

Fraternal Order of Leatherheads Society

Mid-America FOOLS Chapter

Articles of Association Local Amendments

The FOOLS International has designated the Mid-America Fools as a chapter in good standing. In doing so, the executive board of the Mid-America FOOLS (hereinafter referred to as MA FOOLS) has agreed to adopt the Articles of Association of the FOOLS International. The following amendments only apply to the MA FOOLS and will not supersede the International Articles of Association. The FOOLS International By-Laws shall govern all other issues.

Article I. Membership

The MA FOOLS invite anyone that supports the tradition of the fire service to apply for membership. The MA FOOLS exist to keep the tradition of the fire service alive. We encourage anyone that is proud of this great profession to seek membership and help us keep the tradition alive. MA FOOLS reserves the right to decline or revoke membership for just cause as seen fit by the ~~Founding 13~~ members (hereinafter referred to as F-13) Executive Board. The member may challenge the revocation as per the FOOLS International Articles of Association, Article VI. Just cause will defined as: 1) Re-occurring, willful non-participation, 2) Selflessness against another MA FOOLS member, 3) Violation of the Code of Conduct, 4) A member not in good standing, 5) Any other act that may discredit, disgrace or purposely endanger any FOOLS member of this chapter, any other chapter, or of the international. All MA FOOLS members are required to attend a minimum of two (2) meetings per year and a minimum of one (1) special function (i.e. FOOLS BASH, Training) per year to remain in good standing.

Article II. Recruitment

Recruitment of members into the MA FOOLS shall be on a sponsorship basis. Applications will be accepted any time. The application shall be turned in with the appropriate associated fees. Once the application has been accepted and reviewed by the E-Board the applicant must sign the Code of Conduct along with his/her sponsor. Once the Code of Conduct is signed by the applicant and sponsor the applicant shall be a member of MA FOOLS. If the applicant does not have a sponsor the applicant will become a perspective member and will have 90 days to get acquainted with a member in good standing to be his/her sponsor. The E-Board has the latitude of extending the 90 days if it decides it is necessary.

Article III. Registration Fee

Any Prospective member must pay a membership fee of thirty-five dollars. Ten dollars of the fee will be forwarded to the FOOLS International for international membership. The remaining twenty-five dollars of the registration fee will go into the general fund for the MA FOOLS. Any member who is voted on at the initial sponsorship vote and is not accepted as a full member of the MA FOOLS will be reimbursed the local fee of thirty dollars.

Article IV. Yearly Dues

The MA FOOLS Chapter will collect yearly dues from all members that are in good standing with the organization. The Secretary/Treasurer will collect yearly dues each January and all monies collected will be placed into the MA FOOLS general account and be used for organizational business. Once member has paid yearly dues in full, the member will be given one yearly chapter t-shirt at no charge. Any member that has not paid dues within 60 days of notification of payment shall be removed from the membership roster of the MA FOOLS. Dues will be thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) per member per year.