

LIONS OF MICHIGAN DISTRICT 11-C2



CONSTITUTION

**Affiliated with
and under the jurisdiction of
The International Association of Lions Clubs**

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ARTICLE I Name

This organization shall be known as Lions District No. **11-C2**, hereinafter
Referred to as “district.”

ARTICLE II Purposes

The purposes of this district shall be:

- (a) To provide an administrative structure with which to advance
the Purposes of Lions Clubs International in the district.
- (b) To create and foster a spirit of understanding among the
people of the world.
- (c) To promote the principles of good government and good
citizenship.
- (d) An active interest in To take civic, cultural, social and moral
welfare of the community.

(e) To unite the members in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding.

(f) To provide a forum for the open discussion of all matters of public interest provided, however, that partisan politics and sectarian religion shall not be debated by club members.

(g) To encourage service-minded people to serve their community without personal financial reward, and to encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works and private endeavors.

ARTICLE III

The members of this organization shall be all Lions clubs in the district chartered by Lions Clubs International.

The boundary lines of this district shall be as follows:

The Michigan counties of Clinton, Eaton, Gratiot, Ingham, Livingston and Shiawassee in their entirety.

ARTICLE IV

Section 1. EMBLEM.

The emblem of this association and each chartered club shall be of a design as follows:



http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/exec_summary_oct_07.pdf

Section 2. USE OF NAME AND EMBLEM.

Use of the name, goodwill, emblem and other logos of the association shall be according to the guidelines established from time to time in the by-laws.

Section 3. **COLORS.**

The colors of this association and of each chartered club shall be purple and gold.

Section 4. **SLOGAN.**

Its Slogan shall be: Liberty, Intelligence, Our Nation's Safety.

Section 5. **MOTTO.**

Its Motto shall be: We Serve.

ARTICLE V

The Standard Form District Constitution and By-Laws shall govern the district unless otherwise amended so as not to conflict with the Multiple District and International Constitution & By-Laws and policies of Lions Clubs International. Whenever there may exist a conflict or a contradiction between the provisions set out in the district constitution and by-laws and the multiple district constitution and by-laws then the multiple district constitution and by-laws shall govern. Whenever there may exist a conflict or a contradiction between the provisions set out in the district constitution and by-laws and the International Constitutional and By-Laws shall govern.

ARTICLE VI

Section 1. **OFFICERS.**

The officers of this district shall be the district governor, the immediate past district governor, the first and second vice district governors, the region chairpersons (if the position is utilized during the district governor's term).

the zone chairpersons and a cabinet secretary-treasurer or a cabinet secretary and a cabinet treasurer. Each such officer shall be a member in good standing of a Lions club in good standing in the district.

Section 2. **DISTRICT CABINET.**

The district shall have a district cabinet composed of the district governor, the immediate past district governor, the first and second vice district governors, the region chairpersons (if the position is utilized during the district governor's term), the zone chairpersons, a cabinet secretary-treasurer or a cabinet secretary and a treasurer, and such other club members as may be included in this selection as amended in accordance with the amendment procedures contained herein.

Section 3. ELECTION/APPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT CABINET.

The district governors shall be elected at the annual convention of the district. The district governor shall appoint, by the time he/she takes office, the cabinet secretary-treasurer or a cabinet secretary and a cabinet treasurer. One region chairperson for each region (if the position is utilized during the district governor's term), and one zone chairperson for each zone, in the district, sergeant at arms and such other members as may be included in the district cabinet.

Section 4. REMOVAL.

Members of the District Cabinet other than the District Governor, First Vice District Governor and Second Vice District Governor may be removed from office for cause by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the entire number of the District Cabinet.

ARTICLE VII

District Convention

Section 1. TIME AND PLACE.

An annual convention of the district shall be held in each year to conclude no less than thirty (30) days prior to the convening of the international convention at a place selected by the delegates of a previous annual convention of the district and at a date and time fixed by the district governor. A meeting of the registered delegates of the district in attendance at the annual convention of the multiple district of which this district shall be a part of may constitute the annual convention of the district.

Section 2. CLUB DELEGATE FORMULA.

Each chartered club in good standing in Lions Clubs International and its district (single or sub- and multiple) shall be entitled in each annual convention of its district (single or sub- and multiple) to one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each ten (10) members, who have been enrolled for at least one year and a day in the club or major fraction thereof, of said club as shown by the records of the international office on the first day of the month last preceding that month during which the convention is held. The major fraction referred to in this section shall be five (5) or more members. Each certified delegate present in person shall be entitled to cast one (1) vote only for each office to be filled by, and one (1) vote only on each question submitted to, the respective convention. Unless otherwise specified herein, the affirmative vote of a majority of the delegates voting on any question shall be act of the convention. All eligible delegates must be members in good standing in the district. Delinquent dues may be paid and good standing acquired at any time prior to the close of credential certification, as such closing time shall be established by the rules of the respective convention.

Section 3. QUORUM.

The attendance in person of a majority of the delegates registered at a convention shall constitute quorum at any session of the convention.

Section 4. SPECIAL CONVENTION.

A Special Convention of the clubs of the district may be called by a two-thirds vote of the District Cabinet at such time and place as they shall determine; provided that such Special Convention shall conclude no less than 30 days prior to the convening date of the International Convention and that such Special Convention shall not be convened for the election of the district governor, first vice district governor or second vice district governor. Written notice of the Special Convention setting forth the time, place and purpose thereof, shall be provided to each club in the District by the District Cabinet Secretary, no less than 30 days prior to the convening date of the Special Convention.

ARTICLE VIII

DISTRICT DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCEDURE

Section 1. DISPUTES SUBJECT TO PROCEDURE.

All disputes relative to membership, club boundaries, or interpretation, breach of, or application of the district (single or sub-) constitution and by-laws, or any policy or procedure adopted from time to time by the district (single or sub-) cabinet, or any other internal Lions district (single or sub-) matters that cannot be satisfactorily resolved through other means, arising between any clubs

in the district (single or sub-), or any club(s) and the district (single or sub-) administration, shall be settled by the following dispute resolution procedure, Except as otherwise provided herein, any time limits specified in this procedure may be shortened or extended by the district governor, conciliators or the international Board of Directors (or its designee) upon a showing of good cause. All parties to any dispute subject to this procedure shall not pursue administrative or judicial actions during this resolution process.

Section 2. COMPLAINTS AND FILING FEE

Any Lions club in good standing within the association (the “complainant”) may file a written request with the district governor (a “complaint”), with a copy to the Legal Division, asking that dispute resolution take place under this procedure.

The complaint must be filed with the district governor within thirty (30) days after the complainant(s) knew or should have known of the occurrence of the event upon which the complaint is based. The complainant(s) must submit minutes signed by the club secretary certifying that a resolution in support of filing the complaint has been adopted by a majority of the entire membership of the club.

A copy of the complaint shall be sent to the respondent(s).

A complaint filed under this procedure must be accompanied by a US\$750.00 filing fee, or its equivalent in the respective national currency, payable by each complainant to the district (single or sub-) which shall be submitted to the district governor at the time the complaint is filed. In the event the complaint is settled or withdrawn prior to a final decision by the conciliators, US\$100.00 shall be retained by the district (single or sub-) as an administrative fee and US\$325.00 shall be refunded to the complainant and US\$325.00 shall

be paid to the respondent (which shall be shared on an equal basis if there is more than one respondent). In the event the selected conciliators find the complaint to have merit and the complaint is upheld, US\$100.00 shall be retained by the district (single or sub-) as an administrative fee and US\$650.00 shall be refunded to the complainant. In the event the selected conciliators deny the complaint for any reason, US\$100.00 shall be retained by the district (single or sub-) as an administrative fee and US\$650.00 shall be paid to the respondent (which shall be shared on an equal basis if there is more than one respondent). In the event the complaint is not settled, withdrawn, upheld or denied within the time frames established by this procedure (unless an extension has been granted for good cause), then the entire fee will be automatically retained by the district (single or sub-) as an administrative fee and shall not be refunded to any party. All expenses incurred relative to this dispute resolution procedure are the responsibility of the district (single or sub-), unless established district (single or sub-) policy provides that all expenses incurred relative to this dispute resolution procedure shall be paid on an equal basis by the parties to the dispute.

Section 3. RESPONSE TO COMPLAINT

The respondent(s) to the complaint may file a written response to the complaint with the district governor within ten (10) days of receiving notice of the complaint. A copy of the response shall be sent to the complainant(s).

Section 4. CONFIDENTIALITY

Once a complaint has been filed, communications between the complaint(s) respondent(s), district governor and conciliators should be kept confidential to the extent possible.

Section 5. SELECTION OF CONCILATORS

Within fifteen (15) days of filling the complaint, each party to the dispute shall select one (1) neutral conciliator and the selected conciliators shall select one (1) neutral conciliator, who will serve as chairperson. The selected conciliators' decision relative to the selection of the conciliator/chairperson shall be final and binding. All of the selected conciliators shall be Lion leaders, preferably past district governors, who are currently members in good standing of clubs in good standing, other than a club which is a party to the dispute, in the district in which the dispute arises, and shall be impartial on the matter in the dispute and without loyalties to any party to the dispute. Upon completion of the selection process, the conciliators shall be deemed appointed with all authority appropriate and necessary to resolve or decide the dispute in accordance with this procedure. In the event the selected conciliators cannot agree on the selection of the conciliator/chairperson within fifteen (15) days, then the selected conciliators shall be automatically deemed to have resigned for administrative reasons and the parties must select new conciliators ("the second team of selected conciliators") who shall then select one (1) neutral conciliator/chairperson in accordance with the selection procedures and requirements described above. In the event the second team of selected conciliators cannot agree on the selection of the conciliator/chairperson from within the district in which the dispute arises, the selected conciliators may select one (1) neutral conciliator/chairperson who is a member of a club in good standing outside the respective district. In the event the second team of selected conciliators cannot agree on the selection of the conciliator/chairperson from within or outside the district which the dispute arises, then the past international director who most recently served on the International Board of Directors from within the district

which the dispute arises or from an adjacent district, whichever is closest in proximity, shall be appointed as conciliator/chairperson.

Section 6. CONCILIATION MEETING AND DECISION OF CONCILIATORS.

Upon being appointed, the conciliators shall arrange a meeting of the parties for the purpose of conciliating the dispute. The meeting shall be scheduled within thirty (30) days of the appointment of the conciliators. The objective of the conciliators shall be to find a prompt and amicable resolution to the dispute. If such conciliation efforts are unsuccessful, the conciliators shall have the authority to issue their decision relative to the dispute. The conciliators shall issue their decision in writing no later than thirty (30) days after the date which the initial meeting of the parties was held, and the decision shall be final and binding on all parties. The written decision shall be signed by all the conciliators, with the dissent of any conciliator properly noted, and a copy of the written decision shall be provided to all parties, the district governor and upon request, to the Legal Division of Lions Clubs International. The decision of the conciliators must be consistent with any applicable provisions of the International, Multiple District and District Constitutions and By-Laws and policies of the International Board of Directors, and is subject to the authority of and further review by the International Board of Directors at the sole discretion of the International Board of Directors or its designee.

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

ARTICLE IX

Amendments

Section 1. AMENDING PROCEDURE

This constitution may be amended only at a district convention, by resolution of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee and adopted by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast.

Section 2. AUTOMATIC UPDATE

When amendments to the International Constitution and By-Laws are passed at the International Convention, any amendments that would have an effect on this District Constitution and By- Laws shall automatically be updated in this district constitution and by-laws at the close of the convention.

Section 3. NOTICE.

No amendment shall be so reported or voted upon unless the same shall have been published by regular post or electronic means to each club no less than thirty (30) days prior to the convening date of the annual convention with notice that the same will be voted upon at said convention.

Section 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.

Each amendment shall take effect at the close of the convention at which adopted unless otherwise specified in the amendment.

RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES

CATEGORY	ELIGIBILITY TO SEEK CLUB, DISTRICT OR INT'L OFFICE	VOTING PRIVILEGES	DELEGATE AT DISTRICT OR INT' CONVENTION
ACTIVE	YES	YES	YES
AFFILIATE	NO	CLUB MATTERS ONLY	NO
ASSOCIATE	NO	DISTRICT CONVENTION (PRIMARY) CLUB MATTERS ONLY (BOTH)	NO
HONORARY	NO	NO	NO
LIFE	YES, IF FULFILLS OBLIGATIONS OF ACTIVE MEMBER	YES, IF FULFILLS OBLIGATIONS OF ACTIVE MEMBER	YES, IF FULFILLS OBLIGATIONS OF ACTIVE MEMBER
MEMBER AT LARGE	NO	YES, CLUB MATTERS ONLY	NO
PRIVILEGED	NO	YES	YES

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EXHIBIT A
MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY CHART

CATEGORY	REGULAR ATTENDANCE	PROMPT PAYMENT OF DUES (CLUB, DISTRICT AND INTERNATIONAL)	PARTICIPATION IN CLUB ACTIVITIES	CONDUCT REFLECTING FAVORABLE IMAGE
ACTIVE	YES	YES	YES	YES
AFFILIATE	NO	YES	YES, WHEN ABLE	YES
ASSOCIATE	YES, PRIMARY CLUB NO, SECONDARY CLUB	YES, CLUB ONLY	YES, WHEN ABLE	YES
HONORARY	NO	NO, CLUB PAY APPLICABLE INT'L AND DISTRICT	NO	YES
LIFE	NO	YES, DISTRICT & CLUB ONLY - NO INT'L DUES	YES, WHEN ABLE	YES
MEMBER AT LARGE	NO	YES	YES, WHEN ABLE	YES
PRIVILEGED	NO	YES	YES, WHEN ABLE	YES

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EXHIBIT A (Continued)

MEMBER CATEGORY LIMITS

Honorary Members -Not to exceed 5% of total actual membership; any fraction shall permit one additional honorary member.

Affiliate Members -Not to exceed 25% of total actual membership.

EXIHIBIT B

SAMPLE BALLOT FORM

For Election of President: Indicate your vote by checking the box of the candidate of your choice.

- John Smith

- Sally Jones

- _____

EXHIBIT C

STANDARD LIONS CLUB

ORGANIZATION PLAN

*Officers and Directors
(Board of Directors)*

*President
Secretary
Treasurer*

*1st Vice President
2nd Vice
President 3rd Vice
President*

Lion Tamer (Optional)

*Tail Twister (Optional)
Immediate Past President
2 Directors (First Year)
2 Directors (Second Year)
Membership Director*

*Administrative Committees
Attendance
Constitution and By-Laws
Finance
Information Technology
Lions Information
Membership
Program
Public Relations and Communications
Greeter
Leadership Development*

*Activities Committees
Community Services
Disaster Preparedness & Relief
Environmental Services Diabetes
Awareness & Action
Hearing Preservation , Awareness & Action
Sight Preservation, Awareness & Action
International Relations
Lions Opportunities for Youth
Lions Services for Children*

