## EXTENSION INFORMATION *Rules of the Road* By Steve Glass, District 29-I GMT Coordinator

To organize a new Lions club you will need

- 20 or more charter members
- A sponsoring club, zone, region, district cabinet, or district committee
- Completed charter application and report of charter members
- Your current district governor's signature on the charter application
- Appropriate fees and certification forms
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New charter members who join before the charter celebration or 90 days following the charter approval date (whichever occurs first) pay a charter fee of US\$30 or must submit the proper certification form waiver. Members who transfer from another club into the chartering club pay a transfer charter fee of US\$20. Transfer charter members must be transferred in good standing from the former club to qualify for transfer member status.

Following is a table that provides Lions Club International's current charter fee rate structure:

Member Type	Charter Fee	International dues	Certification Required (LCI Form)
Charter Member	US\$30	US\$39	-
Charter Transfer Member	US\$20	US\$39	-
(Within one year of transfer)			
Student	US\$0	US\$19.50	STU-5
(Between the age of legal			
majority and through age 30			
Student Over Age 30	US\$10	US\$39	STU-5
(In a campus club only)			
Family Member	US\$0	US\$19.50	TK-30
(excluding head of household)			
LEO Lion	US\$0	US\$19.50	LL-2
Young Adult	US\$0	US\$19.50	LL-2
(In a LEO Lions club only)			
Branch Conversion	US\$0	US\$39	CB-21
(Members of the branch only)			

Once the charter application is approved, the Membership Programs and New Clubs Marketing Department will forward new club supplies and charter member certificates to the first guiding Lion indicated on the charter application. The charter, a congratulatory letter from the international president, and a sponsor patch is sent to the district governor to be presented during the Charter Night celebration.

The date the charter application is approved will be the charter approval date. This date will appear on the club charter and on the official association records.