

## MD5 BY-LAWS

THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS  
MULTIPLE DISTRICT 5 BY-LAWS

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## ARTICLE I - DUTIES OF MULTIPLE DISTRICT OFFICERS.

## Section 1. Multiple District Council Chairperson.

The 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.

- A) Further the purposes of the association.
- B) Assist in communicating information regarding international and multiple district policy, programs, and events;
- C) Document and make available the goals and long-range plans for the Multiple District as established by the Council of Governors;
- D) Convene meetings and facilitate discussion during council meetings;
- E) Facilitate the operations of the Multiple District convention;
- F) Support efforts initiated by the LCI Board of Directors or the Council of Governors that are intended to create and foster harmony and unity among District Governors;
- G) Submit reports and perform such duties as may be required by the Multiple District Constitution and By-Laws;
- H) Perform such other administrative duties as may be assigned by the Council of Governors; and,
- I) Facilitate, at the end of his/her term of office, the timely presentation of all multiple district accounts, funds, and records to his/her successor in office.

## Section 2. Multiple District Council of Governors.

The Multiple District Council of Governors, hereinafter referred to as the Council, shall:

- A) Make all contracts and approve all bills relating to Multiple District administrative expenses;
- B) Designate a depository, or depositories for Multiple District funds;

~~C) Determine the amount of surety bond for the Multiple District Treasurer and approve the surety company issuing said bond;~~

~~D) C) Receive financial reports, semi-annual or more frequently, from Multiple District Council Treasurer and provide for an annual end of fiscal year audit of the books and accounts of the Multiple District Council Treasurer; and,~~

~~E) D) Provide leadership and guidance as necessary, endeavoring to have each District in the Multiple District operate within its Constitution and By-Laws to the best of the Multiple District and LCI.~~

### Section 3. Multiple District Council Secretary and/or Council Treasurer.

Under the supervision of the Council Chairperson and direction of the Council, the Multiple District Council Secretary and/or Treasurer hereinafter referred to, as Council Secretary and Council Treasurer shall:

- A) Secretary: Keep an accurate record of the proceedings of all meetings of the Council and within ten (10) days after each meeting forward copies of same to all members of the council and to Lions Clubs International.
- B) Secretary and/or Treasurer: Assist the Council in conducting the business of the Multiple District and perform such other duties as are either specified or implied in either the Multiple District Constitution or By-Laws, or as may be assigned by the Council or Council Chairperson
- C) Treasurer: Receive and give proper receipts for all funds and assessment paid to the Multiple District, deposit same in accounts approved by the Council, and disperse same under supervision and control of the Council by cheques drawn against said accounts, signed in accordance with provisions of these By-Laws;
- D) Secretary and/or Treasurer: Keep accurate records and minutes of all Council and Multiple District Meetings and keep accurate books of Multiple District accounts, and allow review of same by either any member of the Council or any club in the Multiple District (or any authorized agent of either) at any reasonable time for any proper purpose; and
- ~~E) Treasurer: Secure bond for the faithful performance of the duties in such sum and with such sureties as may be required by the Council.~~

## ARTICLE II - ELECTION OF COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

The council chairperson shall be elected by the District Governors and District Governor-Elects of the multiple district provided that such chairperson shall be ~~a current~~ an immediate past district governor

when he/she takes office. The council chairperson shall serve for a one-year term only and cannot serve in that capacity again. A meeting of the district governors of the multiple district who will be in office during the term of the council chairperson elected shall be called following the multiple district annual convention, but no later than 30 days following the closing of the International Convention for the purpose of selecting a council chairperson.

### ARTICLE III - MULTIPLE DISTRICT COMMITTEES AND LEADERSHIP POSITIONS.

#### Section 1. Appointment of Multiple District Committees.

The Council Chairperson, in consultation with the Council, shall appoint the Chairperson of, and fill any vacancies occurring in the Multiple District Committees required by LCI and/or approved by the Council. Assignments to a special committee may be made as Council chooses in the best interests of the Council and the Multiple District.

#### Section 2. Multiple District Protocol Chairperson.

The Council of Governors shall appoint annually a protocol chairperson for the multiple district. In MD5, this chairperson will be the immediate Past International Director or her/his designee. 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; insure that spoken introductions are based on the same. Insure 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 insure 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.
- F) Coordinate departure from hotel, and transportation to airport (or other departure venue).

#### Section 3. Global Service Team (GST) Multiple District Coordinator.

The GST multiple district coordinator is a member of the Multiple District Global Action Team. His/her 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.

#### Section 4. Global Membership Team (GMT) Multiple District Coordinator.

The GMT multiple district coordinator is a member of the Multiple District Global Action Team. His/her 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 district 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 5. Global Leadership Team (GLT) Multiple District Coordinator.

The GLT multiple district coordinator is a member of the Multiple District Global Action Team. His/her 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 submits applications to receive multiple district funding from LCI for leadership development activities.

#### Section 6. LCIF Multiple District Coordinator.

The LCIF Multiple District Coordinator is appointed by the LCIF chairperson and LCI president to serve a three-year term. This position serves as an ambassador for Lions Clubs International Foundation and reports directly to LCIF Area Leaders, LCIF Board of Trustees, and the LCIF chairperson. His/her responsibilities include:

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

#### ARTICLE IV - MULTIPLE DISTRICT COMMITTEES.

### Section 1. Credentials Committee.

The Credentials Committee of the multiple district convention shall be composed of the current district governors, first and second vice district governors and cabinet-secretary treasurers. The chairperson of this committee shall be the council chairperson. Each such Credentials Committee shall have the powers and perform the duties set forth in ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER, NEWLY REVISED.

### Section 2. Multiple District Global Action Team.

Chaired by the council chairperson and includes the GMT multiple district coordinator, GST multiple district coordinator and GLT multiple district coordinator. Develops and initiates a coordinated plan to help expand humanitarian service, achieve membership growth, and develop future leaders within the multiple district. Meets regularly to discuss the progress of the plan and initiatives that may support the plan. Collaborates with area leaders and members of district Global Action Teams to share best practices, achievements and meet challenges.

### Section 3. Multiple District Convention Committees.

The Council of Governors shall appoint, designate the chairperson of, and fill any vacancies occurring in the following multiple district convention committees: Resolutions, Nominations, Elections, Constitution and By-Laws, Rules and International Convention. Each sub-district shall have at least one representative on each such committee. These committees shall perform such duties as the Council of Governors shall designate.

### Section 4. 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 V - MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL.

### Section 1. Council Meetings.

The Council of Governors shall hold a regular meeting within sixty (60) days after the date on which the district governors officially take office, and such other meetings as it deems advisable. The council chairperson, or the secretary at the chairperson's direction, shall issue a written call for each meeting of the Council of Governors, with the time and place to be set out in the call and to be determined by the chairperson. The date of any meeting except the first, which shall be set by the chairperson, shall be determined by the Council of Governors.

### Section 2. Alternative Meeting Formats.

Regular and/or special meetings of this council may be held through the use of alternative meeting formats, such as teleconference and/or web conference. Such action may be initiated with approval of the majority of the Council of Governors

### Section 3. Quorum.

The personal presence of a majority of the Council of Governors shall constitute a quorum at any meeting.

### Section 4. Business Transacted by Mail or Electronic Means.

This Council of Governors may transact business by mail (including letters, electronic mail, facsimile transmission, or cable), provided that no such action shall be effective until approved in writing by two-thirds (2/3) of the entire number of the members of the council of governors. Such action may be initiated by the Council Chairperson or any three (3) members of said council.

## ARTICLE VI - MULTIPLE DISTRICT CONVENTION.

### Section 1. Convention Site Selection.

- A) Clubs desiring to act as hosts for the Multiple District Convention shall make application on forms to be supplied by the Multiple District Secretary, to the Council at least six (6) years in advance of the date of the convention to be hosted. The Council will appoint a committee from amongst the Governors, one from each of South Dakota, North Dakota, and Saskatchewan, but excluding the Governor of the District that will be hosting the convention, to investigate the capabilities and facilities of the club or clubs and the proposed host city or cities for handling the convention. This committee will make recommendations to the Multiple District Convention five (5) years prior to the date of the convention in question. At each Multiple District Convention, the site of the convention five (5) years later will be decided by ballot or acclamation of Convention delegates as conditions indicate after the Council has presented the report on their investigation in session.
- B) The Chairperson or Co-Chairperson of a Multiple District Convention Committee shall attend at Council's request at least one meeting of the Council held in the year prior to the respective Convention to act as an observer and obtain advance information regarding the requirements of planning a convention. Upon the request from the Council Chairperson, the Convention Committee Chairperson shall submit for Council approval a written report that describes the general plans, program and budget of the respective convention. At the request of the Council, the Convention Chairperson (or a representative) shall also attend any Council Meeting to present said report in person. Expenses for this attendance will be authorized by the Council in accordance with Article VI following.



- C) The Convention Chairperson or Co-Chairperson shall furnish a final report of the convention to the Multiple District Secretary and Treasurer by no later than August 1st following the close of the convention. This report shall include complete and detailed information as to convention receipts and disbursements, registrations, special features, and such other information and on such form as the Council may provide.

#### 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. Site Change.

The Council of Governors shall retain, and have, absolute power to change at any time, for good reason, the convention site chosen by a multiple district convention, provided that such convention site shall be located within the boundaries of the multiple district, and neither the Council of Governors nor the multiple district nor any sub-district or sub-districts shall incur any liability thereby to any club or sub-district. Notice of this site change shall be furnished in writing to each club in the multiple district no less than sixty (60) days prior to the convening date of the annual convention.

#### Section 4. Officers.

The members of the Council of Governors shall be the officers of the annual multiple district convention.

#### Section 5. Order of Convention Business.

The multiple district Council of Governors shall arrange the order of business for the multiple district convention, and the same shall be the order of the day for all sessions.

- A) The regular order of business as shown on the program will be strictly adhered to and new business will be in order only where so scheduled in the regular program;
- B) No person, exclusive of those who have been assigned by the Convention Committee for speeches and discussions, shall be neither allowed to speak more than twice, nor be permitted to speak more than three minutes each time on any subject, without consent of the Convention delegates;
- C) Resolutions shall not be read from the floor. All proposed resolutions must be submitted to the Chairperson of the Resolutions Committee by a time and in a format determined and so advertised by the Council;

- D) Delegate credentials must be in the hands of the Credentials Committee by a time determined and so advertised by the Council;
- E) Entries for Multiple District contests (e.g. Most Lion Miles, Club of the Year, etc.) must be in the hands of the Convention Contests Committee Chairperson by a time determined and so advertised by the Council;
- F) All delegates are expected to be in attendance at all business sessions and each is encouraged to take an active part in the business affairs of the Convention and to vote when called upon to do so.

#### Section 6. Rules of Order and Procedure.

Except as otherwise specifically provided in this constitution and by-laws, or in the rules of procedure adopted for a meeting, all questions of order and procedure in any convention, any meeting of the Council of Governors, or multiple district committee shall be determined by ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER, NEWLY REVISED.

#### Section 7. Sergeant-at-Arms.

A convention sergeant-at-arms and such assistant sergeant-at-arms as it deems necessary shall be appointed by the Council of Governors.

#### Section 8. Official Report.

Within sixty (60) days after the close of the multiple district convention, an official report shall be forwarded 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 9. 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. The Rules of Order for South Dakota, North Dakota, or Saskatchewan Breakfasts, hereinafter referred to, as "Breakfasts" shall be the same as those for Convention business sessions.

- A) The Chairperson for each Breakfast shall be designated by agreement between the respective District Governors.
- B) At the discretion of the Breakfast Chairperson, the Multiple District Convention Committee shall provide a recording secretary to note proceedings of each respective Breakfast; such proceedings to be a part of the Multiple District Convention Proceedings published by the Multiple District Secretary as set forth in the Multiple District Constitution.

- C) Nominations and voting for the next District Governor and/or Vice District Governor (if not already elected) as provided for in the Multiple District Constitution, and seconding speeches pertaining thereto, will take place only at the respective Breakfasts.
- D) Each respective Breakfast is permitted to conduct such other business as the Chairperson permits, provided same is in the best interests of the District or Districts represented, the Multiple District, and Lions Clubs International

#### Section 10. Voting Procedures.

- A) All voting on matters at the Business Sessions and the Breakfasts shall be done by voice or standing vote of the certified delegates present; certification being as set forth in the Multiple District Constitution and these By-Laws. A roll call or secret ballot may be directed by the meeting chairperson if conditions warrant, or may be requested by a motion duly seconded and passed by a majority vote of registered delegates present.
- B) In cases of secret ballots, votes are to be collected by tellers appointed by the Chairperson of the session or by the Chairperson of the Election Committee. Ballots are to be issued only to qualified delegates and are to be deposited in proper receptacles for collective counting by tellers on completion of the balloting procedure. No voting by proxy shall be permitted.
- C) A delegate shall be a member in good standing in a club in good standing. A member in good standing must have paid their club all charges that are due to the club. A club in good standing must have paid all per capita assessments due to its' respective District and all other sums due it's District or Lions Clubs International unless the total amount in arrears does not exceed \$50.00, are less than 60 days old or are in dispute.
- D) All persons who wish to be certified as a voting delegate or non-voting alternate delegate must pay the full or partial registration fee and complete the registration process as established for the convention before his/her credentials may be certified.
- E) The result of any election for office or convention site shall be announced by or under the direction of the Council Chairperson. The number of votes cast shall not be made public but may be obtained by any voting delegate from the Chairperson of the Credentials Committee or the Council Secretary-Treasurer. Challenge of election results or recount demand must be made within one hour after the close of the Business Session in which balloting took place; otherwise same will not be honored

#### ARTICLE VII - MULTIPLE DISTRICT FINANCES

##### Section 1. Regular Per Capita Assessments.

Each District Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer shall remit to the Council Treasurer, in US funds, a regular annual per capita assessment in two installments as follows:

2016-2017 US\$4 per member (payable July 1, January 1)

2017-2018 US\$5 per member (payable July 1, January 1)

Per capital assessments beyond 2017-2018 will remain at the 2017-2018 level until such time as they are amended.

The basis for these two remittances will be membership as reported by Lions Clubs International as of June 30, and December 31 respectively prior to above dates. When the reserves of undesignated funds reach a level of 60% of the previous year's expenses, the Council of Governors shall make a recommendation of a dues increase to the membership of the Multi-District, to restore within three (3) years the undesignated funds to 70% of the third years' expenses, which shall be voted on at the next Multi-District Convention

#### **Section 2. Special Assessments.**

~~The MD5 Council of Governors shall be empowered to levy a late payment charge at a rate not to exceed the maximum amount permitted by law (1.75% per month, 21% annually – current rate) on the unpaid balances of MD5 Dues. The late payment charge will take effect 30 days after the MD5 Dues are issued. Such charge will be assessed on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of each month.~~

#### **Section 2. Multiple District Convention Advance.**

An appropriation from the Multiple District as approved by the Council based on a detailed budget presented to the Council by the Convention Chairperson or Co- Chairperson, shall be made available to the club hosting a Multiple District Convention. The Multiple District Treasurer may advance up to \$5,000.00 of the approved appropriation to the host club at any time after the Council Fall meeting, two years preceding the respective convention, when and if requested by the host club. Additional advances to the host club may be made upon approval of the Council. Upon receipt of the final report on said convention as herein before provided, the Multiple District Treasurer may issue payment of the balance of the approved appropriation and which is indicated by this itemized report as being justly due and payable to the host club. Any unexpended balance of any advances from this fund made to the host club shall revert to the Council Treasurer and shall be returned to the Multiple District. Under conditions of extreme emergencies, the Council Treasurer may issue sums from the Multiple District in excess of the approved appropriation if authorized by two-thirds majority vote of all members of the Council

#### **Section 4. Council Secretary and Council Treasurer Honorarium.**

~~At its' first meeting following the Multiple District Convention, the Council will establish the honorarium and expense allowance to be made to the Council Secretary and Treasurer; such allowance being commensurate with the services to be required and anticipated expenses.~~

Section 5.3. Expense Allowance for Members of Council.

Allowances from Multiple District funds will be made for expenses incurred by the Council Secretary and Treasurer, and such other persons that might be authorized by the Council to attend the Multiple District Convention, meetings of the Council, and any such assignments as designated by the Council, at the rates for travelling, day accommodation and meals in accordance with the rates determined by the Council of Governors at the First Council Meeting of the Fiscal Year and not to exceed the Rules of Audit of Lions Clubs International currently in effect for District Governors.

Section 6.4. Expense Allowance for Special Council Meetings.

Allowances for District Governors attending special Council meetings when authorized by the Council, will be paid out of Multiple District funds at the same rates set out in Section 5 above.

Section 7.5. Expense Allowance for LCI International Convention.

When approved by the Council, allowances for the Secretary and or Treasurer and incoming Council Chairperson to attend the Lions Clubs International Convention will be paid from Multiple District funds in accordance with the International Rules of Audit except as provided in the Multiple District Policy and Procedures Manual. Funds approved by the Council for each attendee will be limited to a maximum of \$1,000 to attend the International Convention held within the North American Continent and a maximum of \$1,500 to attend the International Convention held outside the boundaries of the North American Continent. This allowance must be taken for attendance at the Lions Clubs International Convention of the current year.

ARTICLE VIII – ENDORSEMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR AND THIRD VICE PRESIDENT

Section 1. Intent for Seeking Multiple District Endorsement.

Subject to the provisions of the Lions Clubs International Constitution and By-Laws, any member of a Lions Club in the Multiple District seeking endorsements at Conventions of his/her District and the Multiple District as a candidate for the office of International Director or Third Vice President shall:

- A) Deliver (by mail or in person) written Notice of Intention to seek such endorsement to the District Governor of his/her District, and the Multiple District Secretary no less than thirty (30) days prior to the convening date of the District or Multiple District Convention at which such question of endorsement is to be voted upon; and,
- B) Deliver with said Notice of Intention, evidence of fulfillment of the qualifications for such office set forth in the Lions Clubs International Constitution and By-Laws.

## Section 2. Nominating Committee Action.

Each Notice of Intention, so delivered, shall be transmitted forthwith by the District Governor or the Multiple District Secretary, as the case may be, to the Nominating Committee of the respective Convention, which shall review and perfect the same by obtaining from each prospective candidate any additional evidence of such intention and qualifications as may be necessary under the Lions Clubs International Constitution and By-Laws, and shall place in nomination at the respective Convention the name of each such prospective candidate who has fulfilled said procedural and Constitutional requirements.

## Section 3. Nominating Speeches.

Each such nominee for endorsement shall be entitled to a speech or speeches of no more than ten (10) minutes duration, including the moving, seconding and candidate speeches.

## Section 4. Voting Procedures.

The vote on the question of endorsement shall be by secret ballot. The nominee receiving a majority of the votes cast shall be declared endorsed (elected) as the candidate of the respective Convention. In the event of tie vote, or failure of one nominee to receive the required majority, on any ballot, balloting shall continue with respect to the two nominees only who received the largest number of votes on the previous ballot until one receives the required majority of the votes cast. If, after two succeeding ballots, results remain tied, then and only then, the endorsed international candidate shall be chosen by lot in a manner prescribed by the presiding officer. In the event, there shall be only one nominee seeking the endorsement, the name of the nominee shall be on the ballot and the second question on the same ballot shall be "No candidate endorsed."

## Section 5. Certification of Endorsement.

Certification of endorsement by the respective Conventions shall be made in writing to the Lions Clubs International by the District and Multiple District officials designated, and in accordance with the requirements therefore set forth, in the Lions Clubs International Constitution and By-Laws.

Section 6. Validity of Endorsement. No endorsement of any candidacy of any member of a Lions Club in this Multiple District shall be valid unless and until the Provisions of this Article VII have been met

## ARTICLE IX – MISCELLANEOUS.

### Section 1. Compensation.

No officer shall receive any compensation for any service rendered to this multiple district in his/her official capacity with the exception of the council secretary-treasurer or secretary and treasurer whose compensation, if any, shall be fixed by the Council of Governors.

## Section 2. Fiscal Year.

The fiscal year of this Multiple District shall be from July 1 to June 30.

## 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 X – 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. 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 3. Suspension.

Any By-Law may be suspended at any Convention or meeting of the Council by a vote of three-quarters (3/4) of all certified delegates at a Convention or by three-quarters (3/4) of the membership of the Council.

### Section 4. Automatic Update.

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

### Section 5. Effective Date.

Each amendment shall take effect at the close of the convention at which adopted by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast.

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