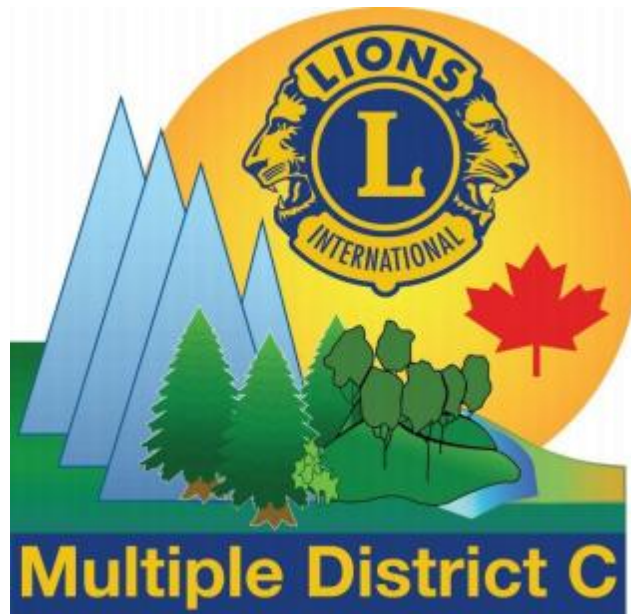


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MULTIPLE DISTRICT C CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I - NAME

This organization shall be known as Lions Multiple District C, hereinafter referred to as "Multiple District." The Multiple District shall be comprised of the Province of Alberta, a portion of the Province of British Columbia and a portion of the Northwest Territories.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSES

The purposes of this Multiple District shall be:

- (a) To provide an administrative structure with which to advance the purposes of Lions Clubs International in this Multiple District.
- (b) To create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.
- (c) To promote the principles of good government and good citizenship.
- (d) To take an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community.
- (e) To unite the members in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding.
- (f) 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 Lions club members.
- (g) 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 - MEMEBERSHIP

The members of this organization shall be all Lions clubs, hereinafter called "clubs" in this Multiple District chartered by Lions Clubs International. This Multiple District shall consist of two (2) sub-districts, with boundary lines as adopted by a multiple district convention and approved by the International Board of Directors of Lions Clubs International.

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 - SUREMACY

The Standard Form Multiple District Constitution and By-Laws shall govern the multiple district unless otherwise amended, so as not to conflict with the 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 multiple 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 COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

Section 1. Composition

There shall be a Council of Governors, composed of the district governor of each district in the multiple district, and shall also include a past district governor who shall serve as Council Chairperson. The officers of this multiple district shall be the members of the Council *of Governors*. Each *sitting district governor of each district* of the council, including the council chairperson, shall have one (1) vote on each question requiring action of the council. The council may also include Past and Present International Presidents, Vice Presidents and Past and Present International Directors of the Association, vice council chairperson *and 1st & 2nd Vice District Governors* as advisory, but non-voting members. The council chairperson shall serve for a one-year term only and cannot serve in that capacity again.

Section 2. Officers

The officers of the council shall be a chairperson and vice-chairperson, secretary and treasurer or secretary-treasurer and such other officers as the council shall deem necessary, all of whom, except the vice-council chairperson and *council* chairperson, shall be appointed annually by the Council of Governors. At the annual multiple district convention, the delegates in attendance will elect a vice-council chairperson from the candidates elected at their sub-district conventions. The elected vice council chairperson will serve on council for one (1) year prior to assuming the role of chairperson for the following year.

Should circumstances exist which do not allow: for election of a vice council chairperson; or there are no candidates for the office of vice council chairperson; or the vice council chairperson or the council chairperson, have been removed with cause; (section 4.) then the vice council chairperson or the council chairperson shall be appointed by the district

governors of the multiple district, who will *serve as* the district governors of the multiple district during the term, *which* the appointee will serve as the council chairperson, provided that such chairperson shall be a member in good standing of a club in good standing in the multiple district and a current or past district governor, when he/she takes office. The council chairperson shall serve for a one-year term only and cannot serve in that capacity again.

Section 3. Powers

Except where inconsistent with and contrary to the provisions of the articles of incorporation and constitution and by-laws of Lions Clubs International, the powers granted therein to the board of directors of said association, and the policies and acts of said board of directors, the council shall:

- (a) Have jurisdiction and control over all officers and agents, when acting as such, of the council and all committees of the multiple district and multiple district convention
- (b) Have management and control over the property, business and funds of the multiple district;
- (c) Have jurisdiction, control and supervision over all phases of the multiple district convention and all other meetings of the multiple district;
- (d) Have original jurisdiction, when authorized under policy of the international board of directors and under rules of said board, to hear and rule upon any complaint of a constitutional nature, raised by any sub-district or districts, and Lions club, or any member of a *Lions* club, in the multiple district. All such rulings of the council shall be subject to review and decision by said international board
- (e) Have control and management of all budgetary matters of the multiple district and committees of the multiple district and multiple district convention. No obligation may be approved or made which shall affect an unbalanced budget or deficit in any fiscal year.

Section 4. Removal

At the request of the majority of the council, a Special Meeting of the council may be called for the purpose of removal of the council chairperson. Regardless of the manner in which the council chairperson is selected or elected, the council chairperson may be removed from the council for cause by an affirmative vote of two thirds (2/3) of the entire number of the council.

ARTICLE VII - MULTIPLE DISTRICT CONVENTION

Section 1. Time and Place

An annual convention of this multiple district shall be held in each year at least thirty (30) days prior to the international convention *at a place selected by the delegates of a previous annual convention of this multiple district, and at a date and time fixed by the council of governors.*

Section 2. Club Delegate Formula

Each chartered club in good standing in Lions Clubs International, and its district, and this multiple district shall be entitled in each convention of this multiple district to one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each ten (10) members, or major fraction thereof, (*shall be five (5) or more members to get 1 vote*) and who have been enrolled for at least one year and a day of said *Lions* club, as shown by the records of the international office- *of the first day of the month last preceding that month during which the convention is held.*

The sitting district governors and all past district governors, who are active members of a *Lions* club, in good standing, in the multiple district, shall be voting delegates over and above their club's quota for all purposes.

Each eligible voting delegate present in person, of a chartered Lions club in good standing with Lions Clubs International, and its district, and this multiple district, 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 of the sub-district and the multiple district, 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. (However, if your club is in arrears by \$75.00, and mostly due to US/Canada exchange rates, or the club buying merchandise, or input a new member, 30 days prior to the convention, the delegates from that Lions Club may still vote)

Section 3. Quorum

A majority of the delegates in attendance at any session, multiple district convention shall constitute a quorum.

Section 4. Special Convention

A Special Convention of the *Lions* clubs of the multiple district may be called by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the council at such time and place as they shall determine; provided that such Special Convention shall conclude no less than *fifteen* (15) days prior to the convening date of the International Convention. Written notice of the Special Convention setting forth the time, place and purpose thereof, shall be provided to each club in the multiple district by the multiple district council Secretary, no less than thirty (30) days prior to the convening date of the Special Convention.

ARTICLE VIII - MULTIPLE DISTRICT DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCEDURE

Section 1. Disputes Subject to Procedure

All disputes relative to membership, club boundaries, or interpretation, breach of, or application of the multiple district constitution and by-laws, or any policy or procedure adopted from time to time by the multiple district council, or any other internal multiple district matter that cannot be satisfactorily resolved through other means, arising between any clubs or sub-districts in the multiple district, or any club(s) or sub-district(s) and the multiple district administration, shall be *resolved, in accordance with the Dispute*

Resolution Procedures established by the International Board of Directors. Except as otherwise provided herein, any time limits specified in this procedure may be shortened or extended by the multiple district council chairperson or, in the event the complaint is directed against the council chairperson, the council secretary or council treasurer, conciliators or the International Board of Directors (or its designee) upon a showing of good cause. All parties to any dispute subject to this procedure shall not pursue administrative or judicial actions during this dispute resolution process.

ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Amending Procedure

This constitution may be amended only at a multiple district convention, by resolution reported by the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws and adopted by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast. *Voting may be conducted by electronic means.*

No resolution shall be reported to the convention unless and until the same shall:

- (a) Have been developed by the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws, in the council or by a club, in good standing in the multiple district and have been endorsed by the committee on constitution and bylaws, the council or in writing by fifteen (15) clubs in good standing.
- (b) Have been prepared as a notice of motion reproduced in the office of the council secretary or council treasurer and distributed, either by electronic means or by mail, to the secretary of every club in the multiple district to provide a minimum of thirty (30) days' notice prior to the official opening of the multiple district convention where the vote on the resolution *will take place*.

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 multiple district Constitution and By-Laws shall automatically be updated in this 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 published by regular post or electronic means to each club no less than thirty (30) days prior to the convening date of the annual multiple district 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, *where* adopted unless, otherwise specified in the amendment.

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I - CANDIDATES FOR INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

Nominations and Endorsement *for* Third Vice President and International Director.

Section 1. ENDORSEMENT PROCEDURE

Subject to the provisions of the International Constitution and By-Laws, any member of a club in the multiple district seeking endorsement of the convention of the multiple district as a candidate for the office of international director or Third vice-president shall:

- (a) Deliver (by mail, ~~or~~ in person *or electronic means*) notice of intention to seek such endorsement to the multiple district council secretary-treasurer or council secretary no less than 30 days prior to the convening date of the convention (sub- or multiple); *where the question of such endorsement will be decided by delegate vote by council.*
- (b) 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 shall be *provided* by the council chairperson and council secretary-treasurer or council secretary to the Nominating Committee of the respective convention, which shall review and perfect the same by obtaining from each prospective candidate, any additional *information 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 candidate who has fulfilled *all* requirements.

Section 3. SPEECHS

Members seeking endorsement for international *office*, shall be allowed a five (5) minute nominating speech and a seconding speech of no more than three (3) minutes.

Section 4. VOTE

The vote on the question of endorsement shall be by secret ballot, (*written or electronic*) 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 multiple district convention. In the event of a tie vote, or failure of one nominee to receive the required majority, on any ballot, *voting* shall continue with respect to the two (2) nominees only who received the largest number of votes on the previous ballot until one receives the required majority of the votes cast.

Section 5. SUB DISTRICT ENDORSEMENT

Any candidate seeking endorsement at the multiple district convention must have *been* endorsement of his/her sub-district.

Section 6. CERTIFICATION OF ENDORSEMENT

Notice of Certification of endorsement by the multiple district convention shall be made in writing to the international office by the *designated* multiple district officials, and in accordance with the requirements *of* the International Constitution and By-Laws.

Section 7. VALIDITY

No endorsement of any candidacy of any member of a club in this multiple district shall

be valid unless and until, the provisions of this Article have been met.

ARTICLE II - APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

The council chairperson, shall be appointed by the District Governors of the multiple district provided that such chairperson shall be a current or past district governor when they take office. The council chairperson shall serve for a one-year term only and cannot serve in that capacity again. A meeting of the district governors of the multiple district who will be in office during the term of the council chairperson appointed shall be called following the multiple district annual convention, but no later than 30 days following the closing of the International Convention for the purpose of selecting a council chairperson. It shall be the duty of the attendees at this meeting to appoint a club member in good standing in a club in good standing in the multiple district as the council chairperson.

ARTICLE III - DUTIES OF MULTIPLE COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS AND COMMITTEES

Section 1. MULTIPLE DISTRICT COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS. The Council of Governors shall:

- (a) Make all contracts and approve all bills relating to multiple district convention administrative expenses.
- (b) Designate a depository for multiple district funds.
- (c) Determine the amount of surety bond for the council secretary-treasurer, and approve the surety company issuing said bond.
- (d) Receive financial reports, semi-annually or more frequently, from the council secretary-treasurer, and provide for a review or audit at the end of the fiscal year of the books and accounts of the council secretary- treasurer.

Section 2. MULTIPLE DISTRICT COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON. The multiple district council chairperson shall be the administrative facilitator of the multiple district. All actions are subject to the authority, direction and supervision of the multiple district Council of Governors.

In cooperation with the Council of Governors, the council Chairperson shall

- (a) Further the Purposes of this association;
- (b) Serve as the Global Action Team Multiple District Chairperson to administer and promote membership growth, leadership development and humanitarian service throughout the multiple district by:
 - (1) Ensuring the selection of a qualified Lion leader for the positions of GMT multiple district coordinator, GLT multiple district coordinator and GST multiple district coordinator under approval of the GAT Area Leader.
 - (2) Ensure regular meetings to discuss and advance initiatives established by the multiple district Global Action Team.
 - (3) Collaborate with area leaders and district Global Action Teams
- (c) Assist in communicating information regarding international and multiple district policies, programs and events;
- (d) Document and make available the goals and long range plans for the multiple district as established by the Council of Governors;

- (e) Convene meetings and facilitate discussion during council meetings;
- (f) Facilitate the operations of the multiple district convention;
- (g) Support efforts initiated by the International Board of Directors or the Council of Governors that are intended to create and foster harmony and unity among district governors;
- (h) Submit reports and perform such duties as may be required by the multiple district constitution and by-laws;
- (i) Perform such other administrative duties as may be assigned by the multiple district council of governors; and
- (j) Facilitate, at the close of their term of office, the timely presentation of all multiple district accounts, funds, and records to their successor in office.

ARTICLE IV - COUNCIL SECRETARY-TREASURER

Section 1. Appointment

The council may appoint a council secretary-treasurer, *or* council secretary and council treasurer who will be a non-voting members of council. *Council* shall fix the duties, terms of office and compensation by written contract or agreement. Approval of two-thirds (2/3) of the council shall be required to appoint or remove the council secretary-treasurer or council secretary and/or council treasurer.

Section 2. Duties

Under the supervision and direction of the council, the council secretary-treasurer or council secretary and council treasurer shall:

- (a) Keep an accurate record of the proceedings of all meetings of the council and shall within thirty (30) days after each meeting forward copies of the minutes of same to all members of the council, and the office of Lions Clubs International.
- (b) Assist the council in conducting the business of the multiple district and shall perform such duties as are specified or implied in this Constitution and Bylaws, or as may be assigned to him/her from time to time by the council.
- (c) Have control of disbursements and receipts subject to the supervision of the council. The council secretary-treasurer shall deposit all monies received in the bank, or banks designated by the council, and shall disburse same by order of said council.
- (d) Keep accurate books and records of accounts and minutes of all Council of Governors and multiple district meetings, and permit inspection of the same by any member of the Council of Governors or any club in the multiple district (or any duly authorized agent of either) at any reasonable time for any proper purpose.
- (e) The council secretary-treasurer shall have a criminal check done by a police agency in his/her area each year or as required, with said report to be kept on file at multiple district office. *The* cost of the criminal check shall be an administrative expense of the multiple district.
- (f) In the event that separate offices of council secretary and council treasurer are Adopted, the duties herein are to be attributed to each of the officers according to the nature of the duties.

Section 3. Compensation

Compensation, if any, shall be that agreed upon by the council and the council secretary treasurer at the time of contractual or agreement signing. It shall include, but not be

limited to, just compensation for services and expenses when representing the multiple district *as, and* when required by the council, at meetings, sub-district conventions, multiple district conventions and the International Lions convention. Expenses incurred at other meetings shall be the responsibility of the host organization.

Section 4. Evaluation

An annual evaluation shall be *conducted* by the council chairperson and the vice council chairperson and shall be based upon the *position* specifications agreed upon at the time of the council secretary-treasurer's or council secretary and council treasurer appointment. A written evaluation shall be completed by the council chairperson and the vice council chairperson no later than December 1st of each year and shall be provided to the *appointee(s)* on or before the 15th of January each year.

Section 5. Contract Renewal

During the first quarter of the calendar year, the council chairperson, the vice council chairperson and the district governors shall meet, in camera, to discuss the current contract or agreement covering the position of council *of the appointee(s)*. This discussion shall be the basis of a review and/or renegotiation of the contract or agreement to be conducted by *the* council chairperson and the vice council chairperson with the *appointee(s)*. Following the above, the council chairperson and the vice council chairperson shall meet with the *appointee(s)* to review and/or renegotiate *the* terms of the contract for the contract year. The council chairperson and the vice council chairperson shall recommend action to be taken by Council for their consideration. Any recommendation by *the* council chairperson and the vice council chairperson shall be open to appeal by the *appointee(s)*, before the council at an in-camera meeting.

Section 6. Vacancy

- (a) A temporary vacancy in the office of council secretary-treasurer or council secretary or council treasurer during the term of a contract shall be filled by the council until a permanent *replacement* is selected.
- (b) When the office of council secretary-treasurer or council secretary or council treasurer is vacated, or a declaration of vacancy is announced, said vacancy shall be announced, if timely, in the multiple district newsletter or by a special notice to all clubs in the multiple district.
 1. Applications from candidates to fill the vacancy shall be accepted by a three member selection committee appointed by the council. Said committee shall be comprised of an immediate past district governor, a district governor, and a past council chairperson. The committee shall allow thirty (30) days to advertise and give notification of the vacancy and shall allow fifteen (15) days to review the applications and to make recommendations to the council.
 2. The selection committee shall submit no more than three (3) and no less than two (2) applications to the council for consideration. No later than thirty (30) days after receiving the report of the selection committee, the council shall *a replacement*
 3. Should only one application be received, the council may:
 - i. Accept the application provided, that the selection committee recommends the applicant for the position.

- ii. Or, call a second time for applications and extend the allotted time *period* by thirty (30) days.
- (c) To provide an orderly transition, the outgoing council secretary-treasurer or council secretary or council treasurer may work with the newly appointed appointee(s) for a reasonable time. The reasonable expenses incurred by the outgoing *officer* during the transition period shall be approved by the council.

ARTICLE V - MULTIPLE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Section 1. Authority

Authority to administer the affairs of the multiple district shall be vested in the council except where inconsistent with and contrary to the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation and Constitution and Bylaws of the International Association of Lions Clubs, the powers granted therein to the Board of Directors of said Association, and the policies and acts of said Board of Directors. The council shall:

- (a) Have jurisdiction and control over all officers and agents, when acting as such, of the council and all committees of the multiple district.
- (b) Have management and control over the property, business and funds of the multiple district.
- (c) Have jurisdiction, control and supervision over all phases of the multiple district convention and all other meetings of the multiple district.
- (d) Have original jurisdiction, when authorized under policy of said International Board and under rules of procedure prescribed by said Board, to hear and rule upon any complaint of a constitutional nature raised by any district, any club, or any member of a club in the multiple district. All such rulings of the council shall be subject to review and decision by said International Board.
- (e) Have control and management of all budgetary matters of the multiple district and committees of the multiple district, *and* multiple district convention.

Section 2. Duties

- (a) The council is the responsible and deliberative body in the formulation of administrative plans and policies affecting the multiple district, including the annual multiple district Convention. Conduct and planning of the annual multiple district convention by the convention advisory committee shall be under the general supervision and control of the council.
- (b) The council shall designate a depository for the multiple district administrative funds, and ensure that the signing officer(s) of the multiple district shall have a criminal check done by a police agency in his/her area each year or as required, with said report to be kept on file at multiple district office, the cost of the criminal check shall be an administrative expense of the multiple district.
- (c) The council shall provide for a financial review and/or audit the books and accounts of the multiple district annually, or at more frequent intervals.

Section 3. Multiple District Council Chairperson

Under the general supervision of the International Board of Directors, the council chairperson shall be the administrative officer of the multiple district. The council chairperson's specific responsibilities shall be to:

- (a) Further the Purposes and Objects of the multiple district *and Lions Clubs International*,
- (b) Serve as the Global Action Team Multiple District Chairperson to administer and promote membership growth, leadership development and humanitarian service

throughout the multiple district by:

1. Ensuring the selection of a qualified Lion *members* for the positions of GST, GMT, GLT *and GET* multiple district *coordinators*.
 2. Ensure regular meetings *are held* to discuss and advance initiatives established by the multiple district Global Action Team.
 3. Collaborate with area leaders and district Global Action Teams;
- (c) Assist in communicating information regarding international and multiple district policies, programs and events;
 - (d) Document and make available the programs goals and long-range plans for the multiple district as established by the Council of Governors;
 - (e) Convene *council* meetings and facilitate discussion during *same*.
 - (f) Facilitate the *conduct and* operations of the multiple district convention;
 - (g) Support efforts initiated by the International Board of Directors or the Council of Governors that are intended to create and foster harmony and unity among district governors;
 - (h) Submit reports and perform such duties as may be required by the Multiple District Constitution and By-Laws;
 - (i) Perform such other administrative duties as may be assigned by the multiple district council; and
 - (j) Facilitate, at the close of his/*her* term of office, the timely presentation of all multiple district accounts, funds, and records to his/*her* successor in office.

Section 4. Council Vice-Chairperson

The vice-chairperson shall:

- (a) Assist the council chairperson in the execution of their duties.
- (b) Give direction to multiple district committees as assigned.
- (c) Represent the council chairperson as directed.
- (d) As one of the officers of the multiple district council be empowered to handle business arising between council meetings, subject to approval of the council at its next meeting.
- (e) Perform the duties of council chairperson should the council chairperson be unable to do so.
- (f) Act as chairperson of the multiple district finance committee.

Section 5. Multiple District Protocol Chairperson

The Council of Governors shall appoint annually a protocol chairperson for the multiple district. Under the supervision and direction of the Council of Governors, the protocol chairperson shall:

- (a) At all events attended by visiting dignitaries, provide seating charts in keeping with the association's official protocol; ensure that spoken introductions are based on the same *and ensure* that dress requirements are clear for all events.
- (b) Arrange for proper arrival greetings; arrange suitable transportation to hotel or *other* lodging, inspect hotel room in advance to insure its suitability, and provide appropriate amenities (flowers, fruit, etc.).
- (c) Arrange for the proper escort of *official* visitors to each *scheduled* function.
- (d) Arrange courtesy calls ~~on~~ *with* local government leaders (or regional and/or national leaders *should* this be as a possibility), as the visitor's schedule permits.
- (e) Coordinate public relations media exposure, as *possible*.
- (f) Coordinate *visitor's* departure *complete with* transportation *from the venue*).

Section 6. Global Service Team (GST) Multiple District Coordinator

The GST multiple district coordinator is a member of the Multiple District Global Action programs Team. His/her responsibilities include:

- (a) Develop and execute an annual multiple district action plan and monitor programs toward goals, motivate and offer support to districts to reach their goals.*
- (b) Collaborate with GET, GMT and GLT multiple district coordinators and the Global Action Team Multiple District Chairperson (council chairperson) to further initiatives focused on leadership development, membership growth, and expanding humanitarian service.*
- (c) Support local community service projects that create a sense of belonging and pride to the Lions and Leos in the multiple district.*
- (d) Collaborate with GET, GMT and GLT to provide retention strategies in the districts.*
- (e) Communicate regularly with GST district coordinators to inform them of LCI and LCIF programs, partnerships and grants.*
- (f) Serve as a resource and content expert for regional best practices in service project implementation for LCI initiatives.*
- (g) Encourage GST district coordinators to promote service projects that attract multiple generational participant, including the integration and leadership development of Leos.*
- (h) Increase LCIF coordinator collaboration at the multiple district and district level to maximize LCIF resources and fundraising.*
- (i) In coordination with the LCIF multiple district coordinator, monitor LCIF Grants given to the multiple district.*

Section 7. Global Membership Team (GMT) Multiple District Coordinator

The GMT multiple district coordinator is a member of the Multiple District Global Action Team. His/her responsibilities include:

- (a) Collaborate with the GET, GLT and GST multiple district coordinators and the Global Action Team Multiple District Chairperson (council chairperson) to further initiatives focused on leadership development, membership growth and expanding humanitarian service.*
- (b) Develop and execute an annual multiple district membership development plan.*
- (c) Communicate regularly with the GMT district coordinators to ensure that they are aware of available membership programs and resources.*
- (d) Monitor each district's progress towards membership goals. Offer motivation and support to help district reach their goals.*
- (e) Encourage GET and GMT district coordinators to encourage diverse populations to participate in Global Action Team initiative.*
- (f) Respond quickly to prospective member leads provided by LCI, track recruitment and provide status report of the lead.*
- (g) Complete requirements and submit applications to receive multiple district funding from LCI for membership development activities.*
- (h) Provide retention strategies to districts in collaboration with GET, GLT and GST multiple district coordinators.*
- (i) Motivate districts to charter specialty clubs.*

Section 6. Global Extension Team (GET) Multiple District Coordinator

The multiple district GET coordinator is a member of the Multiple District Global Action Team.

His/her responsibilities include:

- a) Collaborate with the multiple district GMT, GST, and GLT coordinators and the multiple district GST chairperson to further initiatives focused on leadership development, membership growth and expanding humanitarian service.*
- b) Develop and execute an annual multiple district new club extension plan*
- c) Communicate regularly with the district GET coordinators to ensure they are aware of available membership programs and resources.*
- d) Monitor each district's progress towards extension goals. Offer motivation and support to each district to reach their goals*
- e) Encourage district GET coordinators to include diverse populations to participate in GAT initiatives*
- f) Collaborate with the multiple district GMT coordinator to identify areas of opportunity for club extension*
- g) Provide extension strategies to districts.*

Section 8. Global Leadership Team (GLT) Multiple District Coordinator

The GLT multiple district coordinator is a member of the Multiple District Global Action Team. His/her responsibilities include:

- (a) Collaborate with your *GET*, GMT and GST multiple district coordinators and *the GAT chairperson*, (council chairperson) to further initiatives focused on leadership development, membership growth and expanding humanitarian service.
- (b) Develop and execute an annual multiple district leadership development plan.
- (c) Communicate regularly with GLT district coordinators to ensure they are aware of leadership development programs and resources available.
- (d) Provide ongoing motivation to and monitors progress of GLT district coordinators, zone chairpersons and club leadership to achieve leadership development goals.
- (e) Encourages GLT district coordinators to include diverse populations to participate in *GAT* initiatives.
- (f) Promote leadership development opportunities that encourages participation *at all* levels of the association.
- (g) Organize and facilitate instructor-led and web-based training in coordination with LCI.
- (h) Collaborate with *GET*, GMT and GST multiple district coordinators to provide retention strategies to districts.
- (i) Include diverse populations to participate in *GAT* initiatives.
- (j) Identify potential new leaders to participate in service, membership and leadership development opportunities.
- (k) Complete requirements and submits applications to receive *funding from LCI* for multiple district funding from LCI for leadership development activities.

Section 10. Multiple District Marketing Chairperson

The multiple district marketing chairperson is responsible for marketing and public relations efforts and directly supports of the GAT, including:

- a) Collaborate directly with the GAT to direct membership leads from marketing channels to the appropriate districts and clubs*
- b) Collaborate with the council of governors to identify and support opportunities to market large scale events, programs and initiatives*
- c) Work with the council chairperson to apply for marketing grants.*
- d) Manage social media channels and websites, either directly or through an established multiple district marketing committee*
- e) Share multiple district success stories through social media*
- f) Maintain knowledge of the Global Brand Guidelines by:*
 - a. Championing appropriate and consistent use of global brand assets in all multiple district activities*
 - b. Support use of approved brand templates for story and publicity development*
- g) Promote the good works and newsworthy stories of LCI and LCIF to Lions and to members of the media, and to external audiences, through social media channels.*

Section 11. LCIF Multiple District Coordinator

The LCIF Multiple District Coordinator is appointed by the LCIF chairperson and LCI president to serve for a three-year term. This position serves as an ambassador for Lions Clubs International Foundation and reports directly to LCIF chairperson and LCIF Board of Trustees. His/her responsibilities include:

- (a) Identify, recruit and train a Lion in each district to serve a three-year term as the LCIF district coordinators.*
- (b) Be familiar with LCIF initiatives and educate Lions within the multiple district on the various grants and projects supported by LCIF. Assist district governors with grant applications to LCIF, as needed.*
- (c) Promote LCIF initiatives and educate Lions within the multiple district publications, during district and multiple district events and to the general public.*
- (d) Ensure that LCIF-funded projects within the multiple district receive appropriate promotion and follow grant-criteria guidelines.*
- (e) Encourage all Lions within the multiple district to contribute to LCIF and promote recognition programs as incentives for LCIF donations.*
- (f) Identify potential major gift donors, local foundations, corporations, and businesses to support LCIF and, when appropriate, be involved in the gift-request process.*
- (g) Assist with the submission of donations, MJF applications, and other pertinent information when necessary.*
- (h) Report progress quarterly to the area LCIF Trustee.*

Sec.12. LEO-Lion Liaison

The council of governors may choose to appoint a LEO or LEO-Lion to serve a one-year term in an official non-voting capacity. The LEO-Lion Liaison shall represent the interests and perspectives of LEOS and LEO-Lions and facilitate communication between LEOS and Lions. In areas with a LEO multiple district, the role shall be filled by a LEO or LEO-Lion who is a current or past multiple district LEO president, vice-president, secretary or treasurer. In areas

where no LEO district has been formed, the role shall be filled by a LEO or LEO-Lion who is a former LEO club president.

The council of governors shall assign the LEO-Lions Liaison to the standing council committee(s) that would most benefit from a young adult voice. The LEO-Lion Liaison may remain on the same committee for the duration of the year or transition among committees as determined by the council.

The responsibilities of the LEO-Lion Liaison shall include:

- a) Facilitate communication between LEOS and Lions within the multiple district.
- b) Serve as a resource to multiple district council officers and assigned committee(s).
- c) Co-ordinate with the multiple district LEO chairperson in the promotion of LEO clubs, LEO-Lion programs, and engagement opportunities for young people.
- d) Support multiple district LEO chairperson in conducting training opportunities for LEOS and LEO-Lions.
- e) Advocate for leadership training opportunities for LEOS and LEO-Lions within multiple district activities.
- f) Serve as support and point-of-contact for multiple district LEOS to explore Lions membership program opportunities.
- g) Communicate regularly with multiple district LEO president, district cabinet LEO-Lion Liaison (if appointed), International LEO-Lion Board Liaison and with respective constitutional area representatives of the LEO Club Program Advisory Panel to collaborate on initiatives related to youth.
- h) Assist in the planning and integration of LEOS and LEO-Lions in multiple district conventions, forum events and training.
- i) Attend LEO multiple district meetings if and as necessary.
- j) Chair one multiple district collaboration project between LEOS and Lions.
- k) Support the multiple district LEO chairperson in organizing LEO clubs and members in areas where no LEO multiple district exists.
- l) Encourage the formation of a LEO multiple district in areas with the necessary number of clubs and members.

Section 13. Meetings

The council shall hold at least four (4) regular meetings *which* shall be face to face or via electronic means*, except as noted:

- (a) The first shall be a face-to-face meeting, held within sixty (60) days after the date on which the district governors officially take office.
- (b) The second *meeting* shall be held in October or November of the current Lionistic year.
- (c) The third *meeting* shall be held in February of the current Lionistic year.
- (d) The *final meeting* shall be a face-to-face meeting, held in conjunction with the multiple district convention.
- (e) Additional meetings of the council may be called by the council chairperson at his or her direction, or upon written request made either to the council chairperson or to the multiple district secretary or secretary-treasurer by a majority of the members of the council. No less than five (5) days written notice, fax or electronic notice of such meeting shall be *provided* to each council member by the multiple district secretary or secretary-treasurer.

* Electronic means includes: conference calls, GoToMeetings, webinars, video conference, etc.

Section 14. Quorum

The personal *attendance* of a majority of the council shall constitute a quorum at any meeting.

Section 15. BUSINESS TRANSACTED BY MAIL. *This Council of Governors 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 council of governors. Such action may be initiated by the Council Chairperson or any three (3) members of said council.*

Section 16. Officers' Compensation

All officers shall serve without compensation; however, they may be reimbursed for expenses reasonably related to and incurred in the discharge of *their official* duties of their offices in accordance with the rules of audit established *in* the multiple district policy manual.

ARTICLE VI - COMMITTEES

Section 1. Appointed Committees

The council shall appoint, *at the earliest opportunity*, the following multiple district committees:

(a) **CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE.** The Credentials Committee of the multiple district convention shall be composed of the current district governors, first and second vice district governors and *council* secretary treasurers (*or council secretary and council treasurer*). The chairperson of this committee shall be the council chairperson. Each such Committee shall have the powers and perform the duties set forth in ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER, NEWLY REVISED.

(b) **MULTIPLE DISTRICT GLOBAL ACTION TEAM. (GAT)**
Chaired by the council chairperson and includes the *GET, GMT, GLT and the GST* multiple district coordinators *who will* develop and initiate a coordinated plan to help expand humanitarian service, achieve membership growth, *form new clubs*, and develop future leaders within the multiple district. *The committee will meet* regularly to discuss the progress of the plan. *The committee will collaborate* with area leaders and members of district Global Action Teams to share best practices, achievements and challenges.

(c) **MULTIPLE DISTRICT CONVENTION COMMITTEES.** The Council shall appoint, designate the chairperson of, and fill any vacancies in the following multiple district convention committees: Resolutions, Nominations, Elections, Constitution and By-Laws, Rules and International Convention. Each sub-district shall have at least one representative on each committee. These committees shall perform such duties as the Council shall designate.

(d) Finance Committee

(e) International Convention & Promotion

- (f) Long Range Planning
- (g) Constitution, Bylaws, Policy & Convention Manual
- (h) Lions Foundation of Canada *Dog Guides*

The term shall begin at the date of appointment and *shall* continue until a new committee is appointed for the following year. Notice of such appointments shall be *provided* to the appointee(s) and to all clubs in the multiple district.

Section 2. Other Committees

The council shall have the authority to appoint additional multiple district committees as *it deems necessary*.

Note: Additional multiple district committees may be ordered by any multiple district convention assembly

Section 3. Chairpersons

The council shall, with the exception of the multiple district convention advisory committee which is covered under the Multiple District C Bylaws, appoint the chairpersons of multiple district committees and shall have the power to fill any vacancies in said committees that have been appointed by them.

Section 4. Ex-Officio Members of Standing Committees

The vice-council chairperson and present and past International presidents and international directors who are members in good standing of a multiple district club shall be ex-officio members of all standing committees.

ARTICLE VII - RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Section 1. Per Capita Tax

Multiple District Administration Account

- (a) An annual per capita tax established each year at the multiple district convention shall be levied on each member of each club in the multiple district. Each sub-district shall be invoiced twice a year in accordance with Lions Clubs International billing policies. *The billing period is July 1 to June 30.* The first invoice, for one half of each member's multiple district per capita tax, shall be sent out not later than July 25th of each year and *with* the invoice amount based on the end of June multiple district healthy club report provided by Lions Clubs International. The second invoice, for one half of each member's multiple district per capita tax, shall be *issued* no later than January 25th of each year, *with* the invoice amount based on the end of December multiple district healthy club report provided by Lions Clubs International.
- (b) The annual per capita tax shall be *collected from each sub-district, by the multiple district, for* the full amount owing to the multiple district, with no allowance for outstanding accounts, being forwarded to the multiple district office. Accounts delinquent in excess of ninety (90) days may be subject to a service charge. *Payment of the per capita tax to the multiple district shall be accepted from a club's administrative funds only.*
- (c) New or reorganized clubs shall pay the pro-rated per capita tax beginning the first day of the second month following their organization or reorganization

Section 2. Per Capita Tax Review

The multiple district council will present a detailed budgetary expenditure plan, for the next Lionistic year, at the multiple district convention, outlining *expenditure* the contingency fund amounts. This presentation will establish the multiple district per capita tax to be charged. If changed from the previously approved amount, *the tax* shall be approved by a vote of the membership. The per capita tax review is not required annually, but there will be no more than 5 years between each review.

Section 3. Allocation of Per Capita Tax

The Multiple District Administrative Account, Budget

An annual budget shall be prepared by the vice council chairperson and council secretary treasurer or council treasurer and shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- (a) Multiple District Operations
- (b) Office Administration
- (c) Outgoing District Governors to International Convention, or *USA/Canada Forum*
- (e) Capital Reserve Account
- (f) *GET, GMT, GLT, and GST* Programs
- (g) Multiple District Communication Package
- (h) Multiple District Convention
- (i) International Participation
- (j) International Convention Participation Multiple District Campaign Expense
- (k) Multiple District Friendship Committee
- (l) Contingency Items

This budget shall be prepared and presented to the finance committee for its review and presentation to council at the final council meeting of the year preceding that for which the budget is designed. Final draft of this budget must be adopted no later than the first council meeting of the year for which the budget is designed. The approved budget shall be available for distribution *thirty (30) days following* the first council meeting, upon written request, to the clubs in the multiple district, by electronic means or by mail. The budget shall then be published and distributed to each club requesting same, by September 10th of each year.

Section 4. Finance Committee

The council, in consultation with the incoming multiple district governors, shall, at its final meeting of the year, will determine if the finance committee will meet as the whole council or appoint a multiple district finance committee to serve in the ensuing year. If the multiple district finance committee is to be appointed; the members shall be:

- * the incoming Vice Council Chairperson (Chair of the Committee)
- * the incoming Council Chairperson
- * those members *as* appointed to the committee by Council

* These above noted Lions shall be full voting members of said committee with all rights and responsibilities as set out in the Multiple District C Bylaws and the *Policy Manual*.

The multiple district finance committee may select one advisor to *the* committee from the current multiple district advisors and said advisor shall be a non-voting member of *the* committee. The council secretary treasurer or council secretary and council treasurer shall be ex-officio *members of* this committee.

Functions of this committee shall include:

- (a) Review of the annual budget for approval by the council.
- (b) Regular review of extraordinary vouchers for approval by the council.
- (c) Monitor actual receipts and expenditures, and alert council to deviations.

- (d) Review and recommend for council approval, budgets and financial statements of all multiple district committees and approved programs.
- (e) Investigate such other financial matters as directed by council.

Section 5. Expense Claims (Vouchers)

All disbursements from the multiple district administrative account shall be supported by expense claims (vouchers) prepared by the payees and approved by the council.

Section 6. Expenses

Said per capita tax collected shall be distributed for expenses of the multiple district as are approved by the council; except disbursements as directed otherwise by this Constitution and Bylaws. All approved payments will be made by cheque, *signed by any two of*, the council secretary-treasurer or council treasurer or council chairperson or vice council chairperson, *or by direct deposit*.

Section 7. Expenses for Multiple District Officers 1st & 2nd Vice District Governors

- (a) district governors, 1st, *and* 2nd vice district governors, vice council chairperson, and council chairperson may be reimbursed for *expenses relating to* their attendance at council meetings. Such reimbursement shall be in accordance with the approved budget and the multiple district rules of audit as contained in multiple district policies.
- (b) The district governors, the vice council chairperson and the council chairperson may *also* claim, to defray *other* un-reimbursed expenses while attending multiple district leadership seminar or travel costs incurred within the district or multiple district during their term of office. The claim shall not exceed the approved budget amount.
- (c) The council chairperson and vice council chairperson may claim expenses while attending either the International Convention or the USA/Canada Forum and/or a multiple district leadership seminar. Such reimbursement, to defray the expenses while attending the said events. The claim shall not exceed the approved budget amount.

NOTE: No individual will receive more than one allowance in any one fiscal year. All claims must be supported by receipts and/or mileage statement based on multiple district rules of audit.

Section 8. Excess Expenses

The council shall not incur expenses in excess of the income from the annual per capita multiple district tax plus any accumulated surplus.

Section 9. Financial Review

At the close of each fiscal year, a statement of financial condition shall be available to the clubs, in the multiple district, at their written request. The statement shall be available, once accepted and approved by Council.

Section 10. Carry-Over Funds

At the end of the fiscal year, funds held in the multiple district convention account shall be placed in the convention reserve account and used only as authorized *in the* By-Laws. All remaining campaign funds shall remain therein and shall be used *as authorized in the* By-Laws of the multiple district.

Section 11. Carrying Charge

Accounts delinquent in excess of ninety (90) days, may be subject to a service charge

ARTICLE VIII - MULTIPLE DISTRICT CONVENTION

Section 1. OFFICIAL CALL

The Council shall issue an official printed call for the annual multiple district convention not less than thirty (30) days prior to the date fixed for the *event*, stating the place, day and *time* thereof.

Section 2. OFFICERS

The members of the Council of Governors shall be the officers of the multiple district convention.

Section 3. Convention Chairperson

The Council shall select the Convention Chairperson for each Multiple District Convention. The Convention chairperson *is* not *required* to be a member of the convention host club(s).

Section 4. Proposals to Host the Multiple District Convention

The Multiple District C Office shall receive all proposals, in writing, from *any* clubs desiring to host the multiple district convention. The submissions shall be received *thirty (30)* ~~30~~ days prior to the last scheduled council meeting of the year, 2 years prior to the proposed date of the convention and shall conform to the criteria as defined in the Multiple District Policy manual. The site shall be selected by the council from the proposals received. In the event no proposal is received, the location of the annual multiple district convention shall be determined by the council.

Section 5. Registration Fee

A fee fixed by the council may be collected from each delegate, alternate and guest attending the multiple district convention.

Section 6. Change of Site

The council shall retain and have the absolute power to change at any time, for good and sufficient reason, without the multiple district incurring any liability whatsoever, the city or place of holding the multiple district convention.

Section 7. Convention Rules/Convention Program

The council shall publish the Rules of Convention, for acceptance by the delegates, arrange and publish the program for the multiple district convention, *which* shall be the order of the day for all sessions.

Section 8. Rules of Order

Robert's Rules of Order, newly revised, shall govern all parliamentary procedure except as otherwise provided in the Rules of Procedure adopted by the Convention.

Section 9. SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

A convention sergeant-at-arms and assistants as it deems necessary, shall be appointed by the Council.

Section 10. SUB-DISTRICT CONVENTION

A meeting of the registered delegates of a sub-district in attendance at a multiple district convention may constitute the annual convention of said sub-district.

ARTICLE IX - MULTIPLE DISTRICT CONVENTION OPERATIONS

Section 1. Multiple District Operations

Council shall defray expenses *related to* reporting, printing and mailing the report of the of the multiple district convention, prizes authorized by the council, printing of credential certificates and ballots as required, invitations, and such other expenses as are, in the opinion of the council, legitimate convention expenses.

Section 2. Multiple District Convention Funds

The multiple district convention funds may be advanced to the convention *host* committee for payment of deposits.

Section 3. Convention Reserve Account

In the event the convention, in any year, has a balance *remaining* after payment of all multiple district convention expenses, *one-half (1/2) will remain with the host club(s)* and the other half *(1/2)* shall be *deposited in the* multiple district convention reserve account and all monies in this account shall be administered, invested, or disbursed at the discretion of the council. Disbursement of all *funds* in this account shall be limited to multiple district convention expenses, including subsidies.

Section 4. Financial Deficit

Should a financial deficit arise from the operation of the multiple district convention caused by a failure of the Council's due diligence, then such deficit shall be the responsibility of the council and *remedied from the multiple district convention reserves account, following a* thorough investigation by council. Should a deficit arise as a result of the host club's actions, such deficit shall be the responsibility of the host to make good such deficit, and render to the council a balanced financial statement. The host club shall have the right to appeal to the council for redress. The appeal must detail circumstances which *caused* the deficit. The decision of the council shall be final as to the amount of redress, if any, allowed.

Section 5. Convention Registration Fee

A convention registration fee, approved by the council, shall be collected from each delegate, alternate or guest attending the multiple district convention. Said fee shall be collected by the *host committee on behalf of the* multiple district, under the supervision of council. The fee shall be used to defray the actual costs incurred in the operation of the convention, approved by the council.

Section 6. Convention Committee Financial Report

The multiple district convention committee shall within forty-five (45) days from the adjournment of the multiple district convention, *provide to* the council secretary-treasurer or council treasurer a complete financial statement of the convention, detailing the source and amounts of all revenue and the expenses of the convention, providing a true and accurate account of the financing of the convention and the surplus or deficit arising from the operation.

Section 7. Official Convention Report

An official report of the multiple district convention shall be prepared by the council secretary-treasurer or council secretary, under the supervision of the council, and distributed, either by electronic means or by mail, to the clubs in the multiple district, upon their

written request, within ninety (90) days of the close of the multiple district convention.

ARTICLE X - CONVENTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Section 1. Convention Advisory Committee

The Past International Officers *who reside* nearest the convention site will be appointed by council to act as advisors to the multiple district convention host committee

Section 2. Expenses

Expenses of the convention advisory committee incurred in the performance of their duties shall be reimbursed, if budgeted for, in accordance with the multiple district rules of audit for no more than three (3) meetings per year and not to exceed one (1) days expenses plus mileage per meeting.

Section 3. Meeting Schedule

The convention advisory committee shall meet with the council at the first council meeting following the International Convention to submit preliminary plans and budget for the next multiple district convention. These plans and budget, on approval of the council, shall be immediately confirmed by the chairperson of the convention advisory committee, to the host club's convention committee, to be, utilized in organizing and *conducting* the multiple district convention.

ARTICLE XI - MULTIPLE DISTRICT VOTING PROCEDURES

Section 1. Nominations

Should a vacancy occur, in a sub-district, for the office of District Governor, any Lions member of a club in the sub-district, seeking the office of district governor shall file his/her intention to *stand for office*, in writing, with the multiple district nominating committee prior to the day of that committee's report to the multiple district convention, and shall furnish therewith evidence of his/her compliance with the qualifications for said office as set out in the Lions Clubs International Constitution and Bylaws. The multiple district nominating committee shall place in nomination at the multiple district convention the names of all candidates so qualified. Each candidate shall be allowed one nominating speech of no more than two (2) minutes duration and one seconding speech of no more that (1) minute.

Section 2. Voting

The voting shall be by secret ballot, *including electronic means*, unless otherwise *specified, by delegates from the candidate's sub-district*. The candidate receiving a majority of votes cast shall be declared elected. In the event of a tie vote, or failure of one candidate to receive the required majority, on any ballot, *voting* shall continue with respect to the two (2) candidates only, who received the largest number of votes on the previous ballot, until one *candidate* receives the required majority of votes cast.

ARTICLE XII - CANDIDATES FOR INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

Nominations and Endorsement *for* Third Vice President and International Director.

Section 1. Endorsement Procedure

Subject to the provisions of the International Constitution and By-Laws, any member of a club in the multiple district seeking endorsement of the convention of the multiple district as a candidate for the office of international director or Third vice-president shall:

- (a) Deliver (by mail, in person *or electronic means*) notice of intention to seek such endorsement to the multiple district council secretary-treasurer or council secretary no less than 30 days prior to the convening date of the convention (sub- or multiple); *where the question of such endorsement will be decided by delegate vote by council.*
- (b) 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 shall be *provided* by the council chairperson and council secretary-treasurer or council secretary to the Nominating Committee of the respective convention, which shall review and perfect the same by obtaining from each prospective candidate, any additional *information 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 candidate who has fulfilled *all* requirements.

Section 3. Speeches

Members seeking endorsement for international *office*, shall be allowed a five (5) minute nominating speech and a seconding speech of no more than three (3) minutes.

Section 4. Vote

The vote on the question of endorsement shall be by secret ballot, (*written or electronic*) 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 multiple district convention. In the event of a tie vote, or failure of one nominee to receive the required majority, on any ballot, *voting* shall continue with respect to the two (2) nominees only who received the largest number of votes on the previous ballot until one receives the required majority of the votes cast.

Section 5. Sub District Endorsement

Any candidate seeking endorsement at the multiple district convention must have *been* endorsement of his/her sub-district.

Section 6. Certification of Endorsement

Notice of Certification of endorsement by the multiple district convention shall be made in writing to the international office by the *designated* multiple district officials, and in accordance with the requirements *of* the International Constitution and By-Laws.

Section 7. Validity

No endorsement of any candidacy of any member of a club in this multiple district shall be valid unless and until, the provisions of this Article have been met.

ARTICLE XIII - MULTIPLE DISTRICT CAMPAIGN EXPENSE FUND

Section 1. Fund Criteria

The multiple district campaign expense fund is to be used to assist the financing of any campaign for International Office. The campaign expense fund shall be kept in a *separate* account. The amount to be used *from the multiple district campaign fund* by an endorsed candidate for International Office shall not exceed an amount indicated by a budget prepared in detail by the candidate and *his/her* campaign committee and approved by the council.

Expenditures made by the candidate or campaign committee prior to *council* approval shall not be reimbursed. Upon approval of the budget and upon receipt at the multiple district office of certified expenses, the council shall authorize the council secretary-treasurer or council treasurer to reimburse the campaign committee *for the* amounts incurred on behalf of the candidate seeking International Office. An advance or payment of campaign expense funds will be made to the candidate or his campaign committee only after certification of the candidate is so made and received by the International Office.

Section 2. Candidate Removed from Ballot

Should a candidate or *his/her* campaign committee remove the candidate's name from the ballot at the designated International Convention, the candidate or the campaign committee shall present to the council, the reasons for such removal and the council shall decide if such reasons are acceptable, before approving *any* expenditures submitted for final payment.

Section 3. Candidate's Expenses

A candidate for International Office shall not be entitled to claim expenses for lodging or meals for himself or herself, his/her spouse, or members of the campaign committee. Travel expenses to and from the designated International Convention at which the election is to be held may be claimed for the candidate, his/her spouse, and the campaign committee chairperson provided that such claim is not more than the amount equal to two-thirds (2/3) of the economy airfare for each of the aforementioned persons.

Section 4. Campaign Committee Report

The candidate or his/her campaign committee shall, following the International Convention at which the election occurred, submit to the council secretary-treasurer or council treasurer a *complete* financial report including certified receipts, bills, and other evidence of campaign expenses with explanations of expenses together with a brief report of campaign procedures. Such receipts, bills, and explanations to be presented to the office of the council secretary-treasurer or council secretary in time to be dealt with, if possible, by the council at the meeting following the International Convention. Upon authorization by the council, the council secretary-treasurer or council treasurer shall pay to the candidate or campaign committee the balance substantiated by the approved receipts and bills within the budget approved by the council. Upon the filing of the financial statement by the candidate or the campaign committee and the approval of the council, the campaign *may* be discharged.

Section 5. Council Secretary-Treasurer's Report

The council secretary-treasurer or council secretary shall within thirty (30) days following the council meeting at which the campaign financial statements were approved, make the statements available *by post or electronic means*, to the clubs in the multiple district, upon the written request.

ARTICLE XIV - CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

Section 1. Committee Structure

Whenever there is an endorsed candidate for the office of International Third Vice President or International Director from the multiple district, the candidate shall name a campaign committee not *more than* seven (7) in number, with the chairperson *as* the candidate's campaign director. The membership of the campaign committee shall *require the council's approval*. The committee shall submit, in writing, *or electronic means*, to the council the budget and plan of campaign in detail.

Section 2. Budget

The campaign of any endorsed candidate shall be managed by the campaign committee. The *use of* multiple district funds shall be based on the plan and budget submitted. The campaign committee shall have the *to be flexible in the use of the funds within the* budget. *Where* applicable, rules of audit of Lions Clubs International *apply to* the candidate and *to* the campaign *committee*.

ARTICLE XV - FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of this multiple district shall be from July 1st to June 30th, inclusive.

ARTICLE XVI - MULTIPLE DISTRICT HALL OF FAME

Section 1. Hall of Fame

The purpose of the Multiple District Hall of Fame is:

- (a) To bestow honor upon outstanding Lions *of* the multiple district who have given unselfishly of their time, talent and means to further the cause of humanitarian service.
- (b) To recognize those Lions of the multiple district who exemplify the high ideals and tenets of Lionism.

Section 2. Recognition

A medal shall be presented to the hall of fame inductee at an appropriate ceremony held during the multiple district convention

ARTICLE XVII - AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Resolutions

These Bylaws may be amended only at a multiple district convention, by resolution reported by the committee on constitution and by-laws and adopted by the affirmative vote of a majority of votes cast. - *Voting may be by electronic means*.

No resolution shall be reported to the convention unless and until the same shall:

- (a) Have been developed by the committee on constitution and bylaws, in the council or by a club, in good standing in the multiple district and have been endorsed by the committee on constitution and bylaws, the council or in writing by fifteen (15) clubs in good standing.
- (b) Have been prepared as a notice of motion reproduced in the office of the council secretary-treasurer or council secretary and distributed, either by electronic means

or by mail, to the secretary of every club in the multiple district to provide a minimum of thirty (30) days' notice prior to the official opening of the multiple district convention *where* the resolution is to be voted upon.

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

Section 3. Effective Date

These By-Laws shall take effect at the close of the multiple district convention at which adopted unless otherwise specified.

Mission Statement

To empower Lions clubs, volunteers, and partners to improve health and well-being, strengthen communities, and support those in need through humanitarian services and grants that impact lives globally, and encourage peace and international understanding.