



The International Association of Lions Clubs

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

DISTRICT 24-I

Lions Clubs International

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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.*

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YELLOW SHADED AREA

Mandatory provisions pursuant to the International Constitution and By-Laws and board policy

BLUE SHADED AREA

*Revised by Amendment to the LCI District Standard Constitution & By-Laws
Passed 17 May 2019*

NONE

Permissive provisions

ARTICLE I

Name

This organization shall be known as Lions District 24-I hereinafter referred to as “district.”

ARTICLE II

Purposes

The purposes of this district shall be:

- To provide an administrative structure with which to advance the Purposes of Lions Clubs International in this district.
- 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 members 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.

ARTICLE III

Membership

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

The boundary lines of this district shall be as follows: comprise all the Clubs located in cities within or surrounded by the following Virginia **Counties**: Accomack, Amelia, Amherst, Appomattox, Brunswick, Buckingham, Campbell, Caroline, Charles City, Charlotte, Chesterfield, Cumberland, Dinwiddie, Essex, Gloucester, Goochland, Greenville, Halifax, Hanover, Henrico, Isle of Wight, James City, King and Queen, King William, Lancaster, Lunenburg, Mathews, Mecklenburg, Middlesex, New Kent, Northampton, Northumberland, Nottoway, Pittsylvania, Powhatan, Prince Edward, Prince George, Richmond, Southampton, Surry, Sussex, York, **and the Independent Cities** of Chesapeake, Colonial Heights, Danville, Emporia, Franklin, Hampton, Hopewell, Lynchburg, Newport News, Norfolk, Petersburg, Poquoson, Portsmouth, Richmond City, Suffolk, Virginia Beach, and Williamsburg.

ARTICLE IV
Emblem, Colors, Slogan and Motto

Section 1. **EMBLEM.** The emblem of this association and each chartered club shall be of a design as follows:



Section 2. **USE OF NAME AND EMBLEM.** Use of the name, goodwill, emblem and other logos of the association shall be according to the guidelines established from time to time in the by-laws.

Section 3. **COLORS.** The colors of this association and of each chartered club shall be purple and gold.

Section 4. **SLOGAN.** Its Slogan shall be: Liberty, Intelligence, Our Nation's Safety.

Section 5. **MOTTO.** Its Motto shall be: We Serve.

ARTICLE V
Supremacy

The Standard Form District Constitution and By-Laws shall govern the district unless otherwise amended so as not to conflict with the Multiple District and International Constitution & By-Laws and policies of Lions Clubs International. Whenever there may exist a conflict or a contradiction between the provisions set out in the district constitution and by-laws and the multiple district constitution and by-laws then the multiple district constitution and by-laws shall govern. Whenever there may exist a conflict or a contradiction between the provisions set out in the district constitution and by-laws and the International Constitution and By-Laws, then the International Constitution and By-Laws shall govern.

ARTICLE VI
Officers and District Cabinet

Section 1. **OFFICERS.** The officers of this district shall be the district governor, the immediate past district governor, the first and second vice district governors, the region chairpersons (if the position is utilized during the district governor's term), the zone chairpersons and a cabinet secretary-treasurer or a cabinet secretary and a cabinet treasurer. Each such officer shall be a member in good standing of a Lions club in good standing in the district.

Section 2. **DISTRICT CABINET.** 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 (if the position is utilized during the district governor's term), the zone chairpersons, Global Membership Team district coordinator, Global Leadership Team district coordinator, Global Service Team district coordinator, LCIF district coordinator, a cabinet secretary-treasurer or a cabinet secretary and a cabinet treasurer, the following Committee Chairpersons: Audit, Awards, Bland, Broom Sales, Budget, Bulletin Contest, Burkeville Lodge Representative, Chaplain, Constitution & Bylaws, Cultural/Community Activities, Diabetes Awareness, Diabetes Camp, District Directory, Environment, Ethics, Fall Conference, Hearing Conservation, Historian, Information Technology, International Convention, International Relations, Leader Dog, Leo Club Advisor, Lions Alert, LCI Liaison, LOVF Representative, Lions Charity Foundation Representative, Lions Medical Eye Bank Liaison, Central LMSHU Liaison, Southeastern LMSHU Liaison, Lions Quest, Central Lions Services for Children/SPOT, Southeastern Lions Services for Children/SPOT, Long Range Planning, Parliamentarian, Peace Poster/Essay, Pediatric Cancer Public Relations, PR-Constant Contact, PR-Newsletter, PR-Parades & Float, PR-Website, Sight Conservation, Special Needs Equipment & Health Issues, Special Olympics, State Convention, Tail Twister, Trading Pins, Traveling Leo, VLHF Liaison, VLERC-Southeastern Liaison, White Cane, Winter Conference, Youth Exchange & Camp, and such other club members as may be included in this section as amended in accordance with the amendment procedures contained herein. Each such cabinet member shall be a member in good standing of a Lions club in good standing in the district.

Section 3. **ELECTION/APPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT CABINET.** The district governor and first and second vice district governors shall be elected at the annual convention of the district. The district governor shall appoint ~~or the district shall elect~~ 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 (if the position is utilized during the district governor's term), and one zone chairperson for each zone, in the district, sergeant at arms and such other club members as may be included in the district cabinet **as specified in Section 2 above.**

Section 4. **REMOVAL.** Members of the District Cabinet other than the District Governor, First Vice District Governor and Second Vice District Governor may be removed from office for cause by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the entire number of the District Cabinet.

ARTICLE VII District Convention

Section 1. **TIME AND PLACE.** An annual convention of the district shall be held **as part of the Multiple District 24 State Convention** in each year to conclude no less than thirty (30) days prior to the convening of the international convention at a place selected by the delegates of 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 (single or sub- and multiple) 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 last 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. All eligible delegates must be members in good standing of a club in good standing in this district. Delinquent dues may be paid and good standing acquired up to fifteen (15) days 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 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 VIII

District Dispute Resolution Procedure

All disputes or claims arising from provisions of the District Constitution and By-Laws or any policy or procedure adopted from time to time by the district (single or sub-) cabinet, or any other internal Lions district (single or sub-) matters that cannot be satisfactorily resolved through other means, arising between any clubs in the district (single or sub-), or any club(s) and the district (single or sub-) administration, shall be resolved in accordance with the Dispute Resolution Procedures established by the International Board of Directors. [Mandatory Provision]

ARTICLE IX

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 delegate votes cast. Any Officer, Cabinet Member, or Club of the District may submit a resolution to the District Governor for consideration no less than 45 days prior to the convening date of the annual convention.

Section 2. **AUTOMATIC UPDATE.** When amendments to the International Constitution and By-Laws are passed at the International Convention, and/or Multiple District 24 Constitution and By-Laws are passed at the State Convention, any amendments that would have an effect on this

District Constitution and By-Laws shall automatically be updated in this district constitution and by-laws at the close of the said convention.

Section 3. **NOTICE.** No amendment shall be so reported or voted upon unless the same shall have been published by regular post or electronic means to each club 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 4. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** Each amendment shall take effect at the close of the convention at which adopted unless otherwise specified in the amendment.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

Nominations and Endorsement Third Vice President and International Director Nominees

Section 1. **ENDORSEMENT PROCEDURE.** Subject to the provisions of the International Constitution and By-Laws, any member of a Lions club in the district seeking endorsements of a district convention as a candidate for the office of international director or third vice-president shall:

- Deliver (by mail or in person) written notice of intention to seek such endorsement to the district governor and if this is a sub-district of a multiple district to the multiple district council secretary treasurer no less than 30 days prior to the convening date of the district convention at which such question of endorsement is to be voted upon;
- Deliver with said notice of intention evidence of fulfillment of the qualifications for such office set forth in the International Constitution and By-Laws.

Section 2. **NOMINATION.** Each notice of intention so delivered shall be transmitted forthwith by the district governor to the Nominating Committee of the respective convention, which shall review and perfect the same by obtaining from each prospective candidate any additional evidence of such intention and qualifications as may be necessary under the International Constitution and By-Laws, and shall place in nomination at the respective convention the name of each such prospective candidate who has fulfilled said procedural and constitutional requirements.

Section 3. **SECONDING SPEECH.** Each such nominee for endorsement shall be entitled to one seconding speech of no more than three (3) minutes in duration.

Section 4. **VOTE.** The vote on the question of endorsement shall be by secret written ballot, unless there shall be only one nominee seeking the same, in which event a voice vote may be taken. The nominee receiving a majority of the votes cast shall be declared endorsed (elected) as the candidate of the convention and district. In the event of a tie vote, or failure of one nominee to receive the required majority, on any ballot, balloting shall continue until one receives the required majority of the votes cast.

Section 5. **CERTIFICATION OF ENDORSEMENT.** Certification of endorsement by the respective convention shall be made in writing to the international office by the district officials designated (and if the district is a sub-district in the multiple district to the multiple district council of governors) in accordance with the requirements set forth, in the International Constitution and By-Laws.

Section 6. **VALIDITY.** No district endorsement of any candidacy of any member of a Lions club in this district shall be valid unless and until the provisions of this Article have been met.

ARTICLE II

District Nominations, Elections and Appointments

Section 1. **NOMINATING COMMITTEE.** Each district governor shall appoint by written notification received at least sixty (60) days prior to the sub-district convention, a Nominating Committee of not less than three (3) and no more than five (5) members, each of whom shall be a member in good standing of a different Lions club in good standing in the district, and shall not through the duration of their appointment hold any district cabinet or international office either by election or appointment.

Section 2. **DISTRICT GOVERNOR ELECTION PROCEDURES.** Any qualified member of a club in the district seeking the office of district governor shall file his/her intention to so run in writing with the Nominating Committee prior to the day of its report to the convention, and furnish evidence of his/her compliance with the qualifications for said office set out in the International Constitution and By-Laws. The Nominating Committee shall place in nomination at the district convention the name(s) of all candidate(s) so qualified. If none are so received and/or so qualified, then, but then only, nominations for the office may be made from the floor. A candidate shall be allowed one nominating speech of no more than five (5) minutes duration, and one seconding speech of no more than three (3) minutes duration.

Section 3. **FIRST AND SECOND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR ELECTION PROCEDURES.** Any member of a club in the district seeking the office of first or second vice district governor shall file his/her intention to so run in writing with the Nominating Committee at least thirty (30) days prior to the election, and furnish evidence of his/her compliance with the qualifications for said office set out in the International Constitution and By-Laws. The Nominating Committee shall place in nomination at the district convention the names of all candidates so qualified. If none are so received and/or so qualified, then, but then only, nominations for the office may be made from the floor. Each candidate shall be allowed one nominating speech of no more than five (5) minutes duration, and one seconding speech of no more than three (3) minutes duration.

Section 4. BALLOT. The election shall be by secret written ballot, with the candidate or candidates required to secure a majority of the votes cast by the delegates present and voting in order to be declared elected; for purpose of such election, a majority is defined as a number more than one-half of the total valid votes cast excluding blanks and abstentions. If, on the first ballot, and subsequent ballots, no candidate receives a majority, the candidate or tied candidates receiving the lowest number of votes shall be eliminated and balloting shall continue until one candidate receives a majority. In case of a tie on any ballot, balloting shall continue on the tied candidates until one is elected.

Section 5. DISTRICT GOVERNOR VACANCY. In the event of a vacancy in the office of district governor, the same shall be filled in accordance with the provisions of the International Constitution and By-Laws. The immediate past district governor, first and second vice district governors, the region chairpersons, zone chairpersons, the cabinet secretary and cabinet treasurer (or cabinet secretary/treasurer) and past district governors, past international directors and past international presidents in the district shall convene at a date, time and place called and determined by the immediate past district governor to select a replacement for recommendation to the International Board of Directors.

In order for a Lion to be eligible and qualified to be selected to fill a vacancy in the office of district governor, he/she must:

- Be an Active Member in good standing of a chartered Lions club in good standing in his/her single or sub-district.
- Have served or will have served at the time he/she takes office as district governor:
 - As officer of a Lions club for a full term or major portion thereof; and
 - As a member of the district cabinet for two (2) full terms or major portion thereof.
 - With none of the above being accomplished concurrently.

It is encouraged that the first vice district governor fulfill his/her full term of office and other qualified Lions be considered for filling a vacancy in the office of district governor.

Section 6. FIRST AND SECOND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNORS AND OTHER VACANCIES. Any vacancy in office except that of district governor and first and second vice district governors shall be filled by appointment from the district governor for the unexpired term. In event of a vacancy arising in the office of first or second vice district governor, the district governor shall convene a meeting of the members of the existing cabinet as provided for in the International Constitution and By-Laws and all past international officers who are members in good standing of a chartered Lions club in good standing in the district. It shall be the duty of the attendees at this meeting to appoint a qualified club member as first or second vice district governor for the remainder of the term. In filling said vacancy, it shall be the duty of the district governor, or if not available, the most recent past district governor who is available, to send out invitations to attend said meeting and it shall also be his/her responsibility to preside as chairperson of the meeting. The chairperson shall convey the results to the international office within seven (7) days together with evidence of invitations sent and meeting attendance. Each Lion who is entitled to receive an invitation to attend and is present at said meeting shall be entitled to cast one vote for the Lion of his/her choice.

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, he/she must:

- Be an Active Member in good standing of a chartered Lions club in good standing in his/her single or sub-district.
- Have served or will have served at the time he/she takes office as first or second vice district governor:
 - As officer of a Lions club for a full term or major portion thereof; and
 - As a member of the district cabinet for a full term or major portion thereof.
 - With none of the above being accomplished concurrently.

Section 7. **REGION/ZONE CHAIRPERSON QUALIFICATIONS.** Each region and zone chairperson shall:

- Be an active member in good standing in his/her respective region or zone; and
- Have served or will have served at the time of taking office as region or zone chairperson as president of a Lions club for a full term or major portion thereof, and a member of the board of directors of a Lions club for no less than two (2) additional years.

Section 8. **APPOINTMENT/ELECTION OF REGION/ ZONE CHAIRPERSON.** The district governor shall appoint, by the time he/she takes office, one region chairperson for each region (if the position is utilized during the district governor's term), and one zone chairperson for each zone, in the district.

Section 9. **REGION/ZONE CHAIRPERSON VACANCY.** If any region chairperson or zone chairperson shall cease to be a member of a club in the region or zone, as the case may be, to which he/she was appointed, his/her term of office shall thereon cease and the district governor shall appoint a successor to fill said office. Provided, however, the district governor, in his/her discretion may determine not to use the position of region chairperson for the remainder of the term.

ARTICLE III Duties of District Officers/Cabinet

Section 1. **DISTRICT GOVERNOR.** Under the general supervision of the International Board of Directors, he/she shall represent the association in his/her district. In addition, he/she shall be the chief administrative officer in his/her district and shall have direct supervision over the first and second vice district governor, region chairpersons, the zone chairpersons, the cabinet secretary-treasurer and such other cabinet members as may be provided for in this district constitution and by-laws. His/her specific responsibilities shall be to:

- Serve as the Global Action Team district chairperson to administer and promote membership growth, ~~and~~ new club development, leadership development and humanitarian service to clubs throughout the district.
 - Ensure the selection of a qualified Lion leader for the positions of GST district coordinator, GMT district coordinator and GLT district coordinator.
 - Ensure regular meetings to discuss and advance initiatives established by the District Global Action Team.
 - Collaborate with the multiple district's Global Action Team

- Promote the Lions Clubs International Foundation and all service activities of the association.
- Preside, when present, over cabinet, convention and other district meetings. During any period he/she is unable to so preside, the presiding officer at any such meeting shall be the first or second vice district governor, but if he/she is not available, the district officer chosen by the attending members shall preside.
- Promote harmony among the chartered Lions clubs.
- Exercise such supervision and authority over cabinet officers and district committee appointees as is provided in this district constitution.
- Ensure that each Lions club in the district be visited by district governor or other district officer once every year to facilitate successful administration of the club, and that the visiting officer submit a visitation report to the International Headquarters for each visit.
- Submit a current itemized statement of total district receipts and expenditures to his/her district convention or annual meeting of his/her district at a multiple district convention.
- Deliver, in a timely manner, at the conclusion of his/her term in office, the general and/or financial accounts, funds and records of the district to his/her successor in office.
- Report to Lions Clubs International all known violations of the use of the association's name and emblem.
- Perform such other functions and acts as shall be required of him/her by the International Board of Directors through the District Governor's Manual and other directives.

Section 2. **FIRST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR.** The first vice district governor, subject to the supervision and direction of the district governor, shall be the chief administrative assistant and representative of the district governor. His/her specific responsibilities shall be, but not limited, to:

- Further the purposes of this association.
- Perform such administrative duties assigned by the district governor.
- Perform such other functions and acts required by the International Board of Directors.
- Participate in the cabinet meetings, and conduct meetings in the absence of the district governor, and participate in council meetings as appropriate.
- Assist the district governor in the review of the strengths and weaknesses of the clubs in the district, identifying the existing and potential weak clubs and establishing plans to strengthen them.
- Conduct club visitation as the representative of the district governor when requested by the district governor.
- Work with the District Convention Committee and assist the committee to plan and conduct the annual district convention and assist the district governor to organize and promote other events within the district.
- At the request of the district governor, supervise other district committees.
- Participate in the planning of the next year including the district budget.
- Familiarize himself/herself with the duties of the district governor so that, in the event of a vacancy in the office of the district governor, he/she would be better prepared to assume the duties and responsibilities of said office as the acting district governor until the vacancy is filled according to these by-laws and rules of procedure adopted by the International Board of Directors.

- Conduct a district quality assessment and collaborate with the district officers, specifically members of the district's Global Action Team, and other committee chairpersons, during his/her term as first vice district governor to develop a plan for membership growth, leadership development, operational improvement and the fulfillment of humanitarian services to be presented and approved by the district cabinet during his/her term as district governor.

Section 3. SECOND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR. The second vice district governor, subject to the supervision and direction of the district governor, shall be an assistant in the administration of the district, and representative of the district governor. His/her specific responsibilities shall be, but not limited, to:

- Further the purposes of this association.
- Perform such administrative duties assigned by the district governor.
- Perform such other functions and acts required by the International Board of Directors.
- Participate in the cabinet meetings, and conduct meetings in the absence of the district governor and first vice district governor, and participate in council meetings as appropriate.
- Familiarize himself/herself with the health and status of the clubs in the district, review the monthly financial report and assist the district governor and the first vice district governor in identifying and strengthening the existing and potential weak clubs.
- Conduct club visitation, as the representative of the district governor, when requested by the district governor.
- Assist the district governor and first vice district governor in planning and conducting the annual district convention.
- Work with the District LCIF Coordinator and assist the committee to achieve the goals of the year through regular distribution of LCIF information and materials to increase understanding and support of LCIF.
- Work with the District Information Technology Committee and assist the committee to promote the use of the association's web site and the Internet among the clubs and members to obtain information, file reports, purchase club supplies, etc.
- At the request of the district governor, supervise other district committees.
- Assist the district governor, first vice district governor, and the cabinet in planning of the next year, including the district budget.
- Familiarize himself/herself with the duties of the district governor so that, in the event of a vacancy in the offices of district governor and first vice district governor, he/she would be better prepared to assume the duties and responsibilities of said offices as the acting district governor or acting vice district governor until the vacancies are filled according to these by-laws and rules of procedure adopted by the International Board of Directors.

Section 4a: CABINET SECRETARY. He/ she shall act under the supervision of the district governor. His/her specific responsibilities shall be to:

- Further the Purposes of this association;
- Perform such duties as are implied by the title of said office, including but not by way of limitation, the following:
 - Keep an accurate record of the proceedings of all meetings of the cabinet, and within five (5) days after each meeting forward copies of the same to all members of the cabinet, the MD24 Secretary/Treasurer, and the office of Lions Clubs International.

- Take and keep minutes of the sub-district convention and furnish copies of the same to Lions Clubs International, the district governor and the secretary of each club in the sub-district.
- Make reports to the cabinet as the district governor or cabinet may require.
- Keep accurate minutes and records of all cabinet and sub-district meetings, and permit inspection of the same by the district governor, any cabinet member and any club (or any authorized agent of any of them) at any reasonable time for any proper purpose. Upon direction of the district governor or the cabinet, he/she shall furnish any such books and records as requested to any auditor appointed by the district governor.
- Secure bond for the faithful performance of his/her duties in such sum and with such sureties as may be required by the district governor.
- Deliver, in a timely manner, at the conclusion of his/her term in office, the general records of the district to his/her successor in office.
- Perform such other functions and acts as may be required of each by directives of the International Board of Directors.

SECTION 4b. CABINET TREASURER. He/ she shall act under the supervision of the district governor. His/her specific responsibilities shall be to:

- Further the Purposes of this association;
- Perform such duties as are implied by the title of said office, including but not by way of limitation, the following:
 - Make reports to the cabinet as the district governor or cabinet may require.
 - Collect and receipt for all donations in the sub-district, deposit the same in such bank or banks as the district governor shall determine and disburse the same by order of the district governor.
 - Remit and pay over to the multiple district council secretary-treasurer the multiple district dues and taxes, if any, collected in the sub-district, and secure a proper receipt.
 - Keep accurate books and records of account for all sub-district funds, and permit inspection of the same by the district governor, any cabinet member and any club (or any authorized agent of any of them) at any reasonable time for any proper purpose. Upon direction of the district governor or the cabinet, he/she shall furnish any such books and records as requested to any auditor appointed by the district governor.
 - Secure bond for the faithful performance of his/her duties in such sum and with such sureties as may be required by the district governor.
 - Deliver, in a timely manner, at the conclusion of his/her term in office, the general and/or financial accounts, funds and records of the district to his/her successor in office.
- Perform such other functions and acts as may be required of each by directives of the International Board of Directors.

Section 5. **GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM (GST) DISTRICT COORDINATOR.** The GST district coordinator is a member of the District Global Action Team. His/her responsibilities include:

- Encourage clubs to implement service projects that are aligned with global LCI initiatives, including the LCI Service Framework.

- Work with clubs to raise the visibility of Lions service impact in local communities.
- Collaborate with GMT and GLT district coordinators and the Global Action Team district chairperson (district governor) to further initiatives focused on leadership development, membership retention and growth, and expanding humanitarian service.
- Work with region, zone, and club service chairpersons to help clubs reach their service goals, ensure regular reporting in MyLCI, and encourage utilization of LCI tools (such as the App) to increase engagement in service projects.
- Support local community service projects that create a sense of belonging and pride to the Lions and Leos in the district.
- Promote service projects that attract multi-generational participants, including the integration and leadership development of Leos.
- In collaboration with the LCIF district coordinator, maximize LCIF resource utilization and fundraising and monitor LCIF grants given to the district.
- Gather club and district feedback related to service challenges, opportunities, and successes and share information gathered with multiple district coordinator to troubleshoot/remove barriers impeding the successful implementation of service programs.

Section 6. **GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM (GMT) DISTRICT COORDINATOR.** The GMT district coordinator is a member of the District Global Action Team. His/her responsibilities include:

- Collaborate with the GLT and GST district coordinators and the Global Action Team district chairperson (district governor) to further initiatives focused on leadership development, membership growth and expanding humanitarian service.
- Develop and execute an annual district membership development plan.
- Collaborate with region, zone, and club membership chairpersons to identify communities without a club or where additional clubs can be chartered.
- Motivate clubs to invite new members, inspire positive club membership experiences, and ensure clubs are aware of available membership programs and resources.
- Monitor club membership reports. Recognize clubs that are increasing membership and support clubs that are losing members.
- Work with clubs in danger of cancellation by ensuring payments are submitted on time.
- Include diverse populations to participate in Global Action Team Initiatives.
- Respond promptly to prospective member leads provided by the GMT multiple district coordinator or LCI, track recruitment and provide status report of the lead.
- Complete requirements and submit applications to receive district funding from LCI for membership development activities.
- Confirm new members are provided an effective member orientation at the club level, in collaboration with the GLT district coordinator and the club officers.
- Provide retention strategies to clubs in collaboration with GLT and GST district coordinators.

Section 7. **GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM (GLT) DISTRICT COORDINATOR.** The GLT district coordinator is a member of the District Global Action Team. His/her responsibilities include:

- Collaborate with your GMT and GST district coordinators and Global Action Team district chairperson (district governor) to further initiatives focused on leadership development, membership growth and expanding humanitarian service.
- Develop and execute an annual district leadership development plan.
- Communicate regularly with region/zone chairpersons and club vice presidents to ensure they are aware of leadership development programs and resources available.
- Provide ongoing motivation to region/zone chairpersons and club vice presidents to achieve leadership development goals.
- Promote leadership development opportunities that encourages participation all levels of the association.
- Collaborate with GMT and GST district coordinators to provide retention strategies to clubs.
- Include diverse populations to participate in Global Action Team initiatives.
- Identify potential and new leaders to participate in service, membership and leadership development opportunities.
- Organize and facilitate instructor-led and web-based training in coordination with LCI.
- Confirm new members are provided an effective member orientation at the club level, in collaboration with the GMT district coordinator and club officers.
- Complete requirements and submit applications to receive district funding from LCI for leadership development activities.

Section 8. LCIF DISTRICT COORDINATOR. The LCIF district coordinator is nominated by the LCIF multiple district coordinator, in consultation with the district governor, and appointed by the LCIF chairperson, to serve for a three-year term. This position serves as an ambassador for Lions Clubs International Foundation and reports directly to LCIF multiple district coordinator while working closely with district leadership. His/her responsibilities include:

- Be familiar with LCIF initiatives and educate Lions within the district on the various grants and projects supported by LCIF. Assist district governors with grant applications to LCIF, as needed.
- Promote foundation initiatives in district publications, during district events and to the public at large.
- Ensure that local LCIF-funded projects receive proper promotion and follow grant-criteria guidelines.
- Encourage all Lions to contribute to LCIF and promote individual and club recognition programs as incentives to donate to LCIF.
- Identify potential major gift donors, local foundations, corporations, and businesses with the potential to support LCIF and, and when appropriate, be involved in the gift-request process.
- Assist with the submission of LCIF funds, MJF applications, and other donation information when necessary.
- Encourage clubs to select a Lion to serve as the club LCIF coordinator (which may be the immediate past club president). Host an annual training for club LCIF coordinators. Communicate with each LCIF club coordinator quarterly.
- In collaboration with the district governor and the LCIF multiple district coordinator, develop and execute a plan with agreed upon goals. Communicate monthly with the LCIF multiple district coordinator to discuss progress and challenges.

Section 9. **REGION CHAIRPERSON** (if the position is utilized during the district governor's term). The region chairperson subject to the supervision and direction of the district governor, shall be the chief administrative officer in his/her region. His/her specific responsibilities should be to:

- Further the Purposes of this association.
- Supervise the activities of the zone chairpersons in his/her region and such district committee chairpersons as may be assigned to him/her by the district governor.
- In coordination with the District GMT Coordinator, play an active role in organizing new clubs and in strengthening weak clubs.
- Visit a regular meeting of each club in his/her region at least once during his/her term of office, reporting his/her findings to the district governor and the GMT district coordinator, the GLT district coordinator and the GST district coordinator, as appropriate.
- Visit a regular board of directors meeting of each club in his/her region at least once during his/her term of office, reporting his/her findings to the district governor and the GMT district coordinator, the GLT district coordinator and the GST district coordinator as appropriate.
- Endeavor to have every club in his/her region operating under a duly adopted club constitution and bylaws.
- Promote the Club Quality Initiative to the clubs within the region.
- In coordination with the District GLT Coordinator, play an active role in supporting leadership initiatives by informing Lions with the zone about leadership development opportunities at the zone, district or multiple district.
- In coordination with the GST district coordinator, play an active role in promoting global service initiatives by informing Lions within the zone about service opportunities in the region, district or multiple district.
- Promote representation at international and district (sub- and multiple) conventions by at least the full quota of delegates to which clubs in his/her region are entitled.
- Carry out such official visitations to club meetings and charter nights as shall be assigned to him/her by the district governor.
- Perform such additional assignments as shall be given to him/her from time to time by the district governor.

In addition, the region chairperson shall perform such other functions and acts as may be required by the International Board of Directors through a region chairperson's manual and other directives.

Section 10. **ZONE CHAIRPERSON**. The zone chairperson, subject to the supervision and direction of the district governor and/or region chairperson, shall be the chief administrative officer in his/her zone. His/her specific responsibilities shall be to:

- Further the Purposes of this association.
- Serve as chairperson of the District Governor's Advisory Committee in his/her zone and as such chairperson to call regular meetings of said committee.
- Endeavor to include the GMT district coordinator, the GLT district coordinator and the GST district coordinator as special guests to a District Governor's Advisory Committee meeting to discuss needs related to membership, leadership development and service and how these teams may assist the clubs within the zone.
- Make a report of each District Governor's Advisory Committee meeting and send copies within five (5) days thereafter to Lions Clubs International and to the district governor.

Copies should also be sent to the GMT district coordinator, the GLT district coordinator, the GST district coordinator and region chairperson when appropriate.

- Promote the Club Quality Initiative to the clubs within the zone.
- In coordination with the GMT district cCoordinator, play an active role in organizing new clubs and keep informed of the activities and well-being of all clubs in his/her zone.
- In coordination with the GLT district coordinator, play an active role in supporting leadership initiatives by informing Lions within the zone about leadership development opportunities at the zone, district or multiple district.
- In coordination with the GST district coordinator, play an active role in promoting global service initiatives by informing Lions within the zone about service opportunities in the zone, district or multiple district.
- Represent each club in his/her zone in any problems with district, multiple district council chairperson or Lions Clubs International.
- Supervise the progress of district, multiple district, and Lions Clubs International projects in his/her zone.
- Endeavor to have every club within his/her zone operating under a duly adopted club constitution and by-laws.
- Promote representation at international and district (sub- and multiple) conventions by at least the full quota of delegates to which clubs in his/her zone are entitled.
- Visit a regular meeting of each club in his/her zone once or more during his/her term of office, reporting his/her findings to the region chairperson – particularly with respect to weaknesses he/she may have discovered (copy to district governor).
- Perform such other functions and acts as may be required of him/her by directives of the International Board of Directors.

Section 11. **DISTRICT GOVERNOR’S CABINET.** The district governor’s cabinet shall:

- Assist the district governor in the performance of his/her duties and in the formulation of administrative plans and policies affecting the welfare of Lionism within the sub-district.
- Receive, from the region chairpersons or other assigned district cabinet members, reports and recommendations which concern the clubs and zones.
- Supervise ~~the collection of all dues and taxes by the cabinet treasurer multiple district secretary/treasurer, designate a depository(s) for said funds~~ and authorize the payment of all legitimate expenses pertaining to the administration of the affairs of the district.
- Secure, set the amount of and approve the surety company issuing, the surety bond for the cabinet secretary-treasurer.
- Secure, semi-annually or more frequently, sub-district financial reports from the cabinet secretary and cabinet treasurer (or secretary-treasurer).
- Provide for an audit of the books and accounts of the cabinet secretary, cabinet treasurer, or cabinet secretary-treasurer and with the district governor’s approval, set up definite schedule of dates, times and places of cabinet meetings to be held during the fiscal year.

Section 12. **SERGEANT-AT-ARMS.** The Sergeant-at- Arms shall maintain order and decorum at the respective conventions and meetings and perform such other duties as are incident to his/her office under ROBERT’S RULES OF ORDER, NEWLY REVISED.

ARTICLE IV

District Committees

Section 1. **DISTRICT GOVERNOR’S ADVISORY COMMITTEE.** In each zone, the zone chairperson and the presidents, first vice presidents and secretaries of the clubs in the zone shall compose a District Governor’s Advisory Committee, with the zone chairperson as chairperson. At a date, time and place called by the zone chairperson, this committee shall hold a first meeting within ninety (90) days after the adjournment of the preceding international convention; a second meeting in the month of November; a third meeting in the month of February or March; and a fourth meeting approximately thirty days prior to the multiple district convention. The club service chairpersons, club marketing communications chairpersons, and club membership chairpersons should attend when information is shared that relate to their position. It shall assist the zone chairpersons in an advisory capacity, procure recommendations affecting the welfare of Lionism and the clubs in the zone, and relay the same through the zone chairperson to the district governor and his/her cabinet.

Section 2. **DISTRICT GLOBAL ACTION TEAM.** Chaired by the district governor and includes the GMT district coordinator, GST district coordinator and GLT district coordinator. Develops and initiates a coordinated plan to help clubs expand humanitarian service, achieve membership growth, and develop future leaders. Meets regularly to discuss the progress of the plan and initiatives that may support the plan. Collaborates with members of the multiple district’s Global Action Team to learn about initiatives and best practices. Shares activities, achievements and challenges with members of the multiple district Global Action Team. Attends the District Governor Advisory Committee meeting and other zone, region, district or multiple district meetings that feature service, membership or leadership initiatives to share ideas and gain knowledge that may be applied to club practices.

Section 3. **DISTRICT GOVERNOR’S HONORARY COMMITTEE.** The district governor may appoint a District Governor’s Honorary Committee composed of past international officers who are members in good standing of clubs within the sub-district. This committee shall meet when and as called upon by the district governor. It shall act under the direction of the district governor in the promotion of harmony throughout the district. The chairperson of this committee shall attend meetings of the cabinet when requested by the district governor.

Section 4. **DISTRICT CABINET COMMITTEES.** The district governor may establish and appoint such other committees and/or chairpersons as he/she deems necessary and appropriate for the efficient operations of the district. Such committee chairpersons shall be deemed non-voting members of the district cabinet, unless listed as a member of the Cabinet in Article VI, Section 2, of the Constitution.

ARTICLE V

Meetings

Section 1. **DISTRICT CABINET MEETINGS.**

- Regular. A regular meeting of the district cabinet shall be held in each quarter of the fiscal year, with the first of which should be held within thirty (30) days after the adjournment of the preceding international convention, the second of which will be held at the Fall Conference, the third of which will be held at the Winter Conference, and the

fourth of which shall be within 30 days of the start of the international convention. Ten (10) days written notice of meetings setting forth a date, time and place determined by the district governor shall be given to each member by the cabinet secretary.

- Special. Special meetings of the district cabinet may be called by the district governor at his/her discretion, and shall be called upon written request made to the district governor or the cabinet secretary by a majority of the members of the cabinet. No fewer than five (5) nor more than twenty (20) days written (including letters, electronic mail, facsimile transmission, or cable) notice of special meetings, setting forth the purposes and a date, time and place determined by the district governor, shall be given to each member by the cabinet secretary.
- Quorum. The attendance of a majority of the officers of this district shall constitute a quorum for any cabinet meeting.
- Vote. The voting privilege shall extend to all members of the district cabinet, listed in Article VI, Section 2, of the Constitution.

Section 2. **ALTERNATIVE MEETING FORMATS.** Regular and/or special meetings of the district cabinet may be held through the use of alternative meeting formats, such as teleconference and/or web conference as determined by the district governor.

Section 3. **BUSINESS TRANSACTED BY MAIL.** The district cabinet may transact business by mail (including letters, electronic mail, facsimile transmission, or cable), provided that no such action shall be effective until approved in writing by two-thirds (2/3) of the entire number of the members of the district cabinet. Such action may be initiated by the district governor or any three (3) officers of the district.

Section 4. **REGIONS AND ZONES.**

- Organizational. Regions and zones shall be subject to change by the district governor, with the approval of the district cabinet and when it is in the best interests of the clubs, district and the association. The district should be divided into regions of sixteen (16) to ten (10) Lions clubs. Each region should be divided into zones of between eight (8) and four (4) Lions Clubs, giving due regard to the geographical locations of the clubs.
- Region/DG Advisory Meetings. Meetings of representatives of all clubs in a region, with the region chairperson (if the position is utilized during the district governor's term) or other district cabinet member as may be assigned by the district governor presiding, should be held during the fiscal year at times and places fixed by the region chairperson of the respective region.
- Zone/DG Advisory Meetings. Meetings of representatives of all the clubs in a zone, with the zone chairperson presiding, shall be held a minimum of three times during the fiscal year at times and places fixed by the zone chairperson. Such meeting may be combined with a Region Meeting.

ARTICLE VI District Convention

Section 1. **CONVENTION SITE SELECTION.** Deleted as MD24 By-Laws govern this section.

Section 2. **OFFICIAL CALL.** Deleted as MD24 By-Laws govern this section.

Section 3. **SITE CHANGE.** Deleted as MD24 By-Laws govern this section.

Section 4. **OFFICERS.** Deleted. Deleted as MD24 By-Laws govern this section.

Section 5. **SERGEANT-AT-ARMS.** Deleted as MD24 By-Laws govern this section.

Section 6. **OFFICIAL REPORT.** Within fifteen (15) days after the close of each single and sub-district convention, the cabinet secretary shall transmit one copy of the complete proceedings to the international office. Upon written request from any club in the respective district a copy shall be furnished to said club.

Section 7. **CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE.** The Credentials Committee of the district convention shall be composed of the district governor, as chairperson, the cabinet secretary or the cabinet secretary-treasurer and two other non-officers of the district appointed by the district governor, each of whom shall be a member in good standing of a different Lions club in good standing in the district. The non-officers shall not, through the duration of the appointment, hold any district or international office either by election or appointment. The Credentials Committee shall have the powers and perform the duties set forth in ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER, NEWLY REVISED.

Section 8. **ORDER OF CONVENTION BUSINESS.** The District Governor shall arrange the order of business for the multiple district convention, and the same shall be the order of the day for all sessions.

Section 9. **DISTRICT CONVENTION COMMITTEES.** The district governor shall appoint the chairperson of, and fill any vacancies occurring, in the following district convention committees: Resolutions, Elections, Constitution and By-Laws, Rules of Procedure and International Convention. Each region, if any, shall have at least one representative on each such committee. These committees shall perform such duties as the district governor shall designate.

Section 10. **RULES OF ORDER AND PROCEDURE.** Except as otherwise specifically provided in this constitution and by-laws, or in the rules of procedure adopted for a meeting, all questions of order and procedure in any convention, any meeting of the Council of Governors, or multiple district committee shall be determined by ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER, NEWLY REVISED.

ARTICLE VII CONVENTION FUND

Section 1. **CONVENTION FUND TAX.** Deleted as MD24 By-Laws govern this section.

Section 2. **REMAINING FUNDS.** In any fiscal year, any balance remaining in the convention fund after payment of all convention administrative expenses in that year shall remain in said convention fund and become available for future convention expenses and be treated as income in any fiscal year in which expended or otherwise budgeted for payment of such expenses.

Section 3. **FEE COLLECTION.** *Deleted as MD24 By-Laws govern this section.*

ARTICLE VIII
District Administration Fund

Section 1. **DISTRICT REVENUE.** *Deleted as MD24 By-Laws govern this section.*

Section 2. **REMAINING FUNDS.** In any fiscal year, any balance remaining in the district administrative fund after payment of all district administrative expenses in that year shall remain in said district administrative fund and become available for future district administrative expenses and be treated as income in any fiscal year in which expended or otherwise budgeted for payment of such expenses.

ARTICLE IX
Miscellaneous

Section 1. **DISTRICT GOVERNOR EXPENSES – INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION.** Expenses of the **current** district governor in connection with his/her attending the international convention shall be considered a district administrative expense. Reimbursement for such expenses shall be made by the district on the same basis as outlined in the General Reimbursement Policy of Lions Clubs International.

Section 2. **FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS.** The district governor and his/her cabinet shall not incur obligations in any fiscal year which will effect an unbalanced budget or deficit in said fiscal year.

Section 3. **CABINET SECRETARY-TREASURER BOND.** The cabinet secretary-treasurer and authorized signatories shall be bonded in such amount and with such surety company as shall be approved by the district governor's cabinet and the cost of same shall be an administrative expense.

Section 4. **AUDIT OR REVIEW OF BOOKS.** The district governor's cabinet shall provide for an annual or more frequent audit or review of the books and accounts of the cabinet secretary and cabinet treasurer (or secretary or treasurer).

Section 5. **COMPENSATION.** No officer shall receive any compensation for any service rendered to this district in his/her official capacity with the exception of the cabinet secretary cabinet treasurer (or secretary treasurer) whose compensation, if any, shall be fixed by the district cabinet.

Section 6. **FISCAL YEAR.** The fiscal year of this district shall be from July 1st to June 30th.

Section 7. **RULES OF PROCEDURE.** Except as otherwise specifically provided in this constitution and by-laws, or in the rules of procedure adopted for a meeting, all questions of order and procedure adopted for a meeting, all questions of order and procedure in any district meeting or convention, any meeting of the district cabinet, region, zone or member club or of any group or committee of any one of them shall be determined by ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER, NEWLY REVISED.

Section 8. **FIRST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR EXPENSES – USA/CANADA FORUM.** Expenses of the first vice district governor in connection with his/her attending the USA/Canada Forum shall be considered a district administrative expense. Reimbursement for such expenses shall be made by the district on the same basis as outlined in the General Reimbursement Policy of Lions Clubs International.

ARTICLE X Amendments

Section 1. **AMENDING PROCEDURE.** These by-laws may be amended only at a district convention, by resolution reported by the Constitution and By-Laws and adopted by a majority of the delegate votes cast. Any Officer, Cabinet Member, or Club of the District may submit a resolution to the District Governor for consideration no less than 45 days prior to the convening date of the annual convention.

Section 2. **AUTOMATIC UPDATE.** When amendments to the International Constitution and By-Laws are passed at the International Convention, any amendments that would have an effect on this District Constitution and By-Laws shall automatically be updated in this district constitution and by-laws at the close of the convention.

Section 3. **NOTICE.** No amendment shall be so reported or voted upon unless the same shall have been furnished in writing to each club 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 4. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** Each amendment shall take effect at the close of the convention at which adopted unless otherwise specified in the amendment.

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 action on my part.

TO REMEMBER that in building up my own 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.