

CONSTITUTION
and BY-LAWS
of
Lions of Illinois, Inc.



Multiple District One
STATE OF ILLINOIS
Lions Clubs International
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Lions Clubs International

PURPOSES

TO ORGANIZE, *charter and supervise service clubs to be known as Lions clubs.*

TO COORDINATE *the activities and standardize the administration of Lions clubs.*

TO CREATE *and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.*

TO PROMOTE *the principles of good government and good citizenship.*

TO TAKE *an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community.*

TO UNITE *the clubs in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding.*

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.*

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.*

VISION STATEMENT

TO BE *the global leader in community and humanitarian service.*

MISSION STATEMENT

TO EMPOWER *Lions clubs, volunteers and partners to improve health and well-being, strengthen communities, and support those in need through humanitarian service and grants that impact lives globally, and encourage peace and international understanding.*

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CONSTITUTION and BY-LAWS
of
LIONS OF ILLINOIS
MULTIPLE DISTRICT NO. 1
of
THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
LIONS CLUBS

ARTICLE I
NAME

This organization shall be known as “Multiple District 1, State of Illinois, and will be hereinafter referred to as “State.”

ARTICLE II
PURPOSES

The purposes of this multiple district shall be:

- A. To provide an administrative structure with which to advance the Purposes of Lions Clubs International in this multiple district.
- B. To create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.
- C. To promote the principles of good government and good citizenship.
- D. To take an active interest in the 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
MEMBERSHIP

The membership of this organization shall consist of all Lions Clubs in the State of Illinois duly chartered by the International Association of Lions Clubs, hereinafter referred to as “Lions Clubs International” and in good standing with Lions Clubs International, their respective Districts and the State.

ARTICLE IV
EMBLEM, COLORS, SLOGAN and MOTTO

Section 1. EMBLEM. The emblem of this association and each chartered club shall be of a design as follows:



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 SUPREMACY

The Standard Form Multiple District Constitution and By-Laws shall govern the multiple district unless otherwise amended as the MD-1 Constitution and By-Laws, resulting without conflict with the 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 MD-1 Constitution and By-Laws and the International Constitution and By-Laws, then the International Constitution and By-Laws shall govern. Whenever there may exist a conflict or a contradiction between the provisions set out in the MD-1 Policy Manual and the MD-1 Constitution and By-Laws, then the MD-1 Constitution and By-Laws shall govern.

ARTICLE VI DISTRICTS

Section 1. The State consists of ten Districts, designated Districts 1-A, 1-BK, 1-CN, 1-CS, 1-D, 1-F, 1-G, 1-H, 1-J, 1-M, with boundary lines as outlined in Appendix A of this document, as adopted by a multiple district convention and approved by the International Board of Directors of Lions Clubs International.

Section 2. New Districts may be formed with no less than thirty-five (35) Clubs with a total membership of no less than one thousand two hundred fifty (1,250) members in good standing, provided:

- A. The proposal for the formation of the new District or Districts has been approved by a two-thirds majority vote of the members of the State Council;
- B. Written notice that such proposal has been approved by the State Council is given to each club in each District affected by the formation of the new District, such notice to be given by the District Governor or District Governors of the District or Districts affected at least sixty (60) days prior to the convening of the State Convention, at which a special meeting of the District or Districts affected shall be held in order that the vote thereon may be taken;
- C. That such State Council approved proposal for formation of a new District or Districts be presented to a special meeting of the District or Districts affected held at the State Convention and the same be adopted by affirmative vote cast of the majority of the delegates from each of the existing District or Districts which will be affected thereby present at such special meeting. In the event that a majority of the delegates from any District affected do not approve the proposal, said proposal shall be rejected.

Section 3. Any District may be divided within its own boundaries into two (2) or more Districts, each such District to contain thirty-five (35) or more clubs with a total membership of no less than one thousand two hundred fifty (1,250) members in good standing, provided:

- A. A proposal to divide such district has been approved by a two-thirds majority of the members of the State Council, including the District Governor of the said District;

B. That written notice that the State Council has adopted the proposal to divide a District within its own boundaries into two (2) or more Districts be first served upon each club's secretary and president in the District by its District Governor. The notice shall clearly state the proposed division and proposed new boundaries of each new district and shall further specify the last day upon which votes thereon may reach the office of the District Governor in order to be counted; such last day shall be not less than forty (40) days and not more than sixty (60) days after the date of mailing of said notice. A simple majority vote of the members of not less than two-thirds of the clubs in the District shall be required to approve the division of the District as recommended by the State Council of Governors.

Section 4. Upon compliance with all the provisions of the foregoing Sections 2 and 3, the proposal for the formation of the new District or Districts or the proposal to divide a District shall be submitted to and approved by the majority vote of the delegates present and voting at a regular session of a State Convention.

Section 5. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Club may transfer from one District to an adjacent District and boundaries changed accordingly without the necessity of following the formal redistricting procedures if such transfer does not substantially change the existing District boundaries; provided, that it obtains the approval of a majority of the members of the Club, approval of the current District Governors of the respective adjacent Districts, and approval of the District Governors Cabinets of the respective adjacent Districts and approval of the International Board of Directors. Such Club transfer shall become effective immediately upon Board Approval.

Section 6. Within thirty (30) days after approval at a State Convention the redistricting proposal as approved by the delegates of the Multiple District Convention and, in the case of a multiple district redistricting proposal also approved by a convention of the redistricting subdistricts of the multiple district, shall be submitted to the International Board of Directors, together with a map showing boundary lines for all proposed Sub-Districts and a list showing the Lions Clubs which shall comprise each proposed Sub-District. PROVIDED, however, that approval by the convention of redistricting sub-district(s) is not required if the respective redistricting sub-district(s) does not meet the minimum district requirements as provided in the International Constitution and By-Laws. In the event the International Board of Directors approves such redistricting proposal, it shall become effective at the close of the International Convention which next follows the date of such Board approval; PROVIDED, however, that delegates from Clubs which will comprise the respective new Sub-Districts shall elect a District Governor and may adopt a Constitution and By-Laws at a meeting held in conjunction with the Convention or the District (Sub- or Multiple) being redistricted, after said Board approval and prior to said International Convention, or, in the event an existing Sub-District is substantially realigned the delegates of the Clubs which comprise said Sub-District may elect a District Governor at a meeting of the registered delegates of the Sub-District in attendance at the annual Multiple District One Convention.

Section 7. A map showing the boundary lines of any District changed by transfer of a club or clubs from one District to another District shall likewise be submitted to the International Board of Directors within thirty (30) days after final action on such transfer and such new boundary lines shall become effective from and after the date that the International Board of Directors approves such new boundary lines.

ARTICLE VII
OFFICERS AND COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

Section 1. The State Organization of Multiple District 1 shall be governed by a State Council of Governors, with said Council being composed of all the duly qualified and acting District Governors in the state and a Council Chairperson, duly elected as provided herein, with each member of the Council of Governors, including the Council Chairperson, having one (1) vote on each question requiring action of the Council of Governors. The officers of Multiple District 1 shall be the members of the Council of Governors.

Section 2. At a meeting held during the annual MD-1 Convention, or during any other time designated by the Council of Governors prior to the annual LCI Convention, the District Governors-Elect and First Vice District Governors of the incoming Council shall interview and select a Council Chairperson and Global Action Team (GLT, GMT, GST, etc.) to serve a one-year term. The State Secretary-Treasurer shall advise each of the District Governors-Elect and First Vice District Governors of the incoming Council, and the candidates for Council Chairperson and Global Action Team offices, of the time and place of the meeting, but no formal notice shall be required beyond the notice provided by this section. A majority of the District Governors-Elect and First Vice District Governors of the incoming Council shall constitute a quorum. The District Governors-Elect and First Vice District Governors of the incoming Council may prescribe such rules for the conduct of the meeting as they deem appropriate.

Candidates for the Council Chairperson position must be either serving as a current District Governor during the term as Council Chairperson, or be a Past District Governor, having served as an MD-1 District Governor within the previous five fiscal Lions years immediately preceding the year they are to serve as Council Chairperson. During this same meeting, three District Governors-Elect shall be selected to serve with the Council Chairperson and together will comprise the Executive Committee of the Council of Governors. The Executive Committee shall consist of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer. However, none of the three District Governors-Elect chosen to serve on the Executive Committee shall be from the same sub-district as the Council Chairperson they have previously selected. The Lions of Illinois Executive Committee shall be empowered to act on matters requiring immediate attention between Council meetings and shall submit a full written report of its actions to the State Council at its next succeeding meeting for its approval.

Section 3. To provide for the reasonable rotation of the Council Chairperson, the term of the position shall be for one year only. No one shall serve more than one term as Council Chairperson. Furthermore, the Council Chairperson shall be from a District other than the home District of the immediate preceding year's Chairperson.

Section 4. POWERS. Except where inconsistent with and contrary to the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation and Constitution and By-Laws of Lions Clubs International, the powers granted therein to the Board of Directors of said Association, and the policies and acts of said Board of Directors, the Council of Governors shall:

- A. Have jurisdiction and control over all officers and agents, when acting as such, of the Council of Governors and all committees of the Multiple District and Multiple District Convention;
- B. Have management and control over the property, business and funds of the Multiple District;
- C. Have jurisdiction, control and supervision over all phases of the Multiple District Convention and all other meetings of the Multiple District;

- D. Have original jurisdiction, when authorized under policy of the International Board of Directors and under rules of procedure prescribed by said board, to hear and rule upon any complaint of a constitutional nature raised by any sub-district or districts, and Lions club, or any member of a Lions club, in the Multiple District. All such rulings of the Council of Governors shall be subject to review and decision by said International Board;
- E. Have control and management of all budgetary matters of the Multiple District and committees of the Multiple District and Multiple District Convention. No obligation may be approved or made which shall effect an unbalanced budget or deficit in any fiscal year.

Section 5. REMOVAL. At the request of the majority of the Council of Governors, A Special Meeting of the Council may be called for the purpose of removal of the Council Chairperson. Regardless of the manner in which the Council Chairperson is selected or elected, the Council Chairperson may be removed from the Council for cause by an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the entire number of the Council of Governors.

Section 6. A State Secretary-Treasurer shall be appointed by the Council of Governors, according to the guidelines set forth in the Lions of Illinois Inc. Policy Manual. The salary of the State Secretary-Treasurer, as well as the basis of reimbursement of expenses incurred while performing the duties of the office, shall be established at the time of the appointment. The State Secretary-Treasurer shall not be a voting member of the State Council but shall be eligible to attend its meetings and participate in its discussions. The office of the State Secretary-Treasurer, to be known as the State Office, shall be located in Springfield, Illinois, or in such other location as may be designated by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Council of Governors.

The State Office shall be situated in a location not being used as a personal residence or private dwelling. Access to the State Office is to be available to all Lions of Illinois during normal State Office business hours. Access to the State Office, any and all legally permissible records, electronic or hard copy, including access to the Lions of Illinois email account are to be available to the Council of Governors during normal State Office business hours.

Section 7. A majority of the members of the State Council shall constitute a quorum thereof, and except where otherwise provided in this Constitution or Bylaws, the majority vote of a quorum present shall constitute the official action of the State Council.

Section 8. At the meeting to be held during the International Convention following their election, the newly elected District Governors in attendance shall fix a time and place for the next meeting of the State Council, which meeting shall be held not more than sixty (60) days following the adjournment of that Convention. Subsequent meetings shall be held at such times and places as may be fixed by action of the Council. Special meetings may be called either by the Chairperson, as deemed necessary and advisable, or by the individual requests of any three members of the Council made either to the Council Chairperson or the State Secretary-Treasurer. Upon receipt of the third such request, the Council Chairperson or the State Secretary-Treasurer shall, without delay, give written notification (postal or electronic) to all members of the Council of the time and place of such special meeting, stating the purpose for which it is being called, with said notice given at least fourteen (14) days prior to such special meeting. The Council Parliamentarian and State Secretary-Treasurer shall also be given said notice.

Section 9. Alternative electronic meeting formats. Regular and Special Council of Governors Meetings/Executive Committee Meeting/State Committee Meetings may be conducted by alternative

electronic meeting formats. Alternative electronic meetings shall be subject to all rules outlined in the Lions of Illinois Policy Manual as adopted to govern such meetings, which may include any reasonable limitations on, and requirements for, member's participation. Any such rules adopted shall supersede any conflicting rules in the parliamentary authority. At alternative electronic meetings, any votes required under the rules shall be conducted through individual recognition by each member during the call.

Section 10. The appointed State Secretary-Treasurer may be removed from office at any time by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Council of Governors, in which event the vacancy so created shall be filled for the remaining term of office by the Council.

ARTICLE VIII DISTRICT ORGANIZATION

Section 1. OFFICERS. Each 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, Global Membership Team district coordinator, Global Leadership Team district coordinator, Global Service Team district coordinator, LCIF district coordinator, a cabinet secretary-treasurer or a cabinet secretary and a cabinet treasurer, and such other club members as may be included in this section as amended in accordance with the amendment procedures contained herein. Each such cabinet member shall be a member in good standing of a Lions club in good standing in the district.

Section 2. Each District shall be administered by its duly selected District Governor. Each District Governor shall appoint within thirty days after officially taking office, or the district shall have elected, a District Cabinet, consisting of a Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer, Global Membership Team district coordinator, Global Leadership Team district coordinator, Global Service Team district coordinator, LCIF district coordinator a Region Chairperson for each Region within the District (for those Districts retaining the optional position of Region Chairperson) and a Zone Chairperson for each Zone within the District. The District Cabinet shall also include the Immediate Past District Governor, the 1st Vice District Governor and 2nd Vice District Governor as voting members. The Individual Districts may, by vote of the District Cabinet, include as members of the District Cabinet any Past District Governor or Governors, Past International officers or Directors and Chairpersons of District Committees, with or without voting rights, if the language and procedure is provided in the sub district constitution for such action.

Section 3. REMOVAL. Each officer appointed by the District Governor or elected by the district shall be a member in good standing of a chartered Lions Club in the District. Members of the District Cabinet appointed by the District Governor may be removed from office for cause by the District Governor. Elected 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.

In the event that a District Governor fails or refuses to perform the duties of office as prescribed by this Constitution and By-Laws or the Constitution and By-Laws of Lions Clubs International, the Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer shall, upon the written request of a majority of the members of the District Cabinet, call a meeting of the District Cabinet within twenty (20) days after receipt of such request for the purpose of considering a recommendation to the President and Board of Directors of Lions Clubs International that the Governor be removed from office. The notice of such meeting shall be in writing, shall be mailed to each member of the District Cabinet not less than fifteen (15) days

prior to the date set for the meeting, and shall specify the purpose of the meeting. Upon a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the members of the District Cabinet in favor of removal of the District Governor from office, a recommendation to that effect shall be submitted to the President and the Board of Directors of Lions Clubs International for its consideration, together with a recommendation of a qualified successor.

Section 4. The District Cabinet shall meet at such times and places as may be fixed by the District Governor, and a majority of the voting members of the Cabinet shall constitute a quorum at any cabinet meeting.

Section 5. For the purpose of efficiency, economy and stimulation of action, each District shall be divided by its District Governor into Regions of sixteen (16) or less Clubs each, and each Region into Zones of eight (8) or less, due regard being given to geographical locations of the Clubs, which divisions shall be subject to change by the District Governor as may be deemed advisable for the best interests of Lionism and the individual Clubs.

Section 6. The District Governor of each District shall be elected at the annual District Convention by the delegates of the Clubs in the District and shall take office immediately on adjournment of the following International Convention. 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 may constitute the annual convention of the district (provided the multiple district convention occurs at least thirty (30) days before the convening date of the International Convention). The elections shall be conducted as provided in Article II, Section 2 of the LCI Standard District By-Laws.

A candidate for the office of District Governor shall be an active member in good standing of a chartered Lions Club in good standing, in his/her Sub-District, shall secure the endorsement of his/her Club or a majority of the Clubs in his/her Sub-District, and shall currently be serving as the 1st Vice District Governor within the Sub-District. Only in the event the current 1st Vice District Governor does not stand for election as District Governor, or if a vacancy in the position of 1st Vice District Governor exists at the time of the Sub-District Convention, the 2nd Vice District Governor may stand for election as District Governor. In the event the current 2nd Vice District Governor does not stand for election as District Governor, or if a vacancy in the position of 2nd Vice District Governor exists at the time of the Sub-District Convention, then any Club member who fulfills the qualifications for the office of 2nd Vice District Governor as provided in the following Section 9 of this Article VIII who is currently serving or who has served one (1) additional year as a member of the Cabinet, shall fulfill the foregoing requirement that he/she shall currently be serving as the 1st Vice District Governor within the Sub-District, and shall therefore, be eligible to stand for election as District Governor.

Section 7. The officers of each District, in addition to the District Governor are: the Immediate Past District Governor, the 1st Vice District Governor, the 2nd Vice District Governor, the Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer, the Global Membership Team district coordinator, Global Leadership Team district coordinator, Global Service Team district coordinator, LCIF district coordinator, the Region Chairpersons and the Zone Chairpersons. There shall be a District Governor's Advisory Committee in each Zone composed of the Zone Chairperson and the Presidents and Secretaries of the Clubs in the Zone. The Zone Chairperson in each Zone shall arrange and conduct such number of Zone Advisory Committee meetings during the year in which he/she holds office as required or recommended by Lions Clubs International, but in no event less than three (3).

Section 8. There may be in each District a District Governor's Honorary Committee composed of Past International Officers, Past International Directors, and Past District Governors within the District. The Chairperson of the Committee shall be appointed by the District Governor, and the Committee shall meet when and as called upon to meet by the District Governor or by its Chairperson.

Section 9. An election for the offices of 1st Vice District Governor and 2nd Vice District Governor shall be conducted at the same time and place as the District Governor is elected and are to take office immediately on adjournment of the International Convention and serve until the adjournment of the following International Convention. The result of such elections shall be reported to the International Office by the current District Governor.

Section 10. A candidate for the office of 1st Vice District Governor shall:

- (A) Be an Active Member in good standing of a chartered Lions Club in good standing in his/her single or Sub-District.
- (B) Secure the endorsement of his/her Club or a majority of the Clubs in his/her single or Sub-District.
- (C) Have served, or will have served at the time he/she takes office, as 1st Vice District Governor:
 - (1) As President of a Lions Club for a full term or major portion thereof, and a member of the Board of Directors of a Lions Club for no less than two (2) additional years, and
 - (2) As Zone Chairperson or Region Chairperson or Cabinet Secretary and/or Treasurer for a full term or major portion thereof.
 - (3) As 2nd Vice District Governor for a full term, or the majority thereof.
 - 4) With none of the above being accomplished concurrently.

Section 11. A candidate for the office of 2nd Vice District Governor shall:

- (A) Be an Active Member in good standing of a chartered Lions Club in good standing in his/her single or Sub-District.
- (B) Secure the endorsement of his/her Club or a majority of the Clubs in his/her single or Sub-District.
- (C) Have served, or will have served at the time he/she takes office, as 2nd Vice District Governor:
 - (1) As President of a Lions Club for a full term or major portion thereof, and a member of the Board of Directors of a Lions Club for no less than two (2) additional years, and,
 - (2) As Zone Chairperson, ~~or~~ Region Chairperson, district global extension team coordinator, district global leadership team coordinator, district global membership team coordinator, district global service team coordinator, district LCIF coordinator, or Cabinet Secretary and/or Treasurer for a full term or major portion thereof.
 - (3) With none of the above being accomplished concurrently.

ARTICLE IX DISTRICT REVENUE

Section 1. To provide revenue to defray the Administrative expenses of each District, an annual per capita District Administration Fund Tax, the amount thereof for each District to be determined by each District Governor and his/her Cabinet at the first cabinet meeting, shall be levied upon each member in each District, and shall be paid in advance by each Club in the district in two (2) semi-annual payments on September 10 and March 10 of each year, billing of same to be based upon the roster of each Club as of the last day of June and the last day of December respectively. Said tax shall

be collected from each Club by the District Secretary/Treasurer of the District of which the club is a member, excepting new and reorganized Clubs, which shall pay a pro-rated per capita tax beginning the first day of the second month following the date of their organization. In addition, Lions Clubs placed on Status Quo by Lions Clubs International shall not be billed for said tax until they are brought back to good standing.

Section 2. Said per capita tax collected in each District shall become, and remains, a fund of said District and shall be disbursed only for such administrative expenses of the District as are approved by the District Governor's Cabinet. Payments out of said District Administrative Fund shall be by checks drawn and signed by the District Secretary-Treasurer and countersigned by the District Governor.

Section 3. The District Secretary-Treasurer shall be required to make Bond in such amount as shall be approved by the District Governor's Cabinet.

Section 4. The District Governor's Cabinet shall provide for an audit of the books and accounts of the District Secretary-Treasurer annually, or at more frequent intervals, if necessary, by a competent auditor. A copy of said audit shall be sent to each member of the Cabinet.

ARTICLE X STATE CONVENTION

Section 1. An annual convention of this multiple district shall be held in each year prior to the international convention at a place selected by the delegates of a previous annual convention of this multiple district and at a date and time fixed by the Council of Governors which shall conclude no less than fifteen (15) days prior to the convening date of the international convention. During each State Convention, the State Council shall select the site for the State Convention not more than two (2) years in advance. Notwithstanding, if a site proposes a multi-year contract, the State Council may consider the proposal. In the event a site is not selected by the State Council as herein provided, or in the event that it subsequently becomes necessary to hold the State Convention elsewhere, the site selection shall be made by a subsequent vote of the State Council at any time. The State Council shall also have the responsibility of fixing the date of each State Convention.

Section 2. The State Office shall send out invitations to bid on the two (2) year out State Convention to hotels within the state that the State Council feels meet the needs of the convention, at least one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the convention at which the site is to be selected. The Chairperson of the State Council shall receive all hotel bids in writing from cities desiring to entertain the convention for the years specified in the foregoing Section 1 not later than ninety (90) days prior to said convention. Such hotel bids which meet the needs of the convention shall clearly define the facilities and services available including what housing will be available for the convention and shall certify the dates available. In the event no hotel bids have been received by the Council Chairperson ninety (90) days prior to said convention the State Office may be directed by the State Council to contact other hotels.

Section 3. A Site Selection Team consisting of the current Council Chair, Immediate Past Council Chair, State Secretary-Treasurer and current State Convention Chair will visit each bidding hotel as a group to inspect the facilities to assure that the hotel meets the criteria for hosting a State Convention. The Site Selection Team will also discuss services needed, including, but not limited to, housing, catering, meeting room space, audio visual and hospitality room requirements. Once all

visits are completed, the Site Selection Team will present their recommendation to the Council during the convention at which the site selection is to be made, for their consideration and decision.

Section 4. The State Council shall retain and have the absolute power to change at any time for good and sufficient reason, without the individual District or Districts incurring any liability whatsoever, the city, date or place of holding the State Convention. All prospective Host City bidders and prospective Host Clubs shall be notified of this provision.

Section 5. The State Convention shall be presided over by the District Governors in turn in such manner as they may agree upon, and they shall have supervision over all phases of the Convention, including the financing thereof.

Section 6. A meeting of each District in the State may be held at the State Convention at which financial and other reports shall be presented to the delegates by the District Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer and the District Governor, and at which, if so determined by the District Cabinet, the District Governor, 1st Vice District Governor and 2nd Vice District Governor, shall be elected.

Section 7. At least seventy-five (75) days before each annual State Convention the State Council shall appoint such committees as shall be deemed necessary to properly administer the Convention, including Resolutions, Elections, Rules, Sergeant-At-Arms, Registrations, Necrology, and Credentials, and shall also appoint a Parliamentarian to act in an advisory capacity at all Convention meetings. Each Convention Committee shall be composed of one member from each district appointed by the District Governor of the District, with a member of the State Council as Chairperson. The Committee Chairperson shall be the member of the Committee from his/her District.

Section 8. Each chartered Club in the State in good standing with Lions Clubs International, the State and their respective Districts and with all International, State and District taxes paid at least fifteen (15) days prior to the close of credential certification shall be entitled to one (1) voting delegate and one (1) alternate for each ten (10) members of said Club, who have been enrolled for at least one (1) year and a day in the club; or major fraction thereof, as shown by the records of Lions Clubs International on the first day of the month last preceding that month during which the Convention is held. The major fraction referred to shall be five (5) or more members. Only registered delegates with certified credentials, present in person at any meeting of the Convention, and who have paid the Convention registration fee, shall be entitled to vote, and each such delegate may cast only one (1) vote on each question. To vote on any question, an alternate delegate must obtain from the Cabinet Secretary- Treasurer of the District a delegate's credentials issued in his/her name.

Section 9. Each Club shall submit a written list of accredited delegates and alternates to the Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer of its District not later than five (5) days prior to the opening date of the Convention, and only such accredited delegates or alternates shall be entitled to vote on any matter coming before said Convention, provided however, that the President or Secretary of the Club, or the District Governor of the District in which the Club is located, may correct or add to such list at any time prior to the convening of any meeting of the Convention.

Section 10. Each Past President of Lions Clubs International, each International Officer and each Past District Governor who is a member in good standing of a Club in this State shall be entitled to full delegate privileges at each State Convention and shall not be included in the delegate quota of his/her Club.

Section 11. The delegates present at any duly scheduled or announced meeting of the State Convention shall constitute a quorum.

Section 12. A registration or hospitality fee, the amount of which shall be fixed by the State Council, shall be collected from each delegate, alternate and guest attending the State Convention. . All fees (registration, meals, etc.) pertaining to the State Convention, shall be remitted directly to the State Office by the registrant and under the supervision of and for the State Council, shall be used for defraying the expenses of the convention.

Section 13. A Special Convention of the clubs of the Multiple District may be called by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Council of Governors at such time and place as they shall determine, provided that such Special Convention shall conclude no less than fifteen (15) days prior to the convening date of the International Convention. Written notice of the Special Convention setting forth the time, place, and purpose thereof, shall be provided to each club in the Multiple District by the Multiple District Council Secretary, or State Secretary Treasurer, no less than thirty (30) days prior to the convening date of the Special Convention.

ARTICLE XI

MULTIPLE DISTRICT DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCEDURE

All disputes or claims relative to membership, club boundaries, or interpretation, breach of, or application of the multiple district constitution and by-laws, or any policy or procedure adopted from time to time by the multiple district council of governors, or any other internal Lions multiple district matter that cannot be satisfactorily resolved through other means, shall be resolved in accordance with the Dispute Resolution Procedures established by the International Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XII

STATE REVENUE

Section 1. Beginning with the fiscal year commencing on July 1, an annual per capita State Administrative, International Convention, Promotional Fund and Magazine Fund Tax of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) shall be levied upon each member of each Club in the State and shall be paid in advance by each Club in two (2) semi-annual payments as follows: Five Dollars (\$5.00) per member prior to September 10 and Five Dollars (\$5.00) per member prior to March 10 of each year, billing of same to be based upon the roster of each Club as maintained by Lions Clubs International as of the last day of June and the last day of December respectively. This tax shall be collected from the Clubs in each District of the State by the respective Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer/Cabinet Treasurer excepting, however, new and reorganized Clubs shall pay a prorated per capita tax beginning the first day of the second month following the date of its organization. In addition, Lions Clubs placed on Status Quo by Lions Clubs International shall not be billed for said tax until they are brought back to good standing. Each Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer/Cabinet Treasurer shall forward payment so collected to the Lions of Illinois State Secretary Treasurer by September 10 and March 10, respectively.

Seven Dollars (\$7.00) per capita of said fund shall be used exclusively for defraying State Administrative Fund expenses, which includes State Convention Administrative expenses.

One Dollar and Fifty Cents (\$1.50) per capita of said fund shall be available for use for this State's participation in the International Convention. Expenses of each out-going District Governor in connection with his/her attending the International Convention at or near the conclusion of his/her term of office shall be considered a proper charge against this International Convention Fund.

Reimbursement for said expenses of such outgoing District Governors out of this fund shall be according to the General Rules of Reimbursement as adopted by the Council of Governors each year.

Fifty Cents (50¢) per capita of said Fund shall be used exclusively for the promotion and election of candidates from Illinois to the International Board of Directors or to the offices of Third Vice-President, Second Vice-President, First Vice-President and President of Lions Clubs International, provided, however, that the balance to be held in such Fund shall be limited to and maintained at One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000). After this limitation has been reached, this Fifty Cents (\$.50), or the balance thereof after bringing the Fund balance back up to One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000), shall be applied as follows:

- A. 35% thereof shall be allocated to the International Convention Fund, to be used exclusively for out of country outgoing District Governor's convention expenses.
- B. 35% thereof shall be allocated to the Residual Fund.
- C. 30% thereof shall be allocated to the State Administrative Fund.

Any amount in excess of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) held in the Promotion Fund shall be allocated and transferred to the foregoing Funds in the percentages indicated above.

One Dollar (\$1.00) per capita of said Fund shall be used exclusively to design, edit, and post a magazine to the state's website monthly. Two (2) or more issues of the magazine may be combined, should the need arise, at the sole discretion of the State Council.

The aforesaid funds shall be expended only for such items of the foregoing as are approved by the State Council of Governors and by checks drawn and signed by the State Secretary-Treasurer and countersigned by one other member of the Executive Committee, preferably the Council Chairperson. The Council may elect to have payments for utilities, to government agencies, and other similar recurring expenditures made electronically through an approved banking facility, excluding credit card bills.

Section 2. In the event there is a balance remaining at the end of a fiscal year in the State Administrative, International Convention, or Magazine Funds after payment of all State Administrative, International Convention, and Magazine expenses, any portion of the remaining balance of each said Fund may be reallocated by the next succeeding State Council to other Funds to assist with meeting budgetary needs. Notwithstanding, funds in the Promotional Fund shall be used exclusively as outlined in Section 1 of this Article.

Section 3. The State Council shall not incur expenses in excess of cash on hand together with anticipated income from the respective annual per capita State Administrative, International Convention, Promotional and Magazine Fund tax based on the semi-annual billings. No Council shall, at any time, make any single purchase, nor commit to incur any pledge or indebtedness in excess of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00), without first obtaining an affirmative vote of the Lions of Illinois at its State Convention.

Section 4. The State Secretary-Treasurer shall be required to make bond in such amount and with such sureties as shall be approved by the State Council.

Section 5. The State Secretary-Treasurer shall be responsible for the preparation of annual financial statements covering all Funds in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Section 6. The State Council of Governors shall provide for an audit of the annual financial statements to be performed annually by certified public accountants licensed in the State of Illinois. All regulatory reports shall also be performed by a third-party accounting firm and reported to the Council of Governors.

Section 7. The annual financial statements and the annual auditor's report thereon shall be published in the Lions of Illinois Magazine in the issue following the date on which the annual auditor's report is received.

Section 8. The State Office shall be the sole entity responsible for collecting any and all funds on behalf of the Lions of Illinois. As such, all fees, registrations and other related charges of any kind pertaining to any state committee, event, or activity of the Lions of Illinois, (with the exception of an MD-1 Host Committee and its hosting of an International Convention or USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Illinois), shall be remitted directly to the State Office by the Lions Club, Lion, or any other person or organization.

ARTICLE XIII ADOPTION

This Constitution and By-Laws shall become in full force and effect when it has been adopted by a majority affirmative vote of the registered delegates present in person at a meeting held at a State Convention for that purpose.

ARTICLE XIV AMENDMENTS

Section 1. This Constitution can be amended only at a State Convention by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the registered delegates present and voting at a duly scheduled meeting. All voting shall be by secret ballot.

Section 2. Any amendment proposed to the Constitution shall be first approved by the Board of Directors of the Club or the Cabinet of the District in which the proposal originated and shall be submitted in writing by the Club Secretary or the Cabinet Secretary, respectively to the State Secretary-Treasurer not later than one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the first scheduled day of the State Convention. The proposed changes shall then be promptly referred by the State Secretary-Treasurer to the Constitution and By-Laws Committee for consideration. Amendments may also originate with the State Council or the Constitution and By-Laws Committee. After its consideration, the Constitution and By-Laws Committee shall report its recommendations on the proposed amendment to the State Secretary-Treasurer not later than forty-five (45) days prior to the first scheduled day of the State Convention, and the State Secretary-Treasurer shall be responsible for mailing copies of the proposed amendment, together with the recommendations of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee, to each Club in the State at least thirty (30) days prior to the first scheduled day of the State Convention. The Council of Governors, at its discretion, may direct the State Secretary-Treasurer to publish the proposed amendments in the State magazine in lieu of the above cited mailings and in accordance with the prescribed dates. Each District shall reimburse the State for its pro rata share of the cost of the preparation and mailing of such copies, based upon the number of Clubs in the District, and also for publishing same in the last issue of the State magazine to be published prior to the State convention dates.

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. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any amendment required to maintain consistency of the provisions of this Constitution with the provisions of the International Constitution may be made by resolution of the State Council, adopted at a regular or special Council Meeting, which amendment shall take effect without any further action by the delegates at a State Convention on the date of adoption of the resolution, unless otherwise specified in the amendment.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

ENDORSEMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

Section 1. Any Lion of this State seeking endorsement, or for whom an endorsement is sought, for International Director or International Third Vice-President, must be a Lion in good standing and a member of a Lions Club of this State in good standing. He/she shall obtain the endorsement of his/her Sub-District by a majority vote of the registered delegates present and voting at a duly scheduled meeting of a Convention of the Sub-District, which endorsement shall be certified by the District Governor and Cabinet Secretary to the State Secretary-Treasurer immediately after adjournment of the Convention.

Section 2. The District Governors of the State, together with one Past District Governor to be named by each District Governor, shall constitute a Committee on International Candidates. The Chairperson of this Committee shall be the Chairperson of the State Council. This Committee shall investigate the qualifications of each candidate for the office sought and determine when the Lions of this State shall present any candidate for International Office who may be so endorsed.

Section 3. In the event only one (1) Lion is seeking endorsement for International Director or International Vice President, his/her nomination shall be endorsed by the Lions of this State by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the registered delegates present and voting at a duly scheduled meeting of the State Convention. In the event more than one (1) Lion is seeking endorsement for such office, the nomination of that candidate receiving a simple majority of the votes of the registered delegates present and voting at a duly scheduled meeting of the State Convention shall be endorsed by the Lions of this State. If, on the first ballot, and subsequent ballots, no candidate receives a majority, the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes shall be eliminated and balloting shall continue until one (1) candidate receives a majority. All voting shall be by secret ballot.

Section 4. SECONDING SPEECH. Each such nominee for endorsement shall be entitled to one (1) seconding speech of no more than three (3) minutes in duration.

Section 5. CERTIFICATION OF ENDORSEMENT. Certification of endorsement by the multiple district convention shall be made in writing to the international office by the multiple district officials designated, and in accordance with the requirements set forth, in the International Constitution and By-Laws.

ARTICLE II
DUTIES OF MULTIPLE DISTRICT COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS
AND COMMITTEES

Section 1. State Council. The State Council is the deliberative and the assisting body in the formulation of administrative plans and policies affecting the welfare of Lionism within the State. With the exception to events and activities planned and supervised by any MD-1 Host Committee pertaining to hosting an International Convention or USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Illinois, the State Council shall have the authority to approve and administer any and all other contracts for events and activities held on behalf of the Lions of Illinois and shall approve all bills relating thereto. Furthermore, it shall approve any and all arrangements made for such events and activities held on behalf of the Lions of Illinois. It shall designate a depository for all State Funds and shall authorize the payment from such Funds of all legitimate expenses pertaining to the administration of the affairs of the State. It shall set the amount of corporate surety bond for the State Secretary-Treasurer and shall approve the surety company with which the State Secretary-Treasurer shall be bonded. It shall demand of and receive from the State Secretary-Treasurer, financial reports semi- annually or more frequently, if necessary. It shall demand of and receive reports from all Standing Committees, which shall include complete financial reports from all Committees whose State authorized projects may be financially supported. All such reports received from the State Secretary-Treasurer and from all Standing Committees shall be subject to approval by the State Council. It shall make provisions for an audit, at the end of the fiscal year, of the books and accounts of the State Secretary-Treasurer. It shall, in the event of a surplus being left in the State Administrative, International Convention, Promotional and Magazine Fund, make provisions for placing the same in the hands of the succeeding State Council, together with all books and records. It shall publish a synopsis of its actions following each Council Meeting in the State Magazine.

Section 2. State Secretary-Treasurer. Under the supervision and direction of the State Council of Governors, the State Secretary-Treasurer shall:

- (A) keep an accurate and permanent record of the proceedings of all meetings of the Council and forward a copy of the minutes of the meetings to each member of the Council to Lions Clubs International and to the state magazine editor for a synoptic and/or edited publication in the Lions of Illinois Magazine;
- (B) assist the Council in the conduct of the business of the State, including the operation of the State Office and the employment and supervision of staff;
- (C) receive and disburse upon order of the State Council, all State funds, and sign all checks, which would be countersigned by the Council Chairperson. If the Council Chairperson is unavailable, then any other member of the Executive committee may countersign;
- (D) deposit all monies received in such bank or banks as may be designated by the Council;
- (E) bill each Sub-District semiannually for dues, collect and allocate the same to the proper funds, keep accurate records of all receipts and disbursements, with all such records, accounts and books open to inspection of any member of the Council, and any auditors appointed by the Council, at any time;
- (F) submit to the Council at each of its meetings for approval financial reports and a summary of accounts, and to publish in the Lions of Illinois Magazine a redacted/edited account of monies brought into each account and the balance on hand of each account;
- (G) perform duties to provide continuity from one (1) Council to the next;

- (H) assist the Council Chairperson in the planning and preparation of the agenda for Council meetings, and arrange the necessary accommodations for such meetings;
- (I) provide for the State and International Convention site arrangements for the various Convention activities;
- (J) prepare and submit to the Council a proposed State Convention budget and assume responsibility for State Convention pre-registrations, housing accommodations and entertainment;
- (K) cooperate with the various State Committees and with the Chairpersons thereof in making arrangements for Committee meetings;
- (L) assist the Budget Committee in the preparation of the annual Budget;
- (M) act as liaison between the Lions of Illinois and Lions Clubs International;
- (N) perform such other duties as are specified or implied in this Constitution and By-Laws or assigned by the Council.

Section 3. MULTIPLE DISTRICT COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON. The multiple district council chairperson shall be the administrative facilitator of the multiple district. All actions are subject to the authority, direction and supervision of the multiple district Council of Governors. In cooperation with the Council of Governors, the council Chairperson shall:

- (A) Further the Purposes of this association;
- (B) Serve as the Global Action Team Multiple District Chairperson to administer and promote membership growth, leadership development and humanitarian service throughout the multiple district by:
 - (1) Ensuring the selection of a qualified Lion leader for the positions of GST multiple district coordinator, GMT multiple district coordinator and GLT multiple district coordinator.
 - (2) Ensure regular meetings to discuss and advance initiatives established by the multiple district Global Action Team.
 - (3) Collaborate with area leaders and district Global Action Teams
- (C) Assist in communicating information regarding international and multiple district policies, programs and events;
- (D) Document and make available the goals and long range plans for the multiple district as established by the Council of Governors;
- (E) Convene meetings and facilitate discussion during council meetings;
- (F) Facilitate the operations of the multiple district convention;
- (G) Support efforts initiated by the International Board of Directors or the Council of Governors that are intended to create and foster harmony and unity among district governors;
- (H) Submit reports and perform such duties as may be required by the multiple district constitution and by-laws;
- (I) Perform such other administrative duties as may be assigned by the multiple district council of governors; and
- (J) Facilitate, at the close of their term of office, the timely presentation of all multiple district accounts, funds, and records to their successor in office.

Section 4. MULTIPLE DISTRICT COUNCIL SECRETARY-TREASURER. Under the supervision and direction of the Council of Governors, the council secretary-treasurer shall:

- (A) Keep an accurate record of the proceedings of all meetings of the Council of Governors, and within ten (10) days after each meeting forward copies to all members of the Council of Governors, and the office of Lions Clubs International.

(B) Assist the Council of Governors in conducting the business of the multiple district and perform such other duties as are specified or implied in the constitution and by-laws, or as may be assigned to them from time to time by the Council of Governors.

(C) Receive and give proper receipts for all dues and taxes required to be paid over to them by the sub-district cabinet secretary-treasurers, deposit the same in a bank or banks designated by the Council of Governors, and disburse the same under the supervision and control of the Council of Governors by checks drawn against said deposits signed by himself/herself and countersigned by the council chairperson or other duly authorized council member.

(D) Keep accurate books and records of accounts and minutes of all Council of Governors and multiple district meetings, and permit inspection of the same by any member of the Council of Governors or any club in the multiple district (or any duly authorized agent of either) at any reasonable time for any proper purpose.

(E) Secure bond for the faithful performance of their duties in such sum and with such sureties as may be required by the Council of Governors.

(F) Deliver, in a timely manner, at the conclusion of their term in office, the general and/or financial accounts, funds and records of the multiple district to their successor in office.

(G) In the event that separate offices of council secretary and council treasurer are adopted the duties herein are to be attributed to each of the officers according to the nature of the duties.

Section 5. MULTIPLE DISTRICT PROTOCOL CHAIRPERSON. The Council of Governors shall appoint annually a protocol chairperson for the multiple district. Under the supervision and direction of the Council of Governors, the protocol chairperson shall:

(A) At all events attended by visiting dignitaries, provide seating charts in keeping with the association's official protocol; ensure that spoken introductions are based on the same. Ensure that dress requirements are clear for all events.

(B) Arrange for proper airport (or other arrival) greetings; arrange suitable transportation to hotel or other lodging, inspect hotel room in advance to ensure its suitability, and provide appropriate amenities (flowers, fruit, etc.).

(C) Arrange for the proper escort of visitors to each function on the schedule.

(D) Arrange courtesy calls on local government leaders (or regional and/or national leaders if the location suggests this as a possibility), as the visitor's schedule permits.

(E) Coordinate public relations media exposure such as television, radio and print media, as necessary.

Coordinate departure from hotel, and transportation to airport (or other departure venue).

Section 6. GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM (GST) MULTIPLE DISTRICT COORDINATOR. The GST multiple district coordinator is a member of the Multiple District Global Action Team. Their responsibilities include:

(A) Develop and execute an annual multiple district action plan and monitor progress toward goals. Support districts and offers motivation to reach district goals.

(B) Collaborate with GMT and GLT multiple district coordinators and the Global Action Team Multiple District Chairperson (council chairperson) to further initiatives focused on leadership development, membership growth, and expanding humanitarian service.

(C) Support local community service projects that create a sense of belonging and pride to the Lions and Leos in the multiple district.

(D) Collaborate with GMT and GLT to provide retention strategies to districts.

(E) Communicate regularly with GST district coordinators to inform them of LCI and LCIF programs, partnerships, and grants.

- (F) Serve as a resource and content expert for regional best practices in service project implementation for LCI initiatives.
- (G) Encourage GST district coordinators to promote service projects that attract multiple generational participant, including the integration and leadership development of Leos.
- (H) Increase LCIF coordinator collaboration at the multiple district and district level to maximize LCIF resources and fundraising.
- (I) In coordination with the LCIF multiple district coordinator, monitor LCIF Grants given to the multiple district.
- (J) Act as the advocacy champion for the multiple district to implement activities including but not limited to community awareness/education, legislative/public policy, events and partnerships” and re-lettering the remaining items.

Section 7. GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM (GMT) MULTIPLE DISTRICT COORDINATOR. The GMT multiple district coordinator is a member of the Multiple District Global Action Team. Their responsibilities include:

- (A) Collaborate with the GLT and GST multiple district coordinators and the Global Action Team Multiple District Chairperson (council chairperson) to further initiatives focused on leadership development, membership growth and expanding humanitarian service.
- (B) Develop and execute an annual multiple district membership development plan.
- (C) Communicate regularly with the GMT district coordinators to ensure that they are aware of available membership programs and resources.
- (D) Monitor each district’s progress towards membership goals. Offer motivation and support to help districts reach their goals.
- (E) Encourage GMT district coordinators to include diverse populations to participate in Global Action Team initiatives.
- (F) Respond quickly to prospective member leads provided by LCI, track recruitment and provide status report of the lead.
- (G) Complete requirements and submit applications to receive multiple district funding from LCI for membership development activities.
- (H) Provide retention strategies to districts in collaboration with GLT and GST multiple district coordinators.
- (I) Motivate districts to charter specialty clubs.

Section 8. GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM (GLT) MULTIPLE DISTRICT COORDINATOR. The GLT multiple district coordinator is a member of the Multiple District Global Action Team. Their responsibilities include:

- (A) Collaborate with your GMT and GST multiple district coordinators and Global Action Team Chairperson (council chairperson) to further initiatives focused on leadership development, membership growth and expanding humanitarian service.
- (B) Develop and execute an annual multiple district leadership development plan.
- (C) Communicate regularly with GLT district coordinators to ensure they are aware of leadership development programs and resources available.
- (D) Provide ongoing motivation to and monitors progress of GLT district coordinators, zone chairpersons and club leadership to achieve leadership development goals.
- (E) Encourages GLT district coordinators to include diverse populations to participate in Global Action Team initiatives.
- (F) Promote leadership development opportunities that encourages participation all levels of the association.
- (G) Organize and facilitate instructor-led and web-based training in coordination with LCI.

- (H) Collaborate with GMT and GST multiple district coordinators to provide retention strategies to districts.
- (I) Include diverse populations to participate in Global Action Team initiatives.
- (J) Identify potential and new leaders to participate in service, membership and leadership development opportunities.
- (K) Complete requirements and submit applications to receive multiple district funding from LCI for leadership development activities.

Section 9: MULTIPLE DISTRICT MARKETING CHAIRPERSON. They are responsible for marketing and public relations efforts and directly supporting the Global Action Team. Their responsibilities include:

- (A) Collaborate directly with the Global Action Team to direct membership leads that come through marketing channels to appropriate districts and clubs.
- (B) Collaborate with the council of governors to identify and support opportunities for marketing large-scale events, programs, and initiatives.
- (C) Work with the council chairperson to apply for marketing grants.
- (D) Manage social media channels and websites, either directly or through an established multiple district marketing committee.
- (E) Share multiple district success stories through social media.
- (F) Maintain familiarity of the Global Brand Guidelines.
 - (1) Champion appropriate and consistent use of global brand assets in all multiple district activities.
 - (2) Support use of approved brand templates for story and publicity development.
- (G) Promote the good works and newsworthy stories of LCI and LCIF to Lions to members of the media, through social media channels, and to external audiences.

Section 10. LCIF MULTIPLE DISTRICT COORDINATOR. The LCIF Multiple District Coordinator is appointed by the LCIF chairperson and LCI president to serve for a three-year term. This position serves as an ambassador for Lions Clubs International Foundation and reports directly to LCIF chairperson and LCIF Board of Trustees. Their responsibilities include:

- (A) Identify, recruit and train a Lion in each district to serve a three-year term as the LCIF district coordinators.
- (B) Be familiar with LCIF initiatives and educate Lions within the multiple district on the various grants and projects supported by LCIF. Assist district governors with grant applications to LCIF, as needed.
- (C) Promote foundation initiatives in multiple district publications, during district and multiple district events and to the public at large.
- (D) Ensure that LCIF-funded projects within the multiple district receive proper promotion and follow grant-criteria guidelines.
- (E) Encourage all Lions within the multiple district to contribute to LCIF and promote recognition programs as incentives to donate to LCIF.
- (F) Identify potential major gift donors, local foundations, corporations, and businesses with the potential to support LCIF, and when appropriate, be involved in the gift-request process.
- (G) Assist with the submission of LCIF funds, MJF applications, and other donation information when necessary.
- (H) Report progress quarterly to the area LCIF Trustee.

ARTICLE III STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 1. The State Council shall establish such Standing Committees as shall be deemed necessary to properly administer the affairs of Lionism within the State which are not at that time being administered by the Lions of Illinois Foundation. Such Standing Committees may include Constitution and By-Laws, Global Action Committee [consisting of a Global Membership Team (GMT), Global Leadership Team (GLT) and Global Service Team (GST)], Finance, International Convention, State Redistricting, State Magazine, Diabetes Education and Research, Leo Clubs and Youth Activities, Lions Clubs International Foundation, Long Range Planning Committee and Campaign and Liaison. Each such Standing Committee, except Campaign and Liaison, Long Range Planning Committee and the State Finance Committee, shall be composed of one (1) member from each District appointed by the District Governor of the District, and each member shall have one (1) vote in committee deliberations. Unless otherwise appointed by LCI or approved for terms of more than one (1) year, the Chairperson of each Standing committee shall be appointed annually by the State Council (with the approval of LCI if necessary), and with the exception of the Chairperson of the Long-Range Planning Committee, who will be the Immediate Past Council Chairperson and the Finance Committee Chairperson who will be elected as spelled out in Section 8 below. Members of each Standing Committee shall be appointed annually, except as is hereinafter provided for the Constitution and By-Laws Committee, the Campaign and Liaison Committee, the Long-Range Planning Committee, Global Action Committee Chairpersons and the Finance Committee. Each Standing Committee has a responsibility to educate and train its members for future leadership. All State Committee members shall be appointed to a one-year term, except for those Committees with longer terms as further defined in this Article III. ALL Committee Chairpersons shall report regularly to the State Council as required. Any policy procedure to be adopted by a Standing Committee shall first be submitted to the State Council for its approval, and the budget of each Standing Committee which adopts a budget shall be subject to approval by the State Council. With the exception of the Long-Range Planning Committee, in order to be eligible for appointment as Chairperson of a Standing Committee, the appointee shall have served as a District Chairperson of that Committee for at least one (1) year. However, in the event that no application is received for a State Chairperson position, or the Council is not in favor of any applications received for a particular committee, the Council may waive the one (1) year eligibility requirement and appoint a Lion to fill the position.

Section 2. The members of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee shall be appointed for a two-year term with members from Districts 1-A, 1-CN, 1-G, 1-J and 1-M being appointed in odd-numbered years. Members from Districts 1-BK, 1-CS, 1-D, 1-F, and 1-H shall be appointed in even-numbered years. Members from possible newly-created Districts shall be alternately appointed as above in the order of district creation beginning with even numbered years. This Committee shall consider all matters of constitutional change which it may originate or which may be referred to it.

Section 3. The State Chairperson of any committee, (except an MD-1 Host Committee and its hosting of an International Convention or USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Illinois), which promotes collection and transmission of moneys from Lions Clubs, or any other person or organization, shall have all such moneys remitted directly to the State Office by the Lions Club, Lion, or any other person or organization.

Section 4. The State Council shall provide for audits of all Committees which handle monies as outlined in Section 3, such audits to be made annually, or at more frequent intervals, if necessary, by

a competent auditor and shall cause copies of such audits in summary form to be published in the State Magazine or to be mailed to the President or Secretary.

Section 5. The Campaign and Liaison Committee shall be created to operate on behalf of the State and with other similar organizations of other states or countries. This Committee shall be composed of all past and present International Directors, who were elected from Multiple District 1; and who are members in good standing of a Club in this State, the Chairperson of the Council of Governors, and one (1) Past District Governor from each District, appointed by the District Governor for a two-year term with Members from Districts 1-A, 1-CN, 1-G, 1-J and 1-M being appointed in odd-numbered years. Members from Districts 1-BK, 1-CS, 1-D, 1-F, and 1-H shall be appointed in even-numbered years. Members from possible newly created Districts shall be alternately appointed as above in the order of district creation beginning with even-numbered years. The Chairperson of the Committee, appointed by the State Council, shall serve as the official spokesman of the committee. At all meetings of the Committee a majority of the members of the Committee appointed in each district by the District Governor, or their alternates as hereinafter provided, shall constitute a quorum. If any appointed member is not present at any meeting, the District Governor then in office shall serve as the alternate. At any meeting held at the International Convention, if the District Governor is not able to serve as the alternate, the District Governor-Elect shall serve as an alternate member of the Committee. The actions of the Official Spokesman shall be governed by the rule of the majority of this Committee.

Section 6. The Global Action Committee shall be composed of a Chairperson who shall be the current Council Chairperson and a State Coordinator for each category of Multiple District Coordinator as currently designated by Lions Clubs International for Multiple District Administration of the Global Action Sub Committees (Currently a Global Membership Chairperson, Global Leadership Chairperson, Global Service Chairperson). Each District will supply a District Chairperson for each category as identified in this section. NO Lion shall occupy the Chairpersonship for more than one category of office under this committee structure (GLT, GMT, GST). Terms for these chair positions will be defined by Lions Clubs International (currently three (3) years for State Chairpersons and one (1) year for District Chairpersons). Each Multiple District Coordinator is responsible for their District Chairpersons only and will report to the Council Chairperson for direction from the Council as well as meet at least once a year with their District Chairpersons to coordinate their individual goals, issues and activities. Each Multiple District Coordinator is also responsible (along with the Council Chairperson) for reporting to their individual Area Leader.

Section 7. The members of the Long-Range Planning Committee shall serve a two (2) year term commencing with the Immediate Past District Governors of 1997-1998 all serving year one (1) during 1998-1999. Then, Immediate Past District Governors from Districts 1-A, 1-BK, 1-CN, 1-F, and 1-G will serve two (2) year terms beginning in odd-numbered years, and Immediate Past District Governors from Districts 1-CS, 1-D, 1-H, 1-J and 1-M will serve two (2) year terms beginning in even numbered years. Members from possible newly created Districts shall be alternately appointed as above in the order of District creation beginning with even numbered years. The Immediate Past Council Chairperson shall serve as Chairperson of this Committee. If none is available, then a Chairperson will be elected by the Committee. This Committee shall identify long term goals and address current issues of the Lions of Illinois and will advise and assist the Council of Governors and standing State Committee Chairpersons in the implementation of these plans.

Section 8. There shall be established a standing Finance Committee composed of five (5) Illinois Lions appointed by the Council of Governors to three (3) year terms. Initially the Council shall

appoint two (2) Lions to three (3) year terms, one (1) Lion to a two (2) year term and one (1) Lion to a one (1) year term. Each Council will appoint successors to three (3) year terms as the originally appointed members' terms expire. The fifth member of the Finance Committee will be the elected Council Treasurer who will serve a one (1) year term during his/her term of office. The current State Secretary-Treasurer shall be an ex officio, non-voting member of the Finance Committee; shall attend all meetings and shall provide all requisite financial and operational information to the Finance Committee as requested by the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee, at its first meeting each Lions year, shall elect from among its members a Chairperson to serve for that year.

Section 9. In order that there may be equal representation for each District on all Standing Committees, except as otherwise herein provided with regard to the Campaign and Liaison and Finance Committees, there shall hereafter be no honorary or lifetime appointments to any committee.

Section 10. The Chairperson of any Standing Committee may be removed at any time by any State Council for good cause shown, in which event a successor shall be appointed by the State Council for the remainder of the term of office.

Section 11. ALTERNATIVE MEETING FORMATS. The procedure for Committee alternative electronic meetings shall be identical with provisions provided for in Article VII, Section 9 of the Constitution of this State.

Section 12. OTHER COUNCIL COMMITTEES. The Council of Governors may create and appoint such other committees and positions as it deems necessary and appropriate for efficient operation of the multiple district.

ARTICLE IV RULES FOR CONVENTION PROCEDURE

Section 1. The State Council shall arrange a program for the State Convention which shall be printed for distribution among those attending and the same shall be the order of the day for all sessions of the Convention.

Section 2. OFFICIAL CALL. The Council of Governors shall issue an official printed call for the annual multiple district convention not less than thirty (30) days prior to the date fixed for holding the same, stating the place, day, and hour thereof.

Section 3. Any resolution proposed for action by the State Convention shall be submitted to the State Secretary-Treasurer in writing not less than thirty (30) days prior to the opening date of the Convention and shall be immediately referred by the State Secretary-Treasurer to the Resolutions Committee, with copies to each District Governor. The State Secretary-Treasurer shall forward copies of each such proposed resolution to the Secretary or President of each Lions Club in the State. No other resolutions may be considered by the Convention except those of a commendatory nature, which may be submitted to the Convention by either the Resolution Committee, or from the floor.

Section 4. A voice vote, a showing of hands, or a standing vote may be taken at any Convention, and the ruling on such showing by the presiding officer shall be deemed conclusive unless said ruling is challenged by an accredited delegate immediately after said ruling is made, in which event the presiding officer shall cause a further vote to be taken and only those accredited delegates present and holding proper credentials shall participate in said voting. Voting shall be by written ballot only when required by the Constitution and By-Laws, or when approved by a majority vote of the delegates

present. A majority vote by attending and accredited delegates shall be sufficient to pass and approve any matter coming before a meeting of the Convention except where a two-thirds (2/3) vote is required by the Constitution and By-Laws. No proxy or absentee voting shall be permitted.

Section 5. Robert Rules of Order shall govern all parliamentary procedure except as otherwise provided in the Rules of Procedure adopted by the Convention.

Section 6. OFFICIAL REPORT. Within sixty (60) days after the close of the multiple district convention, an official report shall be made available to Lions Clubs International and each club in the multiple district by the Council of Governors, or, at its direction, by the council secretary.

Section 7. SUB-DISTRICT CONVENTION. A meeting of the registered delegates of a sub-district in attendance at a multiple district convention may constitute the annual convention of said sub-district.

ARTICLE V MISCELLANEOUS

Section 1. COMPENSATION. No officer shall receive any compensation for any service rendered to this multiple district in their official capacity with the exception of the council secretary-treasurer whose compensation, if any, shall be fixed by the Council of Governors.

Section 2. FISCAL YEAR. The fiscal year of this State shall be from July 1 to June 30 inclusive, of each year.

Section 3. AUDIT OR REVIEW. The Council of Governors shall provide for an annual or more frequent audit or review of the books and accounts of the multiple district.

ARTICLE VI AMENDMENTS

Section 1. AMENDING PROCEDURE. These By-Laws may be amended only at a Multiple District Convention, by resolution reported by the Convention Committee on Constitution and By-Laws and adopted by a majority 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 Multiple District Constitution and By-Laws shall automatically be updated in this Multiple 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.

APPENDIX A.

DISTRICT I-A: Consisting of that part of Cook County South of the northern limits of the City of Chicago and of a line formed by the northern boundary of Dupage County with the exception of the Community of Lemont which shall be in District 1-BK, and the community of Bartlett which shall be in District 1-J.

DISTRICT I-BK: Consisting of the counties of Will, Kankakee, Iroquois together with the Community of Lemont located in the county of Cook, Bureau, Putnam, LaSalle, Kendall, Grundy, Livingston, Marshall, Woodford, McLean, and Ford.

DISTRICT I-CN: Consisting of the counties of Lawrence, Richland, Clay, Marion, Clinton, Wabash, Edwards, Wayne, Jefferson, Washington, Hamilton, White, that part of Madison County South of US Route 40, and that part of St. Clair and Monroe County North of Route 156 (and due west to the Mississippi River), east to Route 13, north to Route 15, and east to the St. Clair County line, including the communities of Waterloo, Hecker, Fayetteville, Freeburg, St. Libory, Maryville, and Troy, and excluding the communities of Highland, and Norris City.

DISTRICT I-CS: Consisting of the Counties of Randolph, Perry, Franklin, Gallatin, Saline, Williamson, Jackson, Union, Johnson, Pope, Hardin, Alexander, Pulaski, Massac and that part of St. Clair and Monroe County South of Route 156 (and due west to the Mississippi River), east to Route 13, north to Route 15, and east to the St. Clair County line, including the community of Norris City, excluding the communities of Waterloo, Hecker, Fayetteville, Freeburg, St. Libory.

DISTRICT I-D: Consisting of the counties of Jo Daviess, Stephenson, Winnebago, Boone, Carroll, Ogle, Whiteside and Lee, and that part of McHenry and DeKalb counties which is west of State Highway 23 and north of State Highway 72.

DISTRICT I-F: Consisting of the County of Lake; and that portion of Cook County, north of the city limits of the City of Chicago, and north of the line, formed by the northern boundary of Dupage County, with the exception of the Community of Bartlett which shall be in District 1-J.

DISTRICT I-G: Consisting of the Counties of Hancock, Adams, Schuyler, Brown, Pike, Calhoun, Cass, Morgan, Scott, Greene, Jersey, Macoupin, and that part of Madison County North of U.S. Route 40, and that part of Hancock County South, and directly adjacent to Highway No. 136, including the community of Highland, and excluding the communities of Carthage, Maryville, and Troy.

DISTRICT I-H: Consisting of the counties of Rock Island, Mercer, Henry, Tazewell, Peoria, Fulton, Knox, Stark, Warren, Henderson, McDonough, and that part of Hancock County to the north of Highway No. 136, including the city of Carthage, and all communities located on or directly adjacent to Highway 136 shall be included in District 1-G.

DISTRICT I-J: Consisting of that part of McHenry County which is East of State Highway 23 and that part of DeKalb County which is South of State Highway 72, all of Kane County and all of Dupage County and including in said district the Communities of Bartlett and Streamwood in Cook County.

DISTRICT I-M: Consisting of the Counties of Vermillion, Champaign, Douglas, Edgar, Clark, Crawford, Jasper, Cumberland, Mason, Menard, Sangamon, Logan, Christian, Montgomery, Bond, DeWitt, Macon, Shelby, Fayette, Effingham, Moultrie and Piatt.

Lions Clubs International

CODE OF ETHICS

TO SHOW *my faith in the worthiness of my vocation by industrious application to the end that I may merit a reputation for quality of service.*

TO SEEK *success and to demand all fair remuneration or profit as my just due, but to accept no profit or success at the price of my own self-respect lost because of unfair advantage taken or because of questionable act ion on my part.*

TO REMEMBER *that in building up my own business it is not necessary to tear down another's; to be loyal to my clients or customers and true to myself.*

WHENEVER *a doubt arises as to the right or ethics of my position or action towards others, to resolve such doubt against myself.*

TO HOLD *friendship as an end and not a means. To hold that true friendship exists not on account of the service performed by one to another, but that true friendship demands nothing but accepts service in the spirit in which it is given.*

ALWAYS *to bear in mind my obligations as a citizen to my nation, my state and my community, and to give them my unswerving loyalty in word, act and deed. To give them freely of my time, labor, and means.*

TO AID *others by giving my sympathy to those in distress, my aid to the weak, and my substance to the needy.*

TO BE CAREFUL *with my criticism and liberal with my praise; to build up and not destroy.*