

**District 5M2 Cabinet Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2014
St. Peter Community Center, St. Peter, MN**

Call to Order: DG Harry Klenke called the meeting to order at 5:18 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by 2nd VDG Steve Wasserman

Invocation: Led by 1st VDG Marvin Grimm

Welcome: DG Harry Klenke welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Roll Call: Taken by Lion Cindy Walters showing 33 in attendance, 24 absent and three guests.

Introduction of Guests: DG Harry Klenke introduced Lion Loretta and Lion Evelyn and Jean.

Introduction of New Cabinet Members: DG Harry Klenke introduced Lion Dale Drescher, Protocol.

Adoption of the Agenda: Two items to be added to the agenda – Camp Confidence, Lion Jerry Wohlers asking to be added to parade of green, No blood sugar testing should be done at conventions only through hospital and/or clinics: Motion to approve agenda with two additions, Lion Dale Drescher; Lion Darlene Breamer 2nd. **MC.**

Secretary's Report: Everyone was e-mailed a copy of the minutes. Motion to approve was made by Lion Lion Diana Kroell; 2nd by Lion Nancy Mathwig. **MC.**

Treasurer's Report: Lion Dale Oldenburg presented his report showing income of \$32,453.83 to this point and expenses of \$20,014.62. There is \$84,303.93 in the special funds account and \$1,547.08 in the Core 4 Grant. Unpaid dues as of this point: Henderson, Lonsdale, and Northfield Cannon Valley. Motion to approve was made by PDG Mike Vos 2nd by Lion Charlette Abbas. **MC.**

Communications: DG Harry Klenke had one piece of business that needed to be taken care of. IPDG Joan Blank received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Past International President Barry Palmer which DG Harry presented to her.

Old Business:

- **2016 MD5M Convention Report** – PID Maynard Rucks and Lion Nancy Mathwig. PID Maynard reported that there will be more details on the 2016 Multiple Convention when the contract is signed following the approval from the Council of Governors.
- **Update on Golf Trophy Participation** – Lion Chris Lund. Not in attendance, no report.
- **Purchase of Flags** – IPDG Joan Blank. PID Debra and VDG Steve Wasserman did some research and flags were purchased and will be in place at the mid-winter convention.
- **MD5M Directory Update** – 2nd VDG Steve Wasserman. There was a recent update on the MD5M website. There is a button that will download any updates added.
- **Camp Sweet Life** – Lion Kevin Blank. He was unable to attend that event so doesn't have much of an update. From what he hears it was successful and they raised some money. DG Harry ran in the 5K and survived.
- **Leo Hilary Wickenhauser Honor/Update** – She is on a college visit so this is tabled until next meeting.
- **Medical Update Cabinet Members** – The Spilles moved into another home to allow for Lion Jim to return home. He may be released by Halloween. Lion Denise Lieske is improving daily and was in attendance at this meeting.
- **District is incorporated for another year** – All clubs should check to make sure their incorporation is current. PDG Gordy explained how to check on this. It was suggested that an article go in the newsletter. Lion Loretta will have Lion Laura resend the directions. Tax forms are due as well.

New Business:

- **Newsletter Budget** – VDG Marv reported that he met with PDG Bill Curtis, newsletter editor, at his

home on Friday, October 10 to discuss the newsletter. There are 267 subscriptions as of September 24, 2014. However, 57 subscriptions are not paid to date. 441 copies are being mailed every month. Club presidents and secretaries receive a copy included in District dues. 411 minus 126 leaves 285 copies that should be paid for. There must be 18 free copies? October has 2 clubs that paid for 32 copies. Do we reimburse them? If and when should we go electronically? September had 93 copies that one club paid for, August had 30 copies paid for. Do we bill clubs that are past due and receiving copies? Do we continue to bill clubs until July 1, 2015?

- Some concerns that have been raised: Some older members want a hard copy, some members do not have a computer? Newsletter expense in the District dues for each club? VDG Marv is reporting at Region and Zone meetings to members that as of July 1, 2015, the newsletter will be electronic. We need to find an editor, someone to edit and put the newsletter together to be sent via e-mail to all Presidents and Secretaries of the clubs. Note: PDG Bill has \$1,717 collected from July to October to be given to the Treasurer.
- VDG Marv's recommendation is to go electronic as of July 1 and have the printing of the newsletter done at the club level. Lion Dale Oldenburg made the motion that the Newsletter go electronic as of July 1, 2015, Lion Nancy Mathwig seconded. Question was asked about if everyone would have access to the electronic newsletter. There are two clubs where neither the President or Secretary have email addresses. There currently is a separate bill sent along with dues to cover the newsletter \$18 (President and Secretary). Some clubs already email the newsletter to all members. MC.
- PDG Mary Spille made a motion that there be a notice put out in the District newsletter informing clubs of the fact that the newsletter will be electronic as of July 1, 2015. Unpaid clubs need to pay up and those who paid too much can notify DG Harry Klenke and request a reimbursement. Lion Charlette Abbas seconded. Discussion followed regarding when and how clubs should be notified. PDG Mary Spille withdrew the motion.
- PDG Joan Blank made a motion that District 5M2 subsidize the newsletter production costs through June 30, 2015. Lion Wanda Breimhorst seconded. We receive about \$2,000 and subsidize \$7,000. MC.
- We do need an editor to do this electronically. Question was raised regarding whether this be a volunteer position or a paid position?
- **Camp Confidence request to be added to Parade of Green** – Camp Confidence is a multiple endorsed project and thus has the right to solicit funds. PDG Joan Blank made a motion to decline Camp Confidence being added to the Parade of Green, PDG Tom Ferleman seconded. MC.
- **Diabetes Screening** – A letter was sent out that clubs should stop Diabetes screening at conventions. Lion Kevin said that it is recommended that Diabetes be screened at a hospital and/or clinic to reduce liability. Lions could still sponsor the events but shouldn't do the actual screening. PID Debra Wasserman stated that this should appear in the newsletter.

Region/Zone Reports:

Region 1 Lion Wanda Breimhorst reported that she is so pleased that District Governor Harry asked her to serve another year as Region 1 Chair. As Region 1 chair I will be working with the Zone Chairs; Zone 1 Chair, Chris Hall, Zone 2 Chair, Sandra Schneider and Zone 3 Chair Jen Malecha.

Region 1 has 1087 members and we will work to not only add new members but retain the ones we have. A very successful Region 1 Meeting was held on September 8 in Carver, hosted by the Carver Lions. They had a great turnout of 85 Lions. Almost all of the clubs were represented.

Don't forget the Writeoff deadlines. Lion Christy will cover those details.

Jordaness Lions are celebrating the 20th year of their Fashion Show, November 22nd at the Ridges of Sand Creek. All the proceeds from this annual endeavor have benefited the Lions Eye Bank as well as local needs. Tickets are available \$20.00.

- **Zone 1** Lion Chris Hall from the Glencoe Lions Club – Zone 1 started with 275 members, and we are currently up two bringing us to 277. He gave a Shout-Out to Silver Lake for their efforts, and signing three new members. He is in the process of scheduling my Zone Chair Visits to each Club. Have some booked, and he has his calendar with him at all times. Zone 1 Fall Meeting is coming up Wednesday

night, October 15th at the VFW in Hutchinson, as the Hutchinson Lions are hosting, and with a new twist, to get another club involved he asked Plato to do the Tail Twisting.

- **Zone 2** Lion Sandra Schneider reported that this year is off to a grand start. We had terrific attendance at the Region Meeting in Carver. It was great to see everyone there. Thanks to the Carver Lions for hosting it for the Region. Club Membership Numbers are as follows as of October 12, 2014: Carver 60; Chaska 39; Cologne 58; Mayer Watertown DandyLions 13; Waconia 88; Watertown 97; Victoria 97; for a total of 452 (-15 for the year) Cologne Leos 17. The Leos did have a booth at Nickle Dickle Days and captured 11 signatures of interest. They are working on having a project to have on the invitation to the meeting night. Thank you DG Harry for this opportunity to serve once again. Fall Zone Meeting will be on November 11 at Island View Golf Course. Invitations will follow.
- **Zone 3** Lion Jennifer Malecha – No report

Region 2 Lion Charlette Abbas, Region 2 Chairperson, reported that Region II held its fall meeting on Tuesday, September 21, at the Arlington Community Center. She was pleased to report that there was 100% representation by the clubs. VERY IMPRESSIVE! The Arlington Club needs to be commended for doing a wonderful job with the site and the food! Way to go Arlington Lions!

Cabinet Chairs encouraged clubs to invite them to speak about the various programs. Second Vice District Governor Steve Wasserman spoke about appreciating what people do not only in the clubs, but in the community. First Vice District Governor Marvin Grimm encouraged all clubs to participate in the Club Excellence Process. District Governor Harry Klenke stated that we need to “Just Ask; Ask One!” Our membership will grow if we do.

- **Zone 4** Lions Brenda Jones – Zone 4 is staying strong at 263 members...and it sounds like St. Peter Lions have 2 new members coming on board! Zone 4 meeting is Thursday, Oct. 16 in St. Peter at Gustavus Adolphus College...hosted by the St. Peter Lions. Things going on in Zone 4– both Lafayette and Courtland have started up their bar bingo. Courtland is having a Halloween Party for the youth of the community, and Lafayette is helping another organization in town with their Halloween Party. Nicollet is doing their Pork Chop Fry’s...the 3rd Saturday of the month. The next ones are coming up Sat. Oct 18th and Nov. 15th. Courtland is having a pancake brunch on Sunday, Nov. 2nd. Lafayette will be celebrating their 35th Anniversary on Tuesday, Nov. 18th.
- **Zone 5** Lion Nancy Mathwig for Lion Jim Spille – Zone 5 is off to a good start, both project and membership wise. Per LCI, membership is currently 239 Lions which is “plus 1” since July. Arlington and Norwood Young America have lost one member. Green Isle, Henderson, and Hamburg are even. NYA West Carver has gained 2 members. All clubs were represented at Region Meeting. The fall Zone meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 5, in Norwood Young America, hosted by West Carver. Lion Nancy Mathwig has secured a Can Do Canines speaker who will be present with her service dog.
- **Zone 6** Lion Lori Klein – Zone 6 membership is at 208 as of September 30, 2014. This is currently a loss of 4 members. Fall Zone meeting is on October 23rd, in Northfield, with program by Can Do Canines. Spring Zone meeting has been set for April 21st in LeCenter. There is also work being done to establish a campus club at Carleton College in Northfield; hopefully, this will occur this Lions Year.

Region 3 Lion Paul Gorman reported that the Region 3 meeting was held at the WOW Zone in Mankato on September 24, 2014. 66 Lions were in attendance with all but 4 clubs represented. Lion Paul attended the Zone 9 meeting in Albert Lea on Monday, October 6 conducted by Zone 9 Chair Ron Theusch and hosted by Albert Lea Lakeview Lions at the Albert Lea Moose Lodge. The Zone 8 chair is Lion Robert Hunter. The Zone 8 meeting is scheduled for October 21 at Waterville and hosted by the Waterville Lions. The Zone 7 chair is Lion Charles Knakmuhs. The Zone 7 meeting is scheduled for October 28 at the American Legion in Lake Crystal. Membership will be reported by the Zone Chairs.

- **Zone 7** Lion Charlie Knakmuhs – He attended the Region 3 meeting and has done the club visit to the Winnebago club. He will be attending the Zone 7 meeting and will be contacting the rest of the clubs about scheduling the club visits. 6 clubs with 163 members.
- **Zone 8** Lion Robert Hunter – No report sent in but 6 clubs with 222 members.
- **Zone 9** Lion Ron Theusch – No report sent in but 8 clubs with 227 members.

VDG Steve Wasserman played a new song written by the International Lions President – Strengthen the

Committee Reports: VDG Marvin Grimm is not setting time limit but requested that the reports be kept short.

Can Do Canines: Lions Deb Koehnen, Kathleen Bleckeberg, Vern and Darlene Breamer reported that Can Do Canines have had a busy summer and have a busy schedule ahead of us. Vern and Darlene attended the graduation ceremony in May. Vern, Darlene and Kathleen attended the Can Do Canines workshop and came away with lots of information. Kathleen attended the graduation of 15 new teams on October 11, 2014.

The 2014 Woof-a-Roo was held on September 13, 2014. This brought in a total of \$95,967, making this the highest year ever. Thank you for your support. This will help fund 4 new assistant dogs. They have been going to region and zone meetings and have been taking boxes of chocolate bars along with them. Vern and Darlene had a presentation at the Winnebago Lions club and have another lined up for next February. They are looking to visit more clubs.

Can Do Canines are celebrating their 25th Anniversary this year. For a quarter of century our specially-trained assistance dogs have been changing the lives of their human partners. Join Can Do Canines as they celebrate their landmark anniversary and greatness, and big hearts. The Fetching Ball benefiting Can Do Canines will be held on Saturday, November 15, 2014. 6:00 pm Silent Auction and Games, 7:30 pm Dinner and Program followed by live auction and entertainment by Scott Heimer. This will be held at the Minneapolis Marriott, City Center Hotel. Please let us know if you are interested. Early bird special prices end on Oct 20.

Lion Deb looks forward to attending the Zone 5 meeting that will feature a guest from CDC. She will also attend the Zone 7 meeting. Lion Deb has just one club visit scheduled so far with the Jordaness Lions.

Constitution & By-Laws: Lion Steve Wasserman handed out proposed By-Law changes. He presented the changes to the Cabinet. He emailed them out to the Cabinet. There were a couple of changes still needed in the Constitution and a couple of moves that need to move from the Constitution to the By-Laws. There is a Constitutional District Dispute suggestion from LCI and VDG Steve Wasserman would like to see this added to our Constitution. Discussion followed regarding what 5M2 should do. VDG Steve suggested that the Cabinet members read the Conflict Resolution language to discuss in the future. See the proposed By-Law Changes at the end of this document.

In the LCI Constitution one of the duties of the Region Chair is to visit all of the clubs in the Region. We do not have that in ours. Not desired to add. By-Laws usually take a majority vote to approve. Parade of Green things should be specified in the by-laws. Cabinet agreed that that would be good.

Lion Darlene Breamer made a motion to accept the suggested changes less the discussions held here today and send it out to the clubs prior to the Mid-Winter Convention. Lion Dale Drescher seconded. MC. The PDGs will further discuss the Dispute resolution and come to the Cabinet with a recommendation.

Conventions/USA/Canada Forum: PDG Joan Blank reported on upcoming conventions.

5M-2 Convention – February 13th through 15th at Mankato City Center Hotel – hosted by Zone 1 Lions
MD5M Multiple Convention – April 17th – 19th at Minneapolis airport Marriott Hotel in Bloomington MN
hosted by Lions of District 5M-6. She handed out information about hotel rooms at the Cabinet Meeting.

District Activities: PDG Eunice Rucks reported that an e-mail has been sent out to all of the Presidents of the Clubs regarding the process of how to submit information for the Memorial Service at the 2015 Mid-Winter Convention. Also, all of the clubs have received their 10 “Bird Pins”. She has additional pins available for sale – both Bird Pins and 2015 Snowman Pins for Hawaii.

GLT/GMT: PID Debra Wasserman reported on **DG Harry's GLT goals for 2014-2015**

1. Have clubs complete CEP Training. Hopefully about 2 per Zone in 2014-2015

MN Lake and Alden completed CEP during the first quarter. Several other clubs have expressed interest in scheduling CEP.

2. Encourage Zone Chairs to mention that all clubs have Orientation for new members.

PID Debra is working to recruit a Lion to help coordinate use of the District's Orientation program. This will be the basis for Zone Chairs encouraging clubs to conduct Orientation.

3. **Encourage older members to also attend Fall Zone Meetings**
4. **At Region Meetings and Fall Zone Meetings make people aware of Regional Lions Leadership Institute. Encourage fellow Lions to take advantage of this good training.**

DG Harry and 1VDG Marv are including this in their remarks.

5. **Make people aware of the Mid-Winter Convention in Mankato. Promote this at Region and Fall Zone Meetings**

DG Harry is including this in his remarks.

6. **Make people aware of the Multiple District Convention in Bloomington. Remind people we will be hosting it in 2016, so it would be a good idea to attend to find out what kind of help we will need to make it successful.**

DG Harry and PID Maynard have included this in their remarks.

7. **Continue having Quarterly meetings with GLT and GMT Coordinators**

The GLT/GMT met after the Region 1 meeting on September 8.

8. **Continue to have Quarterly meetings with First Vice District Governor and Second Vice District Governor and their Spouses.**

The DG Team met on July 28.

PID Maynard Rucks is waiting for a reply from Sabastian from Carleton College regarding the possibility of starting a Lions campus club there.

Historian: Lion Nancy Mathwig reported that she had nothing new to report.

Journey for Service: Lion Gordy Affield reported that Journey for Service will be held April 8-10, 2015. Scheduling will be the same as last year, starting in Faribault at 8 a.m. on April 8 and ending in Northfield at 12 on April 10. He needs a contact person and a phone number for every Lions club in the District.

LCIF: PDG Rick Wagener reported that he has two programs scheduled and will be sending out club balance reports along with donation requests for the Parade of Green. Also he will be sending a reminder of the Centennial Service Challenge of serving 100 million people by 2017.

Leader Dog: Lion Shirley Hesperheide reported that fundraising continues for the Canine Development Center Project with the demolition of the veterinary office, puppy development offices, breeding area and a portion of the lobby. All of this is going on at this time and the Leader Dog Chairs are going out to clubs in their Districts to raise funds. The chairs are asking for the clubs to budget to give over the next five years. To date \$10,772,000 has been pledged/raised. Lion's pledges/raised are over \$587,000. We have a good start toward the \$3 million they'd like to see Lions contribute.

Lion Shirley has been to three clubs in District 5M2 at this time and have four more scheduled. She will be checking back with these clubs and find out what they have pledged.

LEO Clubs: Lion Anna Wickenhauser reported that she has received no response to repeated requests for information from Northfield Leos or Sibley Leos. Cologne Leos are busy doing service projects and working on Membership Issues.

Liberty Day: Lion Dennie Hewitt reported that he has given over 700 Liberty Day books to clubs so far and have meetings scheduled with a few more Clubs and will be making presentations at some upcoming Zone Meetings and hope to have more Clubs participate in the Liberty Day Program going forward. All seems to be going well.

Long Range Planning: PDG Tom Ferleman reported there is nothing to report at this time.

MD5M Hearing Foundation: Lion Arlene Richter reported that the Lions Hearing Foundation met on October 4th, at the Best Western Kelly Inn in St. Cloud, MN. The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Lion Jim Bremer at 8 AM.

After the pledge and role call, the meeting opened with Dr. Bevin Yueh giving a review of current research work being done at the U of M's Dept. of Otolaryngology. He also submitted a request for funding for new research projects including a wind farm project, a tinnitus project, a cancer project and several more. All projects were discussed and the funds were granted. Kudos to Dr. Bevin Yueh, plus three doctors from his department, because they topped the *MN Monthly Magazine's* list of "Best Doctors". We are truly lucky to be partners with such talented individuals.

The Canadian report reviewed some of the restructuring and reorganization of the Lions Canadian Hearing Foundation due to the Canadian health care system changes.

Other topics briefly discussed were the U of M tours, brochure availability, and the affordable hearing aid program.

Plans for the Hearing Foundation's D-Feet Hearing Loss fundraiser are underway - from making the website more user friendly to deciding the color of the T-shirts. The date for the walk is June 6, 2015. The Legal and Finance committee presented ideas for more effective corporate fundraising.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Mid-Winter Convention: Lion Janet Hall reported that they have been busy getting everything lined up. The Tuxedo Band is lined up for Friday night and people are encouraged to dress up in their idea of "Back to the 60's" and there will be prizes for best couple, best male and female, most outrageous and most creative. Crazy Airwaves will be our entertainment on Saturday night. Meals are all lined up. Lion Janet has registration sheets with her and they have also been mailed to the clubs and are available on line. Our guest ID for the weekend will be ID Karla Harris from Wisconsin. Once speakers are all lined up a flyer will be sent to all the clubs and posted online.

MN Lions Diabetes Foundation: Lions Kevin Blank and Lion Emmy Koch – Lion Kevin reported that on October 4, 2014, he attended the Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation's quarterly meeting held in St Cloud. Much discussion was had on the Minnesota Department of Health's recommendation of blood glucose screenings, in regards to the transmission of blood borne infections, primarily Hepatitis B virus. Consequently the Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation is encouraging all clubs to stop blood glucose screenings. Clubs should work through their local hospitals or clinics to provide those services.

The Foundation also made two grants to the University of Minnesota for their continued work in the imaging lab on artificial pancreas research and also a grant to study what affects diabetes has on the brain.

A diabetes research update will be held on March 28, 2015 at the University of Minnesota, everyone is encouraged to attend to hear about the research that is going on at the U.

He has attended 2 region meetings and has gained several club visitations.

MN Lion Vision Foundation: Co-Chair Lion Diana Kroells and PDG Mary Spille reported that Regions 1 and 3 meetings were attended by Co-chair Diana Kroells. PDG Mary attended meetings for Regions 1 and 2. At each meeting, they offered speaking opportunities for club meetings.

On October 3, the co-chairs attended the second quarter meeting in St. Cloud. These meetings are very informative as the co-chairs learn and appreciate what Lions do in service for the U of MN Vision Foundation and Eye Bank. At each meeting, the board chair calls for reports from the director of the Eye Bank and the medical chair of the Dept of Ophthalmology. After that, directors break into four subcommittees: Finance, Public Relations, Legal, and Long Range Planning.

The Foundation is now working with new secretary Brian Salisbury and interim treasurer Roger Badenhop. Significant changes but the transition seems smooth. Dr. VanKuijk reported that interest on investment funds is improved as a result of transfer to the University's servicing account. He also mentioned that the University is a chosen site to work with the International Eye Bank as they universally code all medical terms – this is very prestigious for the Foundation; Lions dollars are critical to this cause.

Report on the State Fair booth was favorable.

Upcoming dates to remember include Donor and Family Recognition Day on October 12 and Thanksgiving for Vision on October 25.

Eyeglass Recycling reported that 535,817 pairs of eyeglasses were handled in the 2013-2014 year. It should be advertised that the recycling center accepts sunglasses to send to warm climate countries.

A request from ShopKo Stores asked Lions to work with them re: free eye exams and eyewear that

they are willing to distribute annually through their Minnesota clinics. A board director was appointed to coordinate with ShopKo.

Also there is potential for a MN Twins game next summer as a fundraiser. A committee will work with Secretary Bob Harms, the Hearing Foundation and Diabetes Foundation to research thoroughly.

Suggestion was made that directors brainstorm ideas to more extensively publicize the values of the Vision Foundation and the Eye Bank. Next meeting is scheduled for January 3 in St. Cloud.

Newsletter Editor: PDG Bill Curtis not in attendance, discussed earlier in New Business.

Special Olympics: The three co-chairs, Lion Manny Camilon, Jr. from the Cologne Lions, Lion Dustin Campion from the Shakopee Lions and Lion Joan Blank from the Nicollet Lions have all received their training information from MD5M Project Chairs Ray Moonen and Lion Laura Maki.

They have been trying to find a time when they all can meet, which seems to be challenging for the three of them. Their goal is to get together within in the next month to discuss plans for the next year. The first task will be to identify all the Special Olympic teams in our District. The second task is to come up with plans to visit clubs or send out a brochure. Lion Manny has some great ideas he would like to discuss.

It is their goal to have some solid information to report on at the next Cabinet meeting.

Project New Hope: Chair Lion Darlene Wondra reported that Project New Hope has had another successful retreat this season, at Ironwood Springs near Stewartville, Lion Darlene attended the Friday opener. There were 2 families from the Viet Nam war era and the 2 families from the current war era. There is 1 more scheduled. What an amazing experience. She also attended the quarterly meeting. Project New Hope makes a difference in the life of everyone attending. Lion Darlene is out and about giving presentations.

Protocol: Lion Dale Drescher reported that we have new flags and he will be bringing them to convention and meetings, etc. His phone number is wrong in the directory, please use this number to reach him – 507-383-4653

Publicity: Lion Ruth Klossner is available to help clubs with publicity.

Technology & Computer Support: Lion Laura Maki reported that notices for Region and Zone meeting were emailed to Club Presidents, Secretaries and Cabinet members. She was happy to assist those that needed their letters put onto the letterhead or requested sample agendas. Lion Laura attended all three Region Meetings and worked on updating the email addresses of club Presidents, Secretaries and Membership Chairs.

The monthly 5M2 District Newsletter “Path to Success” and notices from Project Chairs are sent out to club officers as requested. Coordinating the use of the projectors and screens, which are being used frequently, is another responsibility. Please let her know of your need as far in advance as possible to assist with scheduling their use.

The intro sheets for our project chairs for the website are slowly being added. Lion Laura has completed two so far this year, with three of the six left started. Requests were given to the chairs in attendance that she needs information from. When she gets the requested information she can create them, her hope is to finalize this by the end of this Lions year.

She has been assisting the Mid-Winter Planning Committee with sending out and posting information on the website and Facebook.

Write Off: Lion Christy Trutnau reported that the information for the Write Off Contest has been sent out. She originally sent the information to the Zone and Region Chairs on Aug 6th and instructed them to pass the information on to the Club Presidents. It was brought to her attention that not every club received this information and for that she apologizes. Lion Laura Maki did send a follow-up email for on October 2nd to all Club Presidents, Secretaries and Zone/Region Chairs.

As a Reminder please note that the deadlines are as follows:

*** Clubs must submit their winners to the Zone Chairs by 10/31/14***

*** Zone Chairs must submit their winners to the Region Chairs by 11/30/14***

*** Region Chairs must have the judging complete by 12/31/14 and sent to me by 01/10/2015***

Those clubs that did not receive the information timely, and need additional time to allow students in the area time to complete the essays please contact her directly and something can be worked out.

Youth Exchange/Youth Camp: Lions Chris and Janet Hall reported that they are busy spreading the word already about wanting host families for next summer. They have 1 club visit scheduled for May and are going to be presenting at a Zone meeting this week. They have 2 possible outgoing students this year as we have been in contact with interested students explaining the process. They will be sending out a letter shortly to all clubs asking for any interested host families and asking if they would like the co-chairs to visit their clubs.

Youth Outreach/Peace Poster: Co-Chairs for the Peace Poster Contest again this year are Lion Paula Stephens from Cologne Lions and PDG Sue Bowman from Albert Lea LakeView Lions.

The 2014 contest theme Peace, Love and Understanding is wrapping up with the contest deadline of November 15, 2014. The Peace Poster Contest has been promoted at all the Region Meetings and will continue at the Zone Meetings. Promotion of the program has also come from PDG Bill Curtis with contest information in the district newsletter and Lion Laura Maki with website information and club informational emailing.

Judging will be done by Lions Paula and Sue based on originality, artistic merit and expression of the theme Peace Love and Understanding. The district's winning poster will be sent to the Multiple District Council Chair for further judging, hopefully to be awarded the Multiple District winner!! The 5M2 poster winner will receive \$300 and be recognized with a plaque and brunch with family members at the Mid-Winter Sunday Brunch.

Lions Quest: Lion Janet Knahmuhs reported that she attended the Region 3 meeting and will be giving the Quest Program at the Zone 7 meeting. She has an invitation for a visit to Alden, and have talked to the superintendent of the Lake Crystal district. She gave the clubs in Region 3 until January 15 to contact her for a visit or she will be calling and bugging them for a visit.

Lion Cathleen Williams reported that as Mike recovered from his heart surgery, she was able to attend Region 1 & 2. This month they will be able to attend Zone 1 and visit one club. After October 30th, she will be recovering from knee surgery and may have to slow down. She will be attending the Council of Governors meeting also.

Comments:

2nd VDGE Steve Wasserman had no more comments today. And received a round of applause.

1st VDGE Marv Grimm thanked everyone for their support and the newsletter conversation.

DGE Harry Klenke thanked the Lions who made the meal tonight, thanked the VDGs for their help, thanked the Cabinet for their concise reports. Thanks for helping mentor new members. Have a safe trip home.

Next Meeting will be held in conjunction with the Mid-Winter Convention in February. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Lion Cindy Walters

Announcements:

Zone 1 Oct 15 Hutchinson

Zone 4 Oct 16 St. Peter

C of Governors Oct 18

Zone 8 Oct 21 Waterville

Zone 6 Oct 23 Northfield

Zone 7 Oct. 28 Lake Crystal

Zone 3 Nov. 3 New Prague

Zone 5 Nov 5 West Carver

Zone 2 Nov. 11 Waconia

Midwinter Mankato Feb 13-15 "Back to the 60's"

Regional Lions Leadership Institute-March 26-29, 2015 Mahanomen - (Applications to DG Harry by Dec 1)

BY-LAWS**~~ARTICLE I: NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS~~**

~~Section 1. Communication among the District, its Cabinet members and the Member Clubs and individual Lion members shall be by one of the following methods: When written notice is specified, the use of the United States Postal Service or Electronic mail—also known as email, shall be considered legal and proper notification. Publications, including, but not limited to the District 5M 2 Constitution and by laws, shall be considered to be readily available to the District Cabinet and its member Lion clubs, if posted on the District's official web site. The website shall contain prominent links to enable all District Lions to download and print these documents as needed. Cabinet and Club reports required to be sent to Lions Clubs International shall be sent using the method(s) designated by Lions Clubs International at the time the report is due.~~

~~Deleted here but contained in Article V, Section 3 as moved from 5M2 Constitution to these By Laws.~~

ARTICLE II: FINANCES

~~Section 1. Annual Tax. To provide revenue to defray the expense of district 5M 2 and the Multiple District, an annual tax of thirteen dollars and ninety cents (\$13.90) for each member shall be levied upon every club in the District, and shall be paid in advance by each club, except new and reorganized clubs, in two semiannual payments as follows: six dollars and ninety five cents (\$6.95) on July first of each year to cover the semi-annual period of July 1 through December 31st, and six dollars and ninety five cents (\$6.95) on January 1st of each year to cover the semi-annual period of January 1 through June 30. Such billings shall be based on the roster of each club as of the first day of July and the first day of January, respectively. This tax shall be collected from the clubs in the Sub District by the Cabinet Treasurer and the Cabinet Treasurer shall place all said monies in an account and remit monies to the Multiple District Council Treasurer. The annual tax of thirteen dollars and ninety cents (\$13.90) shall be apportioned as follows:~~

- ~~a.—\$5.70 to the Sub District Administrative Fund~~
- ~~b.—\$1.40 to the District Convention Fund~~
- ~~c.—\$1.00 to help defray the expenses of the sitting Governor to attend the forthcoming International Convention.~~
- ~~d.—\$0.50 to help defray the travel expense of the District Governor Elect's spouse/adult companion to the DGE's incoming International Convention~~
- ~~e.—\$3.84 to the 5M Multiple District Administrative Fund~~
- ~~f.—\$0.25 to Campaign Fund controlled by the 5M Multiple District Council for the election of a candidate for an international Director or Third Vice President from this Multiple District~~
- ~~g.—\$0.46 to be set aside in a separate fund to be known as the Multiple District Geographical Assistance Fund, which is to be divided amongst the Individual Districts in the Multiple on the basis of their respective geographical areas so that each District in the Multiple shall be entitled to receive in each year the proportion of the Multiple District Geographical Assistance Fund that its Geographical area bears to the total Geographic area of the Multiple 5M District.~~
- ~~h.—\$0.50 to be set aside in a separate fund to be known as the Multiple District Annual Convention Fund. Expenditures from this fund to be used to defray necessary expenses incurred in the holding of a Multiple District Convention which were previously collected through the imposition of a registration fee charged all delegates, alternates and members.~~
- ~~i.—\$0.25 MERLO Training Fund (Membership, Extension, Retention, Leadership and Orientation training.~~

~~Deleted here and placed as Article VIII~~

ARTICLE VII**Nomination And Endorsement Second Vice President****International Director Nominees ~~And Third Vice-President 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 endorsement of a District Convention as a candidate for the office of International Director or Third Vice-President shall:

- a. Deliver ~~(by the appropriate notification/reporting method(s) described in the By-Laws ARTICLE I: Section 1. or in person)~~, written Notice of Intention to seek such endorsement to the District Governor and to the Multiple District Council Secretary Treasurer ~~by January 1st~~ no less than 30 days prior to the convening date of the respective convention at which such question of endorsement is to be voted upon;
- 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 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 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 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 the majority of votes cast shall be declared endorsed (elected) as the candidate of the convention and District. In the event of a tie, or failure of one nominee to receive the required majority on any ballot, balloting shall continue with respect to the two 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. Certification of Endorsement. Certification of Endorsement by the respective convention shall be made in writing to the International Office by the District official designated, and in accordance with the requirements set forth in the International Constitution and By-Laws.

Section 6. Validity. No 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 III: DISTRICT NOMINATIONS ~~AND~~ ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Section 1. Nominating Committee. Each District Governor shall appoint by written notification received at least sixty (60) days prior to the Midwinter Convention, a Nominating Committee of not 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 at the time of their appointment hold any District or International office. The names and addresses of the Lions so appointed shall be sent to all clubs in the District at least thirty (30) days prior to the convening day of the Midwinter Convention. ~~The above notifications shall use the appropriate notification/reporting method(s) described in the By-Laws ARTICLE I: Section 1.~~

Title added.

- Do we send the names to the clubs?
- Notification language not necessary in every section.

Section 2. DISTRICT GOVERNOR ELECTION PROCEDURES. Any qualified member of a club in the District seeking the office of District Governor, First or Second Vice District Governor shall file intention to so run in writing with the District Governor thirty (30) days prior to the convening of the business meeting of the Midwinter Convention and furnish therewith evidence of 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 Midwinter Convention the name(s) of all candidate(s) so qualified. If none are 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 minutes duration and a one seconding speech of no more than three minutes duration. ~~The above filing notice shall use the appropriate notification/reporting method(s) described in the By-Laws ARTICLE I: Section 1.~~

LCI RDBL only requires notice be given prior to the day of the Nominating Committee report to the convention.

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 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 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.

Language from LCI RDBL

Section 34. Ballot. The election shall be by a 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. ~~The candidate receiving the largest number of votes east shall be declared elected.~~ In case of a tie on any ballot, balloting shall continue on the tied candidates until one is elected.

Added language is from LCI RDBL. The LCI By-Laws do require a majority vote to be declared elected. Our current language is in violation.

Section 45. 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. The remaining Cabinet officers and members of the District Governor's Honorary Committee shall convene at a date, time and place called and determined by the Immediate Past District Governor to pick 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:

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

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.

Added language is from LCI RDBL. I believe it makes sense to have the requirements, and to encourage the VDG to fulfill their term.

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:

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

All language is taken from the LCI RDBL

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

- a. Be an active member in good standing in his/her respective region or zone; and
- b. 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.

All language is taken from the LCI RDBL

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.

All language is taken from the LCI RDBL

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.

All language is taken from the LCI RDBL

ARTICLE IV

Duties of District Officers/Cabinet

Section 1. District Governor. ~~The District Governor shall act under the general supervision of the International Board of Directors as the representative of Lions International in this District and shall have general supervision over all Lions therein. In addition, the District Governor shall:~~ 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:

Language is from LCI SDBL. Limits the responsibility of the DG (does not supervise all Lions in the district)

- a. ~~Further the Purposes and Objects of Lions International;~~ Administer and promote membership growth and new club development.
- b. ~~Supervise organization of new Lions Clubs;~~ Administer and promote leadership development at the club and district levels.
- c. Promote the Lions Clubs International Foundation and all service activities of the association.
- d. Preside, when present, over all-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.

- e. Promote ~~cordial relations~~harmony among the chartered Lions Clubs;

Language from LCI RDBL, says basically what current language does

- f. Exercise such supervision and authority over Cabinet officers and District committee appointees as is provided in this Constitution. ~~including, but not by way of limitation, the following:~~

- ~~i.—Supervise the Cabinet Secretary and the Cabinet Treasurer, designate a depository(s) for said funds and authorize the payment therefrom of all legitimate expenses pertaining to the administration of the affairs of the District;~~
- ~~ii.—Secure, set the amount of and approve the surety company issuing The surety bond for the Cabinet Treasurer;~~
- ~~iii.—Secure, semi-annually or more frequently, District financial reports from the Cabinet Treasurer;~~
- ~~iv.—Provide for an annual or more frequent audit of the books and accounts of the Cabinet Treasurer and set up a definite schedule of dates, times and places of Cabinet meetings to be held during the fiscal year.~~

These duties are moved to the District Cabinet as per the LCI RDBL. This would be a more substantive change.

- g. ~~Endeavor to visit each club at least once during the term of office;~~ 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.

Language is from LCI RDBL. This would be a more substantive (and controversial) change.

- h. Submit a current itemized statement of total District receipts and expenditures to the annual District Convention;
- i. Deliver, forthwith, at the termination of term of office, all District accounts, funds and records to the successor in office.
- j. Report to Lions Clubs International all known violations of the use of the association's name and emblem.

Language from LCI RDBL

- k. Submit such other reports and perform such other duties as may be required by the International Board of Directors through the District Governor's Manual and other directives.

Language from LCI RDBL

~~Section 2. First and Second Vice District Governors shall:~~

- ~~a.—Attend the regular and special meetings of the Cabinet;~~
- ~~b.—Assist the District Governor in promoting Lionism in the District;~~
- ~~c. When called upon to do so by the District Governor, represent the District Governor at scheduled visitations or special requested meetings.~~

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:

- a. Further the purposes of this association.
- b. Perform such administrative duties assigned by the district governor.
- c. Perform such other functions and acts required by the International Board of Directors.
- d. Participate in the cabinet meetings, and conduct meetings in the absence of the district governor, and participate in council meetings as appropriate.
- e. 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.
- f. Conduct club visitation as the representative of the district governor when requested by the district governor.
- g. Serve as the District Governor Team liaison between the District Global Membership Team, working as an active member of the District Global Membership Team along with the District Governor, Second Vice District Governor and other Global Membership Team members to establish and implement a district-wide plan for membership growth.
- h. Work with the District Governor, Second Vice District Governor, and the Global Leadership Team to develop and implement a district-wide plan for leadership development.
- i. 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.
- j. At the request of the district governor, supervise other district committees.
- k. Participate in the planning of the next year including the district budget.
- l. 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.

Language from LCI RDBL

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:

- a. Further the purposes of this association.
- b. Perform such administrative duties assigned by the district governor.
- c. Perform such other functions and acts required by the International Board of Directors.
- d. Participate in the cabinet meetings, and conduct meetings in the absence of the district governor, and participate in council meetings as appropriate.
- e. 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.
- f. Conduct club visitation, as the representative of the district governor, when requested by the district governor.

- g. Assist the district governor and first vice district governor in planning and conducting the annual district convention.
- h. Serve as the District Governor Team liaison between the District Global Leadership Team, working as an active member of the District Global Leadership Team along with the District Governor, First Vice District Governor and other Global Leadership Team members to establish and implement a district-wide leadership development plan.
- i. Work with the District Governor, First Vice District Governor, and the Global Membership Team to develop and implement a district-wide plan for membership growth.
- j. 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.
- k. 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.
- l. At the request of the district governor, supervise other district committees.
- m. Assist the district governor, first vice district governor, and the cabinet in planning of the next year, including the district budget.
- n. 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.

Language from LCI RDBL

Section 34. Cabinet Secretary

Under the supervision and direction of the District Governor, ~~using the appropriate notification/reporting method(s) described in By-Laws ARTICLE I: Section 1,~~ the Cabinet Secretary shall:

- a. Further the Purposes of this association;
- b. Perform such duties as are implied by the title of said office, including but not by way of limitation, the following:
 - i. Keep an accurate record of the proceedings of all meetings of the Cabinet, and within ten (10) days after each meeting forward copies of the same to all members of the Cabinet, and the office of Lions Clubs International;
 - ii. Take and keep minutes of the District Convention and furnish copies of the same to Lions Clubs International, the District Governor, the members of the Cabinet, and the secretary of each club in the District;
 - iii. Make reports to the cabinet as the district governor or cabinet may require.
 - iv. Assist the District Governor and the Cabinet in conducting the business of the District and perform such other duties as are specified or implied in this Constitution and By-Laws, or as may be directed from time to time by the District Governor or Cabinet;
 - v. Sign notices and documents issued by the District through the Cabinet Secretary's office;

vi. Make an annual report to the Cabinet at its meeting immediately ~~proceeding~~preceding the annual Multiple District Convention, and such other reports at such other times as the District Governor or Cabinet may require;

vii. Deliver, in a timely manner, at the conclusion of his/her term in office, the records of the district to his/her successor in office.

Language from LCI RDBL

Section 45. Cabinet Treasurer

Under the supervision and direction of the District Governor, the Cabinet Treasurer shall:

- a. Collect and receipt for all per capita taxes levied hereunder on members and clubs in the 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.
- b. Remit and pay over to the Multiple District Council Secretary Treasurer the Multiple District Convention Fund Per Capita Tax, if any, collected in the District, and secure a proper receipt ~~therefor~~.
- c. Keep accurate books and records of account, and permit inspection of the same by the District Governor, and any Cabinet member, and any club (or authorized agent of any of them) at any reasonable time for any proper purpose. Upon direction of the District Governor or the Cabinet, the Cabinet Treasurer shall furnish any such books and records as requested to any auditor appointed by the District Governor.
- d. Secure bond for the faithful performance of duties in such sum and with such sureties as may be required by the District Governor.
- e. 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.

Language from LCI RDBL. Note: RDBL has Secretary/Treasurer duties combined in one section. I think that keeping them separate better fits our structure.

Section 56. Region Chairperson.

Under the supervision and direction of the District Governor, the Region Chairperson shall:

- a. Further the Purposes of this association.

Language is from LCI SDBL

- b. Supervise and assist the Zone Chairpersons of the Region in the performance of their official duties and cooperate with them in arranging and holding Zone meetings and District Governor's Advisory Committee meetings;
- c. In coordination with the District GMT Coordinator, play an active role in organizing new clubs and in strengthening weak clubs.

Language is from LCI SDBL

- d. 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, District GMT Coordinator and district GLT Coordinator.

Language is from LCI SDBL. This would be a significant addition to the duties of the Region Chair

- e. 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, district GMT Coordinator and district GLT Coordinator.

Language is from LCI SDBL. This would be a significant addition to the duties of the Region Chair

- f. Endeavor to have every club in the Region operating under a duly adopted Club Constitution and By-Laws

- g. Promote the Club Excellence Process to the clubs within the zone and work in concert with the District GMT Coordinator, the District GLT Coordinator and the District Governor Team to implement the program within the zone.

Language is from LCI SDBL. We do ask our Region Chairs to help promote CEP

- h. 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.

Language is from LCI SDBL. We do ask Region Chairs to help promote leadership opportunities

- i. Promote representation at International and Multiple District Conventions by at least the full quota of delegates to which clubs in the Region are entitled;
- j. Carry out such official visitations to club meetings and charter nights as shall be assigned to him/her by the district governor.

Language is from LCI DBL.

- k. Attend the regular and special meetings of the Cabinet;
- l. Recommend qualified Lions in the Region for appointment as Zone Chairperson;
- m. Assist the District Governor in promoting Lionism in the Region by performing such duties as may be delegated from time to time by the District Governor;
- ~~n. Plan, implement, and chair a school of instruction for newly-elected club officers to be held in April or May.~~

Our Region Chairs do not plan the Officer Training

In the event the Region Chairperson for any reason cannot or does not, in the judgment of the District Governor, perform the duties of the office, or in the event the office is for any reason vacated, the District Governor shall appoint a successor to serve for the unexpired term.

Not in the LCI SDBL

Section 67. Zone Chairperson.

Under the control and supervision of the District Governor and Region Chairperson, the Zone Chairperson shall:

- a. Further the Purposes of this association

Language from the LCI SDBL

- b. 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.

Language from the LCI SDBL

- c. Endeavor to include the District GMT Coordinator and the GLT Coordinator and the District Governor Team as special guests to a District Governor's Advisory Committee meeting to discuss needs related to membership and leadership development and how these teams and the District Governor Team may assist with membership and leadership development within the zone.

Language from the LCI SDBL

- ~~d. Make a report of each District Governor's Advisory Committee meeting (zone meeting) and send copies within ten (10) days thereafter to lions Clubs International and to the District Governor, District GMT Coordinator and District GLT Coordinator and Region Chairperson ~~using the appropriate notification/reporting method(s) described in the By-Laws ARTICLE I: Section 1;~~~~

Language from the LCI SDBL. Substantive change

- e. Promote the Club Excellence Process to the clubs within the zone and work in concert with the District GMT Coordinator, the District GLT Coordinator and the District Governor Team to implement the program within the zone.

Language is from LCI SDBL. We do ask our Zone Chairs to help promote CEP

- f. In coordination with the District GMT Coordinator, please an active role in organizing new clubs and keep informed on the activities and well-being of all clubs in his/her zone.

Language is from LCI SDBL.

- g. In coordination with the District GLT 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.

Language is from LCI SDBL. We do ask our Zone Chairs to help promote leadership development opportunities

- h. Represent each club in his/her zone in any problems with district, multiple district council chairperson or Lions Clubs International.

Language is from LCI SDBL.

- i. Supervise the progress of district, multiple district, and Lions Clubs International projects in his/her zone.

Language is from LCI SDBL.

- j. Endeavor to have every club within the Zone operating under a duly adopted Club Constitution and By-Laws;

~~k. Arrange, with the cooperation of the Region Chairperson regularly scheduled Zone meetings;~~

- l. Promote representation at International and District Conventions by at least the full quota of delegates to which clubs in the Zone are entitled.

- m. 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).

Language is from LCI SDBL. We do ask our Zone Chairs to visit each club

- n. Encourage inter-club meetings and social activities;
- o. Perform such other functions and acts as may be required of him/her by directives of the International Board of Directors.

Added language is from the LCI SDBL

In the event the Zone Chairperson for any reason cannot or, in the judgment of the District Governor, does not perform the duties of the office, or in the event the office is for any reason vacated, the District Governor shall appoint a successor to serve for the unexpired term.

Not in the LCI SDBL

Section 78. District Governor's Cabinet.

The District Governor's Cabinet shall:

- a. Assist the District Governor in the performance of the District Governor's duties and in the formulation of administrative plans and policies affecting the welfare of the Lionism within the District;

~~b. Serve in an advisory and administrative capacity only;~~

Not sure what this means. The cabinet is more than advisory

- c. Receive, from the region chairpersons or other assigned district cabinet members, reports and recommendations which concern the clubs and zones.

Language from LCI SDBL

- d. Supervise the collection of all dues and taxes by the cabinet 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.

- e. Secure, set the amount of and approve the surety company issuing, the surety bond for the cabinet secretary-treasurer.
- f. Secure, semi-annually or more frequently, sub-district financial reports from the cabinet secretary and cabinet treasurer (or secretary-treasurer).
- g. 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.

Language is from LCI SDBL. The Cabinet does approve the bond, receive financial reports, etc. It probably is the appropriate fiduciary body. These items are moved from the DG Duties and probably do belong here.

~~Section 8. District Governor's Honorary Committee.~~

~~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.~~

Moved to Article 5, Section 2

Section 9. The 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 the 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 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 by September 15th; a second meeting in the month of November; a third meeting in the month of February or March or April, 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 GOVERNOR'S HONORARY COMMITTEE. The District Governor may appoint a District Governor's Honorary Committee. The membership of this Committee shall consist of all Past International Officers, Past International Directors, and Past District Governors. The Immediate Past District Governor may be the Chairperson of the Committee. The Committee shall meet when and as called upon by its Chairperson or 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 3. 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.

Section 4. MD5M Major Committees. The District Governor in accordance with Multiple District 5M Constitution, Article IX, shall appoint members to the Multiple District Major Committees.

Section 5. SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION. The District Governor Elect shall provide for all new Club Officers a school of instruction during April or May. The Global Leadership Team Coordinator shall act as Chairperson thereof.

Moved here from the 5M2 Constitution as recommended by the LCI Standard District Constitution & By Laws.

ARTICLE V

MEETINGS

Section 1. DISTRICT CABINET MEETINGS.

- a) Regular. A regular meeting of the cabinet shall be held in each quarter of the fiscal year, with the first of which should be held within sixty (60) days after the adjournment of the preceding 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.
- b) Special. Special meetings of the 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 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.
- c) Quorum. The attendance of a majority of the officers of this district shall constitute a quorum for any cabinet meeting.
- d) Vote. The voting privilege shall extend to all members of the District Cabinet.

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. Communication. Communication among the District, its Cabinet members and the Member Clubs and individual Lion members shall be by one of the following methods: When written notice is specified, the use of the United States Postal Service or Electronic mail shall be considered legal and proper notification. Publications, including, but not limited to the District 5M-2 Constitution and by-laws, shall be considered to be readily available to the District Cabinet and its member Lions Clubs, if posted on the District's official website. The website shall contain prominent links to enable all District Lions to download and print these documents as needed. Cabinet and Club reports required to be sent to Lions Clubs International shall be sent using the method(s) designated by Lions Clubs International at the time the report is due.

Section 4 Regions And Zones.

- a) Organizational. The District Governor shall divide the District into Regions and each such Region into Zones giving due regard to the geographical locations of the clubs. All such Regions and Zones shall be subject to change by the District Governor as is deemed necessary for the best interest of Lionism and the individual Lions Clubs.
- b) Region Meetings. Meetings of representatives of all clubs in a Region, with the Region Chairperson

presiding, may be held during the fiscal year at times and places fixed by the Region Chairperson of the respective. Region.

- c) Zone Meetings. Meetings of representatives of all clubs in a Zone, with the Zone Chairperson presiding, shall be held during the fiscal year at times and places fixed by the Zone Chairperson of the respective Zone.

Moved here from the 5M2 Constitution as recommended by the LCI Standard District Constitution & By Laws.

ARTICLE VI: RULES FOR DISTRICT CONVENTION PROCEDURE

Section 1. Hosting. The Mid-Winter Convention shall be hosted by one (1) zone of the zones in District 5M-2 on a sequential rotating basis. The zone hosting the Mid-Winter Convention shall, no later than thirty (30) days prior to the Convention, present the District Governor all information that the Governor deems necessary including but not limited to the location of the Convention that the zone is hosting. All clubs in the zone hosting the Convention shall have representation on and shall participate in the planning of and the carrying out of the activities of the Convention.

Section ~~12~~ 12. Credentials Committee. The Credentials Committee of the District Convention shall be composed of the District Governor, as Chairperson, the Cabinet Secretary, the Cabinet Treasurer, and two other non-officers of the District appointed by the District Governor. The Credentials Committee shall have the powers and perform the duties set forth in Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised.

Moved here from Article V Section 1

Section ~~23~~ 23. District Convention Committees. The District Governor shall appoint, designate the Chairperson of, and fill any vacancies occurring in the following District Convention Committees: Sergeant at-Arms, Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms, Rules, Convention City, Nominations and Elections, Constitution and By-Laws, Credentials, Resolutions, and International Convention. Except for the Credentials Committee, which make-up is specified in Section ~~12~~ 12 above, each Region shall have at least one representative on each such committee. These committees shall perform such duties as the District Governor shall designate.

Section 2. Order of Business. The District Governor shall arrange the Order of Business for the Midwinter and Multiple 5M Convention, and the same shall be the order of the day for all sessions.

Section 3. Questions of Order. 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 District meeting or convention, any meeting of the District Cabinet, a Region, Zone or member club or of any group of committee of any one of them shall be determined by Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised.

ARTICLE VII

FINANCES

Section 1. Annual Tax. To provide revenue to defray the expense of district 5M-2 and the Multiple District, an annual tax of thirteen dollars and ninety cents (\$13.90) for each member shall be levied upon every club in the District, and shall be paid in advance by each club, except new and reorganized clubs, in two semiannual payments as follows: six dollars and ninety five cents (\$6.95) on July first of each year to cover the semi-annual period of July 1 through December 31st, and six dollars and ninety five cents (\$6.95) on January 1st of each year to cover the semi-annual period of January 1 through June 30. Such billings shall be based on the roster of each club as of the first day of July and the first day of January, respectively. This tax shall be collected from the clubs in the Sub-District by the Cabinet Treasurer and the Cabinet Treasurer shall place all said monies in an account and remit monies to the Multiple District Council Treasurer. The annual tax of thirteen dollars and ninety cents (\$13.90) shall be apportioned

as follows:

- a. \$5.70 to the Sub-District Administrative Fund
- b. \$1.40 to the District Convention Fund
- c. \$1.00 to help defray the expenses of the sitting Governor to attend the forthcoming International Convention.
- d. \$0.50 to help defray the travel expense of the District Governor Elect's spouse/adult companion to the DGE's incoming International Convention
- e. \$3.84 to the 5M Multiple District Administrative Fund
- f. \$0.25 to Campaign Fund controlled by the 5M Multiple District Council for the election of a candidate for an international Director or Third Vice-President from this Multiple District
- g. \$0.46 to be set aside in a separate fund to be known as the Multiple District Geographical Assistance Fund, which is to be divided amongst the Individual Districts in the Multiple on the basis of their respective geographical areas so that each District in the Multiple shall be entitled to receive in each year the proportion of the Multiple District Geographical Assistance Fund that its Geographical area bears to the total Geographic area of the Multiple 5M District.
- h. \$0.50 to be set aside in a separate fund to be known as the Multiple District Annual Convention Fund. Expenditures from this fund to be used to defray necessary expenses incurred in the holding of a Multiple District Convention which were previously collected through the imposition of a registration fee charged all delegates, alternates and members.
- i. \$0.25 MERLO Training Fund (Membership, Extension, Retention, Leadership and Orientation training.

ARTICLE VIII

~~FISCAL YEAR~~ Amendments

This article was mislabeled.

Section 1. Amending Procedure. These By-Laws may be amended only at a Midwinter Convention by amendments reported by the Convention Committee on Constitution and By-Laws and adopted by the affirmative vote of ~~two-thirds (2/3)~~ a majority of the votes cast.

By Law changes typically only require a majority vote.

Section 2. Notice. No amendment shall be so reported or voted upon unless the same shall have been furnished in writing, ~~using the appropriate notification/reporting method(s) described in the By-Laws ARTICLE I: Section 1.,~~ to each club and to the Chairperson of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee no less than thirty (30) days prior to the convening date of the annual Midwinter Convention with notice that the same will be voted upon at said convention.

Section 3. Clerical Changes. The 5M2 Constitution and By-Laws Committee shall be authorized to make changes within this Constitution in grammar, word usage, punctuation and formatting which neither alters the neither meaning nor intent of the changed section. Changes made by the action of the Constitution and

By-Laws Committee, pursuant to this section, shall be presented to the delegates at the next District Convention.

This language mirrors language recently adopted in the MD5M Constitution

Section 34. Effective Date. Each amendment shall take effect at the close of the convention at which adopted unless otherwise specified in the Amendment.

Section 45. Distribution. Within ninety (90) days of adjournment of the 5M-2 Midwinter Convention the secretary of each club within the District shall receive a copy of all amendments approved at the Midwinter Convention ~~using the appropriate notification/reporting method(s) described in the By-Laws ARTICLE I: Section 1.~~

~~ARTICLE IX: EFFECTIVE DATE OF ADOPTION~~

~~This constitution and By-Laws shall take effect when adopted by the District at the Midwinter Convention at which the same is adopted by the affirmative vote of two thirds (2/3) of the votes cast.~~

Dealt with in Article VIII. Did not need to be in a separate article

**CONSTITUTION
LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL
DISTRICT 5M-2**

ARTICLE I:

NAME

This organization shall be known as District 5M-2 of the International Association of Lions Clubs (hereafter referred to as “The District”)

ARTICLE II

PURPOSES

The purposes of this district shall be:

- e) To provide an administrative structure with which to advance the Purposes of Lions Clubs International in District 5M-2.

- f) To create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.
- g) To promote the principles of good government and good citizenship.
- h) To take an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community.
- i) To unite the members in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding.
- j) 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.
- k) 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.

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

This Constitution and By-Laws shall govern the district unless otherwise amended so as not to conflict with the Multiple District 5M 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 this constitution and the Multiple District 5M 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 this constitution 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 the District shall be the District Governor, who shall be the presiding officer, the Immediate Past District Governor, the First and Second Vice District Governors, the Cabinet Secretary, the Cabinet Treasurer, the Region Chairs, and the Zone Chairs. Each such officer shall be a member in good standing of a Lions club in good standing in the district.

SECTION 2. CABINET. There shall be a District Governor's Cabinet composed of the District Governor as its presiding officer, the Immediate Past District Governor, the First and Second Vice District Governors, the Region Chairpersons, Zone Chairpersons, a Cabinet Secretary a Cabinet Treasurer, and the Committee Chairpersons of 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 Midwinter Convention of the District. The District Governor shall appoint within 15 days after the International Convention a Cabinet Secretary, a Cabinet Treasurer, one Region Chairperson for each Region, one Zone Chairperson for each Zone in the District, and the District Committee Chairpersons. Each officer appointed by the District Governor shall be a member of a chartered Lions club in good standing within the District.

SECTION 4. VACANCIES. Other than the office of District Governor, in the event of a vacancy in the District Governor's Cabinet or other District appointment or the moving of a District appointee from his area of Jurisdiction, the District Governor shall have power to fill such vacancy for unexpired term thereof.

SECTION 5 SALARY. No salary shall be paid to any officer of the District.

~~ARTICLE VII~~

~~DISTRICT COMMITTEES~~

~~Section 1. DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE. In each Zone, the Zone Chairperson and the 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 by September 15th;~~

~~a second meeting in the month of November; a third meeting in the month of February or March or April, 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 GOVERNOR'S HONORARY COMMITTEE. The District Governor may appoint a District Governor's Honorary Committee. The membership of this Committee shall consist of all Past International Officers, Past International Directors, and Past District Governors. The Immediate Past District Governor may be the Chairperson of the Committee. The Committee shall meet when and as called upon by its Chairperson or 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 3. 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.~~

~~Section 4. MD5M Major Committees. The District Governor in accordance with Multiple District 5M Constitution, Article IX, shall appoint members to the Multiple District Major Committees.~~

~~Section 5. SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION. The District Governor Elect shall provide for all new Club Officers a school of instruction during April or May. The Global Leadership Team Coordinator shall act as Chairperson thereof.~~

Deleting from the Constitution and moving to the By-Laws, Article IV as suggested in the LCI Standard Constitution and By-Laws

~~ARTICLE VIII~~

~~MEETINGS~~

~~Section 1. DISTRICT CABINET MEETINGS.~~

~~l) Regular. A regular meeting of the cabinet shall be held in each quarter of the fiscal year, with the first of which should be held within sixty (60) days after the adjournment of the preceding 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.~~

~~m) Special. Special meetings of the 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 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.~~

~~n) Quorum. The attendance of a majority of the officers of this district shall constitute a quorum for any cabinet meeting.~~

~~o) Vote. The voting privilege shall extend to all members of the District Cabinet.~~

~~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. Communication. Communication among the District, its Cabinet members and the Member Clubs and individual Lion members shall be by one of the following methods: When written notice is specified, the use of the United States Postal Service or Electronic mail, shall be considered legal and proper notification. Publications, including, but not limited to the District 5M-2 Constitution and by laws, shall be considered to be readily available to the District Cabinet and its member Lions Clubs, if posted on the District's official website. The website shall contain prominent links to enable all District Lions to download and print these documents as needed. Cabinet and Club reports required to be sent to Lions Clubs International shall be sent using the method(s) designated by Lions Clubs International at the time the report is due.~~

~~Section 4 Regions And Zones.~~

- ~~d) Organizational. The District Governor shall divide the District into Regions and each such Region into Zones giving due regard to the geographical locations of the clubs. All such Regions and Zones shall be subject to change by the District Governor as is deemed necessary for the best interest of Lionism and the individual Lions Clubs.~~
- ~~e) (b). Region Meetings. Meetings of representatives of all clubs in a Region, with the Region Chairperson presiding, may be held during the fiscal year at times and places fixed by the Region Chairperson of the respective Region.~~
- ~~f) (c). Zone Meetings. Meetings of representatives of all clubs in a Zone, with the Zone Chairperson presiding, shall be held during the fiscal year at times and places fixed by the Zone Chairperson of the respective Zone.~~

Deleting from the Constitution and moving to the By-Laws, Article V as suggested in the LCI Standard Constitution and By-Laws

ARTICLE IXVII

FINANCES

Section 1. Annual Tax. To provide revenue to defray the expense of district 5M-2 and the Multiple District, an annual tax for each member shall be levied upon every club in the District, and shall be paid in advance by each club, except new and reorganized clubs. The payment schedule and monetary amount of the annual tax is defined in Article I, Section 1 of the By-Laws. This tax shall be collected from the clubs in the Sub-District by the Cabinet Treasurer and the Cabinet Treasurer shall place all said monies in an account and remit monies to the Multiple District Council Treasurer.

Section 2. New and reorganized clubs. New and reorganized clubs shall not be required to pay any Multiple District Tax for the semi-annual period in which their establishment or reorganization occurs.

Section 3. District Governor's Expenses to attend International Convention. Expenses of the District Governor in connection with attendance at the International Convention shall be considered a Sub-District administrative expense. Reimbursement for such expenses shall be paid up to the amount outlined in the Rules of Audit of Lions Clubs International.

Section 4. Balanced Budget. The District Governor and Cabinet shall not incur obligations in any fiscal year which will effect an unbalanced budget or deficit in said fiscal year.

Section 5. Bond. The Cabinet Treasurer shall be bonded in such amount and with such surety company as shall be approved by the District Governor and the cost of the same shall be an administrative expense.

Section 6. Annual Audit. The District Governor shall provide for an annual or more frequent audit of the books and accounts of the Cabinet Treasurer, and a statement of the financial condition of the District shall be sent to Lions Clubs International and each Club in the District within sixty (60) days after the close of the fiscal year by the District Governor then in office using the appropriate notification/reporting method(s) described in the Constitution ARTICLE VII: Section 3.

Deleting from the Constitution and moving to the By-Laws, Article ___ as suggested in the LCI Standard Constitution and By-Laws

ARTICLE ~~XVII~~

SUB-DISTRICT CONVENTION

SECTION 1. ANNUAL CONVENTION. An annual convention of the District shall be held in each year during January or February at a place selected by a previous annual Midwinter Convention of the District and at a date and time fixed by the District Governor. The Convention may be recessed at a date and time to the Multiple Convention, and be reconvened to conduct any such unfinished business.

SECTION 2. OFFICERS. The Members of the District Cabinet shall be the officers of the annual District Convention.

SECTION 3. COMMITTEES. The District Governor shall appoint, designate the chairperson of, and fill any vacancies occurring in the following District Governor Committees: Sergeant-at-Arms, Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms, Rules, Convention City, Nominations and Elections, Constitutions and By-Laws, Credentials, Resolutions, and International Convention

SECTION 4. DELEGATES. Each chartered club in good standing in the Lions Clubs International and the District shall be represented by one or more delegates to the annual District Convention and shall be entitled in each such convention to one voting delegate and one 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 the first day of the month last preceding that month during which the convention is held. The major fraction which is referred to in this section shall be five (5) or more members. Each certified delegate present in person may cast one vote only for each office to be filled by, and one vote only on each issue to be voted on by members of, said 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 at any time prior to the close of credential certification, as such closing time shall be established by the rules of the respective convention.

Added language from LXI Standard District Constitution

SECTION 5. PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS. Each Past District Governor of this Association shall be entitled to full delegate privileges at each District convention. The delegate privilege shall not count in the Past District Governor's club's delegate number.

SECTION 6. 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 7. SITE. The District Governor shall retain and have power to change at any time for good reason the convention site chosen by a previous District Convention, and neither the District Governor, nor the District, nor any member of the District Cabinet shall incur any liability thereby to any club or club member in the District.

SECTION 8. PROCEEDINGS. Within (60) days after the close of the Convention an official report of the Convention proceedings shall be sent to Lions Club International and each club in the District by the Cabinet Secretary ~~using the appropriate notification/reporting method(s) described in the Constitution ARTICLE VII: Section 3.~~

ARTICLE VIII

District Dispute Resolution Procedure

A. Disputes Subject to Procedure

All disputes relative to membership, club boundaries, or interpretation, breach of, or application of the district (single or sub-) 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 settled by the following dispute resolution procedure. Except as otherwise provided herein, any time limits specified in this procedure may be shortened or extended by the district governor, or, in the event the complaint is directed against the district governor, the immediate past district governor, 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.

B. Complaints and Filing Fee

Any Lions club in good standing within the association (the “complainant”) may file a written request with the district governor or, in the event the complaint is directed against the district governor, the immediate past district governor (a “complaint”), with a copy to the Legal Division, asking that dispute resolution take place under this procedure. The complaint must be filed within thirty (30) days after the complainant(s) knew or should have known of the occurrence of the event upon which the complaint is based. The complainant(s) must submit minutes signed by the club secretary certifying that a resolution in support of filing the complaint has been adopted by a majority of the entire membership of the club. A copy of the complaint shall be sent to the respondent(s).

A complaint filed under this procedure must be accompanied by a US\$750.00 filing fee, or its equivalent in the respective national currency, payable by each complainant to the district (single or sub-) which shall be submitted to the district governor or, in the event the complaint is directed against the district governor, the immediate past district governor, at the time the complaint is filed. In the event the complaint is settled or withdrawn prior to a final decision by the conciliators, US\$100.00 shall be retained by the district (single or sub-) as an administrative fee and US\$325.00 shall be refunded to the complainant and US\$325.00 shall be paid to the respondent (which shall be shared on an equal basis if there is more than one respondent). In the event the selected conciliators find the complaint to have merit and the complaint is upheld, US\$100.00 shall be retained by the district (single or sub-) as an administrative fee and US\$650.00 shall be refunded to the complainant. In the event the selected conciliators deny the complaint for any reason, US\$100.00 shall be retained by the district (single or sub-) as an administrative fee and US\$650.00 shall be paid to the respondent (which shall be shared on an equal basis if there is more than one respondent). In the event the complaint is not settled, withdrawn, upheld or denied within the time frames established by this procedure (unless an extension has been granted for good cause), then the entire fee will be automatically retained by the district (single or sub-) as an administrative fee and shall not be refunded to any party. All expenses incurred relative to this dispute resolution procedure are the responsibility of the district (single or sub-), unless established district (single or sub-) policy provides that all expenses incurred relative to this dispute resolution procedure shall be paid on an equal basis by the parties to the dispute.

C. Response to Complaint

The respondent(s) to the complaint may file a written response to the complaint with the district governor or, in the event the complaint is directed against the district governor, the immediate past district governor, with a copy to the Legal Division, within ten (10) days of receiving notice of the complaint. A copy of the response shall be sent to the complainant(s).

D. Confidentiality

Once a complaint has been filed, communications between the complainant(s), respondent(s), district governor or, in the event the complaint is directed against the district governor, the immediate past district governor, and conciliators should be kept confidential to the extent possible.

E. Selection of Conciliators

Within fifteen (15) days of filing the complaint, each party to the dispute shall select one (1) neutral conciliator and the selected conciliators shall select one (1) neutral conciliator, who will serve as chairperson. The selected conciliators’ decision relative to the selection of the conciliator/chairperson shall be final and binding. All of the selected conciliators shall be Lion leaders, preferably past district governors, who are currently members in good standing of clubs in good standing in the district (single or sub-) in which the dispute arises, other than a club which is a party to the dispute, and shall be impartial on the matter in dispute and without loyalties to any party to the dispute. Upon completion of the selection process, the conciliators shall be deemed appointed with all authority appropriate and necessary to resolve or decide the dispute in accordance with this procedure.

In the event the selected conciliators cannot agree on the selection of the conciliator/chairperson within the time frame noted above, then the selected conciliators shall be automatically deemed to have resigned for administrative reasons and the parties must select new conciliators (“the second team of selected conciliators”) who shall then select one (1) neutral conciliator/chairperson in accordance with the selection procedures and requirements described above. In the event the second team of selected conciliators cannot agree on the selection of the conciliator/chairperson from within the district (single or sub-) in which the dispute arises, the selected conciliators may select one (1) neutral conciliator/chairperson who is a member of a club in good standing outside the respective district (single or sub-). In the event the second team of selected conciliators cannot agree on the selection of the conciliator/chairperson from within or outside the district (single or sub-) in which the dispute arises, then the past international director who most recently served on the International Board of Directors from within the district (single or sub-) in which the dispute arises or from an adjacent district (single or sub-), whichever is closest in proximity, shall be appointed as conciliator/chairperson. The time limits in this Section E may not be shortened or extended by the district governor or, in the event the complaint is directed against the district governor, the immediate past district governor, or the conciliators.

F. Conciliation Meeting & Decision of Conciliators

Upon being appointed, the conciliators shall arrange a meeting of the parties for the purpose of conciliating the dispute. The meeting shall be scheduled within thirty (30) days of the appointment of the conciliators. The objective of the conciliators shall be to find a prompt and amicable resolution to the dispute. If such conciliation efforts are unsuccessful, the conciliators shall have the authority to issue their decision relative to the dispute. The conciliators shall issue their decision in writing no later than thirty (30) days after the date on which the initial meeting of the parties was held, and the decision shall be final and binding on all parties. The written decision shall be signed by all the conciliators, with the dissent of any conciliator properly noted, and a copy of the written decision shall be provided to all parties, the district governor or, in the event the complaint is directed against the district governor, the immediate past district governor, and, to the Legal Division of Lions Clubs International. The decision of the conciliators must be consistent with any applicable provisions of the International, Multiple District and District Constitutions and By-Laws and policies of the International Board of Directors, and is subject to the authority of and further review by the International Board of Directors at the sole discretion of the International Board of Directors or its designee.

Failure to comply with the final and binding decision of the conciliators constitutes conduct unbecoming a Lion and is subject to loss of membership privileges and/or charter cancellation.

Language from LCI Standard District Constitution

ARTICLE ~~VIII~~ IX

AMENDMENTS

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

SECTION 2. NOTICE. No Amendment shall be so reported or voted upon unless the same shall have been furnished in writing to each club and to the Chairperson of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee no less than thirty (30) days prior to the convening date of the annual Midwinter Convention with notice that the same will be voted upon at said Convention ~~using the~~

~~appropriate notification/reporting method(s) described in the Constitution ARTICLE VII: Section 3~~

Section 3. Clerical Changes. The 5M2 Constitution and By-Laws Committee shall be authorized to make changes within this Constitution in grammar, word usage, punctuation and formatting which neither alters the neither meaning nor intent of the changed section. Changes made by the action of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee, pursuant to this section, shall be presented to the delegates at the next District Convention.

This language mirrors language recently adopted in the MD5M Constitution

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SECTION 45. DISTRIBUTION. Within ninety (90) days of adjournment of the 5M-2 Midwinter Convention the secretary of each club within the District shall receive a copy of all amendments approved at the Midwinter Convention ~~using the appropriate notification/reporting method(s) described in the Constitution ARTICLE VIII: Section 3~~