

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL



DISTRICT 2-S2 CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

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**LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL
DISTRICT 2-S2
CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS**

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization is the International Association of Lions Clubs District 2-S2, a part of Multiple District 2, State of Texas, U.S.A., hereinafter referred to as "District".

ARTICLE II - AUTHORITY

The International Association of Lions Clubs, hereinafter called Lions International, Constitution and By-Laws is hereby made a part of this document. Where conflict occurs the latest edition of Lions International Constitution and By-Laws shall take precedence.

ARTICLE III - OBJECTIVE

To provide this District with an efficient organization for the purpose of advancing Lionism in accordance with the objects of Lions International.

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP AND ORGANIZATION

The membership of this organization shall consist of all Lions Clubs within the boundaries of this District duly chartered by Lions International and in good standing.

ARTICLE V - DISTRICT OFFICERS

The officers of the District shall be the District Governor, Vice District Governor, Region Chairmen, Zone Chairmen, Cabinet Secretary, Cabinet Treasurer, Directors of the Texas Lions League for Children, Inc., Trustees of the Lions Eye Bank of Texas, Directors of the Lighthouse of Houston and Directors of the Humanitarian Relief Fund and there shall be no salary paid to any officer.

ARTICLE VI - REVISIONS TO DISTRICT CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

The District Cabinet and/or any District 2-S2 club in good standing shall have the authority and it shall be its duty to recommend change(s) to this Constitution and By-Laws (including change(s) to the District's per capita tax), for good and just cause, in the best interest of Lionism within the District.

Procedures:

- (1) Recommended change(s) to this District Constitution and By-Laws shall be placed in the hands of the District Governor's office not later than thirty (30) days after that Cabinet meeting at which the recommendation(s) receive the heretofore provided approval, but not less than thirty (30) days prior to the beginning of the annual District Convention.
- (2) The District Governor shall then transmit said recommended change(s) to a, hereinafter provided, District Convention and By-Laws Committee. (Article VII, Sec. 3, Paragraph D7).and to each Club in the District not later than thirty (30) days prior to the District Convention. The same shall be presented to the District Convention through a District Constitution and By-Laws Committee.
- (3) All voting in this regard at the District Convention shall be by individual secret printed ballots.
- (4) A tabulation of votes cast for and votes cast against the aforementioned recommended change(s) shall be made at the District Convention by a, hereinafter provided, District Election Committee (Art. VII, Sect. 3, Paragraph D7) and certified by the District Governor.
- (5) A two-thirds (2/3) majority of the delegates or alternates, present in person, qualified and legally voting at the District Convention shall be required to change the provisions of this document. The decision of the majority shall be binding on all members, the District Cabinet, and all succeeding District Cabinets.
- (6) Upon passage of said change(s) by the aforementioned majority the same shall become effective with the beginning of the next fiscal year.

ARTICLE VII - DISTRICT ORGANIZATION

- Section 1. Organization:** The District Organization shall be in accordance with Lions International Constitution and By-Laws without exception and the booklet entitled "District Governor's Organization" except as noted and/or expanded upon herein.
- Section 2. Membership:** The membership of District 2-S2 shall consist of all Lions Clubs and members thereof, within the established boundaries of the District which have been duly chartered by Lions International and are in good standing.

Section 3. District Governor: The District shall have a District Governor duly elected as provided herein and in accordance with Lions International Constitution and By-Laws.

(a) **Qualifications**

A candidate for District Governor must satisfy all the requirements as stated in Lions International Constitution and By-Laws and in addition must be willing and must attend, unless providentially hindered, the District Governors School at the Lions International Convention immediately prior to taking office.

A candidate for District Governor shall be required to have the written endorsement (nomination) of the members, in good standing, of his/her club.

A candidate for District Governor is required to serve as Vice District Governor prior to serving as a District Governor unless an exception specified in the Lions International Constitution and By-Laws applies. No incumbent District Governor, elected or appointed and serving a full term, may stand for election or be appointed to succeed himself/herself in the same district.

(b) **Election**

The election of a District Governor must conform to the Lions International Constitution and By-Laws. The following procedures and rules shall apply in lieu of more definitive provision in said International Constitution and By-Laws.

- (1) There shall be no "write in" votes cast for the office of District Governor except as hereinafter provided.
- (2) Nominations for the office of District Governor shall not be made from the floor of the District Convention, except as hereinafter provided.
- (3) In the event there is only one (1) candidate, the ballot shall provide for a "yes" and a "no" vote. A majority of "yes" votes shall be required to elect. In the event the majority of votes are "no" then and only then, can nominations be made from the floor of a duly notified Convention Assembly. Procedures as heretofore and hereinafter provided in all respects shall apply except that the nominees name need not appear on a printed ballot.
- (4) In the event the District Convention convenes with no pre-endorsed (prenominated) candidate, then nominations from the floor of a duly notified Convention Assembly shall be the order of the day. Each nominee for District Governor must satisfy all the requirements as stated in Lions International Constitution and By-Laws.

- (5) In the event there are three (3) or more qualified candidates, a plurality shall elect.
- (6) In the event of any tie votes, immediately after tie tabulation, a second (2nd) vote shall be taken, and if still ends in tie, the decision shall be determined by lot.

(c) **Term of Office**

The term of office for a District Governor shall be from the adjournment of the International Convention next succeeding his/her election to the adjournment of the next following International Convention as provided in the International Constitution and By-Laws.

(d) **Duties and Responsibilities**

- (1) The District Governor is the chief executive of his/her District. He/She shall supervise the work and activities of the District. He/She shall perform all duties as set forth herein and in the Lions International Constitution and By-Laws, and all such duties as may be required of him/her in the best interest of Lionism.
- (2) The District Governor shall, by the time he/she takes office, divide the District into Zones of eight (8) or less clubs each.
- (3) The District Governor shall, by the time he/she takes office, appoint a Zone Chairman for each Zone within the District.
- (4) The District Governor shall, by the time he/she takes office, appoint a District Cabinet Secretary and a Cabinet Treasurer. The District Cabinet Treasurer shall serve no more than two successive terms.
 - (a) The District Governor may hire and supervise an administrative assistant. Duties to be determined by the District Governor. The District Governor shall make recommendation to the District Cabinet as to compensation.
- (5) The District Governor shall appoint District Committees and designate the chairmen thereof and such other officers deemed necessary for the furtherance of Lionism within the District.
- (6) The District Governor shall issue an official call for a District Convention, as hereinafter provided.
- (7) The District Governor shall appoint Committees and designate the chairman

thereof for the operation and function of the, hereinafter provided, District Convention. Such committees are hereinafter referred to as Convention Committees. Said appointments shall be made as follows:

The District Governor shall appoint, and he/she shall receive notification of acceptance, at least sixty (60) days prior to the District Convention, a Convention Constitution and By-Laws Committee, provided that recommended revisions to the State and/or International Constitution and By-Laws are to be presented at the District Convention. Said committee shall consist of not more than five (5) members, each of whom shall be members of different Lions Clubs within the District.

The District Governor shall appoint all other Convention Committees such as: Credentials, Election, International Convention, Necrology, Parliamentary, Registration, Resolutions, Rules, Sergeant-at-Arms and etc., at least fifteen (15) days prior to the District Convention.

- (8) The District Governor has the authority and it shall be his/her duty to remove from office any officer appointed by him/her who is derelict and negligent in his/her responsibility or for any good and just cause in the best interest of Lionism.
- (9) In the event of vacancy in any district office, except that of District Governor or Club President and Secretary, the District Governor has the authority and it shall be his/her duty to fill such vacancy for the unexpired time thereof.
- (10) It shall be the duty of the District Governor to inform the Cabinet of any elected District Officer who is negligent in his/her duties and responsibilities. Any elected District Officer who is negligent in his/her duties and responsibilities, or for any good and just cause may be removed from office. The procedure will be a two-thirds (2/3) vote for removal by the District Cabinet.
- (11) It shall be the duty of the District Governor to attend all regular and special Board of Director(s) meeting of which he/she is a member.
- (12) As retiring District Governor, he/she shall transmit to his/her successor all district files, financial records and all other records and communications pertinent to the functioning, organization and conducting of District business prior to the first cabinet meeting of the new administration, or not more than 45 days after the Lions Clubs International Convention.

(e) **Removal from Office**

Any District Governor who is negligent in his/her duties and responsibilities, or for any good and just cause, may be removed from office by the following procedure in its entirety and sequence:

- (1) A two-thirds vote for removal by the District Cabinet.
- (2) A two-thirds vote for removal by the Boards of Directors of the clubs in the District.
- (3) Submission of a petition to Lions International stating full particulars.
The subsequent decision of Lions International Board of Directors shall be final.

(f) **Vacated Office**

In the event of a vacancy in the District Governor's office, for any reason for a period in excess of sixty (60) days, said vacancy shall be filled as outlined in the International Constitution and By-Laws.

Section 4. Vice District Governor: The District shall have a Vice District Governor duly elected as provided herein.

(a) **Qualifications**

A candidate for the office of Vice District Governor shall satisfy all the requirements of a District Governor as provided herein (Article VII, Section 3, (a)) except that he/she shall not be required to attend the District Governor's school at the International Convention. No incumbent Vice District Governor, elected or appointed and serving a full term, may stand for election or be appointed to succeed himself/herself in the same district.

(b) **Election**

Procedures for the election of a Vice District Governor shall be the same as procedures for the election of a District Governor as set out herein (Article VII, Section 3, (b)).

(c) **Term of Office**

The term of office for a Vice District Governor shall be the same as the term of office for a District Governor (Article VII, Section 3, (c)).

(d) **Duties and Responsibilities**

The Vice District Governor's duties and responsibilities shall be as directed by the District Governor and as provided herein and in the Lions International Constitution and By-Laws.

(e) **Removal From Office**

A Vice District Governor who is negligent in his/her duties and responsibilities, or for any other good and just cause, may be removed from office by the following procedure in its entirety and sequence.

- (1) A two-thirds vote for removal by the District Cabinet.
- (2) Submission of a petition to Multiple District 2 Council stating full particulars.
- (3) Submission of a petition to Lions International stating full particulars.

(f) **Vacated Office**

In the event of a vacancy in the Vice District Governor's office, for any reason for a period in excess of sixty (60) days, said vacancy shall be recognized as such and may be filled by the District Cabinet until a new election is held at the District Convention.

Section 5. District Governor's Honorary Committee: There shall be in the District a District Governor's Honorary Committee. The membership of said committee shall consist of Past International Officers and Past District Governors who are members of Lions Clubs within the District. The Immediate Past District Governor shall be chairman of the committee. Said committee shall meet when and as called upon by the District Governor or the Past District Governor Chairman.

Section 6. Council Chairman: The District shall have a Council Chairman duly elected as provided herein and in accordance with Multiple District 2 Constitution and By-Laws.

(a) **Qualifications**

A candidate for Council Chairman must satisfy all the requirements as stated in Multiple District 2 Constitution and By-Laws. The candidate must be a Past District Governor prior to the election. No Lion shall serve more than one term as Council Chairman.

(b) **Election**

Procedures for the election of a Council Chairman shall be the same as procedures for the election of a District Governor as set out herein (Article VII, Section 3, (b)).

(c) **Term of Office**

The Council Chairman shall serve as Council Chairman-Elect for the year prior to the year the State Conference is scheduled to be held in this District as provided by Multiple District 2 Constitution and By-Laws. The Council Chairman shall serve for the year the State Conference is scheduled to be held in this District as provided by Multiple District 2 Constitution and By-Laws.

(d) **Duties and Responsibilities**

The Council Chairman's duties and responsibilities shall be as defined by the Multiple District 2 Constitution and By-Laws and Multiple District Policy Manual.

(e) **Removal From Office**

A Council Chairman who is negligent in his/her duties and responsibilities, or for any other good and just cause, may be removed from office by the following procedure in its entirety and sequence.

- (1) A two-thirds vote for removal by the District Cabinet.
- (2) Submission of a petition to Lions International stating full particulars. The subsequent decision of Lions International Board of Directors shall be final.

(f) **Vacated Office**

In the event of a vacancy in the Council Chairman's office, for any reason for a period of sixty (60) days, said vacancy shall be recognized as such and may be filled by the District Cabinet.

ARTICLE VIII - DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S CABINET

Section 1. Membership: The membership of the District Governor's Cabinet, hereinafter called the Cabinet, shall be the District Governor as the presiding officer, Vice District Governor, Region Chairmen, Zone Chairmen, Cabinet Secretary, Cabinet Treasurer, District Chairmen, elected Directors of Texas Lions League for Children, Inc. Directors, elected Trustees of the Lions Eye Bank of Texas, Inc., elected Directors of the Lighthouse of Houston, Directors of the Humanitarian Relief Fund, President and Secretary of the President's and Secretary's Council, Past District Governors and such Committee Chairmen and Co-Chairmen as the District Governor shall appoint with the approval of the Cabinet.

Section 2. Authority: The Cabinet shall function within the limits of the International Constitution and By-Laws and this document. The Cabinet shall be the Executive Body of the District, and as such, all corporate powers of the District expressed or implied, are vested in the Cabinet. A majority of the Cabinet members shall constitute a quorum.

When determining the number of cabinet members required to constitute a 2/3 (two-thirds) majority or a quorum, absent Past District Governors who are not Committee Chairmen or Co-chairmen shall not be included.

Section 3. Duties and Responsibilities:

(a) **Purpose**

The Cabinet purpose is to supervise, coordinate and promote the general welfare of Lions Clubs and the individual members thereof, and to assist the District Governor in performing the duties of his/her office. The Cabinet shall act in behalf of and transact all business of the District in the best interest of the membership.

(b) **Cabinet Meetings**

The Cabinet shall meet at least four (4) times during the year (once each quarter) and/or as set by the District Governor. All Cabinet Meetings shall be held in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order. The first meeting shall be held within thirty (30) days after adjournment of the preceding International Convention for the purpose of: approving the surety company from which a bond, as hereinafter provided, shall be secured, approving the depository for District funds, adopting a budget for the year, discussing matters and transacting business pertaining to the District. Ten (10) days written notice of Cabinet meetings shall be given to each member by the Cabinet Secretary. Special meetings of the Cabinet may be called at the discretion of the District Governor, or shall be called by him/her upon the written request by a majority of the members thereof. Not less than five (5) days nor more than ten (10) days written notice of special meetings of the Cabinet shall be given to each member thereof. One (1) of said regular meetings may be held in conjunction with (immediately prior to) the District Convention as hereinafter provided.

(c) **Surety Bond**

The Cabinet shall require the posting of a surety bond in the amount of \$50,000 minimum on the District Governor and the Cabinet Treasurer. If this is not provided by Multiple District 2 or Lions International.

(d) **Minutes and Records**

The Cabinet shall require that accurate records of each and all Cabinet meetings and all District proceedings, including District Convention, shall be kept, and that minutes of said meetings and/or proceedings, including financial reports, shall be presented to the District Convention, shall be transmitted by the Cabinet Secretary to the District Governor, each member of the Cabinet, Lions International and the State Office within fifteen (15) days after each meeting and that copies of same shall be given to the succeeding District Governor and Cabinet Secretary.

(e) **District Revenue**

The Cabinet shall require that all monies collected as District Revenue and all other monies deposited with or transmitted through the District for any reason shall be deposited in the approved depository of the District, that said monies shall be disbursed as payments or withdrawals, after approval by the Cabinet and only by check signed by two of the three designated signatories. Those signatories being the Cabinet Treasurer, the District Governor, and the Immediate Past District Governor; and all disbursements be approved by the Cabinet. In the event that, for any reason, the Cabinet Treasurer and/or the District Governor and/or the Immediate Past District Governor cannot sign a check, a notarized attestation of approval by a majority of the Cabinet shall be sufficient to release the monies or provide for another signatory or signatories.

(f) **District Convention**

The Cabinet shall provide for a District Convention annually. The Cabinet shall have the absolute power to change at any time, for good and sufficient reason, without liability to the District or State, the city or place of holding the District Convention. The District Governor's expenses in conjunction with the District Convention shall be considered a District Administrative expense. Reimbursement for said expenses shall be in accordance with the Rules of Audit of Lions International or District.

(g) **Lions District 2-S2 International Convention Fund**

If funds are available, the Cabinet shall reimburse the outgoing District Governor and/or the outgoing Cabinet Treasurer for attending the International Convention as follows:

- (1) Convention registration fee actually paid to Lions International.
- (2) Hotel/Motel room cost actually paid, up to an amount equal to the daily double occupancy rate available through Lions International for the Texas Delegation hotel. The maximum number of days allowable is six (6) during the convention.

- (3) Air or ground transportation expenses as follows:
- (i) Airfare actually paid, up to an amount equal to coach class for the most direct airline route to and from the Lions International Convention, or
 - (ii) If ground transportation is used, mileage rate paid to District Governors by Lions International for the number of miles to and from the Lions International Convention by the most direct highway route. The Cabinet shall not provide reimbursement for any additional expenses of the outgoing District Governor and/or Cabinet Treasurer, including meals other than those covered by convention registration fee, lodging for days other than those specified above, or expenses of others who may accompany the District Governor and/or the outgoing Cabinet Treasurer to the Lions International Convention.
Reimbursement shall be made upon submission to and approval by the Cabinet, at the first Cabinet meeting following the Lions International Convention, of a detailed expense account(s) setting forth actual outlays and accompanied supporting receipts.

(h) **State Convention**

The Cabinet shall be responsible for providing for and coordinating any District Functions at the State Convention. The Cabinet shall, when requested by the Executive Committee of the Council of Governors, assist in every way in providing for, organizing and coordinating the State Convention held in its District.

(i) **International Convention**

The Cabinet shall be responsible for donations and favors for the International Convention as requested by the District Governor.

(j) **Financial Reports and Audits**

The Cabinet shall receive from the Cabinet Treasurer financial reports at least ten (10) days prior to each Cabinet meeting and shall make provisions for an annual audit (more frequently if required) of the books and accounts of the District. Said audit(s) shall be made by a competent accountant, who shall have a current permit to practice accounting and shall show all receipts and disbursements made by the District during the fiscal year. A copy of said audit(s) shall be furnished to all District Officers, the State Office and Lions International.

The Cabinet shall provide for the transfer of all records of the District including canceled checks, bank statements, record book, account book, etc., to the succeeding District Governor and his/her Cabinet Treasurer at the first Cabinet meeting following the International Convention.

(k) **Surplus and Unbudgeted Funds**

The Cabinet shall provide in the District Administrative budget an amount not less than five per cent (5%) nor more than ten per cent (10%) of the total annual District Administrative per capita tax, which shall be designated as a special unbudgeted fund. Said fund shall be retained intact and transferred to the succeeding District Governor to provide District Administrative operating expenses between the beginning of the fiscal year and receipt of first semi-annual per capita taxes from the clubs in the District.

The Cabinet shall provide for the transfer of said special unbudgeted fund and any surplus fund(s) as there may be in any District account(s) to the succeeding District Governor and his/her Cabinet Treasurer. The District Governor shall not expend more than 10% of the surplus funds transferred to his/her administration without approval by 2/3 (two-thirds) of the Cabinet.

ARTICLE IX - DISTRICT CONVENTION

Section 1. Provisions and Purpose: There shall be a District Convention held annually. The District Convention shall elect a District Governor to serve the next year; elect a Vice District Governor to serve the next year; elect a Director of the Texas Lions League for Children to serve for the next two (2) years; elect a Trustee for the Lions Eyes of Texas Eye Bank to serve the next two (2) years; elect a Director for the Lighthouse of Houston for the next two (2) years; elect a Director for the Humanitarian Relief Fund for the next three (3) years; elect a candidate if proposed for nomination for an International office; vote on proposed changes (as presented) to the provisions of this Constitution and By-Laws; vote on all matters of statewide business (as presented); and conduct such District business as may require District action.

Section 2. Time and Place: The District Convention shall be held at a place and time selected in accordance with Lions International Constitution and By-Laws. The District Governor shall issue an official call for the annual District Convention not earlier than ninety (90) days nor later than thirty (30) days prior to the date fixed for holding same.

Section 3. Administration: The District Governor and his/her Cabinet shall have full supervision over all phases of the convention and all members of the Cabinet shall be officers of the convention.

Section 4. Program: There shall be a printed program of convention sessions and events stating time and place and occurrence. Said program shall be the order of the day for the convention.

Section 5. Nominations and Proposals: All nominations and proposals shall be first presented to the, hereinafter provided, applicable Convention Committee.

(a) **District Governor**

The Convention Nominating Committee shall receive the written endorsement (nomination) of any member, who satisfies the qualifications as heretofore stated for the office of District Governor. Such endorsement (nominations) shall be received not later than thirty (30) days prior to the opening of the District Convention. Nominations for the office of District Governor shall NOT be made from the floor of the District Convention, except as heretofore provided in Article VII, Section 3(b).

(b) **Vice District Governor**

The Convention Nominating Committee shall receive the written endorsement (nomination) of any member, who satisfies the qualifications as hereinafter stated for the office of Vice District Governor. Such endorsement (nominations) shall be received not later than thirty (30) days prior to the opening of the District Convention. Nominations for the office of Vice District Governor shall NOT be made from the floor of the District Convention, except as heretofore provided in Article VII, Section 3(b).

(c) **Director of Texas Lions League for Children, Inc.**

The Nominating Committee shall receive the written nomination (endorsed by the majority of the members of the nominee's club) of any member for the office of Director of Texas Lions League for Children. The nomination shall be received by the Nominating Committee not later than thirty (30) days prior to the opening of the District Convention. Should there be no written nominations received, nominations from the floor of the convention shall be the order of the day as provided in Texas Multiple District 2 Constitution and By-Laws. All nominees shall be members in good standing of a Lions Club within the District, likewise in good standing. Nominees shall have the following qualifications: 1. Shall have been a member of a Lions Club for three (3) years, 2. Shall have served as President of his/her club or as Chairman of his/her Club's Camp Committee, and 3. Be willing to attend, unless providently hindered, all regular and special meetings of the Texas Lions League for Children Board of Directors, the Cabinet meetings of his/her District, and in cooperation with the other Director in his/her District, to present, if possible, the message of the Texas Lions League for children to each Club in his/her District. The elected Director shall be limited to two (2) consecutive terms.

(d) **Trustee of the Lions Eye Bank of Texas, Inc.**

The Nominating Committee shall receive the written nomination (endorsed by the majority of the members of the nominee's club) of any member for the office of Trustee of the Lions Eye Bank of Texas, Inc. The nomination shall be received by the Nominating Committee not later than thirty (30) days prior to the opening of the District Convention. Should there be no written nominations received, nominations from the floor of the convention shall be the order of the day. All nominees shall be members in good standing of a Lions Club within the District, likewise in good standing. Nominees shall have the following qualifications: 1. Shall have been a member of a Lions Club for three (3) years, 2. Shall have served as President of his/her Club's Committee on Lions Eye Bank of Texas, Inc., and 3. Be willing to attend, unless providently hindered, all regular and special meetings of said Board of Trustees, the Cabinet meetings of his/her District, and in cooperation with the other Trustee in his/her District, present, if possible, the message of the Board of Trustees to each Club in his/her District. The elected Trustee shall be limited to two (2) consecutive terms.

(e) **Director Lighthouse of Houston**

The Nominating Committee shall receive the written nomination (endorsed by the majority of the members of the nominee's club) of any member for the office of Director Lighthouse of Houston. The nomination shall be received by the Nominating Committee not later than thirty (30) days prior to the opening of the District Convention. Should there be no written nominations received, nominations from the floor of the convention shall be the order of the day. All nominees shall be members in good standing of a Lions Club within the District, likewise in good standing. Nominees shall have the following qualifications: 1. Shall have been a member of a Lions Club for three (3) years, 2. Shall have served as President of his/her club or Chairman of his/her Club's Committee on Lighthouse of Houston, and 3. Be willing to attend, unless providently hindered, all regular and special meetings of said Board of Directors, the Cabinet meetings of his/her District, and in cooperation with the other Director in his/her District, to present, if possible, the message of the Board of Directors to each Club in his/her District. The elected Director shall be limited to two (2) consecutive terms.

(f) **Director Humanitarian Relief Fund**

The Nominating Committee shall receive the written nomination (endorsed by the majority of the members of the nominee's club) of any member for the office of Director Humanitarian Relief Fund. The nomination shall be received by the Nominating Committee not later than thirty (30) days prior to the opening of the District Convention. Should there be no written nominations received, nominations from the floor of the convention shall be the order of the day. All nominees shall be members in good standing of a Lions Club within the

District, likewise in good standing. Nominees shall have the following qualifications: 1. Shall have been a member of a Lions Club for three (3) years, 2. Shall have served as President of his/her club or Chairman of his/her Club's Committee on Humanitarian Relief Fund, and 3. Be willing to attend, unless providently hindered, all regular and special meetings of said Board of Directors, the Cabinet meetings of his/her District, and in cooperation with the other Directors in his/her District, present, if possible, the message of the Board of Directors to each Club in his/her District. The elected Director shall be limited to two (2) consecutive terms.

(g) **Nomination and Motion Speeches**

Nomination and seconding speeches shall be limited to one (1) each, with the exception of two (2) seconding speeches for the District Governor, which shall be limited to five (5) minutes and three (3) minutes respectively for each candidate.

(h) **International Candidates**

The Nominating Committee shall receive from the State Office, as heretofore prescribed, all presentations (resolutions) of State candidates for an International office. The Nominating Committee shall report the resolution to the District Convention assembly in fullest detail.

Section 6. Delegates: Each chartered club in good standing shall be entitled, at its District Convention, to one (1) voting delegate for ten (10) members and alternates in accordance with Lions International Constitution and By-Laws. The District Governor, Past International Officers and Past District Governors may vote, that are members of Lions clubs in the District in good standing, in addition to their club's normal delegates.

Section 7. Elections: All elections shall be in accordance with Lions International Constitution and By-Laws and this document. All voting on any question submitted to the District Convention of a statewide nature, electing a District Governor, Vice District Governor, Director of Texas Lions League for Children's Camp, Trustee of the Lions Eye Bank of Texas, Director of the Lighthouse of Houston and Humanitarian Relief Fund Director and all others as deemed advisable by the District Cabinet shall be by individual secret printed ballot. Each legal delegate or alternate present in person shall be entitled to cast one (1) vote on every question submitted to the District Convention. The delegate or alternates present in person, qualified and voting at the District Convention shall constitute a quorum. The decision of the majority on all questions, except as otherwise provided herein, shall be binding upon all the members.

ARTICLE X - REVENUE

District, State, Texas Lions League for Children and other deemed advisable by District Cabinet.

Section 1. Collection: It shall be the duty and responsibility of the District Cabinet Treasurer to collect and disburse the revenue as hereinafter and heretofore provided.

Section 2. District Administrative Fund

(a) **Provision and Amount**

To provide a District Administrative Fund, a semi-annual per capita tax in the amount of \$8.50 annually (\$4.25 semi-annually) shall be levied on each member thereof. Said tax shall be remitted by each club in the District to the Cabinet Treasurer as hereinafter provided.

(b) **Billings**

Each club in the District shall be billed, by the Cabinet Treasurer, not sooner than sixty (60) days nor later than thirty (30) days prior to the due date as hereinafter provided.

(c) **Base**

Said tax shall be based upon the membership of the club as shown by its membership reports of June and December respectively.

(d) **Due Date**

Said tax shall be paid semi-annually by each club as soon as possible after billing but not later than September 10th and March 10th respectively of each fiscal year.

(e) **New and Reorganized Clubs**

Newly organized and reorganized clubs shall pay pro-rata semi-annual per capita tax beginning the first day of the second month following that in which the club is chartered or reorganized. Said tax shall be due and payable not later than the first day of the second month following that in which the club is chartered or reorganized.

Section 3. District Convention Fund

(a) **Provision and Amount**

To provide a District Convention Fund, a semi-annual per capita tax in the amount of \$3.00 annually (\$1.50 semi-annually), shall be levied on each member thereof. Said tax shall be remitted by each club in the District to the Cabinet Treasurer as hereinafter provided.

(b) **Billings**

Section 2 (b) of this article shall apply in its entirety.

(c) **Base**

Section 2 (c) of this article shall apply in its entirety.

(d) **Due Date**

Section 2 (d) of this article shall apply in its entirety.

(e) **New and Reorganized Clubs**

Section 2 (e) of this article shall apply in its entirety.

Section 4. State Convention Fund

(a) **Provision and Amount**

To provide a State Convention Fund, a semi-annual per capita tax in the amount of \$0.50 annually (\$0.25 semi-annually), shall be levied on each member thereof. Said tax shall be remitted by each club in the District to the Cabinet Treasurer as hereinafter provided.

(b) **Retention of Funds**

These funds are to be retained from year to year for the purpose of hosting the State Convention. The State Convention Chairman shall submit a budget, for approval, at the first Cabinet Meeting of the Lions year in which the State Convention is to be held. All surplus funds are to be retained and expended for future State Conventions only, unless so released by 2/3 (two-thirds) of the Cabinet.

(c) **Billings**

Section 2 (b) of this article shall apply in its entirety.

(d) **Base**

Section 2 (c) of this article shall apply in its entirety.

(e) **Due Date**

Section 2 (d) of this article shall apply in its entirety.

(f) **New and Reorganized Clubs**

Section 2 (e) of this article shall apply in its entirety.

Section 5. Multiple District 2 Administration Fund

(a) **Provision and Amount**

To provide a Multiple District 2 Administration Fund, a semi-annual per capita tax as designated by the Cabinet and club membership, and as provided for in the Multiple District 2 Constitution and By-Laws, annually shall be levied on each member thereof. Said tax shall be remitted by each club in the District to the Cabinet Treasurer as hereinafter provided.

(b) **Billings**

Section 2 (b) of this article shall apply in its entirety.

(c) **Base**

Section 2 (c) of this article shall apply in its entirety.

(d) **Due Date**

Section 2 (d) of this article shall apply in its entirety.

(e) **New and Reorganized Clubs**

Section 2 (e) of this article shall apply in its entirety.

(f) **Remittance to State**

Said tax shall be remitted by the Cabinet Treasurer to the Council Treasurer biannually, not later than November 15th and May 15th respectively of each fiscal year. The Cabinet Treasurer shall remit only that amount collected from the clubs. A statement of delinquent clubs, if such exist, shall accompany said remittance.

Section 6. Promote Texas Fund

(a) **Provision and Amount**

To provide a Multiple District 2 Convention Fund, a semi-annual per capita tax as designated by the Cabinet and club membership, and as provided for in the Multiple District 2 Constitution and By-Laws, annually shall be levied on each member thereof. Said tax shall be remitted by each club in the District to the Cabinet Treasurer as hereinafter provided.

(b) **Billings**

Section 2 (b) of this article shall apply in its entirety.

(c) **Base**

Section 2 (c) of this article shall apply in its entirety.

(d) **Due Date**

Section 2 (d) of this article shall apply in its entirety.

(e) **New and Reorganized Clubs**

Section 2 (e) of this article shall apply in its entirety.

(f) **Remittance to State**

Said tax shall be remitted by the Cabinet Treasurer to the Council Treasurer biannually, not later than November 15th and May 15th respectively of each fiscal year. The Cabinet Treasurer shall remit only that amount collected from the clubs. A statement of delinquent clubs, if such exist, shall accompany said remittance.

Section 7. Texas Lions League for Children, Inc. Fund

(a) **Provision and Amount**

To provide a "Texas Lions League for Children" Fund, a semi-annual per capita tax as designated by the Cabinet and club membership, and as provided for in the Multiple District 2 Constitution and By-Laws, annually shall be levied on each member thereof. Said tax shall be remitted by each club in the District to the Cabinet Treasurer as hereinafter provided.

(b) **Billings**

Section 2 (b) of this article shall apply in its entirety.

(c) **Base**

Section 2 (c) of this article shall apply in its entirety.

(d) **Due Date**

Section 2 (d) of this article shall apply in its entirety.

(e) **New and Reorganized Clubs**

Section 2 (e) of this article shall apply in its entirety.

(f) **Remittance to the Texas Lions League for Children, Inc.**

Said tax shall be remitted by the Cabinet Treasurer to the Kerrville office not later than November 15th and May 15th respectively of each fiscal year. The Cabinet Treasurer shall remit only that amount collected from the clubs unless directed by his/her District Governor. Concurrent with this remittance, the Cabinet Treasurer shall report delinquent clubs to the Children's Camp Directors and clubs concerned.

Section 8. Promote District 2-S2 Public Awareness Fund

(a) **Provision and Amount**

To provide a Promote District 2-S2 Public Awareness Fund, a semi-annual per capita tax in the amount of \$2.00 annually (\$1.00 semi-annually), shall be levied on each member thereof. Said tax shall be remitted by each club in the District to the Cabinet Treasurer as hereinafter provided.

(b) **Billings**

Section 2 (b) of this article shall apply in its entirety.

(c) **Base**

Section 2 (c) of this article shall apply in its entirety.

(d) **Due Date**

Section 2 (d) of this article shall apply in its entirety.

(e) **New and Reorganized Clubs**

Section 2 (e) of this article shall apply in its entirety.

ARTICLE XI - ADOPTION

This Constitution and By-Laws shall become in full force, and effect with the beginning of the next fiscal year after same has been adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the delegates at the District Convention.

ARTICLE XII - AMENDMENTS AND REVISIONS

This constitution may be amended or revised only in accordance with the procedure outlined in Article VI of this Constitution