

# LIONS OF MICHIGAN DISTRICT 11-C2



## POLICY MANUAL

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

## **Article I: Purpose**

Section 1. It is understood that all policy must conform with the International and the Multiple District 11 Constitutions and By-Laws and the District 11-C2 Constitution and By-Laws.

The Purpose of the Policy Manual is to put in easily readable and understandable form the pertinent procedures to be followed by the District Governor in the performance of his/her duties.

## **Article II: Adoption and Amendment**

Section 1. Publication and distribution of this Policy Manual will be the responsibility of the District Governor. The District Governor shall present a proposed Policy Manual to the Mini-Cabinet at their first organizational meeting prior to the first official District Cabinet meeting. After consideration by the Mini-Cabinet, the Policy Manual shall be presented to, considered by, and adopted by a majority vote of the District Cabinet at the first official Cabinet meeting each year.

Section 2. This Policy Manual, as previously adopted pursuant to Section 1, may be amended from time to time as deemed necessary by the Cabinet. The following procedures shall be followed in amending the Policy Manual:

- A. The District Governor may at his/her discretion propose any amendment(s) at any officially convened District Cabinet meeting. Any other person(s) wishing to change the Policy Manual shall submit the proposed amendment(s) in writing to the District Governor at least two (2) weeks prior to the official Cabinet Meeting at which the proposed amendment(s) is/are to be considered.
- B. Any amendment(s) properly presented at a District Cabinet meeting shall be considered adopted upon the affirmative vote of a majority of the District Cabinet in attendance at such meeting.
- C. The above procedures may be altered by the District Cabinet by suspending this rule by a 2/3 majority vote during any official District Cabinet meeting.

Section 3. This District 11-C2 Policy Manual shall be maintained by the Chair of the Policy Manual Committee and held by the Cabinet Secretary.

## **Article III: Policies of District 11-C2**

Section 1. **Awards**

- A. The Ralph A. Lynam Award shall be presented to the most outstanding Club President of the preceding year and shall be selected by the Governor, the First Vice District Governor, and the Immediate Past District Governor. The Award may be presented to not more than two (2) however, this should be a rare occasion and not the normal procedure. Nominations may be solicited through the District Governor's Newsletter (preferably in the month of November).
- B. The Past District Governor's pin and plaque shall be awarded at the Governor's Appreciation Banquet. It is the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary during the year in which he/she is Governor to order the pin & plaque by May 1<sup>st</sup> of that year. This will allow eight weeks for engraving, and shipping and will be paid for out of the current District Budget. The pin and plaque for the Immediate Past District Governor shall be one of their choosing.
  - a. The out-going District Governor will be presented, at his/her discretion, with a burgundy blazer to identify his position in the District as Past District Governor. The District shall be responsible for its purchase during the Governor's year. The blazer is to be presented at the Governor's Appreciation Banquet.
- C. The District may annually award a Melvin Jones Fellowship to a deserving and qualified Lion in accordance with the following:
  - a. Lions who meet the following criteria:
    - i. A member in good standing of a Lions club of the District.

- ii. Actively served in Lionism for ten (10) years and at the District level for five (5) years.
- iii. Served with distinction on one or more District committees and made significant contributions to their successes.
- b. Selection Committee: The committee shall be composed of the District Governor, the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor, and the L.C.I.F. Chairperson. The 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor shall serve as Chairperson of the selection committee. Said award, if given, shall be selected no later than January 1 of each year but no announcement of the recipient(s) shall be made until bestowed at the annual District Convention.
- c. Funding of the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award(s): Unless otherwise specified by individual clubs, the funding of the award will be donations made to the District L.C.I.F. Reserve Fund.

**Section 2. Clubs**

- A. The Past District Governor Appreciation Night is a club function and responsibility. Clubs should contact previous years' chairpersons for advice and counsel. The date should be established as soon as possible to avoid conflict with other events and appreciation nights within the multiple district.

**Section 3. District Committees**

- A. The District Governor shall direct the Credentials Committee to provide each Club with credential forms sixty 60 days prior to convention. The District Newsletter may be utilized for distribution.
- B. The District Rules Committee shall submit District Convention Rules to the Cabinet at least sixty (60) days prior to convention.
- C. Training seminars for current and/or incoming Club Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, Membership Chairs, Zone Chairpersons and Region Chairpersons shall be offered in the District at least once a year.
- D. The incoming District Governor shall make available as soon as possible after the start of the new Lion year all District paraphernalia (e.g. gong and gavel, public address system, overhead projector, Past Governor's Banner (including staff and base).
- E. The District Governor shall appoint each year a Strategic Planning Committee which will meet bi-annually to establish goals, follow directives of the Cabinet, recommend to the Cabinet appropriate action for long range planning for the District, and will report to the Cabinet bi-annually at the Governor's discretion.

**Section 4. District Convention**

- A. District Convention dates shall be officially set up from one (1) to three (3) years in advance by Cabinet vote at its second official meeting and as reported and recommended by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor, and District Convention sites shall be set one (1) to two (2) years in advance by Cabinet vote at its second official meeting and as reported and recommended by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor.
- B. All expenses incurred at the District Convention are to be paid from income from that event, and/or any Per Capita tax levied under provisions of the District Constitution which has been designated for the Convention. Budget considerations must be given to entertainment cost, speaker cost including gifts and housing, if necessary, and all other costs. The choice of host for the International guest shall be at the discretion of the District Governor, and the host expenses may be paid by the convention fund.

**Section 5. District Governor**

- A. The District Convention Saturday Night Banquet is formal for the District Governor and all Past District Governors.

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- B. The District Governor shall advise any club with a delinquent balance(s) from Lions Clubs International, the District, and/or the Multiple District (account balances of fifty dollars (\$50.00) or more which are ninety (90) days or more past due). Status of delinquent balances shall be reported to the Cabinet meeting prior to the annual District Convention.
- C. The incoming District Governor shall provide each elected or appointed District officer with an updated District Constitution and By-Laws, and an update District Policy Manual within sixty (60) days after the close of the International Convention.
- D. The current serving District Governor shall receive a complimentary quantity of fifty (50) District pins upon their arrival.

### Section 6.

#### **Finance**

- A. The District Governor's, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor's, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor's International Patches, and training costs for training the District Governor and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor's as provided by the Multiple District Trainer shall be paid by the District. Note: Although attendance at Council Meetings is considered training, there is no reimbursement for related expenses.
- B. The annual District budget shall be prepared by the District Governor, Immediate Past District Governor, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor, District Treasurer, and Cabinet Secretary and/or District Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer. The budget is to be submitted at the first Cabinet meeting for approval.
  - a. The proposed District Budget shall be presented as a line item budget.
  - b. Any expenditure causing a line item to be over the adopted budget amount by twenty five dollars (\$25.00) or 10% (whichever is greater), requires Cabinet approval.
- C. The District Governor, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor, and Cabinet Treasurer and the Registrar of the District Convention shall be bonded, at District expense, and approval of said bond shall be submitted at the first Cabinet meeting.
  - a. The bonding agency shall be the Holt Dimondale Agency at 1229 North Aurelius Road, Holt, Michigan 48842, phone (517) 694-0149. The bond is a three-year position bond. The premium is paid, in full, once every three years. One-third of the estimated renewal premium will be budgeted and transferred from the district operating account to the district restricted account, each year (sinking fund). The limits of the bond shall be reviewed periodically. Beginning July, 2006, and every three years thereafter, the Cabinet Treasurer or District Governor will notify the agency where to send the next invoice. To estimate the three-year renewal premium, use one hundred ten percent (110%) of the current three-year premium.
- D. There will be financial reimbursement for normal committee expenses, except as approved by the annual budget or as approved in advance by the District Cabinet.
- E. All voting members of the District Cabinet shall have an accounting for all pins and pin-money at the second official Cabinet Meeting with final settlement of all pins and pin-money at the District Convention.
- F. At the Governor's discretion, the District will pay for meals of all official guests invited by the District to a District function.
- G. The compilation and printing of the District Roster book and mailing of two roster books (one each to every club President, Treasurer, and Secretary) shall be the responsibility of the District Governor and a District expense, provided the budget will allow for mailing. Copies are also provided to district committee chairpersons, and District Cabinet Officers. Copies of

the District Roster Book will be available to all 11-C2 Lions via electronic means upon request to the District Secretary.

- H. District administrative and financial records for each fiscal year (including copies of all bank statements, Cabinet minutes, convention proceedings, annual committee reports, and any other documentation deemed necessary by the District Governor) shall be maintained for a minimum of seven (7) years. These historical records shall be held collectively by the current Cabinet Secretary or Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer, and shall be forwarded to the succeeding Cabinet Secretary or Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer by the Immediate Past District Governor, Treasurer, and Secretary.
- I. All checks drawn on the District checking account shall be signed by the District Governor, or by the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor or the District Cabinet Treasurer. Checks for the District checking account shall be printed with the heading “Lions of Michigan District 11-C2” only and shall not include the Cabinet Treasurer’s name and/or address.
- J. The District Treasurer, with the approval of the mini-cabinet, shall have the discretion to maintain the District Funds in any insured deposit account at any approved financial institution. Funds may be placed in short term investment vehicles not to exceed twelve months so long as the District Treasurer maintains sufficient funds in a liquid account to cover the ongoing expenses of the District. The 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor shall have the right to have final approval of any time deposits that would have a maturity date after the first day of their year as District Governor.
- K. The District shall pay out a stipend to the Zone Chairpersons, Cabinet Secretary, Cabinet Treasurer, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governors, and District Governor annually with the amount to be determined in the annual budget. When each person’s requirements are met, payment will be made at the annual District Convention or upon completion of set requirements, as designated by the District Governor.
  - a. Requirements for Region Chairperson and Zone Chairperson are: Three out of four Zone meetings must be completed; Give a brief, concise zone or region report at the district cabinet meeting; Must attend three out of four cabinet meetings; Report your club visitations on a timely basis; Must attend the District Convention to be paid stipend.
  - b. Requirements for the Cabinet Treasurer and Cabinet Secretary are: Give a brief, concise report at the district cabinet meetings; must attend three out of four district cabinet meetings; Must attend the District Convention to be paid stipend.
  - c. Requirements for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governors are: Make official club visits; Must attend three out of four district cabinet meetings; Must attend the District Convention to be paid stipend.
- L. Clubs making donations to 501(c)3 projects should send the donations directly to the projects and not to the committee chairpersons and not the Cabinet Treasurer with the exception of Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) donations. Donations for district restricted accounts should be sent to the Cabinet Treasurer, who will deposit the monies in the restricted account and post the amount to the appropriate fund.
  - a. Donations to LCIF may be made to the District Reserve Fund to allow for the bestowing of a Melvin Jones Fellowship pursuant to Section 1C of this Article.

Section 7. **Lioness**

- A. The District Cabinet shall approve by motion at its first official Cabinet Meeting, the continuation and support of Lioness District 11-C2.
- B. The District Governor shall direct that an official resolution supporting our District’s Lioness Clubs be prepared by the Constitution & By-Laws, Rules, Resolutions, and Policy Manual Committee and present said resolution at the annual District Convention bearing in mind that no mention of “Lioness District” be made in the resolution.

Section 8. **Miscellaneous**

- A. The official District 11-C2 logo will be as follows:



- B. District 11-C2 Lions of Michigan Privacy Policy

District 11-C2, Lions of Michigan recognizes the importance of protecting the private information of our members. District 11-C2, Lions of Michigan collects personal information about Lions Club members to facilitate communications with and between our members. This information is to be used solely to further its Purposes including “to unite the clubs in bonds of friendship good fellowship and mutual understanding” and to conduct its necessary operational activities including:

- Dues and other billings
- Distribution of The Pride magazine and membership/officer information and updates
- Convention and meeting planning
- Contact information for Lion leaders, including past and present International Officers, Directors, and Board Appointees, Multiple District Council Chairpersons and Council of Governors, District and Vice District Governors, and Club Officers
- Furtherance of Public Relations activities and Cooperative Alliances
- Support of Lions Clubs International Foundation and other adopted service programs
- Special advertising, non-dues revenue programs or other purposes in accordance with the Purposes and Objects as determined by the International Board of Directors
- Disclosure of information as required by law or that is pertinent to judicial or governmental investigations