

The International Association of Lions Clubs

District 14-E - Policy No. 319

**Policy to Define the Duties of the
Sight Conservation Chairperson/Committee**

PURPOSE: To work in all areas of Sight Conservation and act as a liaison between all the Blind Agencies in the District, State and Lions International.

GENERAL:

1. The Chairperson shall be appointed by the District Governor and be responsible for coordinating the activities and programs of the Associate Chairperson. He will also be responsible for the collection and distribution of used eyeglasses throughout the District.
2. The Committee Will consist of Associate Chairpersons who work with the different Blind or Sight Impaired Agencies in the District (Guild for the Blind, Western Pa. Eye Bank, Western Pa. School for Blind Children and the Pittsburgh Blind Association) and any other groups that deal with the blind.
3. These Associate Chairperson will be appointed by the District Governor.
4. The Committee will promote effectively the District's Sight Conservation and work for the blind activities, through the District Governor's Newsletter, press, radio and TV with the assistance of Public Relations Chairperson. Also, to educate and motivate each club in the District to improve their sight activities.
5. This Committee will make available films, presentations, names of persons willing and knowledgeable to speak to clubs or associations,

on information of medical equipment for research and aids and appliances for the partially sighted and the blind.

6. This Committee will inform the clubs and the general public of facilities available in sight related fields(s) within or near District 14-B.
7. This Committee will encourage clubs to provide eye examinations for individuals or mass public screening by encouraging use of the Lions Eyemobile (Lions Community Services Inc.), especially for Diabetes and Glaucoma, the two leading causes of blindness.
8. This Committee will encourage the collection of eyeglasses to be distributed through Lions Clubs and Sight Foundations to the needy.
9. The Chairperson and all Associate Chairpersons should meet at least three (3) times during the Lion year prior to the November, February and June Cabinet meetings.
 - A. Chairperson's report at the Cabinet meetings will be a brief overview of all sight related activities and give an accounting of results of committee meetings.
 - B. Associate Chairpersons' reports at the Cabinet meetings will include a more detailed explanation of objectives and results of same.