

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, USA
OCTOBER 17-21, 2003**

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

1. Approved an insurance seminar for the 2004 Detroit/Windsor International Convention.
2. Expedited for review a constitutional complaint on redistricting in District 324-A1.
3. Denied constitutional complaint on redistricting in District 324-A1.
4. Reaffirmed the Constitutional Complaints Procedure for resolution of complaints without litigation.
5. Expedited for review a constitutional complaint on an international director endorsement election in District 310.
6. Upheld constitutional complaint on an international director endorsement election in District 310, the election was overturned and a new election was ordered.
7. Appointed International Director Melvin M. Nakamura as the new registered agent for Hawaii.
8. Proposed an amendment to the International By-Laws to eliminate requirement to hold one annual board meeting at International Headquarters.

CONVENTION

1. Approved a Lions Festival during the 2004 International Convention to be held in Windsor, Ontario, Canada on Friday, July 9 from 12 noon to 3:30 p.m.
2. Approved a revised Schedule of Events for the 2004 International Convention in Detroit/Windsor.
3. Approved per diem allowances for Credentials Committee members serving without other reimbursement, district governors-elect, DGE Seminar faculty, and headquarters staff for the 2004 International Convention.

DISTRICT AND CLUB SERVICE

1. Approved the single club transfer of Winnipeg Beach Donnottar-Lakeside Lions Club from District 5M-13 to District 5M-11, Minnesota, USA.
2. Approved charter cancellation of 435 clubs with regret.
3. Eight previously canceled clubs were brought back to good standing after the reasons for cancellations had been removed.

4. Approved the designation change of the northern part of Cyprus as an un-districted area. The five exiting clubs in that area are to be advised to change the club names as the association rules require by April 1, 2004. If not, the clubs are to be canceled with the possibility of reorganization with new club names.
5. Approved to send a request to the council of governors of MD 118, Turkey, to try to resolve the Federation problems in District 118-U, involving 14 opposing clubs in the district.
6. Approved ten redistricting proposals with the effective date of July 10, 2004, and tabled one proposal.
7. Designated Timor Leste to be a part of District 201-Q1, Australia.
8. Approved the status change of District 120, Estonia, from “provisional district” to “single district.”
9. Approved seven district and club officers seminars to be held during the 2004 International Convention in Detroit/Windsor.
10. Approved the expense of a Hindi interpreter for DGE Seminars and international conventions for the upcoming three conventions, with a maximum allowance of US\$2,500 per year.
11. Deleted the Board Policy Manual rules concerning printing of district governor’s stationery at International Headquarters.
12. Revised the rules for the 100% District Governor Award to become effective in July 2004.
13. Revised the rules for the special reimbursement policy of transportation expenses for the spouses of district governors in transitional districts.

FINANCE AND HEADQUARTERS OPERATION

1. Transferred surplus funds from the Emergency Reserve to the General Fund in accordance with the constitution.
2. Audit Committee shall meet person-to-person following completion of the annual audit.
3. Approved fiscal year 2003/2004 1st Quarter Forecast with surplus of US\$71,123.
4. Consolidated Objectives in Strategic Plan Issue 7.
5. Approved banking resolution for Banco de la Republica Oriental de Uruguay naming power-of-attorney Lion Sr. Luis Solari Rodriguez.

6. Amended board policy regarding controlling officer and director expense advances and repayment of personal expenses.
7. Researched district governor expense allowances for March/April 2004 board meeting.
8. Researched district governor expense reimbursement timing relative to funds availability from club payments.
9. Reduced officer and district governor regularly scheduled mailings to once per week.
10. Deleted Karen J. Dolinick and add Peter J. Lynch as an authorized check signer.

LCIF

1. Authorized the LCI/LCIF Joint Audit Committee to seek competitive bids for auditing services.
2. Approved a budget forecast adjustment for Lions-Quest and for a SightFirst Technical Advisor service agreement.
3. Authorized LCIF to open a bank account for the 2003 direct mail fundraising campaign.
4. Approved a request by the Lions September 11 Steering Committee to restrict the remaining balance of 9/11 relief funding (approximately US\$950,000) to support bereavement retreats and camps for 9/11 victims, which have proven very successful. Eighteen have been held thus far benefiting 800 victims.
5. Approved several actions in support of the Lions Affordable Hearing Aid Program (LAHAP), including (1) a grant to hold a meeting of audiologists to review data from the clinical trial phase; (2) authorization of a limited pilot program to offer the LAHAP hearing aid as a member benefit to Lions in the USA and India.
6. Approved a two-year grant of US\$153,720 for the Tennessee Lions Eye Center and related personnel to provide training and technical help to recipients of Core 4 Children's Eye Photoscreening grants.
7. Authorized a feasibility study for a major fundraising campaign in support of an expanded SightFirst program. A special symposium will also be held to bring together blind advocates, scientists and other experts to identify new opportunities to fight blindness in the 21st century in view of recent scientific developments.
8. Approved 50 Standard, Core 4 and International Assistance Grants totaling US\$2,095,100; tabled four grant applications.
9. Approved extension of the Melvin Jones Fellow Progressive recognition program up to US\$100,000 donation levels (from US\$60,000), and added new special class of MJF

recognition – the “LCIF Humanitarian Partners” level – for donors whose total contributions exceed US\$100,000. Preliminary lapel pin designs were approved.

10. Amended the LCIF Policy Manual and Board Policy Chapter to update authorized bank account signatories.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

1. Approved plan and faculty for the 2004 District Governors-Elect Seminar in Detroit/Windsor.
2. Due to a low potential registration of only twelve multiple/single MERL chairpersons, district MERL chairpersons will be invited to participate in the 2004-2005 Multiple/Single District MERL Chairpersons Seminar for chairpersons representing Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Indonesia & the Islands of the Pacific Ocean. Participating district chairs will be responsible for all travel and hotel expenses, with meals and material costs paid by LCI.
3. The appointment and submission of multiple district MERL chairpersons, multiple district campus club chairperson and multiple district women’s membership development and participation chairperson will be made by the current council of governors, prior to July 1, in consultation with the multiple district leadership development chairperson and the multiple district membership development chairperson.

The appointment and submission of single district MERL chairpersons, single district campus club chairperson and single district women’s membership development and participation chairperson will be made by the district governor.

The appointment and submission of sub-district MERL chairpersons, sub-district campus club chairperson and women’s membership development and participation chairperson will be made by the district governor, in consultation with the multiple district leadership development chairperson and the multiple district membership development chairperson.

4. Changed the term of office for sub-district leadership development chairperson to three years to provide consistency with other sub-district MERL chairpersons terms.
5. Added the role of the multiple district leadership development chairperson to the Board Policy Manual.
6. Two leadership seminars will be conducted during the 2004 International Convention at Detroit/Windsor: *The Role of an International Director* and *Recognition*.

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

1. Starting in Lions year 2004-2005, Year-Round Membership Growth materials will no longer bear a presidential emblem.

2. Approved funding for workshops offered by multiple districts to district chairpersons responsible for membership, extension, retention, campus clubs, and women.
3. Approved a US\$15,000 membership development grant to Indonesia (MD 307) for use exclusively in Lions year 2003-2004.
4. Approved a program waiving both entrance fees (US\$25) and charter fees (US\$30) for all females who join Lions between November 1, 2003 and June 30, 2004.
5. Approved membership development seminars for the 2004 Detroit/Windsor International Convention.
6. Requested District and Club Administration Division to collect names and addresses for region and zone chairpersons appointed for Lions year 2004-2005.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

1. Expanded the list of official editions of THE LION magazine to include Indonesia.

SERVICE ACTIVITIES

1. Added an objective for international youth exchanges and youth camps in the association's Strategic Plan.
2. Approved a Memorandum of Understanding for collaboration with The Hadley School for the Blind.
3. Authorized a one-day conference of Lions Eye Bank representatives, to be held at International Headquarters early in 2004.
4. Proposed themes for service activity seminars and events at the 2004 International Convention in Detroit/Windsor.
5. Approved "Lions Services for Children" as a new adopted program of Lions Clubs International.