

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS  
INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada  
March 16-19, 2024**

**AUDIT COMMITTEE**

1. The committee received an update from Lions Clubs International Internal Audit and will continue to follow up and monitor action plans.

**CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS COMMITTEE**

1. Denied an election complaint in District 25-F (Indiana, USA) and affirmed the international director endorsement of Lion Reed Fish.
2. Approved the “International Foundation of Lions Clubs Walled Cities” as a foundation.
3. Approved use of “ChildSight U.K.” by Multiple District 105 (British Isles) as a descriptor of the “Lions KidSight USA” program, contingent upon proper recognition of “Lions KidSight USA.”
4. Updated the Board Policy Manual, Chapter XV. Legal, Paragraph C. CONSTITUTIONAL INTERPRETATION, clarifying that an international officer endorsement shall remain valid until an endorsed candidate: a) is elected, b) contests for office and is not elected, or c) holds an endorsement for 3 years without seeking election. This provision is not effective until July 1, 2024.
5. Updated the Board Policy Manual, Chapter II. Board Committees, Paragraph C. CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS COMMITTEE, Section 3. Duties, clarifying the methods of communication among committee members in order to obtain a majority opinion on matters of constitutional interpretation that do not require board action.
6. Updated The Board Policy Manual, Chapter XV. Legal Paragraph J. updating when “Lions International” may be utilized.
7. Approved proposal of amendment to the International By-Laws, Article IX., Section 6 to expand qualifying positions for a second vice district governor candidate to include the district global extension team coordinator, global leadership team coordinator, global membership team coordinator, global service team coordinator and LCIF coordinator.
8. Approved proposal of amendment to the International By-Laws, Article VIII., Section 2(c), Paragraph 2, to update the guidelines for district approval when a consolidation of districts is proposed.

**CONVENTION COMMITTEE**

1. Discussed and confirmed no adjustment to the registration fee structure for the 2025 International Convention.
2. Confirmed the bidding cities for the 2030 and 2031 International Convention and will be formally presented for selection at the June 2024 board meeting, prior to the 2024 International Convention.

**DISTRICT AND CLUB SERVICE COMMITTEE**

1. Instructed the treasurer to donate the entire treasury balance, after payment of all debts, to the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) at the time the Lions International Stamp Club is dissolved.

2. Requested the Navirai Centro Lions Club be moved from District LD-9 (Brazil) to District LB-1 (Brazil) prior to April 30, 2024.
3. Requested the Taoyuan Heritage Lions Club be moved from District 300B-5 to District 300B-3 prior to April 30, 2024.
4. Approved the Lion leaders to serve as the coordinating Lions for 2024-2025 fiscal year.
5. Approved the requirements for the Club Excellence Award for 2024-2025 fiscal year.
6. Approved the requirements for the District Excellence Award for 2024-2025 fiscal year.

## **FINANCE & HEADQUARTERS OPERATION COMMITTEE**

1. Approved the FY 2023-2024 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Forecast, reflecting a surplus.
2. Approved authorizing Past International Director Jaime Garcia Cepeda as the Lions Clubs International legal representative in Colombia.
3. Approved seven clubs from District 334-D, Japan, be placed on modified protective status for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.
4. Approved the country of Egypt be placed on modified protective status for the period of January 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024.
5. Approved revisions of Chapter IX, District Officers and Organization, of the Board Policy Manual to streamline the district governor expense claim reimbursement process and provide more flexibility in planning visits during the district governor's year in office. Removed Connect as an option for conducting virtual meetings.
6. Approved revisions of Chapter XXI, Travel and Expense Reimbursement, of the Board Policy Manual to provide clarity for past international director in-district travel to Lions events.
7. Approved revisions of Chapter XXIII, Area Forums of the Board Policy Manual to clarify travel expenses eligible for reimbursement for travel to area forums.
8. Approved revisions of Chapter B.1., Executive Officer Reimbursement Policy of the Board Policy Manual to update the policy to reflect the changes to board meeting locations and costs, and to remove a discretionary day from the board meeting schedule effective in the 2027-2028 fiscal year. In addition, clarified items that are included in the list of awards and gifts purchased annually for the president's year as part of the association's budget.

## **LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

1. Confirmed the 2024-2025 Leadership Development International Institute Program schedule.
2. Approved the pause of new local FDIs beginning April 1, 2024, and throughout Lion year 2024-2025.
3. Addressed three serious incidents which occurred at the most recent 2024 FVDG/DGE Seminar Days 1-3 in St. Charles, Illinois, USA, including the passing of DGE Karen LaVigne; allegations of inappropriate physical contact which were made by Q Center staff against First Vice District Governor Hong-Je Cho (355-A, South Korea); and FVDG Md Ashraff Hossain Khan Heera of District 315 B1 and FVDG Sabbir Mohammad Sayem of District 315 B3 who had brought their families to the Q Center.
4. Declined an alternative request for additional funding for an in-person make-up training for the FVDG/DGE Seminar Days 1-3.
5. Affirmed the 2024 FVDG/DGE Seminar Day 4 schedule.

6. Approved the program overview for the new Second Vice District Governor (SVDG) Training Program components, annual schedule, faculty selection process, communication plan, curriculum, budget, and program assessment to be implemented in 2024-2025 for SVDGs.
7. Approved the recommendation to develop an annual single online seminar to update past district governors on association priorities to be delivered in August 2024 and recorded in all Lion International official languages utilizing the KUDO platform.
8. Revised Board Policy to replace Chapter II Board Committees, Paragraph G, Leadership Development Programs.
9. Revised various sections of Board Policy Chapter XIV including Paragraph A., Leadership Development Programs; Paragraph B., Lions Learning Center; Paragraph B., Club Officer Orientation; Paragraph E., First Year Directors Orientation; Paragraph F., Ongoing Leadership Development Programs; and Paragraph G., Leadership Development Institutes.

### **LONG RANGE PLANNING (JANUARY 2024 MEETING REPORT)**

1. Resolved to extend the Ad Hoc Committee on Women and Young People Membership Growth through the 2024-2025 year.
2. Received an update on Mission 1.5 program elements and provided direction to staff.
3. Received an update from the Membership Development Committee on the Leo Membership Category Ad Hoc Committee.
4. Received an update from the Membership Development Committee on the development of a corporate club model.
5. Received an update on the cost of adding, maintaining, and decommissioning official Lion languages.
6. Received an update from the Ad Hoc Committee on Board Representation.
7. Reviewed the results of the questionnaire evaluating Lion and Leo viewpoints related to the current eight global causes and mental health & well-being.
8. Received a presentation of the international president's theme and messaging.
9. Reviewed a proposal from the Convention Committee to close elections at the international convention at the end of day 4.

### **MARKETING COMMITTEE**

1. Selected Lions International Award Winners for the 2023-2024 Lions year. Winning clubs will be announced in April.
2. Approved updates to the Marketing Grants program.
3. Reviewed Public Relations, social media, Brand Advertising and Club Marketing initiatives.
4. Reviewed and discussed sponsorships, including the Tournament of Roses sponsorship and partially approved the Tournament of Roses Parade proposal submitted by the Lions of Pasadena.
  - a. Approved appropriating US\$60,000 to fund the program. The funds will be used from the publicity budget for this effort.
  - b. Requested that the MD apply for additional funds to make up the remaining \$75,000 by way of a Marketing Grant.

5. Reviewed various digital marketing initiatives including updates to the navigation of the Lionsclubs.org website, plans for a redesign of the e-Clubhouse platform and an update on our search engine optimization program through BrightEdge.
6. Reviewed marketing support for Mission 1.5 including new resource development, digital support and program support at events.
7. Reviewed notifications from various LION Magazine editions of their intent to discontinue printing a physical magazine soon. These magazines are interested in maintaining their status as an official publication however there is currently no policy on the formal process for eliminating print and moving to digital only. This matter will be reviewed further in June 2024.
8. Updates approved to Board Policy Manual, Chapter XVI Magazine, as part of the overall policy adjustments to align with active practice.
9. Reviewed and approved an update to the international protocol in the Board Policy Manual, Chapter XIX, to adjust roles to align with Global Action Team changes.

### **MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

1. Discussed the Mission 1.5 rollout and
  - a. Noted there is work to do to reach membership targets this year.
  - b. Discussed opportunities to ensure Global Action Team district and multiple district coordinators receive training to drive results.
2. Filled vacancies in the Leo Club Advisory Panel for 2024-2025.
3. Enhanced the district Global Action Team (GAT) by requiring districts appoint a Global Extension Team district coordinator.
4. Changed the residency requirements for new clubs from 75% to 25%, to better support new club development in our global community.
5. Updated Leo Club Policy, clarifying how vacancies can be filled in districts and multiple districts.
6. Updated the Multiple District Bylaws, requiring council chairs seek approval from GAT area leaders for their multiple district GAT coordinators.

### **SERVICE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE**

1. Resolved to amend board policy to update Chapter I (Service) to include housekeeping updates.
2. Resolved to amend board policy to update Chapter XIII (International Relations) to include housekeeping updates.
3. Received a report on service reporting and plans to increase adherence to service reporting guidelines.
4. Received an update on advocacy events, the Lions International Representatives to the United Nations, and the United Nations Summit of the Future.
5. Received an update on global causes and service programs, including childhood cancer, hunger, diabetes, Lions KidSight, and support for refugees and displaced persons.
6. Discussed re-evaluating the retired Lions ALERT program.
7. Discussed new potential service opportunities, including fostering global communities and service through travel, service focus weeks, and district governor support for the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

## **TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

1. Received a comprehensive update on the Salesforce project. The Lion Portal launch has been planned for April 15, 2024.
2. Discussed the need to effectively engage members when setting future Lion Portal priorities. This means member feedback will be used when building out the product roadmap.
3. Discussed the need for a more effective approach to data exchange. Directed staff to partner with representatives from countries interested in data exchange to form a working group and develop a data exchange strategy.
4. Reviewed an update on the organization's holistic approach to security. The association continues to move forward with an approach focused on controls that directly support digital security and does not depend on formal certifications.
5. Data privacy remains critical to the organization as members need to know their information is secure and only shared for legitimate business purposes.
6. Received an update on infrastructure initiatives. Progress was made on three fronts: compliance, infrastructure improvements, and network security.

For more information on any of the above summaries, please refer to the LCI website at [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org) or contact the Legal division.