IMTA Safety & Maintenance Council
Code of Bylaws

ARTICLE I
Authority
By authority of the Indiana Motor Truck Association (IMTA) Code of Bylaws Article VI, Section 6.1. The Indiana Motor Truck Association Safety & Maintenance Council (SMC) is established. By approval of the Board of Directors of the Indiana Motor Truck Association, Inc., these bylaws are adopted to govern the operations and proceedings of this organization.

ARTICLE II
Name
The name of this organization shall be the IMTA Safety & Maintenance Council (SMC).

ARTICLE III
Objectives and Purposes
Mission Statement: The goal of the Safety and Maintenance Council (SMC) is to provide membership with the best possible resources to enhance current and future safety and maintenance processes and to recognize members for safety and maintenance achievements. The intent is to educate and support membership in order to improve the safety of employees and the general public as well as ensuring the latest advancements in maintenance best practices are promoted.
The objectives and purposes of this council shall be:
(a) To develop and promote methods, materials and procedures, and conduct research for improved safety in the field of motor carrier transportation;
(b) To foster the exchange of ideas and materials on accident prevention among persons and organizations in the field of motor carrier safety;
(c) To sponsor and promote conferences, meetings and other activities aiding the general safety and maintenance program of the Indiana Motor Truck Association, Inc.;
(d) To develop and promote safety and personnel practices;
(e) To develop and promote advancements in vehicle maintenance procedures;
(f) To conduct such other activities and programs as are necessary to accomplish the foregoing purposes consistent with the policies of the Indiana Motor Truck Association.

ARTICLE IV
Organization
Section 1. The Safety & Maintenance Council of the Indiana Motor Truck Association, Inc., shall be statewide in scope. The SMC “Season” runs from July 1st to June 30th, ending with the conclusion of the Truck Driver and Technician Competition. The months of August and September will be used for planning of the next series of educational events. The new season’s educational sessions, will begin in October.

ARTICLE V
Membership
Section 1. Membership is on individual basis and must belong to an IMTA member company. Individuals desiring to promote or be associated
with the activities of The Safety & Maintenance Council and who is a full paid member of The Safety & Maintenance Council, shall be allowed to participate in the Council.

**Section 2.** Retired persons who have been active in the Council shall be excused from paying council dues, but may continue to receive the Truck Talk Weekly and continue to participate in the council on the same basis as all members.

**ARTICLE VI**

**Meetings**

**Section 1.** The Safety & Maintenance Council of the Indiana Motor Truck Association, Inc. shall meet at least four (4) times annually at times and places designated by the officers and committee chairmen. The full membership will be given at least ten (10) days notice of the time and place of such meetings.

**Section 2.** The election of officers shall be held, every two years, during the Annual Meeting (SMC Awards Banquet) of the council. The elected officers shall take office on July 1 and serve a two year term

**ARTICLE VII**

**Voting**

At all meetings of The Safety & Maintenance Council all members in good standing will have a vote.

**ARTICLE VIII**

**Dues and Finances**

**Section 1.** Annual dues shall be determined by majority vote of the membership based on recommendations of the officers, committee chairs, and the executive director.
**Section 2.** On a year to date basis, the IMTA will render to each member a bill covering the annual dues.

**Section 3.** Any member who fails to pay dues within sixty (60) days of the billing shall be dropped from the membership of the Council.

**ARTICLE IX**

**Officers**

**Section 1.** The officers of the council shall be Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Secretary/Treasurer.

**Section 2.** The officers of the Council - Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Secretary/Treasurer will be members of the council and shall, every two years, be elected by a majority vote of members present at the annual election meeting.

**Section 3.** Appointment to fill any vacancy in the officers shall be made by action of the Board of Governors.

**ARTICLE X**

**Board of Governors**

**Section 1.** The Board of Governors shall consist of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary/Treasurer and Past Chairmen. Each position will serve a two year term. As Governors move up in leadership, the incoming Secretary/Treasurer may alternate between a safety professional and maintenance professional, depending on the previous person’s profession.

**Section 2.** The Board of Governors shall, between council meetings, represent the full membership. The Board of Governors is empowered with the full authority to take whatever action is deemed proper and necessary and consistent with the objectives of the Council.
ARTICLE XI
Committees
Section 1. The officers shall oversee the following events/committees:
   a. Truck Driving & Technicians Championships
      a. Vice Chair serves as Chairman of the Truck Driver and Technician Competition
b. SMC Awards Banquet
c. SMC Meetings
Section 2. The recommendation of all standing committees, within the SMC shall be submitted to the Chairman for approval by the Executive Director.
Section 3. The nominating committee, consisting of the Board of Governors, will be chaired by the most immediate past chairman.
Section 4. The Chairman shall appoint other committees as needed.

ARTICLE XII
Quorum
The members present at any regular meeting or special meeting called to order after proper notice shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE XIII
Rules of Order
In all matters not covered herein, Roberts Rules of Order Revised shall govern the proceedings.

ARTICLE XIV
Cooperation with the IMTA
In view of the relationship between The Safety & Maintenance Council and the Indiana Motor Truck Association the Council shall report to the
parent organization and shall cooperate with the programs of the Indiana Motor Truck Association, Inc. The Chairman of the SMC will sit on the IMTA Executive Committee. The President of the IMTA shall appoint an IMTA Liaison. The IMTA Liaison will be a member of the staff of the IMTA and serve as staff liaison with various council and industry units, with government agencies, and with organizations concerned with motor carrier safety and maintenance practices. The IMTA Liaison will be responsible for maintaining organizational records, supervising the council staff, and for the processing of services and materials essential to the effective conduct of industry and motor carrier safety and maintenance programs.

**ARTICLE XV**

**Amendments**

**Section 1.** Proposed Amendments of these bylaws must be approved by the majority vote of the Board of Governors before being submitted to the membership for vote.

**Section 2.** Proposed Amendments to the bylaws shall be submitted for voting to the members in attendance at any meeting of The Safety & Maintenance Council

**Section 3.** Proposed Amendments may be adopted only by two-thirds majority of the members voting.