

The International Association of Lions Clubs

District 14B - Policy No. 105

Policy to Verify Qualifications of Candidates for District Governor

PURPOSE: To verify the qualifications of candidates for District Governor.

GENERAL: It will be the responsibility of the Long-Range Planning Committee to ascertain that candidates for the office of District Governor have fulfilled all requirements as set forth in the International Constitution and By-Laws as restated in this policy.

The Chairman of the Long-Range Planning Committee (the Immediate Past District Governor) will set a meeting sometime prior to January of each fiscal year for the purpose of having prospective candidates present themselves with their intentions and qualifications in writing. This announcement will appear in the District Governor's newsletter and will be sent directly to each known prospective candidate.

As stated in Article IV, Section 7 of the International Constitution, a candidate for the office of District Governor shall:

- (a) Be an active member in good standing of a chartered Lions Club in good standing in his Single or Sub-district.
- (b) Secure the endorsement of his club or a majority of the clubs in his Single or Sub-District.
- (c) Have served or will have served at the time he takes office as 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 Chairman or Region Chairman or Cabinet secretary and/or Treasurer for a

full term or major portion thereof, and one (1) additional year as a member of the District Cabinet.

- (3) With none of the above being accomplished concurrently.
- (d) In all cases, after the prospective candidate has been duly qualified by the members of the Long-Range Planning Committee, the candidate will not make any formal announcement of his candidacy until after January 1. (This includes the mailing of announcements to clubs in the District).
- (e) Each qualified candidate for District Governor shall be nominated and seconded at the February Cabinet Meeting of the District Cabinet. If no Lion declares candidacy for the office of District Governor prior to the February Cabinet, the Seating District Governor will call a special meeting of the Cabinet as soon as a potential candidate has declared his intention for District Governor in accordance with Policy 102.
- (f) The candidate's name shall be placed in formal nomination by the Lion serving on the nominating committee at the MD 14 State Convention.
- (g) If District 14-B conducts a sub-district convention, the nominating process will be in accordance with Article V, section 4 of the subdistrict constitution and formal nomination will take place at the sub-district convention.

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