

CONSTITUTION

DISTRICT 19-H

Lions International

Article 1 – Name and Territorial Limits

Section 1. This organization shall be known as District 19-H of Multiple District 19, Lions Clubs International.

Section 2. The territorial limits of this District shall be those set forth by Multiple District 19 and accepted by the Association of Lions Clubs International.

Section 3. The District shall be divided into Zones as designated by the By-Laws of Multiple District 19.

Article II – Objects

Section 1. The objects of this District shall be:

- A. To serve within the District, and through the Clubs of the District, to attain the objects of Lions Clubs International as set forth in their Constitution and By-Laws and Multiple District 19 as set forth in their Constitution and By-Laws.
- B. To increase the fellowship and cooperative efforts of the Clubs within the District.
- C. To organize new clubs, and educate and strengthen all clubs within the District.
- D. To promote the participation of the clubs in the District in general Objectives, Programs, and Policies of the District, Multiple District, and Lions Clubs International.

Article III – Membership

Section 1. The membership of this District shall consist of every chartered Lions Club, in good standing, meeting within the territorial limits of the District.

Article IV – Officers

Section 1. The officers of this District shall be the District Governor, the First Vice District Governor, the Second Vice District Governor, the Immediate Past District Governor, the Cabinet Secretary, and the Zone Chairperson of each Zone within the District.

Section 2. The District Governor, First Vice District Governor and Second Vice District Governor shall be elected in accordance with the rules and qualifications as set forth in the Constitution and By-Laws of Multiple District 19 and Lions Clubs International.

Section 3. The Zone Chairpersons shall be elected in accordance with the rules and qualifications as set forth in the Constitution and By-Laws of Multiple District 19 and Lions Clubs International.

Section 4. The District Cabinet Secretary shall be appointed in accordance with the Lions Clubs International Constitution and By-Laws.

Section 5. The Officers of this District shall take office at the close of the Lions Clubs International Annual Convention next succeeding their election and shall serve for a period of one year or until their successor shall be elected and enter upon the duties of office.

Section 6. In the event of a vacancy in the office of District Governor, First Vice District Governor, Second Vice District Governor or Zone Chairpersons, the vacancy shall be filled in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of Multiple District 19 and Lions Clubs International.

Article V – District 19-H Cabinet

Section 1. The District 19-H Cabinet shall consist of the Officers of this District and all Committee Chairpersons, and Co-Chairpersons, as designated by the District Governor.

Section 2. The District 19-H Cabinet shall operate as an Advisory Council to the District Governor.

Section 3. The District 19-H Cabinet shall meet at least three (3) times a year, one of which shall be in connection with the District 19-H Annual Conference, with a report of the Cabinet recommendations to be made in the District Governor's next newsletter to the 19-H Clubs.

Section 4. District 19-H shall have a Policy Manual. The current Policy Manual shall be reviewed and proposed for adoption, with or without changes, at the first 19-H Cabinet meeting under the new District 19-H officers.

Section 5. A majority of the District 19-H Cabinet present at a duly constituted District 19-H Cabinet meeting shall constitute a quorum.

Section 6. The voting members are the Officers of this District and the District Committee Chairpersons and Co-Chairpersons as appointed by the 19-H District Governor.

Article VI – District 19-H Conference

Section 1. An Annual District 19-H Conference shall be held each year within this District as set forth in the District 19-H Policy Manual.

Section 2. Each Club and each Officer of the District shall be notified by electronic means at least 30 days prior to the Conference as to Date, Time, Place, and Program of the Conference.

Section 3. The District Governor shall be the presiding Officer of the Conference. In his/her absence, the First Vice District Governor shall preside. If both are unable, the Second Vice District Governor shall preside, If all three are unable, the Immediate Past District Governor shall preside; or, if all four are unable, the District 19-H Cabinet shall designate a presiding officer

Article VII – District 19-H Conference Financing

Section 1. The 19-H District Governor shall have the responsibility to determine how the Conference will be financed.

Section 2. Any registration fees for Lions, Leos, and guests shall be approved by the 19-H District Governor and the 19-H Conference Chairpersons.

Article VIII – District 19-H Conference Procedure

Section 1. The program prepared by the 19-H District Governor and the 19-H Conference Chairperson shall be the Order of the Day.

Section 2. The program shall provide time for reports as desired by the 19-H District Governor, and for candidate elections.

Section 3. All resolutions for the District 19-H Conference to consider shall be submitted to the District Governor at least 60 days prior to the Conference, and all 19-H Clubs notified of any resolutions to be considered at least 30 days prior to the Conference.

Section 4. The current edition of Roberts Rules of Order shall be the parliamentary authority for all procedures not specifically covered by this District 19-H Constitution.

Article IX – Zones

Section 1. All rules governing Zones shall be as prescribed in the Multiple District By-Laws.

Article X - Amendments to the Constitution

Section 1. In accordance with the Multiple District 19 Constitution and By-Laws, this Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the delegates at the Annual District Conference. Amendments adopted become effective at the end of the District Conference.

Section 2. . Proposed amendments, other than those submitted by the Constitution and By-Laws Committee, shall have the written approval of at least one club of District 19-H over the signature of the club President and attested by its Secretary, and a two-Thirds (2/3) majority vote of the certified voting delegates present at the District annual conference of which the submitting club is a member.

Section 3. Proposed amendments to this Constitution must be submitted to the District Governor 60 days prior to the District Conference and copies of the proposal must be submitted to each Club at least 30 days prior to the Conference by the District Governor.

Amended (March 13/2021)

BY-LAWS

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Lions International

Article 1 - Election of Officers

Section 1. The election of the 19-H District Governor, First Vice District Governor and Second Vice District Governor shall be held during the District Annual Conference in accordance with the Multiple District Constitution and By-Laws.

Section 2. The election of the Zone Chairpersons shall be held during a Zone Meeting to be conducted not less than 25 days prior to the District's Annual Conference. If no candidate for a Zone has declared thirty days prior to the Annual Conference, a special meeting of each such Zone shall take place at the Annual Conference and an election held from candidates nominated from the floor. Election procedures shall be in accordance with the Multiple District 19 Constitution and By-Laws.

Article II - Duties of Officers

Section 1. The duties of the 19-H District Governor, First Vice District Governor, Second Vice District Governor and Zone Chairpersons shall be as described in the Multiple District 19 and Lions Clubs International Constitution and By-Laws.

Article III - Amendments to the By-Laws

Section 1. A Committee to review the District 19-H Constitution and By-Laws, and Policy Manual shall be struck by the Outgoing District Governor and District Governor Elect, and shall be comprised of not more than three (3) District H Lions, in good standing.

Section 2. These By-Laws may be amended by a majority vote of the certified voting delegates present at the annual District Conference.

Section 3. Amendments must be submitted by a Lions Club and certified with the President and Secretary signing that the Club has taken this action (endorsed this amendment).

Section 4. Amendments must be submitted to the District Governor 60 days prior to the District Conference and copies of the amendment shall be submitted to each Club of the District 30 days prior to the Conference.

Section 5. All voting shall be in accordance with the rules as set forth in the Multiple District Constitution and By-Laws.

Section 6. Delegates in attendance at the Conference representing more than one-half Lions' members of the Clubs in the District shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of District Business.(see Section 2)

Section 7. The District Cabinet Secretary shall make a written report of the Conference within 60 days to all Clubs and Officers of the District.

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