

# Letter From Our Club President

Greetings, club members. Below you will find our club's "Framework" document. I have been in touch with many of you concerning this and would like to again take the opportunity to share this document and welcome any feedback you have. Let me first put a few things in perspective for everyone.

In reality, the concepts in the document are nothing new. This is essentially how the club has operated since its inception, this is just the first time it's been written down. This document doesn't change anything about the club or how it operates, it just puts it down in black and white for the sake of clarity.

Some folks have asked me "why do you need this written down?". There are several reasons it needs to be written. First of all, having it written will make sure everyone has the same expectations and understands the responsibilities and limitations of the club.

Let me put this another way. If all you want to do is have a rally once a month, you don't need this document. If you want to consider doing new or different things within the club, you must know what is allowed by the rules of being a "fraternal organization", who can legally participate or benefit from the club, etc. These issues have come up in the past and only a few people knew the answers to these questions. With this document, the information is available to all club members and everyone can know how

the club works. When our club plans another national event, the organizers will have to know all of that information. Same if we ever want to participate in any kind of charity activity or events in cooperation with other Miata Clubs.

Another reason for this Framework is for continuity. As President, I felt like I was reinventing the wheel to a certain extent. Even with my prior club involvement, there was no concrete plan or anything to tell me who was responsible for each activity within the club. Having the job descriptions noted will be a great help to all future officers. This will allow new officers to be effective right off the bat, with no question about their duties for their term.

I do encourage anyone with input or questions to contact Rick or me so we may discuss this with you. Thank you.

Chuck Wills

## Indy Miata Club Framework

### Article I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Indy Miata Club.

### Article II - PURPOSE

As a non-profit fraternal organization, the purpose of this organization shall be to have fun.

### Article III - MEMBERSHIP

Section A. Individual Membership. A membership consisting of one individual who shall have one vote in general membership decisions.

Section B. Multi-person Membership. A membership consisting of two or more persons who shall have only one vote in general membership decisions.

### Article IV - MEMBERSHIP RIGHTS and RESPONSIBILITIES

Section A. An invitation to participate in club activities.

Section B. The right to attend executive board meetings as a non-voting observer.

Section C. Inclusion in all mailings of general membership publications.

### Article V - OFFICERS and EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section A. Elected officers shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Membership Director, and Treasurer and shall collectively represent the general membership in all official matters.

Section B. No member shall hold more than one elected office during any term.

Section C. Only one individual of a multi-person membership shall hold an elected office during any term.

Section D. The Executive Board shall consist of the elected officers plus any Past President, Newsletter Editor, and Web Master.

Section E. The executive board shall make recommendations to the general membership on organization matters.

### Article VI - DUTIES OF OFFICERS and EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section A. PRESIDENT: Preside at all general membership and executive board meetings; guide the club according to the