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POLICY

An area association may be formed from chapters in an existing FMCA area for the purpose of: enhancing communication between and among FMCA and its chapters within the area; facilitating cooperation among chapters; coordinating area events; assisting the Area Vice President in the execution of his or her duties; and the execution of other activities that benefit area members.

FMCA defines the geographic boundaries of an area.

PROCEDURE

Operations

1. To facilitate chapter cooperation and to coordinate area rallies and other activities that benefit area members, each area may organize and adopt its own bylaws for its internal self-government. Such area bylaws must conform with any mandatory requirements stipulated in the Constitution and Bylaws of FMCA. An area association shall present its bylaws to FMCA’s Constitution and Bylaws Committee for its review.
2. Each chapter shall be a member of, and shall be equally represented in a designated area association. Associate chapter representation may be determined by the areas.
3. An area association shall elect officers to assist the Area Association President. Area association officers may also serve as chapter officers.
4. An area association shall hold at least one annual meeting at a time set by the Area Association President.
5. The fiscal year of an area association shall conform with that of FMCA when practical.
6. An area association may establish a treasury to support its programs.
7. Except in authorized circumstances, an area association is without power by its own actions to bind or obligate FMCA in any matter.