

8. By-Laws ARTICLE VI

District Convention

Add a new Section 10 - If the cabinet approves by a majority vote, all voting normally done at a convention may be done electronically.

Reason: This allows us to vote other than in person. Because of Covid 19 we are doing that type of voting this year.

Constitution and By-Laws

These are the Constitution and By-Law changes that have been approved by cabinet but have to be approved by the voting delegates at a convention.

1. Delete from the Constitution and By-Laws and Our Policy handbook any reference to a **Third Vice District Governor**.

Reason: Lions International no longer recognizes that position.

2. Proposed:Article IX (By-Laws) Club Dispute Resolution Procedure

1. **Reason:** "All disputes or claims arising between any member or members, or a former member or members, and the club, or any officer on the board of the club, relative to membership, or the interpretation, breach of, or application of the club's constitution and by-laws, or the expulsion of any member from the club, or any other internal Lions club matter whatsoever which cannot be satisfactorily resolved through other means, shall be resolved in accordance with the Dispute Resolution Procedures established by the International Board of Directors."

2. **Request:** A written letter to the District Governor stating the reason(s) for the complaint and ask that the dispute resolution take place. A copy of the complaint is also to be sent to the respondent(s)also.

3. **Time & Filing Fee:** You have 30 days from the time you knew or ought to have known about the dispute to file the complaint. You must send a \$50(US funds) cheque made out to District C-2 along with your complaint. The majority of the cabinet can approve a higher fee (not exceeding \$250US) than the \$50US amount. District C2 is responsible for all expenses relative to this dispute. No refunds will be issued to any party.

4. **Response to Complaint:** Upon receiving notice of the complaint the respondents may file a written response to the complaint with the district governor within ten(10) days of receiving notice of the complaint. A copy of the response shall be sent to the complainant(s).

5. **Confidentiality:** Once a complaint has been filed all communication between any parties involved should be kept confidential to the extent possible.

6. **Selection of Conciliator :** Within 15 days of receiving the complaint the district governor shall appoint a neutral conciliator (a past district governor) to hear the dispute. **NOTE:** Any time limits specified in this procedure may be shortened or extended by the district governor, conciliator or LCI Board of Directors (or its designee) upon showing just cause. If the appointed conciliator is not acceptable to any party, the objecting party must submit a written statement to the district governor's team(district governor, first vice district governor and second vice district governor) within ten(10) days of receiving the appointment by the district governor identifying all the reasons for such an objection. If by a majority of the district governor's team feels the appointed conciliator lacks neutrality they appoint a substitute conciliator. The team can also offer a denial to the objections and the original conciliator acts accordingly. If the district governor does not appoint a conciliation within 15 days of the receiving the complaint then LCI will appoint one. Again if you dispute the appointment then you must send in your objection(s) in writing. If the legal division thinks that either party has sufficient cause to question the neutrality, the legal division can appoint a substitute conciliator. Or the legal division may issue a denial of the objections made and allow the original conciliator to act. The legal division has 15 days to act upon receiving the objections in writing from either party. Upon appointment the conciliator shall have all the authority appropriate and necessary to resolve or decide the dispute in accordance with this procedure.

7. Conciliation Meeting & Decision: The conciliator has 30 days to call a meeting of the parties. The conciliator shall find a prompt and amicable resolution to the dispute. The conciliator has up to 30 days from the meeting date to make the final and binding decision. All parties are to get a written copy of the decision. The decision must be consistent with all applicable International, Multiple District and District Constitution and By-Laws and policies of the International Board of Directors. The decision may be reviewed by LCI Board of Directors or its designee.

Failure to comply to the decision constitutes conduct unbecoming a Lion and is subject to loss of membership privileges and/or charter cancellation

Reason : Presently we have no mechanism to deal with an internal problem in the club. This procedure outlines suggested procedures from Lions International. We do get situations to deal with yearly in our District.

3. Propose to add in By-Laws Article II - District Nominations, Elections and Appointments

New Section 10- Appeal of Election Results

The DG Team will appoint members to work on the certification desk. Members must be registered for the convention and cannot be any persons who have nominated or seconded a candidate, or the candidates themselves.

Each candidate has the right to have one scrutineer present in the voting room when ballots are handed out, cast and counted. The person whom is selected by the DG Team to head the election is to be notified prior to the start of voting the name of each candidate's scrutineer.

The ballots are to be counted at the end of voting. If for some reason the voting time needs to be changed or extended approval of the DG Team in consultation with the candidates must happen. Should this be the case then all registered voting delegates must be notified.

Only those lions who have been appointed by the DG Team will be allowed within the voting room for the entire length of the procedure.

Voting delegates receive their ballots, vote and place their ballots in the appropriate boxes exiting the voting room immediately.

Any persons who have nominated or seconded a candidate will be exempt from handling the ballots and may only enter the voting room as a registered voting delegate to cast their vote.

Election results will be noted on a document signed by the election head and all scrutineers verifying the accuracy of the count and transparency of the voting procedure.

Results of the voting will be announced before the end of the business portion of the convention on Saturday afternoon. Candidates have 1 hour from the announcement of the voting results to appeal in writing to the presiding District Governor. The appeal letter must state the reasons for the appeal. The appeal panel will consist of the District Governor, First and Second Vice District Governors. Their choices could be: not to allow the appeal or to have a revote. The panel's decision is final.

Motion to destroy the ballots will be at the call of the DG and will not happen until any appeal time has expired and if an appeal is presented it is resolved.

Reason: If there ever is an appeal at our level we have had no procedure to follow.

4. By-Laws : Article II-District Nomination Election & Appointment

Section 1- Nominating Committee

Delete: "a Nominating Committee of not less than three (3) and no more than 5 members, each of whom ..."

Add "A nominating committee of one person, who shall "

Reason: We have never used this procedure. The nomination committee always checks with the Constitution chairman and the District Governor before an official decision is made.

5. By-Laws In Article III Duties of District Officers/Cabinet

Add a new letter in Section 2(1st VDG), 3(2nd VDG)

Add: Work with the District Governor [and appropriate Vice District Governor(s)] and the Global Service Team to establish and implement a district –wide plan for service."

Reason : Lions International has added this portfolio to our District Committees.

6. By-Laws In Article III Duties of District Officers/Cabinet Section 4- Second Vice District Governor

Add a new letter:" To contact monthly each club that is delinquent in sending in their Monthly Membership and Service Reports to LCI on time. To encourage each club to ensure that all reports are reported to LCI on time. "

Reason: This spells out whose duty it is to monthly contact each club to get a smooth and efficient communication from the clubs.

7. By-Laws -Article VI- District Convention- Section 10 Convention Site Selection

Add cabinet secretary to: "The District Governor or Cabinet Secretary shall receive invitations...."

Reason: We are simply following regular procedure. Besides, the District Governor has enough work to do in their position.

8. By-Laws Article VII Convention Fund –Section 3 Fee Collection

Delete "Such fee as the District Governor agrees."

Add:" Such fee as the Convention Committee agrees. "

Reason: This has been done for years this way not the way it is written in the By-Laws.