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## **Voting Policy**

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The purpose of the Voting Policy is to clarify what members can vote at certain stages of membership as well as to address absentee voting and use of proxies.

**Permanent Members** and **Lifetime Members** have all voting privileges as described in the By Laws and the following policy.

### **Absentee voting:**

Absentee voting will be used only for the annual elections in November. Proxies will not be honored for officer/ board of director elections.

Absentee voting is available only for those members unable to attend the annual meeting due to special circumstances/emergencies such as: illness, death in family, work commitment, out of town, etc.

An absentee ballot will be available upon request. A member may request a ballot by email ([harmonyriders@gmail.com](mailto:harmonyriders@gmail.com)), by phoning the Secretary (available on the website), or request by mail to the club address (available on the website).

An absentee ballot, if mailed, must be received by the meeting date. Late ballots will not be accepted. An absentee ballot may also be hand carried to the meeting by another member. All ballots must be received before the opening of the scheduled meeting.

Absentee ballot must be completed in full and placed in a sealed envelope. The envelope must also contain the following on the **outside** of envelope; member name, address, and must state "absentee ballot". Ballots missing this information will not be accepted.

### **Proxies:**

In addition to the use of a proxy as described in the By Laws, the following rules and restrictions apply.

A proxy will be limited to use at one specific meeting.

Proxy voting is available only for those members unable to attend a particular meeting due to special circumstances/emergencies such as: illness, death in family, work commitment, out of town, etc.

A proxy can not be used for officer / board of director elections.

The proxy will be honored for all regular business voting at the specific meeting designated in the proxy.

As per the By Laws, the proxy must be signed and dated. It also must contain the specific date of use, purpose, reason it is needed, and details of member designated to use it.

Proxy is subject to denial by the Board of Directors for reasonable cause.