November 15th Cabinet Meeting

Committee Reports submitted as of 10/12/2025

Constitution & Bylaws Report

Constitution & By-Laws Report
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A full copy of the current District 36-R Constitution & Bylaws can be found on the Information page of the District Website.

This report consists of the following 6 attachments for your review and discussion at the cabinet meeting.

Attachment 1 – Report to the District Governor regarding qualification requirements for VDG appointment candidates.

Attachment 2 – Proposed Notice to Clubs

Attachment 3 – Proposed Resolution #001

Attachment 4 – Proposed Resolution #002

Attachment 5 – Proposed Resolution #003

Attachment 6 – Proposed Ballot Layout

Lion David Nielson
Constitution & By Laws Chairperson

RE: First & Second Vice District Governor Vacancies

DG Karen Norton,

As you are aware, the 2025-2026 District 36-R First Vice District Governor and Second Vice District Governor positions are currently vacant.

While the Lions International Constitution & By-Laws govern the candidate qualifications and the procedures necessary to fill these positions through the standard election process, International By-Law Article IX, Sec. 6 (d) specifically defers the filling of these vacancies to be in accordance with the appropriate District Constitution & By-law provisions.

District By-Law Article II Section 6, establishes the appointment procedure necessary to fill any First Vice District Governor or Second Vice District Governor vacancies. It also establishes candidate qualifications to fill the vacant positions through appointment that are relaxed from the qualifications needed to run for election.

The minimum qualifications for candidates to be appointed to either First Vice District Governor or Second Vice District Governor vacancies is stated as:

> *In order for a Lion to be eligible and qualified to be selected to fill a vacancy in the office of first or second vice district governor, they must:*
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> *(a) Be an Active Member in good standing of a chartered Lions club in good standing in their single or sub-district.*
>
> *(b) Secure the endorsement of their club or a majority of the clubs in their single district.*
>
> *(c) Have served or will have served at the time they take office as first or second vice district governor:*
>
> > *(i) As officer of a Lions club for a full term or major portion thereof; and*
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> > *(ii) As a member of the district cabinet for a full term or major portion thereof.*
> >
> > *(iii) With none of the above being accomplished concurrently.*
>
> *(d) Has not completed a full term or major portion thereof as district governor.*

I will continue to review these provisions. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Lion David Nielson
District 36-R C&BL Chairperson

11/15/2025 C&BL Report Attachment 2

Notice to Clubs of proposed amendments to the District 36-R By-Laws

This official notice to clubs is required no less than 30 days in advance of the convention date. The three attached Resolutions will be placed before the voting delegates at the District 36-R Convention on February 7th, 2026.

Hello District 36-R Clubs and Lions Members,

There will be three resolutions before the voting delegates at this year's District 36-R Convention. Two of them effect membership dues paid to District 36-R. The third effects voting designation of some District Cabinet Members. We are providing this notice well in advance of the 30-day notice requirement so your club and voting delegates have the opportunity to fully understand, discuss and consider these important proposals. If you have any questions, please reach out to District 36-R C&BL Chairperson David Nielson district36rit@gmail.com or DG Karen Norton nortkare@gmail.com

You can find a full copy of the current District 36-R Constitution & By-Laws on the Information page of the District 36-R Website.

As you will see in reviewing the first two Resolutions, they are proposed increases to the Convention Fund Tax and the Administrative Fund Tax. Increases in these District 36-R dues have been deferred for more than 20 years. The summary chart below is provided for your overall reference.

Current Membership Dues		Membership Dues July 1, 2026 (If both Resolutions pass)	
International	$50	International	$50
MD 36	$23	MD 36	$23
District 36-R	$4	District 36-R	$7
Total	$77	Total	$80
+Club	varies by club	+Club	varies by club

See you at Convention!

In service,
Lion David Nielson
District 36-R C&BL Chairperson
District36Rit@gmail.com

Resolution #001

A resolution before the voting delegates of the 102nd Convention of Lions District 36-R on February 7th, 2026 authorizing an increase to the Convention Fund Tax. This amendment to the By-Laws requires a majority vote to adopt.

QUESTION: SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION #001 BE ADOPTED?

BE IT RESOLVED, that Article VII, Section 1, of the District 36-R By-Laws be amended as follows:

By-Laws Article VII, Section 1

Currently Reads

Section 1. **CONVENTION FUND TAX**. In lieu of or in addition to a district convention registration fee, an annual district convention fund tax of **$1.00** may be levied upon each member of each club in the district and shall be collected and paid in advance by each club, except newly chartered and reorganized clubs, in two (2) semiannual payments as follows: **$.50** per club member on September tenth of each year to cover the semi-annual period July 1 to December 31; and **$.50** per club member on March tenth of each year to cover the semi-annual period January 1 to June 30, with billings of said tax to be based upon the roster of each club as of the first days of September and March, respectively. Any club which is chartered or reorganized in a current fiscal year shall collect and pay said convention tax for said fiscal year on a pro-rata basis from the first day of the second month following the date of its organization, as the case may be.

This tax shall be collected from the clubs by, and be remitted to, the cabinet secretary or cabinet-treasurer (or secretary-treasurer), who shall deposit the monies so collected in a special account in a bank or other depository chosen by the district governor. The fund so collected shall be used exclusively for defraying expenses of district conventions and shall be expended only by district checks drawn and signed by the cabinet treasurer and countersigned by the district governor.

Amended To Read

Section 1. **CONVENTION FUND TAX**. In lieu of or in addition to a district convention registration fee, an annual district convention fund tax of **$3.00 shall** be levied upon each member of each club in the district and shall be collected and paid in advance by each club, except newly chartered and reorganized clubs, in two (2) semiannual payments as follows: **$1.50** per club member on September tenth of each year to cover the semi-annual period July 1 to December 31; and **$1.50** per club member on March tenth of each year to cover the semi-annual period January 1 to June 30, with billings of said tax to be based upon the roster of each club as of the first days of September and March, respectively. Any club which is chartered or reorganized in a current fiscal year shall collect and pay said convention tax for said fiscal year on a pro-rata basis from the first day of the second month following the date of its organization, as the case may be.

This tax shall be collected from the clubs by, and be remitted to, the cabinet secretary or cabinet-treasurer (or secretary-treasurer), who shall deposit the monies so collected in a special account in a bank or other depository chosen by the district governor. The fund so collected shall be used exclusively for defraying expenses of district conventions and shall be expended only by district checks drawn and signed by the cabinet treasurer and countersigned by the district governor.

Explanation

This resolution proposes a $2 annual increase per member to the Convention Fund Tax to help offset increases in convention expenses. Members of District 36-R are currently assessed a $1 per year Convention Fund Tax to help fund the district convention. It is not known exactly when this rate was first established, but it has not been increased in at least the past two decades of available records. The funds from the Convention Fund Tax are used to offset District expenses necessary to hold the convention and elections, NOT to subsidize registered members meals or other benefits.

Resolution #002

A resolution before the voting delegates of the 102nd Convention of Lions District 36-R on February 7th, 2026 authorizing an increase to the Administrative Fund Tax. This amendment to the By-Laws requires a majority vote to adopt.

QUESTION: SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION #002 BE ADOPTED?

BE IT RESOLVED, that Article VII, Section 1, of the District 36-R By-Laws be amended as follows:

By-Laws Article VIII, Section 1

Currently Reads

Section 1. **DISTRICT REVENUE**. To provide revenue for approved district projects and to defray the administrative expenses of the district, an annual district administrative fund tax of **\$3.00** is hereby levied upon each member of each club in the district and shall be collected and paid in advance by each club in two (2) semi-annual payments as follows: **\$1.50** per club member on September tenth of each year to cover the semi-annual period July 1 to December 31; and **\$1.50** per club member on March tenth of each year, to cover the semi-annual period January 1 to June 30, with billings of the same to be based upon the roster of each club as of the first days of July and January, respectively. Said tax shall be paid to the cabinet secretary or cabinet treasurer (or secretary-treasurer) by each club in the district, except newly chartered and reorganized clubs, which shall collect and pay said tax on a pro-rata basis from the first day of the second month following the date of their organization or reorganization, as the case may be. Said tax shall be disbursed only for administrative expenses of the district and only upon approval by the district governor's cabinet. Disbursement therefrom shall be by checks drawn and signed by the cabinet treasurer and countersigned by the district governor.

Amended To Read

Section 1. **DISTRICT REVENUE**. To provide revenue for approved district projects and to defray the administrative expenses of the district, an annual district administrative fund tax of **\$4.00** is hereby levied upon each member of each club in the district and shall be collected and paid in advance by each club in two (2) semi-annual payments as follows: **\$2.00** per club member on September tenth of each year to cover the semi-annual period July 1 to December 31; and **\$2.00** per club member on March tenth of each year, to cover the semi-annual period January 1 to June 30, with billings of the same to be based upon the roster of each club as of the first days of July and January, respectively. Said tax shall be paid to the cabinet secretary or cabinet treasurer (or secretary-treasurer) by each club in the district, except newly chartered and reorganized clubs, which shall collect and pay said tax on a pro-rata basis from the first day of the second month following the date of their organization or reorganization, as the case may be. Said tax shall be disbursed only for administrative expenses of the district and only upon approval by the district governor's cabinet. Disbursement therefrom shall be by checks drawn and signed by the cabinet treasurer and countersigned by the district governor.

Explanation

This resolution proposes a $1 annual increase per member to the Administrative Fund Tax to help offset increases in inflation. Members of District 36-R are currently assessed a $3 per year Administrative Fund Tax to cover the obligations of the District fund. It is not known exactly when this rate was first established, but it has not been increased in at least the past two decades of available records.

Resolution #003

A resolution before the voting delegates of the 102nd Convention of Lions District 36-R on February 7th, 2026 to amend the voting designation of District 36-R Committee Chairperson Cabinet Members. This amendment to the By-Laws requires a majority vote to adopt.

QUESTION: SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION #003 BE ADOPTED?

BE IT RESOLVED, that Article IV, Section 4, of the District 36-R By-Laws be amended as follows:

By-Laws Article IV, Section 4

Currently Reads

Section 4. DISTRICT CABINET COMMITTEES. The district governor may establish and appoint such other committees and/or chairpersons as they deem necessary and appropriate for the efficient operations of the district. Such committee chairpersons shall be deemed **non-voting** members of the district cabinet.

Amended To Read

Section 4. DISTRICT CABINET COMMITTEES. The district governor may establish and appoint such other committees and/or chairpersons as they deem necessary and appropriate for the efficient operations of the district. Such committee chairpersons shall be deemed **full voting** members of the district cabinet.

Explanation

This amendment to the “standard form” By-Laws is necessary to bring the District 36-R By-Laws into conformance with past and current accepted district practice. It has been our districts typical practice that all cabinet members present at a cabinet meeting are afforded the voting privilege on any matter requiring a vote.

2026 District 36-R Convention Ballot

2026-2027 Officer Candidates		Vote
District Governor	Candidate Name	
1st Vice District Governor	Candidate A Name	
	Candidate B Name	
2nd Vice District Governor	Candidate A Name	
	Write In:________________________________	

Resolutions		Yes	No
#001	Amends By-Laws - Increase to Convention Fund Tax		
#002	Amends By-Laws - Increase to Administrative Fund Tax		
#003	Amends By-Laws -Gives all Cabinet Members voting right		