LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL

MULTIPLE DISTRICT 14

DISTRICT 14-W



Constitution & By-Laws

THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF LIONS INTERNATIONAL

and

THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF MULTIPLE DISTRICT 14, PENNSYLVANIA

mandates the Rules of Procedure which must be followed by Chartered Lions Clubs

THE CONSTITUTION

This contains the basic LAWS & PRINCIPLES For governing and administering Lions Clubs International promotion Of International Humanitarian Services.

BY-LAWS

These are the Rules of Law Adopted by Lions Clubs International so that Clubs better comprehend the intent of established Laws.

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LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 14-W CONSTITUTION

Adopted April 6, 1986 Amended April 8, 1989 Amended April 14, 1991 Amended April 13, 1994 Amended April 12, 1995 Amended April 8, 2000 Amended March 31, 2001 Amended March 27, 2004 Amended April 8, 2005 Amended March 7, 2009

ARTICLE I NAME & TERRITORY

<u>Section 1</u>. This organization shall be known as District 14-W Lions, Lions Clubs International, Multiple District 14.

<u>Section 2</u>. District 14-W is a Sub-District of Pennsylvania Multiple District 14. For all purposes of the Association (International), Sub-Districts shall be referred to and simply known as District. (Article VII, Section 1. (h) Lions Clubs International Constitution)

<u>Section 3</u>: The boundary lines of the territory within which a club is to be chartered shall be defined and subject to change in any Municipality with the consent of the District Governor and/or the approval of the International Board. (Article III, Section 2 International Constitution).

<u>Section 4</u>. A club may transfer from one District to an adjacent District (Article VII Section 3 International Constitution).

<u>Section 5</u>. The boundary lines of the sub-District within the multiple District 14 shall be by vote and approval of the Multiple Districts Council of Governors.

Section 6. Regions and Zones:

- (a) The District Governor shall divide the District into Regions of no more than sixteen (16) and no fewer than ten (10) Lions Clubs.
- (b) The District Governor shall divide the Regions into Zones. (Reference, Multiple District 14, Constitution, Revised 23-May-99)
- (c) The District Governor shall give due regard to the geographical locations of the clubs, and make changes at his/her discretion as he/she deems necessary to the best interest of International.

District 14-W Constitution & By-Laws will automatically be updated to coincide with the Lions Clubs International and Multiple District 14 Constitution & By-Laws. (March 7, 2009)

ARTICLE II PURPOSE AND OBJECTS

<u>Section 1</u>. The purpose of District 14-W shall be:

- (a) To organize, charter and supervise Lions Clubs
- (b) To coordinate activities and standardize the administration of Lions Clubs
- (c) To take an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community
- (d) To create and foster a spirit of understanding among the people of the world
- (e) To adopt a Constitution and By Laws to conform with International and Multiple District Constitution and By Laws
- (f) To advance the Purpose and Objectives of Lions Clubs International.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP & CLUBS

<u>Section 1.</u> The Membership of District 14-W shall consist of Lions Clubs duly Organized and Chartered.

<u>Section 2</u>. Lions Clubs in District 14-W may be organized and chartered in a municipality or its governmental sub-division, including those in which an established club, or clubs may exist, with the consent of the District Governor and/or International Board of Directors. A club may transfer from one District to another and Boundaries changed. (per provision Article VII Section 3, International Constitution).

<u>Section 3</u>. Each club shall be known by the name of the municipality or equivalent subdivision in which it is located. In any sub-division having more than one club, each club shall add a distinguishing designation to such name.

<u>Section 4</u>. Application for chartering a new club must be made to Lions Clubs International, accompanied by charter fees, for approval under such rules and regulations as prescribed by the International Board of Directors

<u>Section 5</u>. Any chartered club which shall fail to meet any obligations to Lions Clubs International may, at the discretion of the International Board of Directors, be placed on status quo, or have its charter cancelled. Any club placed in status quo shall forfeit all rights and privileges pending final determination of its status by said Board.

<u>Section 6</u>. Requirements for membership in a Lions Club:

- (a) Shall be by invitation only
- (b) May include <u>Active</u>, <u>At Large</u>, <u>Honorary</u>, <u>Privileged</u>, <u>Life</u>, <u>Associate</u> or <u>Affiliate</u> members. (Refer LA2-29M and Article III, International Constitution and Article III Lions Clubs Constitution and By Laws for definition of categories).
- (c) Any person of legal majority and good moral character and good reputation in
- his/her community may be granted membership in any duly authorized Lions Club.
- (d) A Lions Club may, at its discretion, grant and maintain membership on a classification basis. (Article III, Section 10, International Constitution).

Section 7. Obligations of a Chartered Club:

- (a) Hold regularly scheduled meetings not less than twice each month
- (b) To collect from members minimum annual dues to cover International, Multiple District 14, District 14-W per capita dues and each other expenses as are necessary for club administration (Article XI, International Constitution).
- (c) To enforce regular meeting attendance
- (d) To carry on activities for the advancement of civic, social, moral or cultural welfare of the community and promotion of international understanding.
- (e) To submit regular monthly reports to International
- (f) To elect club officers annually, no later than April 15, whose term of office shall commence on July 1 in year of election (Article VII, International Constitution).
- (g) To thoroughly investigate the background of persons proposed for membership
- (h) To uphold, preserve and enhance the image of Lions Clubs International
- (i) To abide by the policies and requirements as determined, from time to time, by the International Board of Directors
- (j) To resolve all disputes arising at the Club level.

<u>Section 8.</u> No club member shall simultaneously hold membership, other than Honorary or Associate, in more than one Lions club.

<u>Section 9.</u> No Lions club or member shall solicit funds in the chartered territory of any other Lions Club or boundaries of other Districts without 30 days prior written notice to the other Club or District.

ARTICLE IV DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION AND DISTRICT OFFICES

1. DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION

<u>Section 1</u>: The territory of chartered Lions Clubs shall be divided into Districts and Administrative units as provided Article VII, International Constitution and By Laws.

- a) <u>A Single District</u>: a defined territory in which the clubs may elect a District Governor.
- b) <u>A Sub District</u>: a District forms part of a Multiple District (District 14-W is a Sub District of Multiple District 14).
- c) <u>A Multiple District</u>: a defined territory comprised of two or more Sub Districts.
- d) <u>A Provisional District</u>: a District in the development stage.
 "When seventeen or more Lions Clubs have been chartered with membership of at least 450 Lions members, Lions Clubs International Board shall have the power to form such clubs into a Provisional District and to appoint a District Governor (Article VII Section 2 (1) Lions Clubs International Constitution and By Laws)
- A Transitional District: a territory which has previously attained Sub District status and currently has fewer than thirty-five (35) Lions Clubs in good standing and fewer than one thousand two hundred and fifty (1250) members in good standing. (Article IV, Section 4)

"In the event the Sub District fails to maintain at least thirty five (35) clubs and one thousand two hundred and fifty (1250) members in good standing it shall be permitted up to two (2) fiscal years from the time it fails to meet said minimum requirements to attain the required number of clubs and members. If it fails the Sub District shall automatically be designated a Transition District and not be eligible to elect a District Governor.

2. THE DISTRICT CABINET

<u>Section 1.</u> The officers of the District 14-W Cabinet are:

- A. The Elected and Appointed Officers are:
 - (a) Elected Officers: District Governor and Vice District Governor.
 - (b) Elected Officers: District Governor and Vice District Governor. An additional Vice District Governor may be elected at the District's discretion with the designation of First Vice District Governor and Second Vice District Governor. (Revised March 7, 2009)
 - (c) Appointed Officers: Region Chairpersons (4) (Regions 1-2-3-4), Zone Chairpersons (8) (Zone A & B within each Region) and Cabinet Secretary, Cabinet Treasurer, Liaison Officer, Parliamentarian, Chaplain, and the District Committee Chairpersons as recommended by International and at the discretion of the Governor to meet his/her needs.
 - (d) The District Governor's Honorary Committee (comprised of all Past International Officers).

NOTE: The Governor's Advisory Committee (Club Presidents and Secretaries) are not members of the Cabinet.

B. The District Governor and the Vice District Governors shall be elected at the District 14-W annual convention for a term of one year, which term shall commence on July 1 after the election and expire June 30, the next calendar year. (Article VIII, Sec. 1B. Multiple District Constitution)

C. The Appointments by the District Governor-Elect to District offices shall be for one year terms. The District Governor-Elect shall make these appointments as early as possible to facilitate his/her planning for the forthcoming tenure, July 1.

D. The appointments the District Governor shall make to the District Chairpersonships prior to commencement of tenure on July 1 are:

(1). Cabinet Secretary and Treasurer (or combined);

(2). Regional and Zone Chairpersons;

(3). Chairpersons to Committees: Band, Multiple District Convention (when hosted by 14-W), International Convention, Constitution and By Laws, Diabetes Awareness, Environment, Extension, District Eye Bank , Finance, Hearing and Speech Action, International Understanding and Cooperation, Leader Dog, Leadership Development, Leo Clubs, Lioness Clubs, Lions Clubs International Foundation, Lions of Pennsylvania Foundation, Membership & Retention, Northeast Pennsylvania Eye Bank (when 14-W is authorized appointments. Peace Poster Contest, Public Relations and Information, Sight Conservation and Research Foundation, SightFirst, Sergeant-at-Arms, U.S. Lions Leadership Forum, White Cane, Youth Outreach, Youth Exchange, VA Liaison, Habitat For Humanity. (District Governor may add or delete from this listing). District Governor appointments to Beacon Lodge, Northeastern Eye Bank Board of Directors, and State Committees, shall be considered as Cabinet Officers.

E. No elected or appointed Incumbent District Governor may stand for election to succeed himself/herself except by appointment by the International Board of Directors.

F. District Governor may hold the same office, after at least one (1) year, only for one additional term, and only for special, urgent, or serious circumstances approved by the International Board (effective International Constitution 7/2/99 Article IV, Section 4C).

G. A vacancy in the office "District Governor" shall be filled by the Vice District Governor until such time as the vacancy is filled by Lions Clubs International. The District 14-W Cabinet may select their choice for replacement and recommend that Candidate to Lions International for consideration.

H. A vacancy in the office "Vice District Governor" shall be filled by the majority vote of the members of the Cabinet for the unexpired term thereof (Article VIII Sec. 1A Multiple District 14 Constitution; revised 23-May-1999). A Second Vice District Governor office shall be filled or left vacant at the Districts' discretion. A vacancy in any other office shall be filled by appointment of the District Governor for the unexpired term thereof. Whenever a Region or Zone Chairperson ceases to reside in the Region or Zone in which she/he resided when appointed to the office by the District Governor, then his/her term shall thereupon cease and the District Governor shall appoint a replacement. (Revised March 7, 2009)

I. No salary shall be paid to any Officer of the District.

J. Duties and responsibilities of elected officers are briefly noted in Article II District 14-W, By Laws. Lions Clubs International will supply manuals and literature to outline the objectives and procedures.

K. The Members of the District Cabinet shall be the Voting Members of the District. Each Officer shall be a Member in Good Standing of a Lions Club in District 14-W.

L. If the Immediate Past District Governor resigns, dies, refuses or fails to serve as a Cabinet officer, the Cabinet may elect in his stead a Past District Governor who is a resident in good standing of a Lions Club in the District 14-W. (Multiple District 14 Constitution, Article VIII 1A revised 23-May-1999).

3. QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED OF CANDIDATES SEEKING ELECTED OFFICE:

<u>Section 1</u>. Office of District Governor; The Candidate (s) for this Office of District Governor shall:

(a). Be an active member in good standing in a Chartered Lions Club in good standing in District 14-W.

(b). Secure his/her club's endorsement or a majority of clubs in District 14-W.

(c). Currently be serving as Vice District Governor 14-W.

(d). Have served as President of a Lions Club for a full year or major portion thereof.

(e). Have served as a member of the Board of Directors for no less than two (2) additional years and

(f). Have served as Region or Zone Chairperson or

(g). Cabinet Secretary or Treasurer for full term or major portion thereof and one additional year as member of the District Cabinet.

(h). File intention to run with District Governor and Nominations Committee 30 days prior to the Convention.

<u>Section 2</u>: Office of Vice District Governors – (**both First and Second**): Candidate shall:

- (a). Be an active member in good standing of a Chartered Lions Club in good standing in District 14-W.
- (b). Secure endorsement of his/her club or a majority of clubs in District 14-W.
- (c). Have served as a President of a Lions Club for a full term or major portion thereof, and a member of the Board of Directors for no less than two (2) additional years and,
- (d). Served as Zone or Region Chairperson or
- (e). Cabinet Secretary or Treasurer for a full term or major portion thereof
- (f). With none of the above being accomplished concurrently. (Revised March 7, 2009)

ARTICLE V DISTRICT 14-W CONVENTION

<u>Section 1:</u> An annual Convention shall be held each year at least thirty (30) days prior to the International Conventions, on a date and time affixed by the District Governor. This Convention shall be held to elect a District Governor, and a Vice District Governor. Any Candidate for International Office shall be certified and endorsed at this Convention. Resolutions and proposed Amendments to the Constitution and By Laws shall also be voted upon at this Convention which is usually scheduled in March or April. A Necrology Service shall be scheduled to immediately precede, be included in the agenda of the Business Session or follow the Business Session. (Revised March 7, 2009)

<u>Section 2</u>: All phases of the annual convention shall be under the Jurisdiction, Control and Supervision of the District Governor and District Convention Chairperson, appointed to manage and conduct the business of the convention.

<u>Section 3</u>: The selection of the site for the District Convention shall be in or adjacent to the boundaries of District 14-W.

<u>Section 4</u>: The Regional Chairperson, the Convention Chairperson, shall be selected by an established system of rotation of responsibility amongst the four Regions at the District Convention. A delegate, from the Region designated by rotation, to entertain the Convention the following year, shall extend an invitation to host this responsibility and this shall be voted upon for approval at the convention session, at the time it is extended. In the event that no invitation is extended or the Region is unable to host Chairmanship of the next annual District Convention, then the Region next in line Shall be permitted to extend the invitation.

<u>Section 5</u>: In the event that the Multiple District 14 (State) annual Convention is to be hosted by 14-W the following year, there will be no separate District 14-W Convention the next Year. All business of 14-W shall be transacted at the Multiple District Convention. The Chairperson will be appointed by District Governor 14-W.

<u>Section 6:</u> The District Governor shall:

(a). Issue an official printed "call to convention" to all clubs not less than 90 days before convention (published in Governor's Newsletter).

(b). Request from all clubs, at least 30 days before convention, the names of delegates / alternates appointed by Lions Clubs to vote at the convention.

(c). Appoint five members to a Nominations Committee 60 days before the convention and inform the Clubs at least forty (40) days before convention of names of Lions on this Committee.

(d). Appoint the following committees: Credentials, Resolutions, Elections, Necrology, Registrations, Nominations, Rules, Constitutional and By Laws, International Convention and Sergeant. Five members to each Committee (one from each region) and appoint two members to the Sergeant-at-Arms. These appointments shall be made 60 days prior to the Convention and Clubs notified in writing of names 40 days prior to convention.

(e). Prepare "Rules of Procedure" 30 days prior to convention (Parliamentarian may assist). (Make sufficient copies for presentation at convention).

(f). Prepare Convention Agenda. Ensure that the District Governor-Elect and Vice District Governor-Elect are allocated time on the Agenda of the Business Session and Agenda of the Dinner/Social to present their remarks. (Rev. 3/31/2001)

<u>Section 7</u>: District Governor shall retain and have power to change at any time, for good reason, the site and date of the convention.

<u>Section 8</u>: The District Governor and Vice District Governor shall be elected by majority vote of delegates. Election must be held at least 30 days prior to International Convention (Article VII, 9a International Constitution). Election shall be held in conformity with District 14-W, Constitution and By Laws.

<u>Section 9</u>: The election shall be conducted by secret, written ballot.

<u>Section 10</u>: Each club is entitled to one voting delegate and one alternate for every ten (10) or major portion thereof (five or more members) of its membership enrolled on the last day of the month preceding the month of election.

<u>Section 11</u>: The selection of the clubs' delegates and alternates must be certified by a signed certification by club president and/or secretary. The delegates' per capita (dues) must be paid to date.

<u>Section 12</u>: Full delegate status shall be granted to all Past District Governors in good standing. This shall be independent of and not to be included in the quote of delegates authorized to the club in which the Past District Governor is a member.

<u>Section 13</u>: The attendance in person of a majority of delegates shall constitute a quorum at any session of the convention.

<u>Section 14</u>: Each certified delegate present in person shall be entitled to cast one vote for each office to be filled and one vote on each question submitted to the convention (resolutions may be presented for vote).

<u>Section 15</u>: Proxy voting is strictly prohibited.

<u>Section 16</u>: Unless otherwise specified herein, the affirmative vote of a majority of the delegates voting on any question shall be the act of the convention.

<u>Section 17</u>: If District 14-W fails to elect a qualified District Governor or if the District Governor Elect dies, or if the Elect refuses to serve, or if the International Board of Directors find that the Elect is unable by reason of illness or other disability to take office prior to his/her commencement of tenure, or if a vacancy will exist because of an election protest or legal action then the International Board will appoint a District Governor (2-July-1999, Article 4, Section 4C, International Constitution).

<u>Section 18</u>: In the event that the current Vice District Governor does not stand for election as District Governor, or if there is a vacancy in the position of Vice District Governor at the time of the District Convention, any club member who fulfills the qualifications of Vice District governor and who is currently serving or who has served one (1) additional year as a member of the District Cabinet, shall fulfill the requirement (Article VII, section 9 (a) (2) International Constitution).

<u>Section 19</u>: When there is only one nominee for the office of District Governor or Vice District Governor, the Secretary shall cast the voice vote to elect.

<u>Section 20</u>: In case of a tie vote, the tie will be broken by drawing of straws or any other means acceptable to the candidates.

<u>Section 21</u>: Neither the District Governor, nor any member of the District Cabinet shall incur any liability thereby to any Club or club member in the District.

<u>Section 22</u>: Within sixty days (60) after the close of the convention the District Governor shall mail an official report of the convention proceedings to Lions Clubs International and each Club in District 14-W.

<u>Section 23</u>: Such fee, as the District Governor shall set, may be collected, under procedures set by the District Governor, from delegates and guests attending the convention to defray costs of convention meals and entertainment.

ARTICLE VI DISTRICT, STATE AND INTERNATIONAL DUES

Section 1A: District Per Capita:

To provide revenue to defray the administrative expenses of the District, and revenue to defray the expenses of the District Convention and Multiple District Convention expenses, an annual per capita tax is levied upon each member of the club as follows: fifty cents (\$.50) for the District administrative fund and thirty cents (\$.30) for the District & Multiple District Convention Funds. The per capita will be levied upon each member of each club on two (2) semi-annual payments; forty cents (\$.40) per club member on July 10th annually to cover the semiannual period July 1 through December 31 and forty cents (\$.40) per club member on January 10th annually to cover the semi-annual period January 1 to June 30. Billings shall be based upon the roster of each club on the first days of July and January respectively. The per capita is to be paid to the Cabinet Secretary or Treasurer, by each club. Newly chartered clubs and reorganized clubs shall pay the per capita on a pro-rated basis from the first day of the second month following the date of their organizing. Per Capita Tax shall be disbursed upon

approval of the District Governor. These disbursements shall be made by check drawn and signed by the Cabinet Secretary or Secretary/Treasurer and countersigned by the District Governor.

Administrative Fund	\$0.50 annually
District & Multiple District Convention Fund	\$0.30 annually

Section 1B: District Fund Raiser:

To provide revenue to defray the administrative expenses of the First Vice District Governor for whom no allocations of funds had been authorized by Lions Club International, Multiple District 14 and District 14-W.

- (a) District Governor, 14-W, shall sponsor a fund raiser to obtain monies which will be allocated to the First Vice District Governor to pay for some of his/her administrative expenses incurred in the performance of his/her office responsibilities,
- (b) Sale of the fund raising tickets shall be restricted to sale of tickets within the District membership and the cost of the tickets will be limited to a maximum of \$20.00 per ticket.
- (c) In accordance with established <u>Rules of Audit</u>: "not more than two nights lodging is authorized for attendance of each of the State Council meeting (Total of eight nights per the tenure – maximum cost of \$600.00)". Included in this \$600.00 maximum is also re-imbursement for mileage at Rules of Audit Rate.
- (d) Unused monies collected from the fund raiser for the First Vice District Governor Reimbursement shall be retained and earmarked for use by the Succeeding First Vice District Governor Elect.
- (e) There will be no reimbursement for the Second Vice District Governor. (Revised March 7, 2009)

Section 2. State and International Per Capita:

To provide revenue to defray the administrative expenses of Multiple District 14 and each Sub-District in the Multiple District and a Multiple Convention Fund, an annual per capita dues of \$ 13.00 was levied upon each member of each Lions Club in the multiple Districts for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1997. Dues shall be collected and paid in advance for each Club except newly chartered and reorganized clubs in two (2) semi-annual payments as follows: \$ 6.50 per member starting July 1, 1997, and each January 1, thereafter. These dues shall be collected from the Clubs in the Multiple District and remitted to the State Secretary / Treasurer, who shall deposit the monies so collected in an account or accounts in a bank or other depository chosen by the State Council.

A 1. A semi-annual per capita of eleven dollars and fifty cents (\$11.50) or its equivalent in the respective national currency shall be levied on each club member on July 1 and January 1 of each year effective July 1, 2003.

2. Effective July 1, 2004 the semi-annual per capita dues shall be raised from eleven dollars and fifty cents (\$11.50) to thirteen dollars and ninety seven and one half cents (\$13.975) or its equivalent in the respective national currency shall be levied on each club member on July 1 and January 1 of each year effective July 1, 2004.

3. The semi-annual per capita dues shall be raised from thirteen dollars and ninety seven and one half cents (\$13.975) to sixteen dollars and eighty seven and one half cents (\$16.875) or its equivalent in the respective national currency shall be levied on each club member on July 1 and January 1 of each year effective July 1, 2005.

<u>Section 3.</u> The funds so collected shall be used, distributed, and credited as follows:

Α.

(a) State Convention Administration Fund	\$ 0.25
(b) International Convention Fund	\$ 0.65
(c) Promotional Fund	\$ 0.25
(d) DG's Int'l. Convention Expense Fund	\$ 0.35
(e) State Council Administrative Fund	\$ 6.50
(f) Sub-Districts Administrative Fund	\$ 2.00
(g) Pennsylvania News Publication Fund	\$ 1.50
(h) PA All State Band (may be taken from project monies)	\$ 1.50

B. From and after July 1, 1998, the State Council of Governors shall be empowered to levy a carrying charge, as it may set forth, from time to time, at a rate not to exceed the maximum amount permitted by ARTICLE VI State Law, on past due club account balances as determined by the State Council.

C. The Sub-Districts Administrative Funds collected shall be credited to the Sub-Districts Administrative Account and shall be disbursed semi-annually to each Sub-District Governor on the basis of \$ 1.00 per member per District. The District Governors International Convention Expense Funds collected shall be disbursed only to and among those outgoing District Governors who attend the International Convention, subject to the Multiple District Rules of Audit. Any unused amount shall be accumulated by the State Secretary/Treasurer for use at future conventions, which may be both more distant and expensive. (Multiple District Constitution)

ARTICLE VII DISTRICT CONVENTION FUND

<u>Section 1</u>: The provisions outlined in District Dues Article VI, District and State Per Capita Dues in the District 14-W Constitution mandates that thirty cents (30¢) of 14-W per capita dues collected, be used to defray some of the costs of the District 14-W Convention.

<u>Section 2</u>: The District Per Capita dues are collected in two payments semi-annually: Fifteen cents (\$0.15) per club member on July 10th to cover the period July 1 to December 31 and fifteen cents (\$0.15) per club member on January 10 to cover the period January 1 to June 30.

<u>Section 3.</u> The Per Capita collected for the Convention fund shall be retained and used only in payment of Convention expenses. Payments are to be made by checks drawn and signed by Cabinet Secretary or Treasurer, as assigned this duty. The checks will be countersigned by the District Governor. The District Convention Chairperson must be made aware of the paid expenses to make his/her Convention Report.

<u>Section 4</u>: In the event that, there is a balance remaining in the Convention Fund after all Convention Expenses have been paid, this balance must remain be retained in deposit for use the subsequent convention.

<u>Section 5</u>: The District Governor, at the end of his/her tenure shall provide for an annual financial report of this Convention Fund.

ARTICLE VIII INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR CANDIDATES

<u>Section 1</u>: Subject to the provisions of the International Constitution, any member of a Lions Club in District 14-W seeking endorsement of a District Convention as a candidate for the Office of International Director and/or 2nd Vice President shall:

- (a). Deliver (by mail or in person) written notice of intention to District Governor 14-W and to multiple District 14, State Secretary/Treasurer, no less than 105 days prior to the convening date of the respective convention at which endorsement is to be voted upon
- (b). Deliver with his/her <u>Notice of Intention</u> evidence of his/her qualifications for such office as set forth in the International Constitution.
- (c). No member of a Lions Club in the sub-district in which the State Convention is being held may be endorsed for the office of International Director or 2nd Vice President. (Article V, Multiple District Constitution, Revised 23-May-99)

<u>Section 2</u>: Each Notice of Intention so delivered shall be transmitted forthwith by the District Governor to the Nominations Committee of the respective Convention. The Committee shall review and perfect some by obtaining from the candidate any additional evidence of intention and qualifications as may be necessary and then place the name of the candidate at the District Convention on the ballot.

<u>Section 3</u>: Each nominee requesting convention's endorsement shall be entitled to one nominating speech of not more than five (5) minutes duration and to one seconding speech of not more than three (3).

<u>Section 4</u>: The vote shall be by secret written ballot unless there shall be only one nominee in which event a voice vote may be taken. The nominee receiving a majority of vote shall be declared endorsed. In the event of a tie vote, or failure of the nominee to receive the required majority, balloting shall continue with respect to the two nominees who received the largest number of votes on the previous ballot, until one candidate received the required majority of votes.

<u>Section 5</u>: Certification of endorsement shall be made in writing to Lions Clubs International by District 14-W in accordance with the requirements of International.

<u>Section 6</u>: Qualifications of Candidates: (Article V section 2, International Constitution) The Candidates shall:

- (a). Be an active member of a Lions Club in good standing in District 14-W
- (b). Have completed or be completing a full term or major portion thereof as District Governor
- (c). Secure the endorsement of the District 14-W Convention
- (d). Secure a certificate of endorsement by his/her Lions Club
- (e). Not have served as a previously elected International Director for a full two year term. He/she shall be ineligible to succeed themselves.

<u>Section 7</u>: Term of office shall be two years.

<u>Section 8</u>: The procedure for Second International Vice Presidential Candidates on delivery of the written notice of Intention to seek the endorsement of District 14-W and the evidence for fulfillment of the qualifications along with those provisions outlined in Section 6 above are similar to the procedures for International Director Candidates. (Multiple District 14 Constitution, Article V, Revised 23-May-99)

ARTICLE IX DISTRICT 14-W – HOST, MULTIPLE DISTRICT 14 CONVENTION

<u>Section 1.</u> Each District Governor shall appoint at a meeting of the State Convention, held at least sixty (6o) days prior to the annual State Convention, a lions member in his/her Sub-District to serve on the Nominating Committee for the State Convention, the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the Convention Host District Governor in cooperation with the Host State Convention Committee. The names and addresses of the members so appointed shall be included in the Official Call for the Convention. (M D-14 By Laws, Article 1, Section 1, Nominations & Elections, revised 23-May-99)

<u>Section 2.</u> Each District Governor shall appoint one member on each of the following committees at least sixty (60) days prior to the annual State Convention: Credentials, Registrations, Elections, Resolutions, Rules, Courtesy, Necrology and Sergeant-At-Arms. The Chairperson of each of these committees shall be appointed by the State Convention Host District Governor in cooperation with the State Convention Host Committee.

(Multiple District 14 By Laws, Article II, Section 1, revised 23-May-99)

<u>Section 3.</u> State Council appoints for a five (5) year term a Past District Governor to serve as State Convention/ State Council Meetings Consultant. He/she should be well versed in Hotel/Motel contract negotiations, planning meeting arrangements and set up, and have a thorough knowledge of all facets pertaining to MD 14 State Lions Conventions and State Council meetings. (Multiple District 14 By Laws, Article III, Section 4, revised 23-May-99)

<u>Section 4.</u> Multiple District 14 arranges the Order of Business for the Multiple District Conventions. (M D14 By Laws, Article III, revised 23-May-99)

<u>Section 5.</u> At the State Convention, Hosted by Sub-Districts, the Courtesy Committee for the State Convention, is the responsibility of the Host Committee and the District Governors no longer need to make appointments to this committee. (This info contained in Policy 201-A, Par. 5, Section Q and in the Host Convention Job Description Manual.)

<u>Section 6.</u> An advance payment of \$ 500.00 shall be sent to each State Convention Host Committee by the State Council and only after the site for the Convention has been approved by State Council and only after the State Convention Host Committee has established a bank account.

(a) Host District Convention Committee shall be required to have the convention funds bonded and State notified of the authorized signatures for signing checks. (MD State Council meeting Feb. 2000)

ARTICLE X DISTRICT 14-W APPOINTMENT OF STATE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

<u>Section 1.</u> District 14-W shall be responsible for designation of a Chairperson, Pennsylvania State Council of Lions Clubs at a time when this becomes the responsibility of 14-W via the rotation system established. This rotation is by alphabetical order within the sub-districts. Commencing with the 1978-79, when Sub-District 14H provided the State Chairperson and then continuing in alphabetical order in the years that followed, 1979-80 Sub-District 14J furnished the Chairperson. He served as Vice Chairperson 1978-79.

<u>Section 2.</u> The Vice Chairperson of the State Council shall be the District Governor who for the year 1978-79 shall be the one elected in 14J and thereafter the office of Vice Chairperson shall rotate annually, among the District Governors, alphabetical order according to Sub-Districts.

<u>Section 3.</u> In the event either before or after taking the Chairmanship, he/she is unable or refuses to serve, or having accepted, resigns or dies, then the District Governor of that Sub-District shall appoint a Past District Governor who is resident in and a member in good standing of a Lions Club in that Sub-District to serve in his/her place instead. (Multiple District 14 Constitution, Article V, Revised 23-May-99)

ARTICLE XI AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION

<u>Section 1</u>: This Constitution may be amended only at a District 14-W convention by Resolution reported by the convention committee on Constitution and By Laws and adopted by the affirmative vote of 2/3 of the votes cast.

<u>Section 2</u>: No amendment shall be so reported or voted upon unless the same shall have been furnished in writing to each club no less than thirty (30) days prior to the convening of the annual convention.

<u>Section 3:</u> Each amendment shall take effect at the close of the convention at which adopted unless otherwise specified in the amendment.

ARTICLE XII RULES OF ORDER AND PROCEDURE

<u>Section 1</u>: All questions or order or procedure with respect to any meeting or action of the District shall be determined in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order, newly revised, as revised from time to time.

<u>Section 2</u>: The International Board of Directors and Multiple District 14 shall be empowered to establish Rules of Procedure, from time to time, for hearing complaints, disputes of claims or matters arising at the District level.

<u>Section 3</u>: The fiscal year established in July 1 to June 30.

ARTICLE XIII RULES OF AUDIT

<u>Section 1</u>: The District Governor shall provide for the audit of books and accounts. A committee of three (3) members shall be appointed to conduct the audit of all records and property, bank statements, pass book, record of payments, record of purchase and expenses, etc. The Counsellors Association shall be appointed to provide a committee of three (3) to conduct the audit of records. These records shall be furnished by the outgoing District Governor and given to the Audit Committee. The Audit shall be completed within ninety (90) days after the expiration of the District Governor's tenure of Office, June 30^{th} .

<u>Section 2:</u> Upon completion of the audit a report shall be published in the Governor's Newsletter and funds, records, equipment forwarded to the Succeeding Governor.

<u>Section 3:</u> The District Governor and Cabinet shall not incur any obligation which will effect an unbalanced budget or deficit in his/her year.

ARTICLE XIV

TESTIMONIAL FOR OUTGOING CLUB OFFICERS

<u>Section 1:</u> District 14-W shall sponsor an annual Testimonial to recognize the Outgoing Lions Club Presidents and Secretaries, on a date established by the District Governor. (Revised March 7, 2009)

<u>Section 2:</u> The District Governor shall appoint a chairperson to Chair the District Testimonial. Plans may be made to have the responsibility of Chairing this committee be on an annual basis amongst the Regions. Refer to Policy Manual for additional information. (Revised March 7, 2009)

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ARTICLE I

1. THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S CABINET

<u>Section 1.</u> <u>STRUCTURE OF THE CABINET:</u> The Cabinet shall:

- (a) Assist the District Governor in the performance of his/her duties and in the Formulation of administrative plans and policies affecting the welfare of Lionism and the sub-district.
- (b) Serve in an administrative and advisory capacity only.
- (c) Receive from Region Chairpersons reports and recommendations which concern the Clubs and Zones.
- (d) Supervise the collection of all District per capita taxes by the Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer, designate a depository for said funds and authorize the payment therefrom of all legitimate expenses pertaining to the administration of the affairs of the district.
- (e) Secure, set the amount of and approve the surety company issuing the surety bond for the Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer.
- (f) Secure semi-annually or more frequently financial reports from the Cabinet Secretary and/or Treasurer.
- (g) Provide for an audit of the books, and accounts of the Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer.
- (h) With the District Governor's approval, set up a definite schedule for the dates, times and places of the Cabinet meetings to be held during the fiscal year.

<u>Section 2.</u> <u>SELECTION OF CABINET OFFFICERS:</u> The District Governor-Elect prior to commencement of his/her tenure which begins July 1, shall select Lions to:

- (a) Conduct and promote the objectives of the elected Governor.
- (b) Become thoroughly familiar with the purpose and objectives of the committee to which assigned and
- (c) Resolve to make visitations to the clubs to solicit the Club's cooperation and financial assistance to the International Lionism.

The Governor's sources used to obtain qualified Lions for his/her Cabinet are:

- (a) Direct contacts with those Lions who have expressed a willingness and an eager desire to Serve.
- (b) Recommendations of Past District Governors.
- (c) Canvassing of the Club Presidents to learn if there are Lions who are dedicated and willing to serve. A "rotation system" was employed at one time because this gave each club an opportunity to serve and thus promote harmony within the District.

<u>Section 3.</u> <u>IMPORTANCE OF CLUB VISITATIONS BY COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS:</u> The Club Membership does not receive information normally about what Lions are doing and can do. It is extremely important that the representatives of the various committees get into the Clubs for the betterment of International Lionism and for the promotion of more activities by the Club membership who will become more knowledgeable.

<u>Section 4.</u> <u>VOTING MEMBERS OF THE CABINET:</u> The Constitution and By-Laws of District 14-W has delegated voting responsibility at Cabinet meetings to all members of the Cabinet.

<u>Section 5.</u> <u>DISTRICT CABINET EXPENSES:</u> Any expenses incurred by the District Governor and his/her Cabinet must be authorized in conformity with the International and Multiple District 14 Rules of Audit. Rules of Audit for District expenses have not been established to date.

2. CABINET MEETINGS

Section 1. REGULAR AND SPECIAL MEETINGS:

- (a) Regular Meetings. These shall be held in each quarter of the fiscal year. The first shall be held within sixty (60) days after the International Convention. Ten (10) days prior written notice of date, time and place shall be given to each Cabinet member.
- (b) Special Meetings. These may be called by the District Governor or upon written request to the Cabinet Secretary, by a majority of Cabinet members. Written or telegraphic notices of the Special Meeting, setting forth the time, date and place determined by the District Governor shall be given to each Cabinet member not less than five (5) or more than ten (10) days prior notice of same by the Cabinet Secretary.
- (c) Arrangements shall be made for a dinner either preceding or to follow all regular meetings of the Cabinet. The dinner committee should ensure that the District does not incur any expenses for these dinners by affixing a cost per meal to cover all expenses.

<u>Section 2.</u> <u>QUORUM AND VOTE AT CABINET MEETINGS:</u> A majority of the members of the Cabinet present at the Cabinet Meeting shall constitute a Quorum. The District Governor shall have a vote at such meetings. (MD 14 constitution, Article VII, Section 2, revised.)

ARTICLE II DUTIES OF OFFICERS

<u>Section 1.</u> <u>THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR</u>: The District Governor shall act under the general supervision of the International Board of Directors as the representative of Lions Clubs International in this District and shall have general supervision over all Lions Clubs therein. In addition he/she shall:

- (1) Further the Purposes and Objectives of Lions International;
- (2) Supervise the organization of new Lions Clubs;
- (3) Promote cordial relations among the chartered Lions Clubs;
- (4) Preside over all Cabinet, the Convention and other District meetings:
- (5) Visit each Club at least once during his/her tenure;
- (6) Exercise such supervision and authority over Cabinet Officers and the District committee appointees as is provided in this constitution, including, but not by way of limitation, the following:
 - a. Supervise the collection of all per capita taxes by the Cabinet Secretary and/or Treasurer, designate s depository for said funds and authorize the payment therefrom of all legitimate expenses pertaining to the administration of the affairs of District 14-W;
 - b. Secure, set the amount of, approve Surety company issuing the surety bond for him/herself, the Cabinet Secretary and Cabinet Treasurer as required;
 - c. Secure, semi-annually or more frequently, financial reports from the Cabinet Secretary and Cabinet Treasurer;

- d. Provide for an annual or more frequent audit of the books of accounts of the Cabinet Secretary and Cabinet Treasurer;
- e. Set up a definite schedule of dates, times and places of Cabinet meetings to be held during the fiscal year;
- f. Submit a current itemized statement of total District receipts and expenditures to the District Convention and each Cabinet meeting;
- g. Submit such other reports and perform such other duties as may be required by the International board of Directors;
- h. Deliver forthwith, at the termination of office, all District property, accounts, funds and records to Governor-Elect in accordance with Lions Clubs International policy established;
- i. Assign such administrative duties to the Vice District Governor which the governor deems necessary to properly and effectively administer the District and in accordance with Lions Clubs International;
- j. Refrain from incurring any obligations in any fiscal year, which will cause an unbalanced budget or deficit;
- k. As a member of the Pennsylvania State Council of Governors, be responsible for the management of Lions affairs of the Multiple District 14.

<u>Section 2.</u> <u>FIRST AND SECOND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNORS</u>: Under supervision of the District Governor shall be responsible:

1. First Vice District Governor:

The First Vice District Governor shall:

- Further the purposes of the association;
- Perform administrative duties as assigned by the district governor and accept and complete other duties as required by the International Board of Directors
- Attend cabinet meetings;
- Preside at cabinet meetings and other meetings in the absence of the governor and participate in council meetings as appropriate;
- Assist the Governor in identifying opportunities and challenges facing the district and in developing long-term strategies to strengthen and grow the district;
- Conduct club visitations when requested by the District Governor;
- Work with the District Membership, Extension, Leadership Development and Convention Committees and assist them in reaching their goals for the year.
- Supervise other district committees at the request of the District Governor;
- Participate in the planning of the following year including the district budget;
- Become familiar with the responsibilities of the District Governor. (Revised March 7, 2009)

2. The Second Vice District Governor shall:

- Further the purposes of the association;
- Work with other district officers to promote membership growth, new club organization, and member retention;
- Attend cabinet meetings;
- Preside at cabinet meetings and other meetings in the absence of the Governor and the First Vice District Governor;
- Monitor the health of clubs by regularly reviewing LCI recap and membership reports; develop action steps to assist declining clubs in coordination with MERL teams and Zone/Region Chairs;
- Assist in preparation of the budget and other matters to be continued in the following year;

- Supervise appropriate district committees as requested by the District Governor;
- Accept and complete other duties as required by the association's policy or as assigned by the District Governor. For example, conduct club visitations, offer assistance to declining clubs, work with the District Convention, LCIF and Information Technology Committees.
- Become familiar with the responsibilities of the District Governor and First Vice District Governor. (Added March 7, 2009)

3. The Second Vice District Governor duties shall not override the District Governor or The First Vice District Governor authority. (Added March 7, 2009)

<u>Section 3.</u> <u>DISTRICT LIAISON OFFICER:</u> Is the personal representative of the District Governor and assures that the National colors, District Banner, etc., are displayed properly. He/she protects the District property while on display and tends to the comforts and convenience of the dignitaries. He/she is expected to help with the seating arrangements at all meetings and affairs of the District.

Section 4. REGION CHAIRPERSON: He/she shall:

- (a) Attend the regular and special meetings of the District Cabinet;
- (b) Assist the District Governor in promoting Lionism in his/her Region by performing such duties as may be assigned to him/her from time to time by the District Governor;
- (c) Recommend qualified Lions in his/her region for appointment as Zone Chairperson;
- (d) Endeavor to have every club in his/her Region operating under a duly adopted Club constitution and By-Laws;
- (e) Promote representation at International and District conventions by the full quota of delegates, to which clubs in his/her Region are entitled;
- (f) Supervise and assist the Zone Chairperson of his/her Region in the performance of their official duties and cooperate with them in arranging and holding Zone and District Governor's Advisory meetings;
- (g) Hold at least one (1) regional meeting during his/her tenure;
- (h) Be active in organizing new clubs and strengthening weaker clubs;
- (i) Act as District Convention Chairperson, when appointed by rotation system as per previous convention.

<u>Section 5.</u> <u>ZONE CHAIRPERSONS</u>: Under the supervision of the District Governor and his/her Region Chairperson, he/she shall:

- (a) Make a report of each District Governor's Advisory committee meeting and send copies within five (5) days thereafter to Lions Clubs International, and to the District Governor and Region chairperson;
- (b) Endeavor to have every club within his/her Zone operating under a duly adopted Club Constitution and By-Laws;
- (c) Arrange, with the cooperation of his/her Region chairperson, regularly scheduled Zone meetings;
- (d) Encourage inter-club meetings and social activities;
- (e) Submit a proper report to the District Governor to indicate which Presidents of the Zone met the eligibility criteria to earn the coveted 100% Presidents Award;
- (f) Conduct at least (3) Zone meetings during his/her tenure in the months specified;
- (g) Promote representation at Charter Nights of newly formed Clubs;

(h) Promote representation at International and district conventions by the full quota of delegates to which clubs in his/her Zone are entitled.

<u>Section 6.</u> <u>CABINET SECRETARY OR SECRETARY/TREASURER</u>: Under the general supervision of the District Governor, the Cabinet Secretary shall:

- (a) Keep an accurate record of the proceedings of all meetings of the Cabinet and within five (5) days after each meeting, forward copies of the minutes to all Cabinet members;
- (b) Take and keep minutes of the District Convention and furnish copies of these to Lions Clubs International, and the District 14-W;
- (c) Assist the District Governor and Cabinet in conducting the business of the District and perform such other duties as are specified or implied in this Constitution and By-Laws, as may be assigned to him/her from time to time by the District Governor or the Cabinet;
- (c) Sign all notices and documents issued by the District;
- (d) Make an annual report to the Cabinet at its meeting immediately following the last Cabinet meeting of the year and such other reports at such times as the District Governor or Cabinet may require;
- (e) Collect and receipt for all per capita taxes levied hereunder on members and clubs in the District and deposit the same in such bank or banks as the Cabinet shall determine and disburse the same by order of the District Governor;
- (f) Remit and pay over to the Multiple District Council's Secretary/Treasurer the Multiple District Convention Fund Per Capita Tax, if any, collected in the District, and secure a proper receipt thereof;
- (g) Keep accurate books and records of accounts and minutes of all Cabinet and District Meetings. Permit inspection of the same by the District Governor, any Cabinet member or any Club (or any authorized agent of any club) at any reasonable time for any proper purpose. Furnish, upon direction of the District Governor, or Cabinet, any property, books, and records as requested to any Auditor appointed by the District Governor;
- (h) Conform to administrative policies outlined in the Secretary's Manual, provided by Lions Clubs International;
- Send written notice of Cabinet Meetings to all Cabinet Officers, no fewer than five (5) days prior to Special meetings and no fewer than ten (10) days prior to Regular Meetings;
- (j) Secure bond for the faithful performance of duties in such sum and with such sureties as may be required by the Cabinet.

<u>Section 7.</u> <u>CABINET TREASURER:</u> Under the supervision of the District Governor, when at his/her discretion, he/she elects to have two (2) offices, a Secretary and a Treasurer, a Cabinet Treasurer shall be appointed. The duties and responsibilities of the office shall be assigned by the Governor to make less of a workload for the Cabinet Secretary and separate some of those duties --- banking, drawing and issuance of checks, payment of bills, collections of per capita, etc., and the keeping of such records and issuance of receipts as necessary.

<u>Section 8.</u> <u>DISTRICT EXTENSION CHAIRPERSON:</u> The District Governor's appointee as Chairperson of the Extension Committee is very important to the growth of Lionism. Organizing Lions Clubs provides more humanitarian service to the Community, District, Multiple District, and International Lionism worldwide. The Chairperson must be well informed on Lionism and dedicated to Service. He/she will be required to orient prospective new members to the History of Lions Clubs International's purpose, objectives and methods of forming Districts, and of District 14-W's place in the organizational structure, multitudes of services that are rendered by Lions and of the fund raising procedures utilized to fund these activities, etc. He/she must arrange formative meetings with "key" prospective members, select a site for subsequent meetings after Chartering of the new Club, select a sponsoring Lions Club, and a Guiding Lion. Ensure the presence of representatives from all District Clubs at the Charter Installation to Welcome the new Club and to present gifts to financially assist the new Club to get off to a good start. A procedural Guide has been compiled to outline the responsibilities of the Extension Chairperson.

<u>Section 9</u>. <u>TESTIMONIAL CHAIRPERSON</u>: The District Governor shall hold a Testimonial to honor and pay tribute to his/her Lions Clubs Presidents and Secretaries. The date of this social had initially been scheduled in March/April annually, after the District Convention. District 14-W now holds this social jointly with the annual District Convention, except when District 14-W is Hosting the State(Multiple District 14) Convention, to promote better attendance and to defray additional costs to the Lions membership. A Policy Manual has been compiled to outline the details. (Revised March 7, 2009)

Section 10. DISTRICT YOUTH EXCHANGE CHAIRPERSON. Under the supervision of the District Governor, this committee (one of the Officially recognized by Lions Clubs International) was established to promote understanding and friendship between the people of various States, Provinces and Countries in the world of Lionism. This program is for the exchange of young men and/or women, who wish to spend a brief vacation, to learn the customs of another country. The Lions Clubs desiring to be host sponsor of a youth, for a five (5) to six (6) week period, contacts the District Youth Chairperson to initiate arrangements. The host Lions Club must provide a sponsor home (family) for this visitation and assume all expenses of the visiting youth, except for personal spending monies. A Lions club in District 14-W may sponsor a youth to travel to another country or province. The Lions Club would assume the cost for round trip transportation (costs could be shared with the youth's family and the Lions club or paid for entirely by the family). An exchange program with a Lions District in another country must first be established. The Chairperson assumes personal responsibility for the screening process of the Host families and the sponsored youth Chairperson should work with the International Relations Chairperson. Chairperson must keep Lions International and the District Governor informed of all exchange agreements.

Section 11. DISTRICT CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS CHAIRPERSON. Each District Governor shall appoint a Constitution and By Laws Chairperson. The Chairperson shall annually ensure that the District 14-W Constitution and By Laws conform with the International and Multiple District 14 Constitution and By Laws and if not, consistent action should be taken to update the District 14-W Constitution and By Laws. The District 14-W Constitution and By Laws may be altered, amended, or repealed only at the District 14-W Convention. The Constitution and By Laws have important significance on the rights and duties of all the membership. The Constitution and By Laws are the rules and procedures by which the District conducts itself. The Committee is responsible for presenting amendments, revisions, deletions, and additions proposed for study the Lions Club prior to the District 14-W Convention and for a vote at said Convention. The constitution and By Laws Committee can make one (1) of Three (3) recommendations to the Convention: "adoption", "rejection" or "no recommendation" on proposals presented. The Committee may also compile Policy Manuals to place into one document the normal rules of procedure, the areas of authority of the Governor and his/her Cabinet officers and the responsibilities of the offices. A guideline on established procedure has been compiled, it is informational, but not intended to replace the Constitution and By Laws.

<u>Section 12.</u> <u>DISTRICT ENVIRONMENTAL CHAIRPERSON.</u> Under the supervision of the District Governor, his/her functions are:

- (a) To motivate the Lions Clubs within the District to promote meaningful environmental activities in light of local needs;
- (e) To coordinate proposed District and International activities to the clubs and relate the status of implemented activities to the Cabinet and International. He/she should be familiar with local environmental needs, study ways to perfect on-going programs and evaluate effectiveness;
- (c) Become aware of available literature from International and other environmental agencies and organizations;
- (d) Learn what past environmental activities were conducted by the District from past Chairpersons;
- (e) Plan activities to be used by the clubs within the District.

<u>Section 13.</u> <u>DISTRICT DIABETES AWARENESS CHAIRPERSON.</u> Under the supervision of the District Governor, the main objective of this program is to reduce the number of new cases of blindness caused by diabetic retinopathy through education, detection and research. Duties are:

- (a) Become knowledgeable on diabetes and diabetic retinopathy;
- (b) Raise the level of diabetes awareness within the District;
- (c) Hold forums and make presentations at District, Region, Zone and Club.
- (d) Stress the importance to clubs, of notifying the public of what needs to be done and what is being done to reduce the new cases of blindness caused by diabetic retinopathy;
- (e) Establish liaison with local diabetic organizations and the medical community for assistance in planning diabetic activities.

<u>Section 14.</u> <u>DISTRICT HEARING AND SPEECH ACTION CHAIRPERSON.</u> Under the supervision of the District Governor, the Chairperson serves as the principle resource person in the area of hearing conservation and work with the deaf. Duties are:

- (a) Inform and motivate Lions clubs within district, through personal contact or communications, to conduct activities for the deaf and aurally handicapped;
- (b) Work closely with Public Relations chairperson to help promote activities in Hearing Conservation and work with the deaf;
- (c) Take into account all types of communications difficulties (hearing/speech is statistically more common than blindness);
- (d) Develop training and educational programs for presentations at club meetings;
- (e) Encourage support of schools and rehabilitation centers for the deaf;
- (f) Conduct public awareness campaigns and mass screenings to detect hearing loss;
- (g) Consult with members of the deaf community and convey their needs to the clubs of the District;
- (h) Solicit contributions for Lions clubs to support research;
- (i) Establish hearing aid banks (collect used hearing aids, dog companions, free hearing aids for the needy, etc.).

<u>Section 15.</u> <u>INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION CHAIRPERSON.</u> Under the supervision of the District Governor, the Chairperson's objectives are to create and foster a spirit of understanding among the people of the world. Chairperson must work with the L. C. I. F. and Youth Exchange Chairperson. Duties are:

- (1) Plan goals for the District.
- (2) Promote:
 - (a) Lions Inter-club Program;
 - (b) Exchange stamps, pins, banners, etc,;
 - (c) Club twinning;
 - (d) United Nations informational articles;
 - (e) Vocational assistance.

<u>Section 16.</u> <u>LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION CHAIRPERSON</u> (L.C.I.F.) Under the general supervision of the District Governor. Chairperson assists Lions clubs in meeting vital needs of mankind which may be beyond the reasonable capabilities of a single club or district. L. C. I. F. can be a great vehicle through which Lions of every nation can help Lions to help and serve people in need. Duties are:

- Develop a definite, intelligent plan to seek and use L. C. I. F. Grant support, this will also entail making progress reports to L. C. I. F. with a full accounting of all funds provided;
- 2. Learn the objectives, structures and operations of L. C. I. F.;
- 3. Contact with Clubs to learn if there is a goal that could be attained if sufficient funds can be made available;
- 4. Establish monetary goals for the clubs within the District to attain and motivate the clubs, to contribute to L.C.I.F. annually, so monies remain available to assist communities worldwide in cases of catastrophes.

<u>Section 17.</u> <u>DISTRICT LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CHAIRPERSON</u>. under the general supervision of the District Governor. Chairperson is responsible for arranging district Leadership Seminars and club Officers' Schools. Duties are:

- a. The design, organize, promote and conduct Leadership Development Seminars and workshops, commencing with the Lions Clubs President/Secretary Elect;
- b. To assist the District Governor in establishing effective and centralized leadership operations—Leadership Development Program;
- c. To promote new members orientation programs;
- d. Obtain from International, information relevant to latest training; Club Officers School:
 - 1. Work out a program and plan an agenda with the District Governor and prior Chairperson(s);
 - 2. Select the proper person to run the School;
 - 3. Find proper setting for the seminar, food, adequate space, meeting rooms, date, time, location, etc.;
 - 4. Hold forums for Presidents, Secretaries, Zone & Region Chairpersons, Club Membership & Retention Chairpersons, and all District Committee Chairpersons.

<u>Section 18.</u> <u>DISTRICT LEO CLUB CHAIRPERSON.</u> Under the general supervision of the District Governor, is responsible for this youth activity, whereby young people are encouraged and provided with the opportunity, to contribute to their communities by conducting civic and social activities in the true spirit of Lionism. Duties are:

- (a) Follow the International Leo Chairpersons Guide;
- (b) Promote the organization of Leo Clubs in the District;

- (c) Contact Lions Clubs on the benefits of sponsoring a Leo Club;
- (d) Determine where a need exists for a Leo Club;
- (e) When organizing a Leo Club, motivate the Leo Club advisor on how to effectively advise the new Leos and the sponsoring Lions;
- (f) Offer young adults the opportunity to help others and to develop leadership skills through organized and productive service projects and activities within their communities.

<u>Section 19.</u> <u>PUBLIC RELATIONS & INFORMATION CHAIRPERSON.</u> Under the general supervision of the District Governor. Chairperson continually inform the clubs and their memberships on the history, objects, activities and goals of International, Multiple District and District 14-W. Duties are:

- (a) Determine what information is most needed by the clubs and how best to communicate this to them;
- (b) Advise clubs as to what information, printed materials, video tapes, films or any other medium, might be available to the;
- (c) Make use of the International Public Relations Guide;
- (d) Release publicity for the District (TV, radio, newspaper, etc.)
- (e) Educate the clubs with basic Public Relations training;
- (f) Assist the clubs in getting news items in print, on the air, etc.;
- (g) Inform clubs that they are responsible for erecting and maintaining highway signs at entrances to their communities;
- (h) Promote the use of Lions emblem and decal among members;
- (i) Arrange publicity for visits of International Officers;
- (j) Assist the District Governor by supplying news articles for release in the Governor's newsletter and to other media;
- (k) Inform the public on Lion program, objectives, activities, etc.;
- (I) Assist in getting District news articles in the Lions magazine.

Public Relations in District 14-W should include success stories, presentations of honors, joint meetings, fund raising events, citizen awards, presence of Lions dignitaries, and articles on Lions worldwide projects.

<u>Section 20.</u> <u>MEMBERSHIP AND RETENTION CHAIRPERSON.</u> Under the supervision of the District Governor, Chairperson is responsible for membership growth and development, which is vital to all clubs. A club's success is dependent on continually obtaining and retaining good members to carry on the principals of Lions Clubs International. Duties are:

- (a) Identify the problems of the clubs within the District.
- (b) Develop a membership plan for the clubs and the District.
- c) Work with Region and Zone Chairpersons to implement the plan.
- (d) Encourage the club to select qualified individuals as new members.
- (e) Hold educational meetings with club membership chairpersons.

<u>Section 21.</u> <u>SIGHT CONSERVATION AND RESEARCH FOUNDATION CHAIRPERSON.</u> Under the general supervision of the District Governor. Chairperson shall encourage monthly training, rehabilitation programs, source and recreational services, and public awareness campaigns. The Chairperson's duty is to stimulate club activities for the preservation of eyesight through:

- (a) Arrangements for Glaucoma screening programs;
- (b) Arrange for collections and distribution of used eyeglasses;
- (c) Motivate clubs to contribute to blindness research;
- (d) Promote the Regional Eye Bank Eye Donor program;
- (e) Assist the Eye Banks in those cases where surgery is required.

Sight Conservation is a Statewide Program to raise funds for eye research. Many hospitals throughout Pennsylvania (Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Hershey, etc.) receive grants from or through this program for eye research.

<u>Section 22.</u> <u>DISTRICT WHITE CANE CHAIRPERSON.</u> Under the general supervision of the District Governor. Chairperson is responsible for planning, supplying information and promotions to assure the success of this annual fund drive for blindness prevention and work with the blind. Duties are:

- (a) Obtain from Lions International and distribution to the clubs, the supplies necessary for this fund raising campaign;
- (b) Arrange, publicity, news articles, notices, etc., with the district Public Relations and Information Chairpersons;
- (c) Collection of sufficient monies to satisfy the cost of supplies purchased
- (d) Receive a Final Report from all clubs in the District, tabulate and make report to Multiple District 14. (Revised March 7, 2009)

<u>Section 23.</u> <u>BEACON LODGE CAMP FOR THE BLIND CHAIRPERSON</u>. Beacon Lodge Camp is a summer program directed towards providing a one (1) or two (2) week outdoor camping experience for the blind and handicapped. Beacon Lodge is fully funded by the Lions of Pennsylvania and other sources. Annually, the District Governor asks the Lions Clubs to contribute to this program. Under the general supervision of the District Governor, the Chairperson's duties are:

- (a) Obtains information for the distribution to the clubs;
- (b) Promote attendance of Lions at the July District Governor's Appreciation Day, held at Beacon Lodge. The campers prepare a program to entertain the governors and show their thanks to all the Lions for their support of the camp. A Chicken Bar-b-Que is available at this time. District 14-W's appointed Directors to Beacon Lodge can provide more information as to program, innovations, etc. at the camp.
- (c) Encourage the Vice District Governor attendance at "Vice District Governor's Day", an informational meeting at the camp. (Revised March 7, 2009)

<u>Section 24.</u> <u>DISTRICT LEADER DOG CHAIRPERSON.</u> The Leader Dog program along with its related Puppy Raising program is directed towards the training of dogs (for and with visually impaired applicants) for use in enabling the visually handicapped individual to perform daily functions without the constant care of another person. Under the general supervision of the District Governor, the Chairperson makes the necessary arrangements for enrollment and transportation to Leader School, Rochester, Michigan, and issuance of a dog at no cost to the applicant. Duties are:

- (a) Investigate eligibility of applicant;
- (b) Establish dates, times and resources for schooling/training;
- (c) Solicitation of funds for the Leader Program;
- (d) Educate the clubs on the Leader Dog program.

<u>Section 25.</u> <u>DISTRICT EYE BANK CHAIRPERSON.</u> Under the general supervision of the District Governor, the chairperson shall:

(a) Obtain information on techniques, procedures, etc., pertaining to eye enucleations, transplants, glaucoma, diabetes, etc., for dissemination to the Regional Eye Banks. This should involve contacting the 14-W District Diabetes Awareness, Lions of Pennsylvania Foundation, Sight First, Sight Conservation & Research, Directors of Northeast Eye Bank, Lions Club International, etc.;

- (a) Supervise the Regional Eye Banks for coordination of planning, arrangements, of an annual dinner/meeting with topical speaker;
- (b) Report the progress of the Eye Donor Program in the District and any problems that require resolution by the District Governor/Cabinet;
- (c) Speak to businesses, schools, institutions, etc., on the prevention of blindness and sight restoration programs within Lionism;
- (d) Encourage the clubs to collect used eye glasses. Contact other Chairpersons involved to determine where packaged used eyeglasses should be shipped;
- (e) Ensure the public is informed of Eye Donor Program (newspaper, radio, TV, etc.)
- (f) Encourage the Clubs to participate in glaucoma screenings.
- (g) Plan visitations to club, regional, zone meetings;
- (h) Encourage Clubs to contribute to Governor's Fair Share programs, Beacon Lodge, Northeast Eye Bank, Sight First, Sight Conservation and Research, Leader Dog.

<u>Section 26.</u> <u>DISTRICT YOUTH OUTREACH CHAIRPERSON.</u> Under the general supervision of the District Governor, the chairperson shall assist Youth to learn, achieve and serve:

- (a) To volunteer in the community;
- (b) To help gain responsible citizenship skills;
- (c) To avoid gang involvement and drug abuse;
- (d) To begin youth outreach programs in the community;
- (e) To counter the negative influence of alcohol, drug, and tobacco, which threatens the lives of young people everywhere. The different levels that make up these programs are: Lions-Quest Skills for Growing (grades K-5), Skills for Adolescence (grades 6-8), and Skills for Action (high school).

<u>Section 27.</u> <u>DISTRICT FINANCIAL CHAIRPERSON.</u> Under the general supervision of the District Governor, the Chairperson shall:

- (a) Participate in developing the District budget;
- (b) Assist in prompt payment of bills;
- (c) Be a member of the committee to audit club financial records;
- (d) Assure Bonding and Insurance protection;
- (e) Be alert for improper financial practices;
- (f) Assist in developing and/or planning fund raising
- (g) Work closely with the District Governor, Cabinet Secretary and/or Treasurer.

<u>Section 28.</u> <u>DISTRICT CHAIRPERSON LIONS OF PA FOUNDATION.</u> Is District 14-W's appointment to the State Committee Board of Directors, Lions of PA Foundation (one Lion from each Sub-District to a 3 year term). This Foundation, founded in 1992 to:

- (a) Assist those afflicted with sensory impairment, particularly related to vision impairment;
- (b) Award grants in support of meritorious projects and programs for the sensory impaired;
- (c)Join with individual Lions clubs in responding to local, community and regional needs;
- (b) Award grants to organizations in support of vision and hearing.
- (c) A separate Program of the Lions of Pennsylvania is the Contributing Member which is a donation of \$10.00 per year.

The Foundation conducts fund raisers with participating Lions Clubs, gift grants and contributions from individual corporations and foundations to secure resources to carry out its good works. THE LIONS OF PA FELLOWSHIP program is bestowed upon a Lion, Lioness, Leo or other individuals who have faithfully served their Lions Clubs and communities, or for other exemplary achievements in the area of humanitarian services. One can become a Lions of Pennsylvania Fellow by a contribution of \$500 (lump sum or \$100 down and payment of the balance over a three year period). The Foundation has also established a Club Recognition Program for 100% participation (at intervals of \$2, 5 & 10 per member) with appropriate Club patch awards.

The District will present a Lions Of Pennsylvania Fellowship to the First Vice District Governor upon the successful completion of their term of that office. (Revised March 7, 2009)

<u>Section 29.</u> <u>DISTRICT PEACE POSTER CHAIRPERSON</u>. The Lions International Peace Poster Contest was recreated in 1988 to give young people the opportunity to think about peace and express what it means to them.

The contest is open to children ages 11 –13 in all areas where Lions Clubs exist. Clubs sponsor the contest in local schools or organized sponsored youth groups such as Scouts and Boys & Girls Clubs. Posters advance through several levels of competition. Ultimately, one poster is selected as the grand prize winner and 23 posters are named merit award winners by an International panel of judges.

Participation in the contest provides Lions Clubs with the chance to interact with the youth in their communities as well as giving young people an outlet for their artistic self-expression that can be shared with their local community, and possibly, the world.

District 14-W shall sponsor their own district contest. There will be three award winners at the discretion of the District Governor. The awards shall be determined by the District Governor and the Chairperson. (Revised March 7, 2009)

<u>Section 30.</u> <u>THE DISTRICT CHAPLAIN.</u> The District Governor may appoint a Lions Chaplain to serve in a religious capacity. The duties and responsibilities of the District Chaplain may include:

- 1. Call for Invocation and Benediction:
 - (a) At the Cabinet Meeting Sessions and dinners;
 - (b) At the district convention business sessions;
 - (c) At the Presidential Ball and/or Convention Dinner(s);
 - (d) At the District Necrology Service (the District Governor may assign the responsibility of planning/organizing the Service to the Chaplain);
 - (e) At District Social(s) and/or Fundraisers, annual Joint Eye Bank meeting(s), District Zone or Region Rallies, club Chartering, etc., when service is requested.
- 2. Represent the Governor at wakes/funerals of deceased Lions members; Conduct SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE; Present condolences/Governor's Letters of Commendation, etc.
- 3. Make visits to hospitals, nursing homes.

<u>Section 31.</u> <u>HABITAT FOR HUMANITY.</u> Under the general supervision of the District Governor. Chairperson shall encourage clubs in the district to promote the program with the local Habitat for Humanity and Lions International Foundation to fit the criteria of both organizations.

<u>Section 32.</u> VA LIAISON. Under the general supervision of the District Governor. Chairperson shall encourage clubs to participate in various projects at the local Veterans Administration Hospital and Nursing Home. This will be at the discretion of the Veterans Administrator.

ARTICLE III DISTRICT 14-W CONVENTION COMMITTEES

<u>Section 1.</u> Prior to each Convention the governor shall appoint committees of Lions to serve the convention. Initially, he/she shall activate Nominations, Registrations & Elections Committees and thereafter the Credentials, Resolutions, Int'l & Sgt. at Arms.

<u>Section 2.</u> <u>CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE.</u> Comprised of Governor, Cabinet Secretary, treasurer and other appointees. This committee ensures Delegates/Alternates are certified; has powers to perform duties set forth under Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised.

Section 3. NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE. (aptd. 30 days prior to Convention):

- (a) Receives "Letters of Intention to Run" from candidates whose proper certification was submitted to the Governor.
- (b) Determines/approves order/printing of names on ballot;
- (c) Places in Nomination the names of candidates for office;
- (d) Ensures the Nominating/Seconding speeches are given within time allocated.

Section 4. REGISTRATION COMMITTEE.

(a) Ensures all persons are permitted to attend sessions/proceedings only after registering and paying any registration fee affixed by the Governor.

Section 5. ELECTIONS COMMITTEE.

- (a) Ensures vote is by secret printed ballot with candidates/proposals listed correctly.
- (b) Ensures only authorized delegates vote.
- (c) Records and tabulates the ballots, voiding ballots not clearly marked or inscribed not tabulating those, tabulates the vote count and in case of a tie vote presents the information to the Assemblage and determines manner of breaking tie by means acceptable to the candidates. Reports winner but not vote count to Assemblage. Destroys ballots afterwards.

Section 6. CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE.

Informs Assemblage that Proposals were compiled; Invitations extended to Lions Clubs to submit proposals for amendment; Procedure to amend conformed with 14-W Constitution and By-Laws,

(a) Thank committee and conclude report,

Section 7. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE.

- (a) Receive, evaluate, screen and properly arrange any Resolutions received.
- (b) Recommend "adoption", "rejection" or "no recommendation" to session. Motion for adoption required only on Courtesy Resolutions.

Section 8. INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE.

(a) Informs Assemblage of location, time, place of Convention, International Candidates, travel and housing arrangements.

Section 9. ALL OTHER CONVENTION COMMITTEES

- (a) These special committees appointed by Governor (PDG's may be included)
- (b) Governor shall review any bills submitted for payment for expenses incurred prior to his/her authorization of payment therefore.

ARTICLE IV COMMITTES, ADVISORY TO THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Section 1. DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE. In each zone, the Zone Chairperson and the Club President and Secretaries of the Lions Clubs in the Zone comprise the DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE, with the Zone Chairperson as the Chairperson thereof. At a time, date and place called by the Zone Chairperson, this committee shall hold a first meeting within ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the preceding International Convention; a second meeting in the month of November and a third meeting in the month of February or March, approximately thirty (30) days prior to the or after the Multiple District Convention. At these Advisory (Zone) Committee meetings the members exchange ideas on problems, programs, projects, and manner of administration in the management of the Clubs. The Zone Chairperson compiles this information, makes contact with the Regional Chairperson, if assistance is needed to resolve problems, and makes reports to the District Governor at the Cabinet meetings.

<u>Section 2.</u> <u>DISTRICT GOVERNORS'S HONORARY COMMITTEE.</u> The District Governor may appoint a District Governor's Honorary Committee (Article VIII, Section 4B, Multiple District Constitution). This committee, comprised of Past District Governors and Past International Officers, will be members of the Cabinet with full Delegate status. The District Governor shall call upon these Advisors to serve in any capacity to resolve problems, assist committee Chairpersons, chair committees, or promote harmony throughout the District.

<u>Section 3.</u> <u>DISTRICT COUNSELORS ASSOCIATION.</u> The District Governor's Counselors Association will meet prior to the First and Third District Cabinet Meetings at the Cabinet meeting place. Time will be one-half hour prior to the start of the meeting or dinner, which ever is first. The Counselors' Association will establish their own By-Laws, dues structure and invite certain "Lions of Interest" to their meetings. (Revised March 7, 2009)

<u>Section 4.</u> <u>REGIONAL EYE BANKS.</u> The Eye Banks within the District shall promote the Eye Donor Pledge Card Program, conduct eye safety and conservation programs, promote testing and informational activities, and release news items to the public, concerning eye diseases and treatment. The Eye Banks are not Cabinet Officers.

Section 5. STATE APPOINTMENTS AND APPOINTMENTS TO OTHER POSITIONS/OFFICES WORKING FOR THE GOOD OF LIONISM. The District Governor on occasion is requested to make appointments or confirm appointments of District Lions, to be made to Beacon Lodge, Northeastern PA Lions Eye Bank, PA Hearing and Speech Conservation/Research, Lions Of PA Foundation, PA Hearing and Speech Action, etc. While sitting on State Council, the District Governor will be requested to submit recommendations to fill State positions on Constitution/By Laws, Finance, State Council/State Convention Consultant, Liaison, International Convention committee, etc. The appointments to the highly important State Committees are made via a system of rotation amongst the Sub-Districts within the Multiple District 14, Pennsylvania. These "appointees', representatives of 14-W, shall act as liaison between the District and their assignments and shall report to the Cabinet information on the programs, objectives and International Lionism.

ARTICLE V RULES FOR CONVENTION PROCEDURE

<u>Section 1.</u> The District Governor shall arrange the Order of Business for the District Convention, and the same shall be the Order of the day for all Sessions.

<u>Section 2.</u> Except as otherwise specifically provided in the By-Laws, or in the Rules of Procedure for a meeting, all questions of Order and Procedure in any District meeting or Convention, any meeting of the District Cabinet, Region, Zone or Lions Club, or any group or committee shall be determined by Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.

ARTICLE VI FISCAL YEAR

<u>Section 1.</u> The Fiscal year of District 14-W shall be from July 1 to June 30.

ARTICLE VII AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS

<u>Section 1.</u> The By-Laws may be amended only at a District Convention by Resolution reported by the Convention Committee on Constitution and By Laws and adopted by a majority of the votes cast at the Convention.

<u>Section 2.</u> No Amendment shall be so reported or voted upon until the same shall have been furnished in writing to each Lions club, no less than thirty (30) days prior to the convening date of the annual District Convention with notice that the same will be voted upon at said convention. Any Lions member or Club therefore wishing to amend any part of the By-Laws by having the Amendment included in the ballot at the District Convention, must present such amendment in writing to the Constitution and By-Laws Committee at least two (2) weeks prior to the February Cabinet meeting. Said committee shall then present said Amendment to the Cabinet for approval or rejection on having it included in the ballot at the Convention.

<u>Section 3.</u> Each Amendment shall take effect at the close of the District Convention at which adopted, unless specified otherwise in the Amendment.

ARTICLE VIII EFFFECTIVE DATE OF AMENDMENTS

1. These By-Laws shall become effective upon adjournment of the district 14-W Convention at which the same are adopted.

ARTICLE IX LIONS CLUBS INTERNTIONAL FOUNDATION MELVIN JONES FELLOWSHIP AWARD

<u>Section 1.</u> The Lions Clubs International Foundation's coveted Melvin Jones Fellowship Award, which is the highest honor LCIF makes available to recognize any Lion, non Lion, Lions Club, Institution, etc., can be purchased by a donor for a one thousand dollar (\$1,000) contribution to LCIF for issuance to recognize the commitment to humanitarian service. This fee can be paid in annual installments but the one thousand dollars must be paid in full within five (5) years.

<u>Section 2.</u> Lions Clubs International has not established any eligibility criteria but relies upon the Donor's judgment in selecting those to be honored.

<u>Section 3.</u> The District 14-W Governor shall issue a Melvin Jones Fellowship Award to the Immediate Past District Governor, 14-W no matter how many terms he/she served or Melvin Jones Awards he or she previously received. The exception however, is the Immediate Past District Governor shall not be eligible if he/she purchased a Melvin Jones for himself/herself during the term he/she was serving as District Governor, from the undesignated funds received as contributions to LCIF from the Lions Clubs.

<u>Section 4.</u> Undesignated funds are those contributions from the Lions Clubs send to District 14-W for mailing to LCIF in which case the Lions clubs do not designate a Lion, non-Lion, etc., to receive the Melvin Jones Award.

<u>Section 5.</u> When the District Governor receives contributions from the Lions Clubs for LCIF and these are not designated to be used to purchase a Melvin Jones Award the District Governor may use these funds contributions to purchase a Melvin Jones Award for the Immediate Past District Governor.

<u>Section 6.</u> The Lions Clubs may contact the District 14-W Lions Clubs International Foundation Chairperson for additional information.

ARTICLE X

FUNDRAISING BY CLUBS IN AREAS OUTSIDE OF RECOGNIZED BOUNDARIES

<u>Section 1.</u> "Boundaries " is defined as the territorial area that each club has been chartered. E.g., The Duryea Lions Club boundaries shall be those boundaries with the territorial limits of the municipality of Duryea.

<u>Section 2.</u> "Notification" shall mean by United States mail by Club Secretary on stationary designated as official stationary by the Club.

<u>Section 3.</u> A Lions Club wishing to conduct a Fundraiser at a location not considered within it's boundaries as defined in Section 1, shall notify the Home Club of whose boundaries are affected. Notification by said Club shall be by United States mail at least one month (30

days) in advance of the planned event, if a conflict of a scheduled time exists, with an event with the Home Club, the Home Club's event shall take precedence.

<u>Section 4</u>. A violation of this Article shall be reported to the District Governor. The District Governor may report said violation to Lions Clubs International. (Added April 9, 2005)

Article XI LIONS OF PENNSYLVANIA FOUNDATION AWARD

<u>Section 1.</u> The Multiple District Lions of Pennsylvania Foundations' coveted Award is available to recognize any Lion, Non Lion, Lions Club, Institution, etc by a donor for a Five Hundred Dollar (\$500.00) contribution to the LOPF Foundation. This \$500.00 contribution can be paid in installments. Check with the District Chairperson for details.

<u>Section 2.</u> LOPF Foundation has not established any guidelines for this award but relies on the donor's judgment.

Section 3. The District shall issue the LOPF foundation Award to the first Vice District Governor upon the First district governor's successful completion of their term.

Section 4. The District Governor may use undesignated Funds to purchase this award. Undesignated Funds are funds received from clubs in the District not assigned to purchase an individual award.

Section 5. LOPF Foundation has established a "Joseph L. Wroblewski" Award to honor our Multiple's own Past International President Joseph L. Wroblewski. This award can be awarded to any existing LOPF Foundation Recipient. This is also a contribution of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00). Check with the District Chairperson for details. (Added March 7, 2009)

PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS 14-W CONSELLORS

*PDG FRANK KOWALSKI (Sophie) 1959-1960

*PDG EARL DETWEILER (Lottie Mary) 1962-1963

PDG ANTHONY PANAWAY (Mary) 1964-1965

*PDG ATTY. WILLIAM DEGILLIO 1966-1967

PIP JOSEPH L. WROBLESKI (Norma Jean) 1967-1968

> *PDG ANGELO RUSSO (Mary) 1968-1969

*PDG MARTIN STEFANSKI (Mary) 1970-71

*PDG SMITH G. PEARSALL (Betty) 1970-19719 (Served in NY State)

PDG GENE R. STEFANO (Gloria) 1971-1972

PDG VAN G. TOCKETT (Josie) 1973-1974

*PDG NICHOLAS SOUCHIK (Olga) 1975-1976

PDG CARMEN DEBIASI (Dena) 1976-1977

PSCC FRANK MENEGUZZO (Evelyn) 1977-1978

*PDG JOSEPH FUMANTI, SR. (Alice) 1979-1980

*PDG GERALD GUARILIA (Audrey) 1982-1983

*PDG MICHAEL GAUGHAN (Mae) 1983-1984 PDG CHRIS L. KALMANOWICZ (Debra) 1984-1985

> PDG ANGELO COSTELLO (Pat) 1985-1986

PDG WILLIAM J. KOZERSKI (Shirley) Charter Governor 1986-1987

PSCC MICHAEL A. LELACK (Susan) 1987-1988

PDG LEE S. WATSON (Laura) 1989-1990

PDG V. REV. JOSEPH MARTIN (Gloria) 1989-1990 (Served in 14-U)

PDG LUTHER J. WALP (Carolyn) 1990-1991

PDG GEORGE J. BARNA (Josephine) 1991-1992

PDG ANDREW GOTCHA (Betty) 1992-1993

PDG STEPHEN YOKIMISHYN 1993-1994

PDG GILBERT GLECO (Sandy) 1994-1995

PDG RONALD FILIPPINI 1995-1996

PDG ANTHONY STEFANOWICZ (Rita) 1996-1997 1998-1999

> PDG WILLIAM RICCETTI 1997-1998

PDG DONNA M. KRAVABLOSKI 1999-2000

PDG ROBERT J. MILLIGAN (PDG Joan) 2000-2001 PDG JEFFREY KATRA (Debbie) 2001-2002

PDG JOHN J. CLAHERTY, JR (Carol) 2002-2003

*PDG JERRY CHILIPKO (Denise) 2003-2004

PDG JUSTIN McCARTHY (Josie) 2004-2005

PSCC RICHARD S. YURISH (Eileen) 2005-2006

PDG JOAN MILLIGAN (PDG Robert) 2006-2007

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