

**2017-2018 ABATE Board Elections & 2016 ABATE of CA Freedom Fighter Nominations**

It is getting to be that time again... it's for the odd numbered year, so there are 5 seats to vote in for this term.

The purpose of the Board of Directors is to keep ABATE unified and strong as an effective membership organization that promotes safety and encourages and defends the rights of all motorcyclists.

The State Board has represented Local membership in fairly equal proportions. Similar to a business corporation, the Board relies on volunteers from the membership to provide the most qualified State Officers.

Any current Member may nominate another member to be placed on the Election Ballot. The nomination must be seconded by another ABATE Member in good standing (current membership). These nominations should be made at any local meeting during the two months preceding the cutoff date for the October Bailing Wire (September 15, 2016). All candidates are encouraged to submit a biography and picture of themselves to be published in the October issue

This is YOUR organization and your time to have a say in who runs the ship ... The deadline for candidates names to be submitted to the [Bailing.wire@abate.org](mailto:Bailing.wire@abate.org) is September 15, 2016, along with the candidate's statement and a picture of themselves.

The Qualifications to serve on the Board are:

- A current member of ABATE Of California for a minimum of 1 year.
- The dedication to promote motorcycle rights and help to build the organization.

The Following Board Members that ran for the last odd numbered Year Election and are up for re-election if they so choose are: Dan Buse, Dave Hastings, Gill Mellen, Mark Loudermilk and "Spike".

If you need a little help in what to write this might help ...

ABATE of California, Inc.  
Board of director's candidacy Paper  
2017 - 2018 (two-year term)

Name (including nick name): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_, CA Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # with area code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

ABATE Local # \_\_\_\_\_ ABATE Membership # \_\_\_\_\_

ABATE Member for how many years? \_\_\_\_\_

Along with your information above, Please submit your answers in 450 words or less to the following questions:

- 1) Past or current ABATE Positions held?
- 2) Other Qualifications?
- 3) What are your goals for ABATE of California?
- 4) Do you attend your own Local's meeting, if yes, How often?
- 5) Have you attended an ABATE Quarterly Meeting in the past year? (Does not apply to a Board Member.)
- 6) You can also add additional info that you would like Our Members to know about you (and still stay within the 450 words). Submit in a word document.

And submit a "selfie" in a jpg file.

Email to **Bailing.Wire@abate.org** deadline is SEPTEMBER 15, 2016.

Candidates for the ABATE of California **Freedom Fighter for 2016** also need to be emailed in by September 15<sup>th</sup> 2016. Please write something about your nominee describing their contributions to promoting ABATE's aims and purposes.