

Constitution and By-Laws Executive Summary to Accompany the newly revised MD24 Constitution and By-Laws

Following is a detailed companion to the attached revised Constitution and By-Laws which explains the rationale for the additions and deletions, Article by Article. If there are questions, please address them to the Committee or bring them for discussion at Convention. Highlighted items are Administrative and either align the MD CBL with the LCI Standard, will organize previously approved language or provide organization/clarification information. These changes do not require a vote by the MD 24 Delegates. **The remaining Substantive changes will be voted upon and require approval by the delegates.**

ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION:

Article I – Name. paragraph (a) was deleted as redundant.

Article VI – Officers and Council of Governors.

Section 1. Composition. The area highlighted in yellow with strike through was not in the amendment approved at 2024 State Convention as noted in the minutes. The additional wording in red is added to clarify duties.

Section 2. Officers. Sentence highlighted in yellow was moved from the paragraph above to further describe State Secretary/Treasurer duties.

Section 4. Removal. The wording change is to clarify that the Council Chairperson who is a member of the Council of Governors is not part of the Special Meeting to vote on removal of the Council Chairperson.

Article VII – State Convention.

Section 2. Finances. This section highlighted in yellow is moved here from Special Convention and inserted with clarification as there need to be a “Finances” section for Convention and Special Convention. This was omitted in the current document. Definition of “self-sustained” is provided for clarity.

Section 3. Future Annual State Conventions. The sentence highlighted in yellow is removed as unnecessary as we rotate our conventions as described in the rest of this section.

Section 6. Combined Outgoing and Incoming Council of Governors and Outgoing Council Chairperson Meeting. The wording has been changed to more clearly define the attendance in accordance with the intent of the meeting.

Section 8. Special Convention. (b) The word “Special” was inserted having been omitted.

Article X. Financial Accounting

Section 2. (h) **Multiple District Committee Chairperson Travel Fund.** Wording added to clarify.

Article XIII. **Amendments.**

Section 1. **Amending Procedure.** Wording is removed as incorrect.

Section 2. **Automatic Updates.** The word "International" is inserted for clarification

ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES TO THE BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I Nominations & Endorsement, 3rd and Vice President and International Director

Section 1. **Endorsement Procedure.** (a) Clarification of title.

Section 2. **Nomination.** Clarification of title.

Article II. Appointment of the Council Chairperson

Section 1. Council Chairperson Selection

(b), (iii) Clarification of title.

(b), (iv). Definition of where the event will occur and when.

(b), (v). Explanation of the officer who will serve as Facilitator and how the event shall progress

b) (vii). Clarification of title.

Article III Duties

Section 1. Multiple District COG

(d) Clarification of title

(e). Clarification of title

Section 2. Multiple District Council Chairperson

(m). This is administrative to include wording from the LCI Standard Form Constitution

Article IV Multiple District Standing Committees.

Section 1. **Credentials Committee.** Section re-written to better define its composition.

Section 2. **State Convention Committee.** Addition as this position is important for guidance, was included in our former C&BL and removed in error.

Section 3. **Resolutions Committee** Definition and duties were not included in current document.

Section 4. **Nominations Committee.** Duties were not included

Section 5. **Elections Committee** Definition and duties were not included in current document

Section 6. **Steering Committee** Title changed to be correct and definition and duties were not included in current document

Section 7. **Minutes Approval Committee** was eliminated from the current document

Section 8. **Constitution & By-Laws Committee** Definition and duties not included in the current document

Section 10. **Multiple District GAT.** This is added from the Standard Form LCI Constitution

Article VI. State Convention.

Section 1. **Convention Site Selection.** Both changes are house-keeping. Convention is on a rotation cycle and no vote is needed

Section 8. **Official Report.** This is eliminated as redundant.

Article IX. Miscellaneous.

Section 3. **Audit or Review.** Definition changed to specify exact format

Article X. Amendments

Section 2. **Automatic Updates.** Wording inserted for clarification.

SUBSTANTITIVE CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION

Article III – **Membership.** **Inserted wording** will allow for updates to the document without the need for amendment should more cities be incorporated within a given District.

Article VI – **Officers and Council of Governors.**

Section 3. **Powers.** Paragraph (f) was **added** because Clubs in Good Standing are allowed to vote, and under the current wording, being suspended by the COG does not remove a club from a “Good Standing” position, and therefore the club CAN vote even when suspended, unless we add not being suspended by the COG as a condition to being in Good Standing.

Article X. Financial Accounting

Section 1. **Definition.** This section is **added** to **define earnings** in this section. The term “earnings” will be substituted where interest, dividends or realized gains is written.

Section 2. (a). **District administration Fund.** This section has been **reworded** to clarify that funds cannot be disbursed from this fund until the District Cabinet has approved the district budget.

Section 2. (b) **State Administration Fund.** Wording has been **added** to clarify handling of the funds.

Section 5. **Disbursements.** Wording in yellow strike through has been **removed** and a sentence added in red to clarify the disbursement and to eliminate any specific method of payment as checks and electronic banking can both be used.

Section 6. **Excess Funds.** Wording in yellow highlighted area is **removed** as the Investment Committee is eliminated.

Section 8. **Interest.** This section is **eliminated** as we no longer have funds in interest bearing accounts.

Article XII. **Obligations.**

Section 2. **Clubs in Good Standing.** This wording in red is **inserted** to complement Article VI, Section 3 (f)

SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES TO THE BY LAWS:

Article III Duties

Section 1. Multiple District Council Of Governors:

(f). The Multiple District Policy Manual is **added** by the Council of Governors as a guide document. It will replace what was called the BORAD Policy manual and as such it must be adopted each year by the incoming Council with any changes they might make. This is not in the Standard Form Multiple District Constitution, however the only "Board" recognized by LCI is the LCI Board of Directors"

(g). **Changed** to allow the Council of Governors more flexibility.

(h). **Added** as there is no place, in the current C&BL where a MD budget is approved

Section 3. State Secretary/Treasurer Clarification of duties

(a) Wording **changed** to allow the Council of Governors more flexibility

Article IV Multiple District Standing Committees. **Wording changed** to match Article V, Section 1. Additional sentence added as there has been no requirement for Multiple District committees to report their activities.

Section 9. **Investment Committee** is **eliminated** as it is the role of the Council of Governors to manage the finances and investments of the Multiple District

Section 9. **Finance Committee** New committee **added** with definition of membership and duties and would replace any other committees charged with these provisions

Section 9. **Strategic Planning Committee.** This is **eliminated** as the GAT and District Goals have these duties and replace the need for this committee.

Article V. Meetings

Section 1. **Council Meetings.** Wording **added** to allow flexibility to the Council of Governors

Respectfully submitted,

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