

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, USA
SEPTEMBER 29 – OCTOBER 4, 2009

AUDIT COMMITTEE

1. Approved the June 30, 2009 Lions Clubs International and Lions Clubs International Foundation Audit Reports.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

1. Approved use of “one adult companion” or other appropriate variations to replace “spouse” in the association’s policies, procedures and practices, effective immediately, and to be implemented as soon as administratively feasible and to the fullest extent possible.
2. Authorized the General Counsel & Secretary to file legal action and continue defense with respect to a liability claim.
3. Approved housekeeping revisions to Chapter XV, Exhibit A of the Board Policy Manual.
4. Approved revisions to Chapter XV, Exhibit G of the Board Policy Manual to include Leo club members in the Privacy Policy.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE

1. Established a Leo registration fee for the 2010 Sydney convention of US\$10 for Leos 12-17 years of age and US\$80 for Leos 18-30 years of age.
2. Established the per diem allowances for the 2010 Sydney convention.
3. Modified the time preference for the start date of future international convention bids.
4. Modified the days the convention hall is required for international conventions.
5. Revised the certification process by discontinuing the mailing of Delegate/Alternate Delegate forms to club secretaries and, in its place, publishing the form on LCI's Web site, including the form with convention registration confirmations, and publishing the form in the February and April editions of the Lion Magazine. The second vice district governor was added as an authorized signer on-site at the international convention.

DISTRICT AND CLUB SERVICE COMMITTEE

1. Canceled the Guayaquil Urdesa Norte Lions Club with regret.
2. Appointed Past District Governor Joaquim Gasper de Melo Albino to fill the District Governor vacancy in District 115 CN Portugal.
3. Recognized Qingdao China as a new provisional district at the close of the 2010 International Convention.
4. Appointed Coordinating Lions for the 2009-2010 fiscal year.
5. Approved the redistricting proposals submitted by Multiple District 5 (Canada, USA), Multiple District 355 (Korea), District 307-A (Indonesia) and District 301-B (Philippines).

6. Changed the Service Award to the Club Rebuilding Award to recognize Lions who bring a club out of status quo, suspension, cancellation or rebuild a weak club that has fewer than 15 members to become active and viable with more than 20 members.
7. Provided a certificate of merger upon request when a club merges.
8. Expanded the role and responsibility of the second vice district governor to underscore the need to assist clubs in financial suspension.

FINANCE AND HEADQUARTERS OPERATION COMMITTEE

1. Approved the 2009-2010 1st Quarter Forecast, reflecting a surplus.
2. Approved The Charles Schwab Trust Company as the custodian of the Retirement Income Plan for Employees of the International Association of Lions Clubs and The International Association of Lions Clubs 401(k) Savings Plan assets.
3. Requested Constitution and By-Laws Committee draft a resolution to move the dues from the International Constitution to the International By-Laws to present to the 2010 International Convention for adoption.
4. Modified the Finance and Headquarters Operation Committee objectives, requisite and duties.
5. Modified board policy regarding the opening of new bank accounts.
6. Modified board policy to require that five-year budgeted projections be reviewed annually at the October/November board meeting to determine if a dues adjustment may be necessary.
7. Approved minor clarification to board policy regarding a day of rest.

LCIF

1. Revised the asset allocation for LCIF funds held to support charitable gift annuities and permanent endowments.
2. Approved a re-programming of activities for a grant awarded to The Carter Center for Onchocerciasis Elimination in Program in the Americas (OEPA). At the request of The Carter Center, rescinded a grant for trachoma control in Mali and Niger.
3. Renewed a three-year contract with the World Health Organization for SightFirst technical services in the amount of US\$1,481,430.
4. Approved a grant in the amount of US\$1,000,000 to extend the Lions-Special Olympics Opening Eyes program.
5. Approved 46 Standard, International Assistance and Core 4 grants totaling US\$2,180,468.
6. Tabled six grant applications.
7. Revised the seed grant program criteria and regulations.
8. Adopted resolutions required for the filing of a “branch office” application and for seeking necessary approvals of the Reserve Bank of India for the operations of the foundation’s Mumbai, India office.

LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

1. Approved the schedule and curriculum for the 2010 District Governors-Elect Seminar.
2. Approved the group leader for the Chinese-speaking classroom group of the 2010 District Governors-Elect Seminar.

3. Approved the group leader for one of the Spanish-speaking classroom groups of the 2010 District Governors-Elect Seminar.
4. Shifted responsibility for approval of proposed District Governors-Elect Seminar faculty appointments and any subsequent changes from the International Board of Directors in June/July or October/November to the Executive Committee in August.
5. Removed the section of the Board Policy Manual related to the Regional Faculty Development Institute program, which was discontinued in July 2009.

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

1. Modified the structure and process for appointing a China Affairs Coordination Committee.
2. Modified the structure of the Lions Exploratory Steering Committee for Cuba.

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

1. Established a process for existing Lion members to update their member type to Leo Lion. A copy of the Leo Completion of Service Certification (LEOCMC) and Student Member and Leo to Lion Certification Form (STU-5) must be submitted.
2. Eliminated the position of Club Branch Coordinator and Vice Coordinator and created the positions of President, Secretary and Treasurer.
3. Approved club branch president to serve on the parent club board of directors.
4. Approved the requirement of five members to establish a club branch.
5. Approved the requirement of clubs to be in existence a year and a day before an extension award is presented to club organizer(s).
6. Approved the issuing of the District Governor award for new club formation to the Immediate Past District Governor after June 1 following their year of service.
7. Approved the Rules of Audit for the 2009-2010 Global Membership Team to reflect the change in the North American airline reservation procedure.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

1. Added US\$150,000 to public relations budget for advertising outside the United States.
2. Increased Presidential Medals to 1,125 and increase Leadership Award Medals to 1,280.
3. Eliminated the Photography Contest and the PR Idea Contest.
4. Encouraged official editions of Lion Magazine to reflect the new brand and enforce compliance of administrative and editorial policies.

SERVICE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

1. Named Leos and Lions who shall serve as members and alternates of the Leo Club Program Advisory Panel for fiscal years 2009-2010 and 2010-2011.

For more information on any of the above resolutions, please refer to the LCI Web site at www.lionsclubs.org or contact the International Office at 630-571-5466.
