



## Official Notice

### 2023 International Convention, Boston, Massachusetts, USA

The following proposed amendments to the International Constitution and By-Laws will be reported to the delegates for vote at the 2023 International Convention.

**ITEM 1:** A RESOLUTION TO REMOVE THE MINIMUM DISTRICT REQUIREMENTS FROM THE THIRD VICE PRESIDENT QUALIFICATIONS. REMOVAL OF THIS REQUIREMENT WILL PERMIT QUALIFIED CANDIDATES FROM ANY DISTRICT TO CONTEST FOR THE OFFICE, PROVIDED ALL OTHER QUALIFICATIONS ARE MET. *(THIS AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS REQUIRES A MAJORITY VOTE TO ADOPT)*

SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED?

BE IT RESOLVED, That the International By-Laws, Article II, Section 2(a)(3) be removed in its entirety, and all subsequent sections be renumbered accordingly.

**ITEM 2:** A RESOLUTION TO REMOVE THE MINIMUM DISTRICT REQUIREMENTS FROM THE INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR QUALIFICATIONS. REMOVAL OF THIS REQUIREMENT WILL PERMIT QUALIFIED CANDIDATES FROM ANY DISTRICT, INCLUDING TRANSITIONAL AND PROVISIONAL DISTRICTS, TO CONTEST FOR THE OFFICE, PROVIDED ALL OTHER QUALIFICATIONS ARE MET. *(THIS AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS REQUIRES A MAJORITY VOTE TO ADOPT)*

SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED?

BE IT RESOLVED, That the International By-Laws, Article II, Section 3(c) be removed in its

entirety, and all subsequent sections be renumbered accordingly.

**ITEM 3:** A RESOLUTION TO CREATE A DISTINCT MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY FOR MEMBERS PAYING DISCOUNTED DUES AS A RESULT OF ANY DISCOUNT PROGRAM OFFERED BY THE ASSOCIATION. CREATION OF A NEW CATEGORY WILL PREVENT MEMBERS PAYING DISCOUNTED DUES FROM INCREASING A CLUB'S TOTAL DELEGATE ENTITLEMENT AT A DISTRICT, MULTIPLE DISTRICT OR INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION. *(THIS AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS REQUIRES A MAJORITY VOTE TO ADOPT)*

SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED?

BE IT RESOLVED, That the International By-Laws, Article XI, Section 7 be amended to include "Discounted" between "Associate," and "Honorary," to become effective January 1, 2024.

**ITEM 4:** A RESOLUTION TO UPDATE THE DUTIES OF DISTRICT OFFICERS. AMENDMENT OF THE DUTIES WILL ALIGN WITH A FOCUS ON MEMBERSHIP GROWTH AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT MOVING FORWARD. *(THIS AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS REQUIRES A MAJORITY VOTE TO ADOPT)*

SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED?

BE IT RESOLVED, That Article X, Section 2(a) of the International By-Laws be amended by deleting the existing language in its entirety and substituting the following:

**District Governor.** As an international officer of this association, and under the general supervision of the International Board of Directors, they shall represent the association in their district. In addition, they shall be the chief administrative officer in their district and shall have direct supervision over the district cabinet. Their specific responsibilities shall be to:

- (1) Further the purposes of this association resulting in membership growth in the district.
- (2) Oversee the Global Action-Team at the district level and inspire other district officers to actively support membership growth and new club organization.
- (3) Oversee current district action plan focused on and working towards the successful achievement of district goals to
  - a. Charter new clubs.
  - b. Achieve net membership growth.
  - c. Ensure effective club operations.
  - d. Provide leadership development and skills training at the club and district levels.
  - e. Encourage clubs to conduct and report meaningful humanitarian service.
  - f. Support and promote Lions Clubs International Foundation and encourage club and member contributions to Lions Clubs International Foundation.
- (4) Oversee the administrative operations of the district as provided in the Standard District By-laws
- (5) Guide clubs to operate in accordance with International Constitution and By-Laws, support activities that improve member retention and remain in good standing with the association.
- (6) Preside, when present, over the district convention, and cabinet and other district meetings.
- (7) Perform such other functions as required by the International Board of Directors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Article X, Section 2(b) of the International By-Laws be amended by deleting the existing language in its entirety and substituting the following:

**First Vice District Governor.** The first vice district governor, subject to the supervision and direction of the district governor, shall be chief administrative assistant to the district governor. Their specific responsibilities shall be to:

- (1) Further the purposes of this association resulting in membership growth in the district.
- (2) Actively work toward the success of the current district action plan.
- (3) With the district governor and second vice district governor, review strengths and weaknesses of the district; refine and further develop a draft of the ongoing district plan focused on and working towards the successful achievement of district goals.
- (4) Identify and prepare a highly effective team for the subsequent year to develop and implement action plans to achieve district goals.
- (5) Work closely with the club leadership to identify future district leaders.
- (6) Perform such duties and other directives as may be assigned by the district governor or the policies established by the International Board of Directors.
- (7) At the request of the district governor, supervise appropriate district committees.
- (8) Actively participate in all cabinet meetings and conduct all meetings in the absence of the district governor.
- (9) Participate in council of governors' meetings as appropriate.
- (10) Participate in the preparation of the district budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Article X, Section 2(c) of the International By-Laws be amended by deleting the existing language in its entirety and substituting the following:

**Second Vice District Governor.** The second vice district governor is subject to the supervision and direction of the district governor. Their specific responsibilities shall be to:

- (1) Further the purposes of this association resulting in membership growth in the district.
- (2) Actively work towards the success of the current district action plan.
- (3) Serve as the district liaison to region and zone chairpersons, at the direction of the district governor, working towards successful region and zone operations in support of club health.
- (4) Become familiar with resources to support club development
- (5) Prepare for the role of district governor.
- (6) Perform such duties and other directives as assigned by the district governor or the policies established by the International Board of Directors.
- (7) At the request of the district governor, supervise appropriate district committees.
- (8) Actively participate in all cabinet meetings and conduct all meetings in the absence of the district governor and the first vice district governor.
- (9) Participate in the preparation of the district budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Article X, Section 2(d) of the International By-Laws be amended by deleting the existing language in its entirety and substituting the following:

**Region Chairperson.** The region chairperson, if the position is utilized during the district governor's term, is subject to the supervision and direction of the district governor and shall be the chief administrative officer in their region. Their specific responsibilities shall be to:

- (1) Further the purposes of this association resulting in membership growth in the district.
- (2) Actively work towards the success of the

current district action plan and encourage club and zone participation.

- (3) Supervise the activities of the zone chairpersons in their region and such district committee chairperson(s) as may be assigned by the district governor.
- (4) Support club health by identifying club strengths and weaknesses and encouraging growth, leadership excellence and meaningful service.
- (5) Become familiar with district operation and enhance leadership skills as needed for advancement.
- (6) Perform such duties and directives as may be required by the district officers or policies established by the International Board of Directors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Article X, Section 2(e) of the International By-Laws be amended by deleting the existing language in its entirety and substituting the following:

**Zone Chairperson.** The zone chairperson, subject to the supervision and direction of the district governor and/or region chairperson, shall be the chief administrative officer in their zone. Their specific responsibilities shall be to:

- (1) Further the purposes of this association resulting in membership growth in the district.
- (2) Actively work towards the success of the current district action plan and encourage club participation.
- (3) Serve as chairperson of the district governor's advisory committee in their zone and as such chairperson to call regular meetings of said committee.
- (4) Ensure club health by identifying club strengths and weaknesses and encouraging growth, leadership excellence and meaningful service.
- (5) Become familiar with district operations and enhance leadership skills as needed for advancement.
- (6) Perform such other functions and acts as may be required by the International Board of

Directors through the district officer's manual  
and other directives.