

5NE DISTRICT CONSTITUTION



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ARTICLE I NAME

This organization shall be known as District 5NE, Lions Clubs International, hereinafter referred to as “district.”

ARTICLE II OBJECT

The object of this organization is to provide an administrative structure with which to advance the Purposes of Lions Clubs International in this district.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

The members of this organization shall be all Lions clubs in this district chartered by Lions Clubs International (LCI).

The boundary lines of District 5NE shall be as follows:

Bounded on the north by the USA/Canada border, on the east by the North Dakota/Minnesota state line, on the south by the North Dakota/South Dakota state line, and on the west by highway 83, north to I-94, then north on highway 14 to highway 19, then east on highway 19 to highway 3, then north on highway 3 to the USA/Canada border.

ARTICLE IV DISTRICT ORGANIZATION

SECTION 1: CABINET AND OFFICERS. The district shall have a district cabinet composed of the district governor, the immediate past district governor, the first and second vice district governors, the region chairpersons, the zone chairpersons and a cabinet secretary-treasurer or a cabinet secretary and a cabinet treasurer. Each such officer of the cabinet shall be the officers of the district. Each such officer shall be a member in good standing of a Lions club in good standing in the district.

SECTION 2: ELECTION OF DISTRICT GOVERNOR/FIRST AND SECOND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNORS. The district governor and first and second vice district governors shall be elected at the annual convention of the district.

SECTION 3: APPOINTMENT/ELECTION OF THE OTHER DISTRICT OFFICERS. The district shall elect or the district governor shall appoint, by the time he/she takes office, the cabinet secretary-treasurer or a cabinet secretary and a cabinet treasurer, one region chairperson for each region, and one zone chairperson for each zone, in the district, and such other club members as may be included in the cabinet committee structure as developed by the district governor.

ARTICLE V CLUB VISITATION

Under the supervision of the district governor, each Lions club in the district will be visited by the district governor or other district officer once every year to facilitate successful administration of the club. The visiting district officer shall submit a Visitation Report for each visit.

ARTICLE VI DISTRICT CONVENTION

SECTION 1: TIME AND PLACE. An annual convention of the district shall be held in each year to conclude no less than thirty (30) days prior to the convening of the international convention at a place selected by a previous annual convention of the district and at a date and time fixed by the district governor. A meeting of the registered delegates of the district in attendance at the annual convention of the multiple district of which this district shall be a part may constitute the annual convention of the district.

SECTION 2: CLUB DELEGATE FORMULA. Each chartered club in good standing in Lions Clubs International and its district (single or sub- and multiple) shall be entitled in each annual convention of its district to one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each ten (10) members, who have been enrolled for at least one year and a day in the club or major fraction thereof, of said club as shown by the records of the international office on the first day of the month preceding that month during which the convention is held. The major fraction referred to in this section shall be five (5) or more members. Each certified delegate present in person shall be entitled to cast one (1) vote only for each office to be filled by, and one (1) vote only on each question submitted to, the respective convention. Unless otherwise specified herein, the affirmative vote of a majority of the delegates voting on any question shall be the act of the convention. Delinquent dues may be paid and good standing acquired at any time prior to the close of credential certification, as such closing time shall be established by the rules of the respective convention.

SECTION 3: QUORUM. The attendance in person of a majority of the delegates registered at a convention shall constitute a quorum at any session of the convention.

SECTION 4: SPECIAL CONVENTION. A Special Convention of the clubs of the District may be called by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the District Cabinet at such time and place as they shall determine; provided that such Special Convention shall conclude no less than 30 days prior to the convening date of the International Convention and that such Special Convention shall not be convened for the election of the district governor, first vice district governor or second vice district governor. Written notice of the Special Convention setting forth the time, place and purpose thereof, shall be provided to each club in the District by the District Cabinet Secretary, no less than 30 days prior to the convening date of the Special Convention.

ARTICLE VII AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1: AMENDING PROCEDURE. This constitution may be amended only at a district convention, by resolution of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee and adopted by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast.

SECTION 2: NOTICE. No amendment shall be so reported or voted upon unless the same shall have been furnished through regular post or electronic means to each club in the district 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: EFFECTIVE DATE. Each amendment shall take effect at the close of the convention at which adopted unless otherwise specified in the amendment.

(ii) As a member of the district cabinet for two (2) full terms or major portion thereof.

(iii) With none of the above being accomplished concurrently.

SECTION 4: ALL OTHER PROVISIONS. On all matters not specifically addressed in the District Constitution and By-Laws, the Standard Club Constitution and By-Laws of Lions Clubs International as revised July 2, 2010 will take precedence.

Lions Clubs International

PURPOSES

- TO ORGANIZE, charter and supervise service clubs to be known as Lions clubs.
- TO COORDINATE the activities and standardize the administration of Lions clubs.
- TO CREATE and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.
- TO PROMOTE the principles of good government and good citizenship.
- TO TAKE an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community.
- TO UNITE the clubs in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding.
- TO PROVIDE a forum for the open discussion of all matters of public interest; provided, however, that partisan politics and sectarian religion shall not be debated by club members.
- TO ENCOURAGE service-minded people to serve their community without personal financial reward, and to encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works and private endeavors.

VISION STATEMENT

- TO BE the global leader in community and humanitarian service.

MISSION STATEMENT

- TO EMPOWER volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs.

Lions Clubs International

CODE OF ETHICS

TO SHOW my faith in the worthiness of my vocation by industrious application to the end that I may merit a reputation for quality of service.

TO SEEK success and to demand all fair remuneration or profit as my just due, but to accept no profit or success at the price of my own self-respect lost because of unfair advantage taken or because of questionable acts on my part.

TO REMEMBER that in building up my business it is not necessary to tear down another's; to be loyal to my clients or customers and true to myself.

WHENEVER a doubt arises as to the right or ethics of my position or action towards others, to resolve such doubt against myself.

TO HOLD friendship as an end and not a means. To hold that true friendship exists not on account of the service performed by one to another, but that true friendship demands nothing but accepts service in the spirit in which it is given.

ALWAYS to bear in mind my obligations as a citizen to my nation, my state and my community, and to give them my unswerving loyalty in word, act and deed. To give them freely of my time, labor, and means.

TO AID others by giving my sympathy to those in distress, my aid to the weak, and my substance to the needy.

TO BE CAREFUL with my criticism and liberal with my praise; to build up and not destroy.