Land, and shall be appointed by a majority vote of the BOARD. The Alternate State Board Representative in the absence, or at the request of, the State Board Representative shall assume the State Board Representative's duties at the State Board of Directors meetings, and at pertinent chapter meetings.

## **ARTICLE VIII – Selection of Officers**

**Section 1: Nominations:** Unless otherwise authorized by the BOARD, nominations shall be made at the regular meeting held in October and November with elections held at the regular meeting during the following December. Only members in good standing are allowed to nominate, second a nomination or be nominated for any office or position. Nominations will be closed prior to voting at the election and any member not present but nominated for office will be dropped from the list of nominees unless they notify the Secretary of their willingness to run for such office. Spoken nominations may be made at the election meeting without prior written notice.

### **Section 2: Elections**

- a. Only members in good standing are eligible to participate and vote in elections.
- b. Notification of elections and nominations shall be made in writing by special mailing or by notice in a publication customarily mailed to all members (e.g., chapter newsletter) regarding the date, time, and place of nomination and elections. Notice shall be mailed to last known address of each member not less than 15 days prior to nominations.

- c. The President shall appoint a judge and no less than 2 tellers to preside over elections, distribute, examine and count legal ballots. The judge shall report election results to the President and Secretary before close of the election meeting. The Sergeants at Arms will act as observers and witness the distribution, casting and tabulation of ballots.
- d. Legal ballot
  - i. All offices will be filled from a list of duly nominated candidates and not by "write-in ballot." Absentee ballots and proxy votes will not be used or accepted. A legal ballot will consist of a preprinted list of duly nominated candidates and only those candidates legally nominated prior to close of nomination may be added to the ballot prior to voting.
  - ii. Elections will be conducted by secret ballot. The nominee receiving the highest number of legal votes for each office shall be declared elected except in those instances where there is only 1 nominee for an office. Then, the uncontested nominee will be declared elected. In the event of a tie, the flip of a coin will determine the winner.

**Section 3: Commencement of Term:** All officers will assume office at the next regularly scheduled meeting following the election with exception of the Safety and Education Coordinator who will assume office the following July 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Section 4: Open Office:** In the event an office is unfilled at the time of elections, offices may be combined, or officers appointed by the BOARD.

Approved: This 19th day of July by a majority of the members of Lincoln Land Chapter of A.B.A.T.E. present at a regular meeting.

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Tony Jones  
Chapter President

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ruth Oliver  
Secretary