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From the Newsletter Committee

Hello Members!

In this newsletter you will find your Official Ballot to elect the new State officers for 2006.

If mailed, the ballots need to be received at the State office, PO Box 2244, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83816, by October 8th or hand delivered to any State or Chapter Officer to be delivered to the State Board of Directors meeting on October 9th.

The meeting will be held in Moscow, Idaho at the Sandpiper Grill (formerly known as the Mark IV Motor Inn). It is located at 414 N. Main (on Hwy 95), just north of downtown. The meeting will start promptly at noon. ALL members are always welcome to attend a State Board of Directors meeting.

We strongly urge all members to exercise their right to vote for their leaders.

While work continues on our priorities including updating our record keeping, one of the main goals A.B.A.T.E. of North Idaho has adopted and is working towards in the coming year is expanding our Motorcycle Awareness Program (MAP) by all Chapters. Training for all members who are interested is available. Contact your Chapter officers or the State Safety & Education committee, chaired by Dewain Hendren, for more information on how you can get involved to make motorcycling safer for all of us!

As always, there is virtually unlimited information on our website: www.abateofnorthidaho.org

Statements of Qualification Letters

The following are the Statement of Qualification letters submitted by the 2006 State Officer Nominees.

7-22-05



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I have been actively involved with A.B.A.T.E. of North Idaho since its inception in this area. Being with the original Chapter then branching out from Coeur d'Alene. At that time being an area representative, and later establishing our local Chapter within the state. Also having held positions of Sergeant-At-Arms to Coordinator allowing being on various committees on the Chapter and State levels.

I have been involved with communities local and about to inform the public on the functions of A.B.A.T.E. of North Idaho. With established and newly formed resources, A.N.I. has and will continue to grow. In asking to extend my position in A.N.I., lets continue to R.I.S.E. into 2006.

Sincerely, Moose



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Next State Meeting is hosted by Hoodoo Chapter on Oct. 9th, noon, in Moscow, ID at the at the Mark IV Restaurant which will be changing it's name to Sandpiper Grill

For those members that do not know me, my name is Willie Stephenson. I was nominated for the positions of State Coordinator and State Ambassador-at-Large at our July 10th state meeting in Orofino. This statement of qualifications is submitted as outlined and required of State officer nominees in Article 6.2 of ABATE of North Idaho's state by-laws.

Idaho motorcycle rights organization (MRO) experience and/or positions held include:

- Co-founder, President and charter member of Kootenai District, ABATE of Idaho
- Co-founder, incorporator, State Coordinator and lifetime member of ABATE of North Idaho, Inc.
- Deputy Coordinator and Ambassador-at-Large of Kootenai Chapter ABATE of North Idaho, Inc.
- Co-created the drivers education Motorcycle Awareness Program (MAP) at ABATE of North Idaho, Inc.
- Current Co-webmaster of ABATE of North Idaho, Inc.

Currently serve on or chair:

- State By-law Committee ABATE of North Idaho, Inc.
- State Budget/Financial Committee ABATE of North Idaho, Inc.
- State Safety & Education Committee ABATE of North Idaho, Inc.

Other past or current MRO memberships include:

- ABATE of Washington

- Spokane Chapter
- Four Rivers Chapter
- ABATE of Montana
 - Northwest Chapter
- American Motorcyclists Association (AMA)
- British Columbia Coalition of Motorcyclists (BCCOM)
- Idaho Coalition for Motorcycle Safety (ICMS)
- Motorcycle Riders Foundation (MRF)

I have been involved in this regions motorcycle rights movement, at some level or another, since the 1980's. My service to this organization has been and will continue to be focused on the traditional and fundamental principles, priorities and values that ABATE of North Idaho, Inc. was founded on and providing responsible and experienced leadership. This service includes, among other things, recognizing, supporting, assisting and defending, if necessary, those dedicated members, both past and present, that so graciously and unselfishly choose to support these same traditional and fundamental principles, priorities and values also.

It has been an honor in the past to serve with some outstanding, hard-working and dedicated members and officers of ABATE of North Idaho, Inc. and I will continue to do so as a state officer again if you wish me to do so.

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Please Support those that Support ABATE!

I, *Tim (TJ) Herzog*, according to the By-laws of Abate of North Idaho, Inc. hereby submit my formal acceptance of nomination for Deputy Coordinator. Following are my qualifications for this State Office.

Lifetime member of ABATE of North Idaho, Inc.; Charter Member of the former Kootenai District Chapter, ABATE of Idaho; first Public Relations/Legal Committee Chairman and Legislative Committee Chairman, Kootenai District Chapter. Approximately six months after Kootenai District was initiated, I was formally appointed Deputy Coordinator and remained in office until ABATE of North Idaho, Inc. was formed. Elected Deputy Coordinator, ABATE of North Idaho, Inc., Charter member and Co-Founder of ABATE of North Idaho, Inc. and Legislative Committee Chairman. Served in these positions until 1995.

My accomplishments in ABATE: Instrumental in the defeat of the *Idaho Adult Helmet Law Legislation of 1991*, introduced into the

House Transportation Committee, along with many ABATE members and in coordination with the Idaho Coalition of Motorcycle Safety (ICMS), Co-Founded ABATE of North Idaho, Inc.; provided support to (ICMS) in passing *Idaho's first Motorcycle Endorsement Legislation*. Appointed Honorary Member to ICMS. During my tenure, I participated in the Motorcycle Awareness Classes presented at local High Schools. I am a *Lifetime Member* of ABATE of North Idaho, Inc., an AMA member and currently self-employed in a small business venture.

My main goals for ABATE of North Idaho, if elected, are to pursue all and any legislative issues that affect Motorcyclist's and Motorcycling at both State and Federal levels. Also, I would *encourage and help* those interested ABATE members and *select members* of all Chapters with understanding the legislative process and in making that important personal contact with our State Legislators on issues relevant to motorcyclist's and motorcycling in general.

July 15, 2005

In accordance with The ABATE of North Idaho, Inc. State By-laws, I, *Karen Hunley*, am submitting my statement of qualifications to the State office for the position of State Treasurer.

I am currently the State Treasurer and the State Secretary. As a Co-Founder, Incorporator, Charter and Lifetime member of ABATE Of North Idaho, Inc., my qualifications include:

Current Paid member of AMA.

Implemented the ABATE of North Idaho, Inc. financial records to Quickbooks 2005.

All State Officers are ex-officio members of all committees.

Past offices of ABATE held are:

- ABATE Of Washington- Spokane Chapter Treasurer 1988.
- Secretary AND Treasurer of Kootenai District (Now Kootenai Chapter) 1989-1992.
- State Secretary AND Treasurer 1989 Thru 1996.

My professional world for the past 30 years includes Bank Secretary, Office Manager and currently the Executive Secretary to three Vice Presidents of a local Bank. My current duties include extensive Bookkeeping and Accounting.

I will continue to support ABATE of North Idaho at any level in the utmost professional and respectful manner of which this organizations deserves.

Did you know...

All 50 states require motorcycle riders to obtain a special license or endorsement to operate a motorcycle on public streets and highways, yet approximately 20% of the national motorcycle population is not properly licensed. *Source: American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators, Motorcycle Safety Foundation*



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NCOM NEWS BYTES

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National Coalition of Motorcyclists

MOTORCYCLE FATALITIES CONTINUE TO CLIMB Motorcycle fatalities nationwide have surged to their highest levels since 1987, even as overall highway deaths continue to decline.

In 2004, 4,008 motorcycle riders were killed in highway accidents, up 7.9% from 2003 and 89% higher than in 1997, according to a new National Highway Traffic Safety Administration report. Meanwhile, passenger car deaths dropped 3.2% to

19,091 last year.

NHTSA cites as possible causes: a sharp rise in motorcycle ownership, an increase in inexperienced bikers riding powerful machines, and rollback of mandatory helmet laws in several states.

Americans bought an estimated 734,000 new on-highway motorcycles last year, up from 230,000 in 1995, according to the Motorcycle Safety Foundation.

Motorcycle groups opposed to helmet laws point to the changing face

of bikers, reports USA Today. Jeff Rabe, lobbyist for the Modified Motorcycle Association

(MMA) of California and member of the board of directors for the National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM), said more "middle-aged executives" are riding powerful machines without training. "There's a huge group of people ages 35 to 50 who have purchased motorcycles," Rabe said. "But they're still beginning riders."

THE AIM/NCOM MOTORCYCLE E-NEWS SERVICE is brought to you by **Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (A.I.M.)** and the **National Coalition of Motorcyclists (NCOM)**, and is sponsored by the Law Offices of Richard M. Lester. For more information, call us at 1-(800) ON-A-BIKE or visit us on our website at <<<http://www.ON-A-BIKE.com>>>

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