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Festival of Trees is Year-Round Joint Project for Lions Clubs

By DG Debbie Doty
Editor, *The Iowa Lion*

While most of the publicity about the Keosauqua Lions Festival of Trees is seen at Christmastime, it is a year-round project for the four Lions clubs in Van Buren County, located in southeast Iowa.

Every year, the Stockport, Birmingham, Milton and Keosauqua Lions clubs join together to present a magnificent Festival of Trees in Keosauqua, the seat of Van Buren County. The majority of the money raised through the Festival of Trees benefits the county Christmas for Kids project. Well over \$10,000 is usually raised each year, said Keosauqua Lions Club President Virgil Morris.



FESTIVAL OF TREES. Some of the beautiful trees for sale during the Festival of Trees in Van Buren County.

The planning for Christmas for Kids starts well before the holiday season, according to Suzanne Rice, with Van Buren Cooperative Ministry.

Christmas for Kids actually starts

in August at the Van Buren back-to-school fair, working with SEIDA to verify need.

“This year Christmas for Kids serviced 189 kids or 81 families in Van Buren County. In 2018, we serviced 215 kids, or 95 families,” Rice said.

Each child receives hygiene products such as body wash, shampoo, deodorant, toothbrushes and toothpaste, a bath towel and wash cloth; school supplies such as notebooks, pencils and pens, coloring books and crayons. A reading book is picked out for each child according to age. Hats, gloves, scarves and socks are also included.

This year each child received a blanket. “We alternate each year with blankets or pillows,” said Rice. “Many members of the community provide



REALLY BIG CHECK. Van Buren County Lions representatives present a large check for Christmas for Kids, nearly \$12,000, to the Van Buren County Cooperative Ministry. Pictured, from left, are Virgil Morris, Keosauqua Lions; Ann Boley, Birmingham Lions; Mary Hart and Suzanne Rice, Van Buren County Cooperative Ministry; Tanya McClaran, Stockport Lions; and Barb Creath, Milton Lions Club.

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homemade pillow cases to go with the pillows.” Each child receives a toy (or toys) valuing up to \$20 per child. Each family receives a board game or card game, depending on age of the child, valued up to \$15 per family.

Teenage children receive gift cards. “We give gift cards valuing \$20, because have you ever tried to buy something for a teenager?” asked Rice.

Each family also receives a \$50 gift certificate to

one of the local grocery stores in the county, based on their address, to make it more convenient for families to shop.

“We tried handing out grocery items the first year,” Rice explained, “but with a gift certificate, the family can pick out the items they will actually eat, along with refrigerated items such as milk or meat. Once again this year, an anonymous donor came forward to purchase the food gift certificates.

The Van Buren County Cooperative Ministry, which is made up of the Methodist churches within the county, is especially thankful to the Lions Clubs within the county, as their members and spouses give their time and talent to host the Festival of Trees.

“Through this wonderful event, many children and families in the community are honored with a special Christmas,” said Rice. “I am honored to coordinate Christmas for Kids and be a part of this caring community.”

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 7	Early bird registration deadline for 9EC Convention
March 14	9NE District Convention, Dubuque
March 17	Fish Fry, Dysart
March 21	9EC Spring Convention, Clinton
March 27-28	9MC Spring Convention, Gladbrook
March 29	Annual Pancake Breakfast, Belle Plaine
April 4	9NC District Convention, Rockwell
April 18	9NW District Convention, Sioux City District 9NC Women's Symposium, Mason City Marshalltown Evening Lions 50th Anniversary Celebration
April 24-25	9SE District Convention, Oskaloosa
May 2	Council of Governors, Ames
May 9	MD9 GAT Summit, Elim Lutheran Church, Marshalltown
May 15	MD9 DGE Photos/Training
May 16	MD9 DGE/VDG Training, Altoona
June 4-6	MD9 State Convention, Cedar Rapids

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Plan NOW to Attend 2020 USA/Canada Forum in Louisville, Kentucky

The 44th annual USA/Canada Forum will be in Louisville, Kentucky Sept. 17-19, with a horse-racing theme of "And We're Off...to Winning Leadership." Over 80 seminars and service projects, along with a childhood cancer symposium (on Thursday morning) will be presented.

Iowa will host the 2021 Forum in Des Moines. If you've never been to a USA/Canada Forum, come to Louisville so that you can learn how the forum runs behind the scenes. You can help our Iowa team at the registration booth in Louisville for our 2021 event. PCC Jerry Inman will have a display at every district convention in Iowa this spring...check it out and volunteer! District 9NE Lions are coordinating a bus ride to Louisville: what a great way to have fun and save money on transportation! Check it out!

Possible Midwest Advanced Lions Leadership Institute

The Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute Board of Directors is trying to coordinate with Lions Clubs International Leadership Division to hold the very first ever Midwest Advanced Lions Leadership Institute at Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville, Missouri, to be held during the same time as our 2020 GPLLI event. ALLI is for any Lion who has not yet served as a district governor. I will forward news to Iowa Lions as soon as it is available. This Midwest event would be less expensive than the one annual ALLI that is held in North America, which takes a very limited number of students. When I attended back in 2008, my personal flight costs to Toronto, Canada, were much more than driving your car to Missouri will be. Stay tuned for a news update in next

month's issue of The Iowa Lion.

Time to Elect New Club Officers

It's time to elect your new club officers in March and report them on MyLCI no later than April. Please make sure that the e-mail address and postal address for every club member is reported by your club secretary as well. That way all members will receive all issues of the International LION magazine and the The Iowa Lion.

March is Eye Donor Awareness Month

Are you a registered organ donor on your driver's license? If so, please notify your family so that when you pass, your eyes can become the gift of sight for at least one person. If nothing else, they can be used for research on existing eye diseases. Remember, your club and personal donations to the Iowa Lions Foundation help support the Iowa Lions Eye Bank and Iowa KidSight. Vision is still our number one global service initiative.

Plan Now for Worldwide Lions Events in April

April is Environmental Awareness Month (Earth Day), Family and Friends Month (Worldwide Induction Day) and Leo Club Awareness Month. Celebrate these in a special way and post it on Facebook, MyLion, in your local newspaper or on radio. Sign up new members in March and induct them in April. Ask some FAMILY members: remember those living at the same residence as a full-paying Lion pay half-priced dues.

Iowa DGEs attend DGE training in Illinois in February

Our MD9 2020-2021 elected First Vice District Governors attended District Governors Elect School in February at the Q Center in St. Charles, Illinois, for three days of intense training. They will have one final day of training immediately prior to the international convention in Singapore.

Check out FREE classes on the Lions Learning Center

Online interactive leadership courses are available for FREE to ALL Lions. Log into the Lions Learning Center through your Lion account on the LCI Member Login. If you have a MyLion account already, you are all set to use the Lions Learning Center. Most classes are 60 minutes, available 24/7 for your convenience.

A View from the Chair

Council Chair Patrick Parker

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We are about three-quarters of the way through this Lions year. That means we are starting to have district conventions. Six of the seven districts will have their conventions between now and the end of April. I encourage you to attend your district convention so you can learn what is happening in your district and help select the future leaders of your district.

As of the middle of February, we are currently down 135 members as a state. However, the good news is many districts are working on rebuilding clubs, starting a branch club or chartering a full club. Some of the districts are working on multiple clubs at the same time. International has just announced the North American Membership Initiative (NMAI). The current first vice district governors and the district governors elect just got back from training and are starting to develop plans for how their districts will grow membership next year. Iowa has currently lost membership for the last 40 plus years. We need all clubs to look for ways to grow your membership.

There are clubs having successful membership growth. Here are some as of the end of January:

9EC, 14 out of 43 clubs had positive membership:

Center Point, plus 1	Monticello, plus 1
Coggon, plus 1	Mount Vernon, plus 2
Davenport Breakfast, plus 2	Muscatine, plus 3
Davenport Host, plus 1	Olin, plus 1
De Witt, plus 1	Tipton, plus 6
Delmar, plus 1	Walcott, plus 6
Lowden, plus 2	Wyoming, plus 1

9MC, 16 out of 43 clubs had positive membership:

Boudurant, plus 2	Grinnell, plus 2
Clive, plus 2	Laurel, plus 1
Des Moines Host, plus 1	Marshalltown Noon, plus 1
Des Moines Outreach, plus 1	Pleasant Hill, plus 2
Des Moines Parks, plus 1	Reinbeck, plus 5
Garwin, plus 1	State Center, plus 1
Gladbrook, plus 2	Urbandale, plus 1
Grimes, plus 3	West Des Moines, plus 2

9NC, 6 out of 39 clubs had a positive membership:

Belmond, plus 1	Iowa Falls, plus 4
Floyd, plus 1	Osage, plus 1
Hampton, plus 1	Parkersburg, plus 2

9NE, 13 out of 46 clubs had a positive membership:

Cedar Falls, plus 11	La Porte City, plus 3
Decorah, plus 3	New Hampton, plus 1
Fayette, plus 2	Postville, plus 1
Fredericksburg, plus 1	Urbana, plus 1
Independence, plus 6	Waterloo, plus 1
Janesville, plus 3	Waverly, plus 2
Jesup, plus 1	

9NW, 6 out of 36 clubs had a positive membership:

Badger, plus 1	Rippey, plus 1
Carroll, plus 14	Rolfe, plus 1
Manson, plus 2	Sac City, plus 1

9SE, 7 out of 48 clubs had a positive membership:

Lone Tree, plus 1	Packwood, plus 2
Melcher-Dallas, plus 4	Solon Centennial, plus 4
Morning Sun, plus 1	West Chester, plus 2
Oskaloosa, plus 3	

9SW, 16 out of 51 clubs had a positive membership:

Adair, plus 3	Murray, plus 1
Atlantic, plus 3	Neola, plus 1
Greenfield, plus 1	Norwalk, plus 2
Guthrie Center, plus 3	Osceola, plus 1
Harlan, plus 5	Redfield, plus 1
Leon, plus 1	St. Charles, plus 1
Lorimor, plus 1	Tingley, plus 3
Mount Ayr, plus 1	Villisca, plus 2

If the other 228 clubs could work to being plus 1, MD9 could end the year with a growth in membership for the first time in many years. Our motto is "We Serve" and we can only do this if we have clubs and members serving in our communities.



Donations to Iowa Lions Foundation

By District and Club for 2018-2019

Iowa Lions Foundation and Lions Clubs International Foundation are two separate yet equally important foundations that your club should be supporting as a chartered Lions club in Iowa. Is your club on the list of donors to Iowa Lions Foundation for last year?

DISTRICT 9NC

Ackley-Geneva	1,000.00
Algona	1,000.00
Allison	550.00
Belmond	150.00
Britt	300.00
Burt	100.00
Floyd	390.00
Forest City Breakfast	400.00
Garner	500.00
Hampton	500.00
Humboldt	1,025.00
Iowa Falls	1,000.00
Jewell	500.00
Kamrar	300.00
Kensett	100.00
Lake Mills	300.00
Mason City Evening	1,000.00
Mason City Noon	1,150.00
New Hartford	600.00
Northwood	350.00
Parkersburg	500.00
Rowan	1,000.00
Sheffield	115.17
Stanhope	500.00
Stratford	300.00
Thompson	550.00
Williams	250.00
9NC - Other	1,000.00
TOTAL 9NC	15,430.17

DISTRICT 9EC

Alburnett	1,000.00
Andover	400.00
Andrew	500.00
Bellevue Area Centennial	1,072.50
Bettendorf	1,050.00
Blue Grass	150.00
Cedar Rapids Noon	1,800.00
Clinton	500.00
Davenport Breakfast	1,000.00
Davenport Host	7,500.00
Davenport Village Branch	200.00
Delmar	500.00
Dewitt Nite	175.00

Dewitt Noon	225.00
Durant Lioness	100.00
Eldridge	1,000.00
Fairfax	375.00
Fruitland Community	500.00
Leclair	300.00
Low Moor	1,500.00
Lowden	200.00
Maquoketa	100.00
Marion Noon	1,000.00
Mechanicsville	1,750.00
Miles	100.00
Monticello	2,177.00
Mount Vernon	200.00
Muscatine	1,850.00
Otter Creek	1,000.00
Park View	125.00
Stanwood	975.00
Tipton	3,100.00
Walcott	950.00
West Branch	4,000.00
Wyoming	250.00
9EC - Other	55.00
TOTAL 9EC	37,679.50

DISTRICT 9SW

Adair	220.00
Adel	1,400.00
Afton	200.00
Anita	1,000.00
Atlantic	1,000.00
Audubon	1,500.00
Bedford Lioness	200.00
Clarinda	500.00
Clearfield	1,500.00
Council Bluffs	1,000.00
Creston	1,400.00
Diagonal	500.00
Earlham	200.00
Exira	681.75
Fontanelle	250.00
Grand River	420.00
Greenfield	750.00
Guthrie Center	500.00
Harlan	950.00
Indianola Evening	400.00
Indianola Lioness	300.00
Indianola Noon	1,000.00
Jamaica	2,000.00
Linden	200.00
Martensdale	75.00
Massena	200.00
Missouri Valley	745.00
Mount Ayr	25.00
Murray	500.00
Neola	1,050.00
New Virginia	50.00
Norwalk	800.00
Oakland	200.00
Orient	100.00
Osceola	500.00
Panora	1,700.00
Perry	400.00
Red Oak	500.00
Redfield	600.00
Spartan Leo Club (Exira-EHK)	521.25
St. Charles	700.00
Tingley	200.00
Villisca	600.00
Winterset	2,000.00
9SW - Other	1,715.00
TOTAL 9SW	31,253.00

DISTRICT 9MC

Altoona	1,000.00
Ames	500.00
Ames Breakfast	1,000.00
Ames Evening	100.00

Ankeny	700.00
Bondurant	1,000.00
Clive	300.00
Colorado	150.00
Dysart	500.00
Des Moines Host	1,000.00
Des Moines South	300.00
East Des Moines	201.00
Garwin	150.00
Gilbert	500.00
Gladbrook	50.00
Grimes	500.00
Grinnell	3,500.00
Grundy Center	333.00
Johnston	1,000.00
Kellogg	360.00
Marshalltown Evening	575.00
Marshalltown Lioness	1,000.00
Mc Callsburg	334.00
Mitchellville	1,000.00
Montezuma	1,640.00
Nevada	350.00
Newton	500.00
Pleasant Hill	350.00
Prairie City	500.00
Reinbeck	250.00
State Center	200.00
Story City	500.00
Sully	1,000.00
Traer	1,000.00
Urbandale	1,500.00
Urbandale Breakfast	250.00
Urbandale Lioness	125.00
West Des Moines	2,365.02
9MC - Other	0.00
TOTAL 9MC	26,583.02

DISTRICT 9NE

Balltown	1,000.00
Belle Plaine	1,500.00
Blairstown	1,050.00
Cascade	300.00
Cedar Falls	3,500.00
Cedar Valley Evening	525.00
Decorah	1,000.00
Denver	1,000.00
Dubuque Evening	150.00
Dubuque Noon	2,750.00
Elgin	200.00
Evansdale-Elk Run	100.00
Fredericksburg	1,000.00
Garnaville	100.00
Garrison	100.00
Hawkeye	100.00
Independence	2,000.00
Janesville	600.00
Jesup	2,000.00
Laporte City	100.00
Lawler	500.00
Manchester	500.00
Nashua	500.00
Newhall	275.00
Oelwein	2,000.00
Postville	200.00
Shellsburg	500.00
Strawberry Point	250.00
Sumner	350.00
Urbana	100.00
Van Home	1,100.00
Waterloo	500.00
Waukon	1,000.00
Waverly	2,250.00
9NE - Other	1,100.00
TOTAL 9NE	30,200.00

DISTRICT 9SE

Albia	300.00
Birmingham	333.00

Blakesburg	500.00
Brighton	500.00
Burlington Noon	3,050.00
Columbus Junction	1,000.00
Corydon	300.00
Crawfordsville	990.00
Danville	100.00
Fairfield	438.00
Fort Madison	1,000.00
Grandview-Letts	1,020.00
Iowa City Host	4,350.00
Keokuk	1,000.00
Keosauqua	500.00
Knoxville	5,500.00
Leighton	750.00
Lockridge	250.00
Lone Tree	700.00
Mediapolis	200.00
Melcher-Dallas	250.00
Milton	100.00
Morning Sun Lioness	300.00
New London	250.00
North Liberty	333.33
Oskaloosa	200.00
Ottumwa Evening	1,100.00
Ottumwa Noon	500.00
Pella	1,000.00
Pleasantville	50.00
Richland	150.00
Sigourney	50.00
Stockport	100.00
Victor	725.00
Washington	1,000.00
Wayland	1,300.00
West Burlington	400.00
What Cheer	200.00
Williamsburg	500.00
Winfield	1,175.00
9SE - Other	796.00
TOTAL 9SE	33,260.33

DISTRICT 9NW

Akron	500.00
Albert City	200.00
Badger	900.00
Boone	4,000.00
Carroll	1,500.00
Churdan	200.00
Coon Rapids	575.00
Dayton	700.00
Everly	500.00
Fort Dodge Evening	1,700.00
Fort Dodge Noon	1,400.00
Hartley	300.00
Lehigh	100.00
Madrid	400.00
Merrill	1,600.00
Ogden	350.00
Orange City	1,000.00
Rolfe	1,500.00
Royal	150.00
Sac City	250.00
Sioux City Noon	1,000.00
Wall Lake	275.00
9NW - Other	0.00
TOTAL 9NW	19,100.00



How Does Low Blood Sugar Affect People With and Without Diabetes?

By PDG Bill Shutters

MD9 Diabetes Awareness Chairperson

Many people, including diabetics, cannot tell if they are suffering from hyperglycemia or high blood glucose levels, but if their blood glucose level is very low, they know it almost immediately.

Hypoglycemia is the condition caused by a very low level of blood sugar. Hypoglycemia is often a concern to people with diabetes. A variety of other conditions can cause hypoglycemia in persons without diabetes. Hypoglycemia is not a disease, but a sign of a health problem. Immediate treatment of hypoglycemia is required when blood sugar levels are at 70 milligrams per deciliter (mg/dL) or 3.9 millimoles per liter or below. In short the blood glucose meter reads 70 or less.

Some common symptoms of hypoglycemia are

- A rapid or irregular heart beat
- Blurry vision
- Fatigue
- Pale skin
- Shakiness
- Anxiety and nervousness
- Sudden mood change
- Intense hunger
- Sweating
- Irritability
- Tingling sensation
- Headache or dizziness
- Difficulty sleeping
- Trouble thinking clearly or concentrating

If the condition worsens, the symptoms may progress to confusion or abnormal behavior, seizures or even loss of consciousness or coma.

The immediate treatment for someone experiencing hypoglycemia can be

- ½ cup of fruit juice
- ½ can of regular pop
- 1 tablespoon of sugar or honey

- 4-5 saltine crackers
- 3-4 glucose tablets or pieces of hard candy.

After taking a corrective measure, check blood glucose levels every 15 minutes to see if they have returned to normal. If levels are still measuring low, take another corrective serving of glucose.

If the person cannot take anything by mouth, an injection of Glucagon may be administered. Glucagon is a hormone which causes a fast release of glucose from the liver and will probably be administered by emergency services when you call 911.

The causes of low blood glucose are split into two categories: people with diabetes and people without diabetes.

People with Diabetes

The patient administers too much medicine or insulin to lower the blood glucose. This may happen if they skip meals or eat later than usual but take their meds at the normal time.

The patient may consume excess alcohol while on these medications.

The patient engages in intense physical activity, which uses energy quickly and causes blood sugar to drop rapidly. Whether its work or exercise, one should check their blood sugar two hours before and eat a small snack if it is low. If the workout is over an hour, the patient should consume additional carbohydrates every hour or have a mid-morning or mid-afternoon snack. Also, sports drinks or gels, granola bars or candy bars can give a quick burst of energy.

Moderate-to-intense exercise can cause variations in blood glucose for 24 hours. It is wise to check the blood glucose every two to four hours if starting a new program.

People Without Diabetes

Reactive Hypoglycemia occurs within a few hours after a meal. An over-production of insulin by the pancreas causes Reactive Hypoglycemia. Having reactive hypoglycemia may indicate the patient is at the risk of developing diabetes.

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Iowa Lions to Vote on Constitution and By-Laws Changes at MD9 Convention

By PID Gary Fry

MD9 Constitution & By-Laws Committee

Your Constitution and By-Laws Committee has undertaken a review of the Constitution and By-Laws for Multiple District 9. At the direction of the 2018-2019 Council of Governors, the committee reviewed both documents in their entirety. The review was for the purpose of bringing the documents into compliance with desired changes or current directives.

The major change was to change the name of the Midwinter Leadership Conference to allow for moving the event to the fall. A number of names were considered before the current Council of Governors decided on Iowa Lions Learning Conference. Declining attendance and continued concern for the weather in January precipitated the change in time for the event.

A couple of changes were made in the expectations of the two vice district governor positions. These changes were necessary to comply with changes as outlined by Lions Clubs International.

A couple of changes in time as to when things needed to be done during the year were also made. These were necessitated to bring our calendar into compliance with LCI's.

A change was made to allow for zone or region chairpersons to be selected outside their respective zone/region if no chairperson was available in such zone/region. This was done because of the concern for finding chairpersons in many districts.

These documents will come before the delegates to the Iowa Lions State Convention on June 6, 2020, in Cedar Rapids. The constitution part will require a two-thirds positive vote to change and the by-laws section will require a simple majority for approval.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact your district governor or members of the MD Constitution and By-Laws Committee.

A complete list of changes is included at the end of the digital only section of this issue of The Iowa Lion magazine.

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Non-Reactive Hypoglycemia isn't necessarily related to eating, but may be related to an underlying disease. Causes may include:

- Some medications like those used to treat kidney disease.
- Excess amounts of alcohol which can prevent the liver from producing glucose.
- Any disorder that affects the liver, heart or kidneys.
- Some eating disorders, such as anorexia.
- Pregnancy.
- A tumor in the pancreas can cause the pancreas to secrete too much insulin.
- Hormone deficiencies can cause hypoglycemia because hormones control glucose levels.

Dumping Syndrome may occur after stomach surgery to alleviate the symptoms of gastroesophageal reflux disease. Dumping syndrome is a condition where the pancreas releases excess insulin in response to a meal high in carbohydrates resulting in

hypoglycemia.

One may be at increased risk of developing hypoglycemia without diabetes if one has other health problems, is obese, has a family member with diabetes, has certain types of surgery on your stomach, has pre-diabetes.

To prevent hypoglycemia:

- Eat a balanced and stable diet that's low in carbohydrates and high in protein, fiber and good complex carbohydrates.
- Avoid highly-processed carbohydrates.
- Eat small meals every 2 hours to help keep your blood sugar levels stable.
- Carry a snack. The American Diabetes Association recommends if you have diabetes, keep a carbohydrate snack on hand such as granola bars, fresh or dried fruit, fruit juice, pretzels or carry glucose tablets with you.

As always, avoid driving or operating heavy machinery if you suspect low blood sugar.

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The 9SE District Convention is next month - April 24-25 - and we are quite excited about the planning.

State LCIF Chair Jim Bixler has issued a challenge to districts in Iowa to raise \$1,000 in new LCIF Campaign 100 giving. He will match that \$1,000 for each district that meets the challenge. 9SE wants to take PDG Jim up on the challenge, so we'll have a challenge board at the district convention with 100 \$10 spaces on it. Buy one or buy several, but please come prepared to help us raise \$1,000 in personal giving for LCIF Campaign 100. I KNOW we can reach this goal and, in typical Lions fashion, have fun doing it.

Speaking of having fun raising money, we'll also have our third annual Chuck-A-Duck contest during the district convention to raise money for childhood cancer. "Rent" for ducks is \$5 each. At the appropriate time, everyone throws their rubber duckies at a target. Closest ones to the target win prizes and the funds raised go to Stead Family Children's Hospital.

As a service project for district convention, I ask that attendees bring items for Stephen Memorial Animal Shelter. You can help by bringing bags of *Purina* dog, cat, kitten or puppy food, or other needed items. See their wish list of items at the Stephen Memorial Animal Shelter website under the Donate page, then click on the Donation Wishlist.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Club	Member	Sponsor
Keosauqua	Mike Plecker	
Lockridge	Kelly Harbin	Hazel Stutzman
Melcher-Dallas	Sharon Lyons	Madonna Kadera
Melcher-Dallas	Justin Wood	Madonna Kadera
Packwood	William Moritz	Harlan Van Voorst
Packwood	Zoe Moritz	Harlan Van Voorst



WARREN COLEMAN AWARD. Keosauqua Lions President Virgil Morris, left, presents club member Gary Debner with a Warren Coleman Honorary Award in January.



50 YEARS OF SERVICE. District Governor Debbie Doty, right, presents Birmingham Lions Club member Gene Stine with a 50-year Membership Chevron Award.

In Memoriam

Club	Member	Years a Lion
Wayland	James Hester	5 years

9SE Service Activities in January

CRAWFORDSVILLE donated \$100 to Beep Baseball and \$750 to Iowa Lions Foundation.

GRANDVIEW-LETTS donated \$100 to Campaign 100.

NEW LONDON sponsored a blood drive and provided transportation for it.

OSKALOOSA attended Iowa Lions Mid-Winter Leadership Conference.

SOLON CENTENNIAL donated \$1,000 to Solon Senior Dining Activities and \$200 to sponsor meals for 50 senior citizens, helping serve meals to those participants.



FOUNDATION DONATION. Keosauqua Lions Club President Virgil Morris presents District Governor Debbie Doty with a \$1,000 donation to Iowa Lions Foundation.



CLUB ANNIVERSARY. Milton Lions Club Secretary David Short talks about the 65-year history of the Milton Lions Club during a joint meeting of the Van Buren County Lions Clubs.

LIONS DISTRICT 9SE CONVENTION

“Service Through Diversity”

April 24-25, 2020

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH
1407 A AVE. WEST, OSKALOOSA, IOWA

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____

Lion? Y / N OFFICE HELD: _____

NAME: _____

Lion? Y / N OFFICE HELD: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE #: _____

E-MAIL: _____

CLUB: _____

Please note any special dietary needs.

FRIDAY DINNER/CABINET MEETING

Wood Iron Grille, 2214 S. 11th St., Oskaloosa
Home of Iowa's Best Burger 2019

Wood Iron Burger _____ x \$20 = _____

Pig Toes Basket _____ x \$20 = _____

(v) **Tuscan Flatbread** _____ x \$15 = _____

SATURDAY PROGRAM/MEAL • \$25 per person

(Includes registration fee)

No. _____ at \$25 = _____

Late fee (postmarked after April 10) at \$5 = _____

Total Enclosed = _____

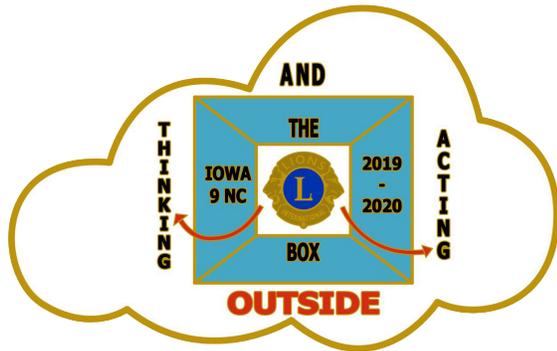
REGISTRATION DUE BY APRIL 10

Make checks payable to: Lions District 9SE

Mail to: Lion Erin Hogan
212 Terrace Dr.
Oskaloosa, IA 52577

Clubs remember to bring your banners!

District 9NC
 District Governor Dennis Lee
 715 NE Third Street
 Eagle Grove, IA 50533
 515-835-1480
 eaglesroost1@yahoo.com

So what is keeping you (a Lion)?

You became a Lion for any number of reasons. You remain a Lion because membership in your club fills a personal need. When that need is no longer being met, you start thinking of reasons to drop out and eventually do. The saddest sound in Lions is the **THUD** made by a member “dropped in good standing.”

What is/are your need(s)? A need to **belong**, to be **involved**, to be **respected**, to be **recognized**, to develop new **friendships**, or to benefit others (aka **SERVE**)?

Some needs, however, are a lot more subtle. Do club meetings meet with your expectations? Do they satisfy your parameters of **frequency**, **time**, **location** and **duration**? Is there a **friendly**, **fun** atmosphere? Are the meetings **meaningful** and **interesting**? Do club officers and board members understand that they are not just caretakers but **stewards** of the club, with the responsibility of infusing **new life** into the club each and every year?

New members join and current members remain Lions because they see value in being a Lion. What do you value in being a Lion?

THINK and ACT OUTSIDE the BOX on ways to bolster your enthusiasm and your value **TO** the club.

How does your community feel about your Lions club? Does it appear to respect the club? Are club members generally held in high regard for their membership? Is your club an important **cog** in the wheel of community activity? Are you known more for fundraisers than for your community projects? **THINK and ACT OUTSIDE the BOX** to stay in the public’s eye. Make your club important.

Procrastination is a real **bugaboo** to progress on club projects. Maybe you will get around to it sometime. In 1981, PID Ralph Whitten made wooden discs from half dollar sized dowels. On each disc he labeled one side with “TUIT” and sold them for a buck a piece. The proceeds went to pay off the mortgage on the then new Iowa Lions state office building in Ames.

It’s time to resurrect the Round TUIT again. Lions, just clip out the yellow TUIT at the bottom of this article and carry it around with you. This will remind you that you that you finally have a Round TUIT and you can get going on those projects.



9NC Club Activities

MASON CITY NOON 300 children screened for KidSight in Mason City and Manly; 17 KidSight retakes with help of Mason City Evening Lions; rang Salvation Army bell 3 hours with 11 members participating; delivered Meals on Wheels five days in January.

EAGLE GROVE played cards at a local nursing home; participated in Thursday after-school activities for elementary students at the local library.



NEW MEMBERS

Member	Sponsor	Club
Robert J Krueger	Michael Lidd	Charles City
Ross Hoadly	Jayne Bitker	Clear Lake Eve.
Kathy Larson	Tanya Kirschbaum	Clear Lake Eve.
Jolene Jacobson	Katie Showalter	Clear Lake Eve.
Harlan Seri	Michael Ravera	Clear Lake Eve.
Michelle Nederhoff	Kinsey Aldinger	Iowa Falls
Tracy Merfeld		Marble Rock
Nellie O'Mara	Kristin Buehner	Mason City Noon
Larry Weide	John Lundberg	Mason City Noon
Mark Parker	Randy Johnson	New Hartford

In Memory

Dennis Jackson – Kamrar
Ross Enabnit – Marble Rock

9NC CONVENTION

Saturday April 4, 2020

Rockwell Community Center
Rockwell, Iowa
(10 miles south of Mason City on U.S. Hwy. 65)

Cabinet meeting	9:30 AM
Morning Sessions	10:30 AM
Luncheon	NOON
Guest Speaker	12:30 PM
Business Meeting	1:00 PM
Election of Officers	1:30 PM
Memorial Service	2:00 PM
Awards, Recognitions & Parade of Checks	2:30 PM
Closing	3:00 PM

REGISTRATION FORM

Registration and lunch: \$20 x _____ = \$ _____

NAMES: _____

Make checks payable to:
9NC Convention
by March 31

Mail to: PDG Michael Nissly
PO Box 606
Iowa Falls IA 50126-0606

District 9NW

District Governor Dale Schoening

1747 R Ave.
Madrid, Iowa 50156

515-290-7737
daschoening@gmail.com



Update On New Clubs

The Denison Latino Lions Branch Club is now operating. They have planned a membership drive as they continue to work toward charter strength and we hope to hear soon about their first club project.

As of Feb. 11, the planned Campus Lions Club at Western Iowa Tech Community College in Sioux City had 17 people signed up. They are getting very close to charter strength and are eager to get started!

District Convention

District 9NW Convention will be Saturday, April 18 in the Rocklin Conference Center at Western Iowa Tech Community College, 4647 Stone Ave. in Sioux City. Park in Lot 2 and enter through Entrance #6.

Registration is a very reasonable \$25 per person. Please register in advance so we can get a reasonably accurate meal count for the noon meal.

If you decide to come on Friday night and stay overnight, our convention motel is the Super 8 Morningside at 4307 Stone Ave., just a few blocks west of WITCC. We have a block of rooms reserved for \$60 plus tax for a single or \$65 plus tax for a double room. Their phone number is 712-522-1792. When you call to make a reservation, ask for the special rate for Lions District 9NW.

Friday night's schedule is still somewhat up in the air. The tentative plan is for any who are in town to gather at a nearby restaurant for some informal time with ID Mike Banks of Stillwater, Oklahoma, and his spouse but this could change. More details will be provided in the April issue.

In Memoriam

We remember with gratitude the following Lions who have concluded their life of service on earth:

Club	Member	Years a Lion
Rockwell City	Robert Onnen	23



WAY TO JUST ASK! Akron Lions Club Secretary Bob Watson presents his wife, President Dee Watson, with a Member Key from Lions Clubs International recognizing her for sponsoring 15 new Lions members.

Tentative Saturday schedule:

- 8:00 AM District Cabinet meeting
- 9:00 AM Opening and welcome
- 9:05 AM Iowa KidSight--Lori Short
- 9:30 AM Break
- 9:45 AM "Enhancing Your Club's Service Through Grants"
- 10:45 AM Break
- 11:00 AM USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum
- 11:15 AM Meet our new Lions Clubs
- 11:45 AM Memorial Service
- 12:00 PM Lunch
- 12:45 PM Afternoon Program
- Opening Ceremonies
- District Peace Poster Winner
- Introduction of Dignitaries
- Keynote Address by ID Mike Banks
- Business Meeting
- Election of Officers
- Presentation of Awards and Gifts
- Parade of Checks
- Closing Ceremonies
- 3:00 PM Adjourn

NEW MEMBERS

*We welcome these new Lions
who have joined us in service!*

CLUB	MEMBER	SPONSOR
Carroll	Mary J. Tuel	reinstated
Carroll	Kristina Soyer	Sondra Rierson

Wall Lake
Darren M. Clayton
AND, the members of the Denison Latino Lions Branch Club (a branch of the Carroll Lions Club!)

Clemente Velasco
Robert Lyons
Ana Y. Lopez
Josefa Lopez
Ramon Gonzalez
Ervin D. Chavez Corado
Guillermina Mendoza
Kayla Miller
Pablo Chapa
Mario F. Flores

At the end of January, District 9NW had 775 members in 36 chartered clubs and a branch club. This is a net gain of 7 for the month of January and a net loss of 22 for the year.

How do we get new members? The answer is the same as it has always been. **ASK THEM!**

Club Activities for January

CHURDAN delivered Meals on Wheels five days each week.

EAGLE GROVE led the Coats for Kids project which provided 302 coats (as well as undies, sweats, etc.) to needy students in Merrill, Hinton and Le Mars.

We are aware that at least part of the reason so little is being reported is because a lot of our clubs have not yet figured out how to use the new MyLion reporting system. This month the only things reported by clubs on MyLion were a few monetary donations, which do great good but which I generally don't report here because our motto is "We Serve" not "We Write Checks." I would much rather report on hands-on projects you are doing for your community. The two items mentioned above were both reported to me via email, not MyLion.

If you need help with MyLion, contact District IT Chair Carl Duling. His contact info is in the Who's Who, or can be obtained from the State Office or DG Dale. Please report your service! We want to know and celebrate what you are doing to serve your community and the wider world!

We are planning to provide a Technology Help Desk at our district convention. If you still need help with MyLion, MyLCI, or anything else in Lions related to technology, you will be able to talk in person with knowledgeable people who can help you.



REGISTRATION FORM 9NW CONVENTION Saturday April 18, 2020

Rocklin Conference Center
Western Iowa Tech Community College
4647 Stone Ave., Sioux City, Iowa

*A block of rooms has been reserved at
Super 8 Morningside
4307 Stone Ave., Sioux City*

*Call Direct (712) 522-1792 and ask for the
Lions District NW special rate*

CLUB _____

NAMES _____

Convention registration and lunch

\$25 x _____ = \$ _____

Please mail registration so we receive
it by April 13, 2020

Make checks payable to:
Lions District 9NW

Mail to: Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer
Raymond H. Ohlinger
201 NW 7th St.
Pocahontas, IA 50574

Clubs remember to bring your banners!

District 9EC

District Governor Tony Hill

39643 Nita Dr.

Bellevue, Iowa 52031

563-349-5274

74tony.hill@gmail.com



Hello Lions of District 9EC – find our District Convention Registration form on Page 23 in this issue of The Iowa Lion. By the time you get this newsletter, you will have a week or so to get your registration completed and turned in to Karen Tack from the Clinton Lions Club. The setting for the convention will be awesome, with a beautiful view of the Mississippi River!

MY QUESTION IS which club in District 9EC will have the most members attending the convention? Like I mentioned in last month's newsletter, the club that has the most members attending will receive an award. My Goal is to get AT LEAST two members from every club in the district to attend. So District 9EC members, I am counting on you to make a commitment to attend the convention.

We have some good programs that will be presented and I hope you enjoy them. Here are some of the presentations.

- STAGE 2 Recognition Awards for our 122/366 LEAP FORWARD Membership Contest
- MEMORIAL SERVICE of deceased Lions
- Eyeglass Mission Trip to HAITI
- Clinton River Kings & Queens LEOS Service Presentation
- Genetics & Your Health
- ID Bob Block Keynote Address
- PEACE POSTER District Winner
- Recognition Awards
- District Chair UPDATES
- District Nominations & Vote
- Auctions of: Signed Matted Peace Poster Print, Mississippi Cottage weekend for 2 of fishing and/or water sightseeing tour & more!

DECEMBER NEW MEMBERS

— Welcome to Lions! —

MEMBER	SPONSOR	CLUB
Bruno Bracewell	Terry Durham	Cedar Rapids Noon
Stephany J. Brown	Pauline Bland	Clinton
Dale E Rowson	Dennis Schroeder	Low Moor
Kayla J. Benefiel	Pravin Patel	Muscatine
Greg Bock Jr.	Pravin Patel	Muscatine
Sharon L Hodgden	Judy Archer	Tipton
Arlene Hotz	Brenda Hotz	Tipton
William L. Hotz	Jeff Hotz	Tipton

In Memoriam

Member	Club	Years a Lion
Pravin D Patel	Muscatine	1 Year

Our Districts 122/366 LEAP FORWARD Contest works like this (Please refer to the complete rules of this contest). Everyone that has sponsored a New Member from Oct. 31, 2019 through Feb. 29, 2020, as well as membership chairs and club presidents in clubs that have a net membership growth need to be present and recognized at the convention.

We are going to have some very special guests at our Spring Convention. International Director Bob Block and his partner in service Brenda will be present at all our activities on Saturday. Mary and I met ID Bob and Brenda at the USA/Canada forum in Spokane, Washington, last September. We are very excited to have them come to our convention here in Iowa. Let's give Bob and Brenda a warm IOWA welcome! My goal for the convention is to make it the best one you have ever attended!

Well, if you haven't heard, we were successful on getting a new Lions club in Wilton. I want to thank 1st VDG Stan Stanfield; without his persistence, this would not have happened. I also want to point out Terry Durham, because Terry was very helpful. I also want to thank all the others that helped this come to fruition. STAY TUNED as we will be announcing a CLUB CHARTER NIGHT where all the clubs in our district can come and celebrate as well as support the new club through donations or door prizes.

CLUB SERVICE ACTIVITIES

January 2020

IMPORTANT! If you did not enter a service activity into MyLion, your service activity will NOT be listed in this report.

ALBURNETT donated \$100 to Campaign 100.

BLUE GRASS recruited members for the new Wilton Lions Club; played the accordion for the residents of a nursing homes in Muscatine, Kalona and Wilton; recycled and composted; served refreshments at Risen Christ Lutheran Church for the fellowship; served at the pancake breakfast and bake sale for the Blue Grass American Legion; knitted one scarf and one cap for a senior lady at the String-A-Long; attended assemblies at Blue Grass Elementary School and awarded 17 Cat Paw prints to students; assembled baby care kits for Lutheran World Relief; cleaned fish for the Fish Fry at the Durant American Legion.

CEDAR RAPIDS NOON thanked teachers for their dedication and generosity by presenting them with \$300 to use for school supplies; recognized teachers, the administrative assistant and the custodians for their contributions to students welfare; collected eyeglasses for recycling; conducted a first 50/50 raffle event at Kennedy High School with a goal to raise funds in support of Childhood Cancer. After distributing \$187 to the raffle winner, the remaining \$187 profit will be split between Gems of Hope, Beat Cancer Today and Stead Family Children's Hospital.

CLINTON conducted KidSight screenings.

DEWITT held travelogues to support the club's donations and service activities; supported the Central DeWitt Athletic Association's annual Cake Auction with a \$200 donation for a cake; had a diabetes nurse/director from Genesis Health Group speak at the regular meeting on the importance of education and awareness.

DEWITT NITE donated \$600 to the county fair in memory of a deceased member; donated \$1,000 to the Dolly Parton Literacy Program to help purchase books for kids.

ELDRIDGE held a food drive; hosted game night at Grand Haven Retirement Community; did eyeglass collection and recycling; held its annual Trivia Night; greeted NS Junior High students as they came into the school.

FAIRFAX assisted with the Knights of Columbus blood drive.

HIAWATHA packed 400 bags of food for the BackPack program for HACAP.

LOWDEN did a KidSight screening for 17 children; held its annual Soup Luncheon; donated \$110 to the Lowden Elementary Production Fund to buy coats, gloves, pants, hats, etc., for needy students; held a Frozen Food Fundraiser to benefit the Lowden Fire Department, Lowden EMS and Clarence Ambulance; held a blood drive and collected 39 pints.

MARION NOON approved a person for assistance from the Iowa Lions Hearing Aid Bank with a \$200 donation to pay for fittings; approved \$500 for a 4-year-old to get a hearing aid from the University of Iowa; collected 566 pairs of used glasses.

MECHANICSVILLE held a community blood drive; gave every North Cedar teacher a \$20 Walmart gift card to purchase items for their classroom.

MOUNT VERNON donated \$300 to LCIF for the wildfires in Australia and \$250 to Mount Vernon Fine Arts Association.

OTTER CREEK AREA delivered Meals on Wheels in January for elderly shut-ins.

PRESTON sponsored a blood drive along with the Preston Women's Club, collecting 36 units.

STANWOOD provided Iowa KidSight screenings at the North Cedar Elementary & Preschool in Mechanicsville and the Prairie Early Childhood Center in Cedar Rapids.

TIPTON purchased Christmas trees from a local farm to sell to the community, making \$2,775 profit; donated unsold trees to families that do not have a tree; donated \$1,000 in gift cards to the University of Iowa Childhood Cancer Center to help families and patients undergoing treatments; held its annual Community Soup Supper with a profit of \$833.

WALCOTT held a blood drive collecting 30 units.

WALKER arranged for a presentation of awards for the winner of the club's Peace Poster contest.

WYOMING removed thousands of elevated 25-watt Christmas lights, trees and pole lights from Lions displays in community business district.



FIVE MEMBER POWER TEAM. District 9EC recently welcomed five new members to the Muscatine Lions Club. Pictured L-R are 9EC District Governor Tony Hill, Dr. Anna Drier, Dr. Morgan Thorson, Kayla Benefiel, Dr. Patrick Walsh, Lt. Greg Bock.

District 9NE

District Governor Doug Boelman

1612 W. 7th St.
Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613

319-269-8601
dkboelman@cfu.net



Plans are coming together well for our 2020 9NE District Convention, which will be held Saturday March 14 at the Best Western Plus Dubuque Hotel and Conference Center in Dubuque, Iowa.

We will be having two learning sessions: the first will be on diabetes education presented by Rachel Jensen and the second on Leader Dogs for the Blind presented by Dawn Rudoff and her Leader Dog Lady. Our international guest will be Dr. Jose Marrero from Puerto Rico. We will also have a memorial service for those Lions who departed in the past year.

Congratulations to the team that has been responsible for getting the Cresco Lions Club rechartering. They will have celebrated this event on Feb. 29 before this issue was printed. We are also in the process of regrouping the Monona Lions Club. If you know of anyone in the Monona area, please contact your DG or 2nd VDG Steph Becker.

This is the time of the year to begin planning your spring community service projects. If you need to find

new projects, look for suggestions on MyLion or contact your Global Service Team coordinator.

I had the distinct pleasure of witnessing the induction of a new member, Heather Skeens, to the Cedar Falls Lions Club. They are having an exciting year of growth.

If you know of an area in our 9NE District that should be served with a new club, please contact DG Doug, 1st VDG Rich Congdon or 2nd VDG Steph Becker.

Deceased Members

CEDAR FALLS – JEAN SANDERS

LAWLER – NORBERT SHILENY

CLUB SERVICE ACTIVITIES

NASHUA had a program on the Foster Grandparent Program Serving Cerro Gordo, Chickasaw, Floyd and Mitchell Counties.

BELLE PLAINE donated \$150 to the Iowa Lions Youth Exchange Camp; had a program by two foreign exchange students at Belle Plaine. The girl is from Kenya and the boy is from Kazakhstan. Our annual pancake breakfast will be March 29 at the Belle Plaine Community Center.

VINTON cooked chili and made sandwiches and desserts to serve the public to raise funds for Eastern Iowa Honor Flight.



MERRY CHRISTMAS, INDEED!

District Governor Doug Boelman (far left) and Partner-in-Service Karen (far right) sit on Mr. and Mrs. Claus's laps (1st VDG Richard and Lion Rita Congdon) at a children's workshop in December.



NEW MEMBERS

CLUB	MEMBER
BALLTOWN	Jim P Osterberger
FREDERICKSBURG	Diane M Schoonover Richard J Schoonover
JESUP	Daniel E Federspie
OELWEIN	Lynn Boudreau
URBANA	Michele Berninghaus
VINTON	Grant Larsen



OFFICIAL VISIT. District Governor Doug Boelman with Garrison Lions Club President Merle Welte.



GROWING CLUB. Cedar Falls Lions Club President Dale Shard, far left, inducts new member Heather Skeens to the Cedar Falls Lions Club. Lion Heather was sponsored by Lion Gerald Sorenson, standing.

REGISTRATION FORM FOR 9NE DISTRICT CONVENTION

Saturday, March 14, 2020
Best Western Plus Dubuque Hotel
& Conference Center
3100 Dodge Street, Dubuque, Iowa

Friday, March 13 • *Very Informal Gathering*

Saturday, March 14

- 7:30-9:30 a.m. – Check-In / Refreshments / Delegate Certification --- Ballroom Entrance
- 8:30 a.m. – 9NE Cabinet Meeting (All Lions Welcome)
- 9:30 a.m. – Convention “Welcome to All”
- 9:45 a.m. – Learning Session One
- 11:00 a.m. – Learning Session Two
- 12:15 p.m. – Memorial Service
- 1:00 p.m. – Luncheon Buffet
- 2:15 p.m. – 9NE Business Meeting / Elections / ID ‘Talk’ / Recognitions / Closing

Room Reservations – Call Number (563) 557-8000

Please book your room by Feb. 28, 2020

Room rate Friday = \$108.90 • Saturday = \$126.90

9NE LIONS RESERVATION • Due by March 4

NAME: _____

Circle One: Lion Non-Lion

ADDRESS: _____

E-MAIL: _____

PHONE #: _____

CLUB: _____

\$22 per person • Make checks payable to: 9NE Lions

Mail reservation and fee to:

Lion Anita Mars
25 5th Ave SE
Oelwein, IA 50662

District 9MC

District Governor Judy Stone

2540 180th St.

Marshalltown, Iowa 50158

641-328-0270

jstone4254@live.com



2019/2020 Service Totals for Iowa Lions YTD

294,407 people served

1,403 activities

38,954 hours of service

44% of clubs reporting

Its almost spring! I can hear the birds singing and my dog yard is a muddy mess. Let's celebrate all things spring, like our district conventions, state convention, blooming flowers and outside play with the kids.

Your district convention is March 27 and 28, 2020, at the American Legion in Gladbrook. Please bring a new children's book to be donated to the ISSA Trust in Jamaica.

Our speaker is International Director Larry Edwards. He and his partner, Lion Susan, are from Pennsylvania. Lions Larry and Susan are both Melvin Jones Fellows,

have a daughter, son-in-law and two granddaughters living in Nevada. Since retiring, the Lions couple have thrust their time and energy into serving their community, church, Retired Veterans Association and several other non-profits.

We will also hear from Amy Snider, the volunteer coordinator of the Iowa Veterans Home in Marshalltown. She will tell us what kind of volunteers they need and what donations they could use.

I will be covering the new program called NAMI or North American Membership Initiative. We in district 9MC have all done an outstanding job of keeping our district at a plus for membership so far this Lions year. Did you know that Iowa Lions membership has not shown a plus membership in over 40 years? NAMI is going to help us correct that, so be eager to hear about it and let us know that you want to participate.

There is another really cool thing you are all getting great at, and that is reporting service activities on the MyLion app. Each month our service reporting goes up, but if you are still struggling, please let me know and we will spend one on one time with you and/or your club working out the issues.

One final note, your incoming district governor is Erica Briest from Ames Evening Lions. DGE Erica is putting together her district cabinet, so if she reaches out please take the time to think about serving your district. We also are in need of a 1st and 2nd VDG, if you are interested in learning more about this opportunity to serve your district reach out to either Erica or myself.

DYSART'S Back Roads



Boho Market

Saturday • June 6th • 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Downtown Dysart

Vintage, Handmade, Food and Fun!

Welcome New Members

Matthew Alvarado — Des Moines Host
Michelle Buethe — Grimes
David Pappas — Grinnell
Charlotte Farr — Marshalltown Noon
Leon Van Langen — Marshalltown Noon
Adam Bentley — Reinbeck
Ryan Smiles — Reinbeck

*Someone is smiling down on us again this month;
we had no deceased members this month.*

CLUB SERVICE ACTIVITIES

AMES stocked shelves at food pantry; collected eyeglasses.

AMES BREAKFAST donated to Iowa Lions Youth Exchange Camp, Leader Dog, and Boys and Girls Clubs; performed KidSight screenings.

AMES EVENING helped with Iowa State University sports.

DES MOINES SOUTH collected food box donations; held a pancake breakfast and bake sale; sorted eyeglasses for recycling; did KidSight screenings.

DYSART held a pancake breakfast; sponsored a Lifeserve Blood drive; won the best Christmas lights award; planning its first fish fry March 17.

EAST DES MOINES did KidSight screenings.

GARWIN donated to Boy Scout Troop 294.

GRINNELL did KidSight screenings and donated to food pantry.

JOHNSTON conducted its annual book sale at the Johnston Library; donated funds from joint mystery dinner with American Legion to the Can Do Cancer; supported youth homes.

MONTEZUMA held its annual toy show; did KidSight screenings.

PLEASANT HILL held a soup supper with silent auction.

URBANDALE hosted the Rolling Green PTO pancake feed and the Dollars for Scholars Pancake Brunch with Urbandale Lioness; sponsored a Lifeserve blood drive; staffed ticket booths at high school sporting events; held Bingo night at the senior center; participated in volunteer night at the Urbandale Public Library; collected 259 pairs of glasses.

9MC DISTRICT CONVENTION March 27-28, 2020

Friday, March 27 at 6:00 p.m.

Gladbrook Bowling Alley

204 Front St., Gladbrook, Iowa
Pizza and Beer or Wine – \$10

Saturday, March 28

Gladbrook American Legion

Washington & Front Streets, Gladbrook, Iowa
\$20 per person

SCHEDULE

Registration 8:30-9 a.m.

9-11 a.m. Morning of Service, MYLion training

11 a.m. - 12 noon Lunch

12:00-1:00 p.m. ID Speaker and Awards

1:00-2:00 p.m. Business meeting

2:00-2:30 p.m. Memorial service

2:30-3:00 p.m. Closing

Rooms Available in Marshalltown

NAME: _____

Circle One: Lion Non-Lion

CLUB: _____

E-MAIL: _____

PHONE #: _____

Make checks payable to: District 9MC

Mail to: W.A. Shutters, Treasurer
9807 Quail Ridge Rd.
Urbandale, IA 50322

Friday Night \$10 = _____

Saturday \$20 = _____

Total Enclosed = _____

District 9SW

District Governor Allen Zobel

1119 N. Division St.
Audubon, Iowa 50025

712-304-5066
calz@mediacombb.net



Lions of MD9, it is great to be doing Lions' work again after being absent for medical reasons (visits and things) from October through January. I missed the excitement of visiting with great Lions in 9SW. I have reconstructed most plans and will now accomplish as much as I can of what I set out to do. I thank all MD9 Lions for their prayers and messages as Chrystal fights this awful disease, CANCER, and we are winning that battle. It is not a fun trip by any means and it did take me away from doing things. I hope to now continue to move forward in all these areas, although I may need to step back, depending on the chemo/radiation treatments Chrystal is currently involved in.

With the gracious and thankful help of CC Pat Parker and PID Ardie Klemish, the dream of a symposium for up and coming Lions to learn about the "Journey of a DG" will have happened on Feb. 22. I believe this will educate Lions to the life of 1st VDG, 2nd VDG and DGE to DG. They will understand what the expectations are, their financial burden and other pertinent information, as well as a timeline of activities.

It is my goal to setup a timeline for 9SW where:

- The 2nd VDG visits the stronger clubs to practice his/her public speaking, deliver changes to programs from LCI, and introduce new ideas/goals to those clubs.
- The 1st VDG would be assigned to the status quo type clubs. These would be clubs that are not growing and whose members are less active. The 1st VDG would work to motivate them to add more activities and members.
- The DG would work with those clubs that have continued to shrink or struggle and help them to change and grow and evolve into a more stable club.

As we develop the symposium and share it on Facebook, several Lions will see the importance of this strategy. Even Area GAT Leader Greg Gilliam volunteered to help watch and move this idea to other districts. A number of PIDs (inside and outside our state) are watching to see how this leadership

educational tool progresses. It sounds like our GAT team and convention team will include this in future conventions. I believe that this method is essential to educate Lions, new and old, and to help sell leadership within clubs by learning about the Journey of a district governor. Yes, it is a three-year commitment. It is a great time for meeting old friends and making new ones. Learning new things from other clubs is essential to helping your own club and district to grow. This is a glorious opportunity to serve other Lions in a special way.

If I had been able to recruit Lions to take this journey, our district would have set up visits and actions according to this plan. I believe and feel strongly that this approach will help to reduce the drop in members and increase our growth. Taking almost a third of my year off has not been easy for me as a doer. I hope the PDG and his cabinet that follows my year will allow me to help them finish some of my action plans. I especially want to work with zone chairs to add growth and putting together new clubs. As some of you know, we have a great opportunity to add two new clubs in Essex and Hamburg without Lions helping much. This opportunity is there thanks to the LCIF Disaster Grant of \$10,500 that went toward helping schools in that flooded area. The superintendent that is shared between those two schools promises emphatically that he can get me 20+ members to create these two new clubs. I trust he will since my guardian angel has reached out to help me keep my goals intact.

I know I cannot follow myself as district governor, but I still would like to finish my own goals and plans. As a volunteer in the world's greatest service organization, I will do the best I can. I know my convention was a success, my visits have been well received and my approach to district governor and leadership changes are in place. 9SW can only hope that the 9SW District Governor Forum will begin to bring out the best of our 9SW Lions to step up and take this magical journey called District Governor.

Remember, for 9SW clubs to achieve a Club Excellence Award from LCI, your club must have growth or sponsor a new club, a specialty club, or Leo club. Your club must put your service projects in MyLion and must donate to LCIF. Your club needs to make itself visible in local media and social media. This award is not difficult to receive if your club makes this a goal. Assign different club members to push for each of these areas. Make sure you have a secretary/service chair willing to use MyLion and if you need help, reach out to your district governor for that help.

As I continue to carry out my responsibilities as your district governor, 9SW will need a team of Lions to write our goals for next year and to submit them to LCI. Let me know if you are willing to be part of the goal writing team for 2020-2021. 9SW will be putting a cabinet team together with the goal of getting a 1st VDG and 2nd VDG to begin the journey of a district governor.

My goal of +200 net growth may not occur as I had hoped, but I plan on fighting and pushing that goal to completion in spite of the road block of Chrystal's cancer. Yes, I also lost three key members of my cabinet, but there again, members of my cabinet have been phenomenal. From this district governor to those that serve in a special way; thank you Women & Family Member Specialist Juanita Reynard for a brochure to promote women in Lions; District GST Coordinator Michelle Sparks for her continued work with co-chair Verneta Andersen on the school disaster grant, service projects at the convention and now to help with \$4,000 yet to be applied to the flood victims; PID Ardie Klemish and CC Pat Parker in bringing the dream of a symposium "Journey of a District Governor" to reality; District GMT Coordinator Dean Brant for endless hours to rebuild the Orient Club; and the many offers from the state leaders to help with reaching goals of new clubs and rebirth of Red Oak and Shenandoah Lion Clubs. Are these things in REACH FOR 9SW? YOU BET THEY ARE! Let's make things HAPPEN!

New Members

Harlan Lions Club has added 8 new members this year. Way to go. They also are adding some new activities to retain these members!

CLUB	MEMBER	SPONSOR
Audubon	Debbie M. Campbell	Tracey Armentrout
Audubon	Kandi Tague	Barb Jacobsen
Harlan	Jennifer Obrecht	Donna Schmidt
Indianola Noon	James B Wooley Jr	Roger Foelske
Missouri Valley	Mary Cathryn Blackley	Minnie Fisher
Redfield	Marcella L Berry	Iva Means
Redfield	Thomas M Berry	Jay Means
Redfield	Marilyn A Wagers	Frank Wagers
Tingley	Priscilla Alvik	Sue Richards
Tingley	Sharon Weiman	G Charlene Ford
Tingley	Charles Weiman	G Charlene Ford
Waukee	Kristen N Delaney	
Winterset	Lloyd D Allard	
Winterset	Douglas J Gibson	

CLUB SERVICE ACTIVITIES

If your club is unable to use MyLion, let me know.

AUDUBON bought Christmas gifts for 11 foster families; collected food for pantry.

ATLANTIC finished their Christmas Tree sales.

EARLHAM wrote letters to homebound and elderly; delivered meals for congregate meals; read to elementary students; recycled cans.

EXIRA did Christmas food boxes for 13 families; held a Christmas party; did a fundraising breakfast for Camp Courageous, Camp Hertko Hollow and the 9SW Care and Share account.

GLENWOOD screened for KidSight; sponsored four students for Boys State; provided tee shirts to 15 students doing an environment project.

GUTHRIE CENTER gave to LCIF, Iowa Lions Foundation, Leader Dogs for the Blind, 9SW Care and Share and 9SW Disaster/Flood fund.

MILO gave \$500 scholarships; gave out four Milestone Chevron Awards for years of service including one for 50 years; donated to Camp Hertko Hollow; are looking at new service project of replacing equipment in their park.

MISSOURI VALLEY participated in the chamber of commerce's annual soup program, serving French Onion soup to 210; used the event as a recruiting tool for possible new members.

NEOLA recycled cans and plastic bottles.

REDFIELD provided funds for after-prom party at WVC; gave items to local food pantry.

WAUKEE held a food drive at local Hy-Vee to benefit the local food pantry.

Leadership Ideas for the Present

By PCC Bill Pollard

MD9 Global Leadership Team Coordinator

I attended a campus club meeting recently and was pleasantly surprised with how the meeting was conducted. The president led the meeting with each attendee being involved. They went over six or seven projects for the club to do in the next 90 days. All of the projects could be done by a small group with minimal labor. I was very impressed by the enthusiasm of these young people. They are setting a good model for our older Lions.

An article on social media recently was asking Millennials what their ideas are. Some of what they brought were perspectives, not solutions or ideas. Some groups are not wanting to come to a middle territory and we shouldn't waste our time. The leadership needed by them could be adapted if they were willing to come to common ground.

MD9 DGE training is just around the corner and new Lions are stepping up to become leaders. My hope is that there are other Lions wanting to step up, but are hesitant for a number of reasons. I would very much like for anyone thinking about stepping up into the district governor role to contact me so I could dispel misinformation. It can be fun and rewarding, you just have to step up.

New officer training for the club level is in need in the upcoming months so our new officers have an opportunity to start the new year prepared to succeed. Count on hearing from your District GLT for dates and times.

I was thrust into a leadership role in the military. It was a coarse form of leadership, at best. You had to make decisions that sometimes were not popular, but had to be made for the greater good. Later in life work did the same, a different type of leadership was needed. The people needed to be guided and shown what needed to be done. Convince them they needed to do this for the greater good again.

Lions has been a little different. We need to show you confidence and make it where Lions want to help to make their club stronger. Most of our Lions are not afraid of work, so long as they know it will make their club stronger.

What can we do to accomplish that? Training!

Show our Lions how a project works. Show them how a club operates. Make sure we have the correct answers they need, or know where to get the answer for them. Be ready to change old ideas that don't work anymore. Don't be afraid of failure, be ready to build from it.

I heard it said again today "Teamwork makes the dream work" but it won't work without leadership.

Free or Low-Cost Training Available to Lions

Lions Learning Center – If you already have a MyLion account, you are all set to use this free tool with lots of leadership classes for running meetings, planning events and even dealing with difficult people. It also has online club officer training classes for presidents and vice presidents, secretaries and treasurers. All of these are available any time of day from your smartphone, tablet or computer.

Lions University – Another set of free classes offered by the Lions who bring us the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum. Access this program with lots of free classes through lionsforum.org. You'll need to know your member number to get started. Find it on your membership card. If your club doesn't issue membership cards, contact your club secretary or president to find out your number.

Once you have your Lions University account, you will have access to classes on Bachelors, Masters and Doctorate levels from USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum. You can take the classes in any order you like, but must complete 10 requirements and five electives at each level, as well as meeting some Forum attendance and other leadership requirements to earn those degree levels.

Certificates of degree are presented at the USA/ Lions Leadership Forum each year.

Lions Institutes – Lions Clubs International offers several institutes in each year, including Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute, Advanced Lions Leadership Institute and Faculty Development Institute.

These schools of instruction typically cost \$150-\$200 to attend, but meals and lodging are usually included in that tuition cost.

Updated Form 1-9-2020



District 9EC Spring Convention - Registration Form

122/366 - LEAP FORWARD in 2019-2020

LOCATION: EAGLE POINT LODGE
4101 N. 3rd Street
Clinton, IA 52732

DATE: Saturday, March 21st 2020

TIME: 8:30 AM - Registration & Continental Breakfast
9:15 AM - Call to Order
11:15 AM - Memorial Service
NOON - Recognition Luncheon
4:00 PM - Approx. Close

COST: Early Bird Registration \$25.00
Deadline - Cash or Check must be in hand by Saturday, March 7th
\$30.00 after Saturday, March 7th

Saturday Registration Includes, Continental Breakfast, Lunch & Refreshments

Make checks payable to: Clinton Lions Club
Attn: Karen Tack
2111 Center Court
Clinton, Iowa 52732

Last Date of RSVP's – Tuesday, March 17th 2020, you can register by USPS (snail mail) or email to 74tony.hill@gmail.com

- NAME: _____
CLUB NAME: _____
PHONE #: _____
EMAIL: _____
- NAME: _____
CLUB NAME: _____
PHONE #: _____
EMAIL: _____

# of attendees	_____
Early Bird \$25. X	_____
Regular \$30. X	_____
TOTAL =	_____

NOTES: Please bring your club banner. Also, Clubs are asked to bring a couple of door prizes.



LCIF CAMPAIGN 100 has a goal of raising \$3 million in a three-year period to continue to fund grants for Lions service projects through the next century. Both Lions clubs and Lions members are being asked to contribute to this extraordinary fundraising campaign, as well as to apply for grants to jump start service projects in their communities.



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LCIF Jump Starts Projects

*By PDG Jim Bixler
MD9 LCIF Coordinator*

LCIF is a jump starter of projects. These good works can have lasting results, one in particular – Iowa KidSight – continues through our local support. Another is the Diabetes Grant awarded to the Lions Clubs in Newton, Montezuma, Kellogg and Victor to start a diabetes education project in conjunction with Grinnell Regional Hospital. Clinton Kings & Queens Leo Club also took advantage of an LCIF grant to start a back-to-school kickoff event. It starts by having an idea and asking LCIF for the funding.

So as Lions, we at LCIF are asking for your support in this Campaign 100. Support has not been asked like this since Campaign SightFirst II. We are asking for your PERSONAL support as a Lion.

We Lions are many in number (1,415,226 to be exact). If we all make a contribution to Campaign 100, goal will be reached and more projects serving our communities will be made possible.

To jump start personal giving in the period January 2020 through April 2020, I personally challenge each district to increase new personal giving to LCIF. I

will match up to \$1000 in total per district for new personal contribution to LCIF. So at the end of April 2020 MD9's collective \$7,000 in new personal giving will be turn into a total of \$14,000 for LCIF. So how about it?

Some Lions have made a pledge to give a little each month to Campaign 100 for the next year or three years.

We have one official Model Club in MD9 and it's in 9EC. Ask me or your district LCIF coordinator how close you are and how easy it is to attain. The formula looks like this:

$[\text{Number of Club Members}] \times [\text{US\$500}] = \text{Model Club Minimum Financial Goal in US\$}$

EXAMPLE: A club with 30 members has a minimum financial goal of \$15,000 (30 x US\$500 = \$15,000)

Clubs have until June 30, 2022, to raise and donate funds to LCIF. Best of all, many clubs are already on their way to achieving Model Club status! All funds donated directly to LCIF from declared Model Clubs since July 1, 2017, count toward the minimum Model Club financial goal!

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9EC SPRING CONVENTION

LCIF

AUCTION ITEM



Would you like to spend a day in Northeast Iowa
at a cottage on the Mississippi River?

DG Tony & Mary Hill have gifted (to the highest
bidder) a day* on the Mississippi

Package for 2 Includes:

- Tour Guide & Hosts – Tony & Mary
- Fishing (bring your license) or
- A Casual day sightseeing in a boat enjoying the sandbars, beaches, marinas & wildlife
- Fishing Poles, Tackle & Bait
- Lunch at a Waterside Restaurant
- Grilled Steak Supper back at their cottage

Value?
Priceless!!

Please bring your swimsuit, sunhat & sunglasses !!

*Day to be negotiated between the highest bidder and the Hill's



A DAY OF FUN ON THE MISSISSIPPI !

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AUCTION AT THE 9EC SPRING CONVENTION!

The picture below is a framed, matted and signed
print of the 2018-2019 International PEACE
POSTER Winner themed “Kindness Matters”



Please take a minute to visualize this print in a bedroom of a child or grandchild, in a family room or your office or business. The artist is a 13-year-old boy from Taiwan and his name is Yi-Chih Lin. The dimensions are 20" X 28". Come and be prepared to bid on this and take this home with you!! Take some time to look at all of the details of this picture, it is phenomenal!!

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE Iowa Lions Foundation!

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Belle Plaine Lions Club
Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, March 29

7:30 AM - 12:00 Noon

Belle Plaine Community Center

Proceeds go toward Belle Plaine Parks & Rec
Summer Ball programs & other projects

Free Diabetes Screenings by



UnityPoint Clinic

(fasting optional)

**Pancakes, Sausage
& Scrambled Eggs**

FREE WILL DONATION



Enter to win a **FREE POOL PARTY** at Belle Plaine Aquatic
Center this summer, courtesy of Belle Plaine Parks & Rec

Drawing at noon • Must be under 18 to enter

Usable eyeglasses and hearing aids will be collected

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TAKE ACTION TO EMPOWER YOU!

Women's Symposium

**SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2020
9:15 AM - 1:15 PM**

McNider Art Museum
303 2nd St SE
Mason City, IA 50401

- Learn about helping victims of human trafficking with Joy Fopma from Wings of Refuge.
- Touch base on taking care of your own health. Keith Hargis RD, LD, CDE from Mercy One will talk to us about the special concerns of pre-diabetes and portion distortion.
- Hear the "MY HEART STORY" by Lion Linda Molenda, creating awareness for women and heart health.

*Free Blood Sugar Screening
Continental Breakfast & Light Snack Provided*

Sponsored by District 9NC Lions Clubs

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We're Having a Lions Party!



Marshalltown Evening Lions **50th Anniversary Party!**

Saturday, April 18th
Marshalltown American Legion Post #46 Lounge
1301 S. 6th St.
Marshalltown, IA 50158
Social Time 5:00 to 6:00 pm

6:00 PM Dinner catered by Smokin' G's

Included in the evening will be Lions Taitwisting, a 50/50 raffle, silent auction, and slide shows of the 'History of Lions' with members of the Evening Lions!

8:00 PM Trivia FUNDRAISING Contest!

Interested in trivia? Get a team together of 4-6 members (over 21) and pay a \$40 entry fee. Funds raised will be divided in thirds for the American Legion, Lions Clubs International (LCIF) & Juvenile Diabetes!

\$50 & \$25 cash prizes for Trivia Team winners! Each trivia team member will receive a drink ticket for pop or beer & free snacks. Teams can also purchase up to 6 "Mulligans" for \$5 each (which allows teams to "pass" on a hard trivia question but get credit for getting it correct). There will be 4 Rounds of 66 Trivia questions total.

Reservations with payment due by April 10--space is limited!

of Meals _____ @ \$20 per person = \$ _____

of Trivia Teams _____ @ \$40 per team = \$ _____

Mail check(s) to Marshalltown Evening Lions
c/o Lion Tim Fienup
906 Ratcliffe Dr.
Marshalltown, IA 50158

...or contact Tim at tfienup@gmail.com or 641-485-9942

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Share 100 Years of Lions with the Cedar Rapids Noon Lions



June 13, 2020
Elmcrest Country Club
1 Zach Johnson Dr.
Cedar Rapids, Iowa
5:30 PM

Movies from the 1920s; Cedar Rapids Noon Lions' History; Awards

Guest Speaker: Lions International Vice President Brian Sheehan

Dinner Choice:

Braised Beef Short Ribs: # _____ @ \$50 = _____.

Pistachio Crusted Chicken # _____ @ \$50 = _____.

Baked Eggplant & Forest Mushroom Roulade # _____ @ \$50 = _____.

Total: \$ _____

Make Checks Payable to Cedar Rapids Noon Lions

Name: _____

Spouse/Guest: _____

Address: _____

Club: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Mail to: Lion Don Magee
PO Box 1881
Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52406

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Lions Clubs of Iowa Multiple District 9, Constitution

(Adopted at State Convention Cedar Rapids June 7, 2014)(June 6, 2020)

ARTICLE I Name

The name of this organization shall be "Lions Clubs of Iowa, Multiple District 9, Incorporated." It shall be comprised of what constitutes "Multiple District 9 – Iowa – The International Association of Lions Clubs."

ARTICLE II Purposes

The purposes of this multiple district shall be:

- (a) To provide an administrative structure with which to advance the Purposes of Lions Clubs International in this multiple district.
- (b) To create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.
- (c) To promote the principles of good government and good citizenship.
- (d) To take an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community.
- (e) To unite the members in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding.
- (f) To provide a forum for the open discussion of all matters of public interest; provided, however, that partisan politics and sectarian religion shall not be debated by club members.
- (g) To encourage service-minded people to serve their community without personal financial reward, and to encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works and private endeavors.

ARTICLE III Membership

The members of this organization shall be all Lions clubs in Multiple District 9 chartered by and in good standing with Lions Clubs International. Multiple District 9 shall consist of sub-districts with boundary lines as adopted by a multiple district convention and approved by the International Board of Directors of Lions Clubs International.

ARTICLE IV Emblem, Colors, Slogan and Motto

Section 1. **EMBLEM.** The emblem of this association and each chartered club shall be of a design as follows:

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Section 2. **USE OF NAME AND EMBLEM.** Use of the name, goodwill, emblem and other logos of the association shall be according to the guidelines established in the by-laws.

Section 3. **COLORS.** The colors of this association and of each chartered club shall be purple and gold.

Section 4. **SLOGAN.** Its Slogan shall be: Liberty, Intelligence, Our Nation's Safety.

Section 5. **MOTTO.** Its Motto shall be: We Serve.

ARTICLE V Supremacy

This Constitution and By-Laws shall govern Multiple District 9 unless otherwise amended so as not to conflict with the International Constitution and By-Laws and policies of Lions Clubs International. Whenever there exists a conflict or a contradiction between the provisions set out in the Multiple District 9 Constitution and By-laws and the International Constitution and By-Laws, then the International Constitution and By-Laws shall govern.

ARTICLE VI Officers and Council of Governors

Section 1. **COMPOSITION.** The Council of Governors shall be composed of all the district governors in Multiple District 9 and shall also include one past district governor who shall serve as council chairperson.

Each member of the council of governors, including the council chairperson, shall have one (1) vote on each question requiring action of the council of governors.

The council chairperson shall serve for a one-year term only and cannot serve in that capacity again.

Section 2. **OFFICERS.** The officers of the Council of Governors shall be the council chairperson and vice council chairperson each of whom shall be elected annually and the secretary and treasurer described as follows. The Council shall have as its secretary, the state administrator, and shall have a treasurer, who shall be the state administrator, and if there is no state administrator, the District Governors shall elect a secretary and a treasurer, who may not be combined. Such officer(s) may be, but need not be, members of the Council.

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Section 3. **POWERS.** Except where inconsistent with and contrary to the provisions of the articles of incorporation and constitution and by-laws of Lions Clubs International, the powers granted therein to the board of directors of said association, and the policies and acts of said board of directors, the Council of Governors shall:

- (a) Have jurisdiction and control over all officers and agents, when acting as such, of the Council of Governors and all committees of the multiple district and multiple district convention;
- (b) Have management and control over the property, business and funds of the multiple district;
- (c) Have jurisdiction, control and supervision over all phases of the multiple district convention and all other meetings of the multiple district;
- (d) Have original jurisdiction, when authorized under policy of the international board of directors and under rules of procedure prescribed by said board, to hear and rule upon any complaint of a constitutional nature raised by any sub-district or districts, and Lions club, or any member of a Lions club, in the multiple district. All such rulings of the Council of Governors shall be subject to review and decision by said international board;
- (e) Have control and management of all budgetary matters of the multiple district and committees of the multiple district and multiple district convention. No obligation may be approved or made which shall effect result in an unbalanced budget or deficit in any fiscal year.

Section 4. **REMOVAL.** Members of the Council of Governors, other than a District Governor, may be removed for cause by an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the entire number of the Council of Governors.

ARTICLE VII Multiple District Convention

Section 1. **TIME AND PLACE.** An annual convention of this multiple district shall be held in each year and completed at least 30 days prior to the start of the international convention as provided in the by-laws.

Section 2. **CLUB DELEGATE FORMULA.** Each chartered club in good standing in Lions Clubs International, and its district and in Multiple District 9 shall be entitled at each convention of Multiple District 9 to one voting delegate and one alternate for each ten (10) members of said club, or major fraction thereof, who have been enrolled for at least one year and a day in the club, as shown by the records of Lions Clubs International on the first day of the month preceding the month during which the convention is held. The major fraction referred to in this section shall be five or more members. Each vote on any question can be cast only by a delegate present in person at the convention and no delegate shall cast more than one vote on each question. All district governors, past international directors, past international presidents and past district governors shall be delegates to the Multiple District 9 convention and shall not be counted as delegates from their home clubs, and the authorized delegation from the home club of such persons shall not count them as delegates. Unless otherwise specified herein, the affirmative vote of a majority of the delegates voting on any question shall be the act of the

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convention. All club members are eligible to be delegates if they meet the following criteria. All eligible delegates must be members in good standing of a club in good standing in this multiple district.

Delinquent dues ~~may~~ **must** be paid and good standing acquired ~~at any time prior to the close of credential certification, as such closing time shall be established by the rules of the respective convention.~~ **in accordance with Lions Clubs International rules, fifteen days (15) prior to the start of the multiple district convention.**

Section 3. **QUORUM.** A majority of the delegates in attendance at any session of a sub-or multiple district convention shall constitute a quorum.

Section 4. **PROXY VOTING.** Proxy voting is prohibited in club, district and multiple district association affairs.

Section 5. **SPECIAL CONVENTION.** A Special Convention of the clubs of Multiple District 9 may be called by a two-thirds vote of the Council of Governors at such time and place as they shall determine; provided that such Special Convention shall conclude no less than ~~15~~ **30** days prior to the convening date of the International Convention. Written notice of the Special Convention setting forth the time, place and purpose thereof, shall be provided to each club in the Multiple District by the Multiple District Council Secretary, no less than 30 days prior to the convening date of the Special Convention. Special conventions convened during the ~~Multiple District 9 Mid-Winter Leadership Conference~~ **Iowa Lions Learning Conference** shall only consider endorsements of officers or directors of Lions Clubs International.

ARTICLE VIII

Multiple District Dispute Resolution Procedure

All disputes relative to membership, club boundaries, or interpretation, breach of, or application of the multiple district constitution and by-laws, or any policy or procedure adopted by the Multiple District 9 Council of Governors, or any other internal Lions multiple district matter that cannot be satisfactorily resolved through other means, arising between any clubs or sub districts in the multiple district, or any club(s) or sub-district(s) and the multiple district administration, shall be settled by the dispute resolution procedure set out by Lions Clubs International and included in the Lions Clubs of Iowa Policy Manual.

ARTICLE IX

Amendments

Section 1. **AMENDING PROCEDURE.** This constitution may be amended only at an annual Multiple District 9 convention by resolution reported by the Constitution and By-laws Committee and adopted by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast.

(a) Any amendment to these articles may be proposed by the Constitution and By-Laws Committee, by the Council of Governors, by a District Cabinet, or by an individual Lions Club.

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(b) Any proposed amendment may be considered by action at the Multiple District 9 convention only if:

(1) A copy of the proposed amendment(s) or proposal for amendment(s) or a notice of the nature and general content of the amendment and the section proposed to be amended, shall be published in the issue of the 'Iowa Lion' for March immediately preceding the Multiple District 9 annual convention

OR

(2) In lieu of the publication provided in Sec. 1(b)(1) above, the Secretary-Treasurer of the Council of Governors shall, not later than 30 days prior to the Multiple District 9 annual convention, publish by regular post or electronic means to the secretary of each Lions Club in Iowa a copy of the proposed amendment(s) or proposal for amendment(s) or a notice of the nature and general content of the amendment(s) and the section(s) proposed to be amended.

(c) In the event that any amendment is presented to the convention, the same may be amended on the floor of the convention, so long as the proposed change is germane to the amendment.

Section 2. **NOTICE.** No amendment shall be so reported or voted upon unless the same shall have been published by regular post or electronic means to each club no less than thirty (30) days prior to the convening date of the annual convention with notice that the same will be voted upon at said convention.

Section 3. **AUTOMATIC UPDATE.** When amendments to the International Constitution and By-Laws are passed at the International Convention, any amendments that would have an effect on the Multiple District 9 Constitution and By-Laws shall automatically be updated in the Multiple District 9 Constitution and By-laws at the close of the International Convention.

Section 4. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** Each amendment shall take effect at the close of the convention at which adopted unless otherwise specified in the amendment.

Lions Clubs of Iowa By-Laws

(Adopted at State Convention in Cedar Rapids June 3, 2017)(June 6, 2020)

ARTICLE I Definition

For the purpose of administration, Lions Clubs of Iowa, which includes all the State of Iowa, consists of Districts known as District 9-EC, 9-MC, 9-NC, 9-NE, 9-NW, 9-SE and 9-SW.

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The sub-district boundaries shall be as recommended by the State Redistricting Committee and approved by the Multiple District 9 Convention held at Des Moines, Iowa on June 10, 2006.

ARTICLE II Officers

Section 1. COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

(a) Candidacy

Sitting districts governors and past district governors who have served as a district governor not more than two years before candidacy for council chairperson may be considered for the office of council chairperson. Candidates must be members in good standing in a club in good standing in Multiple District 9. Candidates for council chairperson shall announce their candidacy at the fall Council of Governors meeting, usually held in October. A council chairperson shall serve for a one-year term only and cannot serve in that capacity again.

(b) Election

The council chairperson shall be elected by the district governors-elect and first vice district governors at the **third** Council of Governors meeting. ~~in conjunction with the Mid-Winter Leadership Conference~~

(c) Duties

The council chairperson's duties shall include the following:

- (1) Be the Chief Executive Officer of the Lions Clubs of Iowa.
- (2) Formulate the agenda for each Council meeting and mail a copy to each governor at least ten days in advance of each meeting.
- (3) Preside over all meetings of the Council.
- (4) Be chief liaison officer between the Council and The International Association of Lions Clubs.
- (5) Make arrangements for any special activities in which the Multiple District 9 delegation participates at the Lions Clubs International convention.
- (6) Be responsible, when required, for making arrangements to officially convene the Lions Clubs of Iowa in convention at the ~~Mid-Winter Leadership Conference~~ **Iowa Lions Learning Conference**, for the sole purpose of considering the endorsement of any candidate(s) for International Office as provided for in these By-Laws.
- (7) Rule on all matters of protocol.
- (8) Coordinate activities of the Council, the Iowa Lions Foundation and the Editorial Board.
- (9) Advise the Council in all matters regarding International policy.
- (10) Communicate and cooperate with the State administrator in all matters regarding the operation of the state office and membership enhancement.

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(11) Assure council officers are selected in accordance with Multiple District 9 Constitution, Article VI, Section 2. The vice-council chairperson shall serve in the absence of the council chairperson.

(12) Have the specific responsibilities listed in the By-Laws of The International Association of Lions Clubs.

(13) Communicate and coordinate with the Council and the District Governors-Elect, concerning appointments to the various Multiple District 9 Committees, in accordance with the rotation schedules as shown in these By-Laws.

(14) Serve as an ex-officio member of the Convention Planning Committee.

(15) Receive a list of proposed committee members from the convention planning committee chairperson within ten days of the chairperson's appointment and present the list to the district governors-elect for appointment, to be completed by the close of the Multiple District 9 annual convention.

Section 2. MULTIPLE DISTRICT 9 COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS (COUNCIL)

The Council of Governors is the deliberative body which assists in the formulation of administrative plans and policies affecting the multiple district, including the Multiple District 9 convention.

(a) The Council of Governors shall have the members and the powers set out in Article VI of the Multiple District 9 Constitution.

(b) The Council of Governors duties shall include the following:

(1) Make all contracts and approve all bills relating to the Multiple District 9 convention administrative expenses;

(2) Designate a depository for Multiple District 9 funds;

(3) Determine the amount of a surety bond for the Council's secretary/treasurer and approve the surety company issuing said bond;

(4) Demand and receive from the State administrator financial reports semi-annually or more frequently and make provision for a financial review at the end of the fiscal year of the books and accounts of the Multiple District 9 secretary/treasurer.

(5) Provide for the transfer of any surplus over \$10,000 left in the Multiple District 9 Convention Administrative Fund to the Multiple District 9 General Fund;

(6) When necessary, recommend changes in the amount of Multiple District 9 per capita tax collected for Multiple District 9 administrative expenses, Multiple District 9 convention administrative fund tax and maximum allowable district per capita tax.

Section 3. STATE ADMINISTRATOR

(a) The position of State administrator consists of responsibilities as state secretary-treasurer and as field representative for Multiple District 9.

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(b) The amount of time spent as state secretary-treasurer and as field representative will be ~~approximately equal, but will be determined and adjusted~~ as necessary by the Council of Governors.

(c) The State administrator shall receive such compensation as may be determined by the Council and shall serve at the pleasure of the Council.

(d) The State administrator shall furnish bond for the faithful performance of duties, in such manner and such sureties as the Council may direct. The cost, if any, is to be paid from the general funds of this corporation.

(e) The duties of the State administrator shall include the following: Be responsible for the operation of the State Office under the direction of the Council and supervise correspondence and other detailed matters that require personal attention

(1) Operate under a budget approved by the Council.

(2) Be Secretary of the Council, attend all meetings of the Council, keep an accurate record of the proceedings, and forward copies of the minutes of same to each Council member.

(3) Serve as treasurer of the Council of Governors.

(4) Serve as an ex-officio member of the Council as well as an ex-officio member of all standing committees and shall generally assist the Council in conducting the business of the state, however, shall have no vote.

(5) Perform such other duties as are specified or implied in the Constitution and By-Laws, Lions Clubs of Iowa Policy Manual, or assigned from time to time by the Council.

(6) Assist in seeing that all provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws are adhered to and carried out.

(7) Preserve the record of the corporation (association) and be responsible for a summary of statistics acquired in the multiple district from year to year, keep record of all new clubs, status quo clubs, and Charter revocations and information on all phases of Lions activities available in the State Office.

(8) Invoice the cabinet secretary of each district of Lions Clubs of Iowa semi-annually for the dues and revenues that may be fixed under the constitution and/or by-laws.

(9) Make all disbursements by check, countersigned by the council chairperson or vice council chairperson or by a district governor designated by the Council.

(10) Deposit all funds in such bank account or bank accounts as may be determined and directed by the Council, to be held and disbursed as the Council may direct.

(11) Have the minutes of all business sessions of the Multiple District 9 Convention recorded, transcribed, printed and mailed, electronically or otherwise, to the district governors, past district governors, international director, past international directors, and any Lions Club president upon request.

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(12) Serve as an ex-officio member of the Convention Planning Committee.

(f) The duties of the State administrator as field representative shall include the following:

- (1) Help any club with a Status Quo designation, upon the request of the club's district governor or of other district leadership.
- (2) Help the Districts of Lions Clubs of Iowa increase clubs' new members and retain existing members.
- (3) Perform such other duties as are specified or implied by the Constitution and By-laws, Lions Clubs of Iowa Policy Manual, or assigned from time to time by the Council.

ARTICLE III Multiple District Committees

Section 1. GENERAL

(a) The Council of Governors may appoint new committees to carry out the programs established by Lions Clubs International and by Lions Clubs of Iowa.

(1) The Council of Governors shall publish notice of committee chairperson opening for such a committee and shall appoint a chairperson.

(2) No expense of such a special committee shall be paid unless authorized by the Council of Governors.

(b) Committees shall have no power to appropriate Lions Clubs of Iowa funds.

(c) The Council of Governors shall have supervision over all committees.

Section 2. CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

(a) **Composition:** Members shall be the current cabinet secretary-treasurers.

(b) The chairperson of the committee shall be appointed by the Council of Governors from the committee members **at the final council meeting of the preceding year.**

(c) Duties shall include the following:

(1) Make certain there are enough delegate voting cards for each voting delegate.

(2) Ensure each club represented at the Multiple District convention is in good standing and each delegate is in good standing.

(3) ~~One committee member from each district, appointed by the district's district governor,~~ **The current District Cabinet Secretary or their designee**

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shall register all delegates from the district and issue delegate voting cards.

[a] A club must have no outstanding financial obligation to the Lions of Iowa to qualify for voting delegates.

[b] A Lions Club member must have no outstanding financial obligation to the Lions Clubs of Iowa to be a voting delegate.

[c] Each club is entitled to one voting delegate for each ten club members or major fraction thereof. If a club has registered fewer delegates than the full number to which it is entitled, any member of that club who has registered for the convention shall be entitled to delegate and voting privileges. The number of club delegates shall be determined by the terms set out in the Multiple District 9 Constitution

[d] If a club secretary has not provided a list of qualified delegates from the club, the district governor may certify that a club is up-to-date on all financial obligations and certify that club's voting delegates.

(e) All past district governors and current district governors are automatic delegates and will not count as a delegate from their respective clubs.

(4) Report at the convention business session the number of delegates from the committee member's district.

(5) In cooperation with the elections committee, make certain all issues are voted on, using delegate voting cards.

(6) International candidates: When notified by the council chairperson that one or more candidates for international office have met the requirements to seek endorsement by Lions Clubs of Iowa, the Credentials Committee shall make preparations to certify delegates to the Lions Clubs of Iowa in convention at the next ~~Mid-Winter Leadership Conference~~ **Iowa Lions Learning Conference** using the same rules as set forth for the Multiple District 9 Convention.

Section 3. **RULES COMMITTEE**

(a) Composition: One member from each district, appointed by the district governor. Members may be re-appointed when their districts appear in the rotation.

(b) Term: Three years, with the following rotation (which shall be repeated):

Districts 9-EC and 9-SW: July 1, 2019-June 30, 2022

Districts 9-NC and 9-NE: July 1, 2020-June 30, 2023

Districts 9NW, 9-MC and 9-SE: July 1, 2021-June 30, 2024

(1) The appointing district governor shall announce the appointment at the Council Meeting held approximately one month before the Multiple District 9 convention-

(2) If a committee membership is vacated, the district governor of the vacated membership shall appoint a replacement from the district.

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- (c) Chairperson: Shall be appointed by the Council of Governors from the committee members.
- (d) Duties shall include the following:
 - (1) Prior to the convention adopt rules for conduct and procedures during convention business sessions, for the most effective use of participants' time.
 - (2) Report these rules at the convention's opening session
 - (3) Furnish a written copy of the rules to the parliamentarian, council chairperson and state administrator.

Section 4. CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

- (a) Composition: One member from each district, appointed by the district governor. Members may be re-appointed when their districts appear in the rotation.
- (b) Term: three years, with the following rotation (which shall be repeated):
 - Districts 9-NE, 9-EC and 9-SW: July 1, 2019-June 30, 2022
 - Districts 9-NC and 9-MC: July 1, 2020-June 30, 2023
 - Districts 9NW and 9-SE: July 1, 2021-June 30, 2024
 - (1) The appointing district governor shall announce the appointment at the Council Meeting held approximately one month before the Multiple District 9 convention.
 - (2) If a committee membership is vacated, the district governor of the vacated membership shall appoint a replacement from the district.
- (c) Chairperson: Shall be appointed by the Council of Governors from the committee members.
- (d) Duties shall include the following:
 - (1) Review all proposed amendments and changes to the Constitution and By-Laws for their legality.
 - (2) Draft amendments as requested by the Council of Governors and the Iowa Lions Foundation Board of Directors, for their respective constitutions and by-laws.
 - (3) Propose future amendments to the Council of Governors and the Iowa Lions Foundation Board of Directors, for their respective constitutions and by-laws.
 - (4) Review the constitution and bylaws for language changes which do not alter or change the meaning, authority, responsibility or results of the constitution and bylaws but which clarify meaning. Such changes shall be presented to the Council of Governors for its approval to present on a convention ballot.
 - (5) The committee chairperson shall report at the business session of the state convention the following for all proposed amendments:
 - [a] Time received;
 - [b] Whether notice given to clubs;
 - [c] Committee recommendation on each amendment.

Section 5. ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

- (a) Composition: One member from each district, appointed by the district

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governor. Members may be re-appointed when their districts appear in the rotation.

(b) Term: three years, with the following rotation (which shall be repeated):

Districts 9-NE and 9-EC: July 1, 2019-June 30, 2022

Districts 9-NC and 9-SW: July 1, 2020-June 30, 2023

Districts 9NW, 9-MC and 9-SE: July 1, 2021-June 30, 2024

(1) The appointing district governor shall announce the appointment at the Council Meeting held approximately one month before the Multiple District 9 convention.

(2) If a committee membership is vacated, the district governor of the vacated membership shall appoint a replacement from the district.

(c) Chairperson: Shall be appointed by the Council of Governors from the committee members.

(d) Duties shall include the following:

(1) Supervise Lions Clubs of Iowa balloting and conduct elections pursuant to the rules set forth in the Lions Clubs of Iowa Constitution and By-Laws **and Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised**.

(2) Should there be candidates voted on, the committee shall review their qualifications.

(3) In conjunction with the credentials committee, make certain that all issues are voted with credential voting cards.

(4) Verify all qualified voters and should it be required, audit the number of ballots cast and collect all delegates' credential cards.

(5) The elections committee chairperson shall report at the first business session of the convention the which election procedures ~~to~~ **shall** be followed.

(6) The elections committee chairperson shall report at the closing session of the convention the results of voting and the committee shall submit a written report to the council chairperson and the state office.

Section 6. CONVENTION PLANNING COMMITTEE

(a) Composition: This committee shall consist of a chairperson who shall have successfully served on the committee ~~during the current year~~; a vice chairperson; and such other committee members as appointed by the chairperson and approved by the district governors-elect by the end of the Multiple District 9 convention.

(1) The convention planning committee chairperson shall be appointed by the Council of Governors-at the Council Meeting held approximately one month prior to the Multiple District 9 annual convention.

(2) The incoming convention planning committee chairperson will submit a list of proposed committee members to the council chairperson ~~elect~~ within ten (10) days prior to the state convention. ~~council chairperson's appointment for approval by the district governors-elect~~. The convention planning committee members shall be appointed by the close of the state convention prior to their term.

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- (3) The council chairperson and State administrator are ex-officio members of the convention planning committee.
- (4) The convention planning committee chairperson shall not serve successive terms.
- (b) Duties shall include the following:
 - (1) **To facilitate the selection of** the location and time of the Multiple District 9 convention and ~~Mid-Winter Leadership Conference~~; **Iowa Lions Learning Conference.**
 - (2) Make all arrangements and plan the agendas for both meetings, with the approval of the Council of Governors;
 - (3) Prepare budgets for both the Multiple District 9 convention and the ~~Mid-Winter Leadership Conference~~; **Iowa Lions Learning Conference.**
 - (4) Sign any contracts **after approval of the Council of Governors** and **oversee the payment of** all bills associated with the Multiple District 9 convention and the ~~Mid-Winter Leadership Conference~~; **Iowa Lions Learning Conference**
 - (5) Prepare and submit reports as required by the Council of Governors.

Section 7. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- (a) Composition: Three members, appointed by the Council of Governors following the schedule below, for a three-year term. This rotation shall continue.

District 9-NC	July 1, 2018-June 30, 2021
District 9-MC	July 1, 2019-June 30, 2022
District 9-SW	July 1, 2020-June 30, 2023
District 9-NE	July 1, 2021-June 30, 2024
District 9-EC	July 1, 2022-June 30, 2025
District 9-SE	July 1, 2016 2023 -June 30, 2017 2026
District 9-NW	July 1, 2017 2024 June 30, 2020 2027

- (1) Members may be re-appointed when their districts appear in the rotation.
- (2) The appointing district governor shall announce the appointment at the Council Meeting held approximately one month before the state convention.
- (3) If a committee membership is vacated, the district governor of the vacated membership shall appoint a replacement from the district.
- (b) Chairperson: Shall be appointed by the Council of Governors from the committee members.
- (c) Duties shall include the following:
 - (1) With the outgoing and incoming council chairperson and the state administrator, prepare a formal budget for the coming year. This budget shall be presented for ratification or modification by the Council of Governors at its first Council Meeting of the year.
 - (2) Make recommendations for revision of Multiple District 9 dues and funding to the Council of Governors.

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(3) In conjunction with the Personnel and Equipment Committee, review and make recommendations to the Council of Governors regarding the salaries of the administrative assistant and State administrator.

(4) Meet a minimum of twice a year: before the first Council Meeting of the year, at the ~~Mid-Winter Leadership Conference~~ **Iowa Lions Learning Conference** and any other time directed by the Council of Governors.

(5) Undertake any other duties assigned by the Council of Governors.

Section 8. PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE

(a) Composition: This committee shall consist of the council chairperson, two district governors and two first vice district governors. The first vice district governors shall serve a two-year term (their first vice-district governor year and their district governor year). The council chairperson-elect shall recommend to the Council, for its approval, at the Council Meeting associated with the Multiple District 9 convention, two new first vice-district governors for appointment.

(b) Chairperson: Shall be the council chairperson.

(c) Duties shall include the following: Meet with the Finance Committee annually to review and make recommendations to the Council of Governors regarding administrative assistants and state administrator's salaries.

Section 9. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

(a) An Information Technology Committee is established to oversee production and postings of any website or URL (Universal Resource Locator) owned or maintained by the Lions Clubs of Iowa for Multiple District 9 or district use and any networking pages on any networking website which are designated "Official Iowa Lions" networking pages.

(b) Each recognized District may maintain and own social network pages for the advancement of publicity and information within their district. District Governors may appoint a committee from their membership to design and control their social media.

~~(b)~~ (c) Composition: One voting member from each district, appointed by the district governor for a one year term.

(1) Members may be re-appointed.

(2) The appointing district governor shall announce committee members' appointment at the Council meeting held approximately one month before the Multiple District 9 convention.

(3) If a committee membership is vacated, the district governor of the vacated membership shall appoint a replacement from the district.

~~(c)~~ (d) Chairperson: The Council of Governors shall appoint either a voting chairperson from the committee members or a non-voting chairperson from Lions Club members.

~~(d)~~ (e) Duties shall include the following:

(1) Maintain, update and promote the Iowa Lions' website.

(2) Oversee **compliant** use of Lions' logo and name on the Iowa Lions' and district Lions' websites.

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(3) Such other duties as may be assigned by Lions Clubs of Iowa voting at Multiple District 9 convention or by the Council of Governors.

(4) Meet at least quarterly and as many times as are set by the committee chairperson after conferring with the State-administrator and council chairperson.

(5) Submit an annual report to the Council of Governors at the final council meeting of the Lions' year and such additional reports as the Council of Governors may require.

ARTICLE IV Meetings

Section 1. COUNCIL MEETINGS

(a) The Council of Governors shall hold a regular meeting within sixty (60) days after the date on which the district governors officially take office, and such other meetings as it deems advisable.

(b) The council chairperson, or the State administrator at the chairperson's direction, shall issue a written call for each meeting of the Council of Governors, with the time and place to be determined by the council chairperson and stated in the call.

(c) The date of the first meeting of the year shall be determined by the chairperson. The dates of any other meetings shall be determined by the Council of Governors.

Section 2. ALTERNATIVE MEETING FORMATS: Regular and/or special meetings of the Council of Governors may be held through the use of alternative meeting formats such as teleconference and/or web conference. Such action may be initiated with approval of the majority of the Council of Governors.

Section 3. QUORUM: The personal or electronic presence of a majority of the Council of Governors shall constitute a quorum at any meeting.

Section 4. BUSINESS TRANSACTED BY MAIL: The Council of Governors may transact business by mail, (including letters, electronic mail, facsimile transmission or cable), provided that no such action shall be effective until approved in writing by two-thirds (2/3) of the entire number of the members of the Council of Governors. Such action may be initiated by the council chairperson or any three (3) members of said Council.

ARTICLE V Multiple District 9 Convention

Section 1. FREQUENCY: The Multiple District 9 convention shall be held annually as provided in the Multiple District 9 Constitution.

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Section 2. **LOCATION SELECTION:** Location of the Multiple District 9 convention shall be selected by the Convention Planning Committee **and presented to the Council of Governors in a timely manner for their approval.** ~~This location will be presented to the delegates at the Multiple District 9 convention three years prior to the date for their approval. Two dates shall be offered to facilitate the selection of Lions Clubs International officers as speakers.~~

Section 3. **OFFICIAL CALL:** The Council of Governors shall issue an official printed call for the annual multiple district convention not less than thirty (30) days prior to the date fixed for holding the same, stating the place, day and hour thereof.

Section 4. **REGISTRATION FEE:** A registration fee, the amount to be determined by the convention planning committee and approved by the Council of Governors, may be collected from each person registered at the multiple district convention and will be used to offset the expenses of the convention.

Section 5. **COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS POWERS:** The Council shall have supervision over all phases of the Multiple District 9 Convention and will have review powers over the Administrative Funds as handled by the Convention Planning Committee. Any combined excess above reserve funds from the Multiple District 9 Convention and ~~Mid-Winter Leadership Conference~~ **Iowa Lions Learning Conference** shall be deposited to the general fund at close of books for the Multiple District 9 Convention.

Section 6. **OFFICERS:** The members of the Council of Governors shall be the officers of the annual Multiple District 9 Convention.

Section 7. **CONVENTION BUSINESS:** The business of the Multiple District 9 Convention shall include:

- (a) A report by the council chairperson encompassing and/or combining all districts.
- (b) A report by the State administrator.
- (c) A report by the president of Iowa Lions Foundation.
- (d) Such Committee reports as may have business before the Convention.
- (e) Such other business as may properly be the business of the Multiple District 9 Convention.

Section 8. **DELEGATES:** Each chartered club in good standing in Lions Clubs International, and its district and in Multiple District 9 shall be entitled at each convention of Multiple District 9 to one voting delegate and one alternate for each ten (10) members of said club, or major fraction thereof, who have been enrolled for at least one year and a day in the club, as shown by the records of Lions Clubs International on the first day of the month preceding the month during which the convention is held. The major fraction referred to in this section shall be five or more members. Each vote on any question can be cast only by a delegate present in person at the convention and no delegate shall cast more than one vote on each question. All district governors, past international directors, past international presidents and past district governors shall be delegates to

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the Multiple District 9 convention and shall not be counted as delegates from their home clubs, and the authorized delegation from the home club of such persons shall not count them as delegates. Unless otherwise specified herein, the affirmative vote of a majority of the delegates voting on any question shall be the act of the convention. All eligible delegates must be members in good standing of a club in good standing in this district. ~~Delinquent dues may be paid and good standing acquired at any time prior to the close of credential certification, as such closing time shall be established by the rules of the respective convention.~~

Section 9. **QUORUM:** In order that any convention business can be conducted, there must be present at the session for such business a quorum consisting of twenty-five per cent of the registered delegates to said convention, except in those instances under the constitution when a larger quorum or number of delegates may be **required** ~~provided~~ for action.

Section 10. **PROCEDURE:**

- (a) Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern all parliamentary procedure except as otherwise provided in the Rules of Procedure adopted by the convention.
- (b) The Council of Governors shall appoint a sergeant-at-arms and such assistants as it deems necessary for the convention. The sergeant(s)-at-arms and the parliamentarian appointed by the Council of Governors shall attend all business sessions of the convention.

Section 11. **OFFICIAL REPORT:** Within sixty (60) days after the close of the Multiple District 9 convention, an official report **compiled by the State Administrator** shall be forwarded to Lions Club International and made available to each club in Multiple District 9 by printed or electronic means.

ARTICLE VI

~~Mid Winter Leadership Conference~~ **Iowa Lions Learning Conference**

Section 1. **CONFERENCE CALL:** ~~During the winter of~~ Each year the Council of Governors shall call an ~~"Mid Winter Leadership Conference"~~, **Iowa Lions Learning Conference** open to all Lions. This conference shall be under direction of the Convention Planning Committee and under supervision of the Council. The Past District Governors Association will be the official hosts for this conference. Purpose of the conference will be to promote:

- (a) Leadership Development
- (b) International Programs
- (c) Such other programs of benefit to the welfare of the Lions organization

Section 2. **BUDGET:** The Convention Planning Committee Chairperson shall submit a preliminary budget, for funding this annual conference to the Council at their initial meeting. The Convention Planning Committee Chairperson shall submit a final budget

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along with a schedule of events, subject to approval by the Council, at the second Council Meeting.

Section 3. **REGISTRATION FEE:** A registration fee, the amount to be determined by the convention planning committee and approved by the Council of Governors, may be collected from each person registered at the ~~Mid-Winter Leadership Conference~~ **Iowa Lions Learning Conference** and will be used to offset the expenses of the conference.

Section 4. **ACCOUNTING AND REPORT:** At the Spring Council Meeting a final accounting and report will be presented by the Convention Planning Committee Chair. Any combined excess above reserve funds from the ~~Mid-Winter Leadership Conference~~ **Iowa Lions Learning Conference** and Multiple District 9 Convention shall be deposited to the general fund at close of books for the Multiple District 9 Convention.

Section 5. **SPECIAL CONVENTION:** On those occasions when one or more individuals have met the qualifications to be considered for International Office by the Lions Clubs of Iowa, a portion of the business meeting of the ~~Mid-Winter Leadership Conference~~ **Iowa Lions Learning Conference** shall be conducted as an official convention of Lions Clubs of Iowa and will be officially convened to vote on this matter only. The Multiple District 9 Credentials Committee and Elections Committee shall be responsible for convening and overseeing the endorsement procedures using the same rules as set forth hereto for Multiple District 9 Conventions. No other matters will be acted on by the delegates at this convention

ARTICLE VII District Conventions

During a period of not less than one month nor more than nine (9) months prior to the Multiple District 9 annual convention, there shall be held in each district a convention for the purpose of electing a district governor, first vice-district governor, and second vice-district governor, ~~When directed in the by-laws of the Iowa Lions Foundation there also shall be elected~~ **and a** Lions Club member from the district to serve as trustee on the board of the Iowa Lions Foundation. When directed in Article XII below, a member from the district to serve on the editorial board; and when directed by the Multiple District 9 by-laws, any other elective officers shall be elected.

ARTICLE VIII Multiple District Revenue

Section 1. **FUND CLASSIFICATION:** For the purpose of budgeting and control of the funds of this corporation, the funds are classified as follows:

Multiple District 9 Convention and ~~Mid-Winter Leadership Conference~~

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Iowa Lions Learning Conference Fund

Office Operating Fund

General Fund

“The Iowa Lion” Fund

Campaign Fund

Building Repair and Major Office Equipment Fund

Membership and Marketing Fund

Section 2. **DUES TAX:** To provide revenue to defray the expenses of Lions Clubs of Iowa an annual per capita dues tax shall be levied on each member of each Lions club in Multiple District 9.

(a) Amount: Effective July 1, 2014 and until changed by convention, the annual per capita dues tax shall be \$20.00.

(b) Date of computation: The per capita dues tax shall be based on the membership of each club as shown by the International Association of Lions Clubs membership records as of July 1 and January 1 each year.

(c) Collection: Said tax shall be collected from each club by the district cabinet secretary, cabinet treasurer or cabinet secretary-treasurer and paid by each district cabinet secretary treasurer to the Lions Clubs of Iowa State administrator in two installments, no later than September 10 and March 10, respectively.

(d) Exceptions

(1) Special needs members: The Council of Governors, by two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote, may grant exceptions to the per capita dues tax for individuals or clubs with special needs.

(2) Family Lions Club members: Family Lions Club members are defined as members of the same club, living in the same household and related by birth, marriage or other legal means. The first family member shall pay full Lions Clubs of Iowa dues and up to four additional family members shall pay one-half (1/2) Lions Clubs of Iowa dues as shown in Section 2 above.

(3) Student Lions Club members: Student Lions Club members are defined as Lions Club members who are high school, college or university students and members of either campus Lions clubs or other Lions Clubs and under 30 years old. Student Lions Club members, when determined eligible, shall not be assessed Lions Clubs of Iowa dues as shown in Section 2 (a) above.

(4) Procedure: Upon request by family or student members to the club secretary for reduced dues and fees the club secretary shall determine eligibility and notify the Lions Clubs of Iowa state administrator of the request and the eligibility determination. The state administrator shall provide each district cabinet secretary with a list of family and student members for use in collecting Lions Clubs of Iowa dues and fees from clubs.

Section 3. **CAMPAIGN FUND:** An additional fee of \$1.00 per club member per year shall be assessed under the terms set forth in this section.

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(a) The campaign fund shall be maintained for the purpose of paying campaign expenses of Lions Clubs of Iowa candidates for international office.

(b) The campaign fund fee shall be collected at the same time and in the same manner as in Section 2 above. The State-administrator shall notify all clubs by May 15 of the increase in dues for this \$1.00 assessment.

(c) When a campaign for election to international office causes this fund to drop below \$50,000 as of May 1 of that fiscal year, the \$1.00 fee shall be assessed on each member of each club of Lions Clubs of Iowa beginning July 1 of the next fiscal year. Said fee shall be placed in a separate Campaign Fund and will continue to be collected until the fund exceeds \$50,000.

(d) Restricted fund: The Campaign Fund shall be segregated from other funds provided in this Article and its monies shall not be transferred to other funds. Campaign Fund monies shall be expended only for the purpose of paying the campaign expenses of any Iowa Lion seeking an international office and unreimbursed expenditures approved by the Council of Governors during his/her term of office. Funds may be expended only from the date that the Lion has received the endorsement and certification of the Lions Clubs of Iowa as provided in these by-laws to the date of the end of term of office if elected **homecoming celebration** or the date the endorsement ends.

(e) A candidate qualifying for the use of Campaign Fund monies must present a budget for anticipated expenditures to the Council of Governors for approval. No expenditures except those authorized by that budget may be made by the candidate without prior authorization of the Council of Governors. Checks shall be countersigned by the candidate and the candidate's campaign chairperson.

Section 4. **MULTIPLE DISTRICT 9 CONVENTION AND MID-WINTER LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE FUND-IOWA LIONS LEARNING CONFERENCE:** \$0.17 of the funds collected under the provisions of Section 2 above shall be placed in the Multiple District 9 Convention and Mid-Winter Leadership Conference **Iowa Lions Learning Conference** Fund and used for defraying the cost of attendance prizes, reporting official proceedings, printing of credentials, certificates, official programs, ballots, delegates' and alternates' badges, printing and mailing convention proceedings as required and such other expenses as the Council of Governors deems expenses of the Multiple District 9 convention or mid-winter leadership conference **Iowa Lions Learning Conference**. Any profit from the Multiple District 9 convention or mid-winter leadership conference **Iowa Lions Learning Conference** shall be placed in this fund and disposed of as provided in these by-laws.

Section 5. **OFFICE OPERATING FUND:** \$9.63 of the funds collected under the provisions of Section 2 above shall be placed in Office Operating Fund and used for the payment of State Office operating expenses.

Section 6. **GENERAL FUND:** \$3.40 of the funds collected under the provisions of Section 2 above shall be placed in General Fund from which the expenses for the Council meetings shall be paid.

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Section 7. **“THE IOWA LION” MAGAZINE FUND:** \$5.66 of the funds collected as provided in Section 2 above shall be placed in The Iowa Lion Fund and shall be used to finance the Lions Clubs of Iowa Multiple District 9 Magazine, “The Iowa Lion”, and to make it available to all of the Lions Clubs of Iowa members, for so long as the magazine shall be published, and each Iowa Lions Club member shall receive an **electronic** subscription to “The Iowa Lion” without further cost to said member.

Section 8. **MEMBERSHIP AND MARKETING FUND:** \$0.57 of the funds collected under the provision of Section 2 above shall be placed in the Membership and Marketing Fund for the purpose of promoting Lions Club membership in Iowa. This fund shall be used only for that purpose until the balance exceeds \$4,000 on June 30 of that fiscal year. At that time any amount over \$4,000 shall be placed in the General Fund.

Section 9. **BUILDING REPAIR AND MAJOR OFFICE EQUIPMENT FUND:** \$0.57 of the funds collected under the provision of Section 2 above shall be placed in the Building Repair and Major Office Equipment Fund.

(a) Restricted fund: The Building Repair and Major Office Equipment Fund shall be segregated from other funds provided in this Article and its monies shall not be transferred to other funds. Its monies shall be expended only for major repairs and the purchase of major office equipment at the place of business of Lions Clubs of Iowa, 2300 S. Duff Ave., Ames, Story County, Iowa.

(b) No expenditure for capital improvements may be made from the Building Repair and Major Office Equipment Fund without prior authorization of the Council of Governors. Checks shall be signed in the same manner as other disbursements of Lions Clubs of Iowa funds.

Section 10. **FUND TRANSFER:** If the Council determines that it is necessary, and is in the best interest of Lions Clubs of Iowa it shall have the power and authority to transfer funds from one fund to another. This provision shall NOT apply to Campaign Fund, Membership and Marketing Fund, except as provided in Section 8 above, and Building Repair and Major Office Equipment Fund from which no transfer shall be made.

Section 11. **BUDGET CONTROLS:** The Council of Governors shall not incur or create expenses or indebtedness exceeding the amount of money in the annual budget.

Section 12. **CARRYOVER BALANCE:** If a balance remains in the Multiple District 9 funds at the end of the fiscal year, it shall remain in that fund. It shall be available for future expenses and be treated as income in any fiscal year in which expended or made available solely for payment of such expenses.

ARTICLE IX District Revenue

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Section 1. **DUES TAX:** To provide revenue to defray the expense of each District, the District Cabinet Secretary of each District, may, in addition to the per capita dues tax provided for in Article VIII, Section 2 above, levy upon each member a per capita dues tax in such amount as said Cabinet shall deem necessary, not to exceed \$10.00 annually. Said sum shall be collected at the same time and in the same manner as is provided for in collection of levy made by Article VIII, Section 2 above.

~~Section 2. **DISTRICT GOVERNOR CONVENTION EXPENSE:** Expenses of the district governor in connection with his attending the International Convention shall be considered district administrative expenses, and ten cents out of each annual district administrative fund per capita dues tax shall be set aside in each District to defray such expenses, and in the event the amount so set aside is insufficient to meet the necessary expenses, the district governor's cabinet has authority to supplement same from the district administrative fund. Reimbursement for said expenses of the district governor shall be on the same basis as outlined in the Rules of Audit of The International Association of Lions Clubs.~~

Section 3. **BUDGET CONTROLS:** The district governor and the district cabinet shall not incur or create expenses or indebtedness exceeding the amount of money in the Annual Budget.

Section 4. **TREASURER BOND:** The cabinet secretary-treasurer **Lions Clubs of Iowa** shall secure bond for the faithful performance of duties in the amount and with such sureties as required by the district cabinet.

Section 5. **ANNUAL REVIEW:** The district governor's cabinet shall provide for a financial review of the books and accounts of the cabinet secretary-treasurer annually or at more frequent intervals, if necessary, by a competent reviewer, and a statement of the financial condition of the District shall be sent to each club in the District at the close of the fiscal year.

ARTICLE X Past District Governors Association

Section 1. **MEMBERSHIP:** The Lions Clubs of Iowa Past District Governors Association shall consist of the present district governors, and all past district governors who are members in good standing of a Lions Club in Iowa.

Section 2. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:** The Executive Committee shall consist of past district governors, one from each District. A past district governor shall be appointed, on a three-year rotation schedule, by the district governors elect, at least thirty days prior to the Multiple District 9 Convention. Members serving on the Executive Committee are eligible to succeed themselves in office. The rotating schedule shall be as follows:

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<u>YEAR OF APPOINTMENT</u>	<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>BEGINNING - ENDING</u>
2016-2017	9NE-9SW	Three year	July 1, 2017- June 30, 2020
2017-2018	9NW-9MC-9SE	Three year	July 1, 2018- June 30, 2021
2018-2019	9NC-9EC	Three year	July 1, 2019- June 30, 2022
2019-2020	9NE-9SW	Three year	July 1, 2020- June 30, 2023
2020-2021	9NW-9MC-9SE	Three year	July 1, 2021- June 30, 2024
2021-2022	9NC-9EC	Three year	July 1, 2022- June 30, 2025
2022-2023	9NE-9SW	Three year	July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2026
2023-2024	9NW-9MC-9SE	Three year	July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2027
2024-2025	9NC-9EC	Three year	July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2028
2025-2026	9NE-9SW	Three year	July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2029

Section 3. **OFFICERS:** The Past District Governors Association shall have a president, vice-president, secretary and such other officers as the Past District Governors Association members shall by vote determine. The vice-president shall succeed to the presidency and remain the District's representative, in accordance with the rotation schedule. The president must have served as vice president. The officers shall be elected from those on the Executive Committee for the following year. The officers are to be elected by **secret ballot** at the past district governors luncheon at the Multiple District 9 Convention, by the members of the Past District Governors Association in attendance.

(a) In the event of a vacancy in the office of president, for any reason, the ranking vice-president shall act as president and shall perform the duties of, and have the same authority as, the president until the vacancy is filled by the Executive Committee for the remainder of the term.

(b) In the event of a vacancy in the office of vice-president, for any reason, the office shall remain vacant until the vacancy is filled by the Executive Committee for the remainder of the term.

Section 4. **ACTIVITIES:** The Lions Clubs of Iowa Past District Governors Association shall advise and assist in such ways as may be required by the Council, in the promotion of Lions Clubs of Iowa, and shall promote the Iowa Lions organization and Iowa Lions in and through the International Association of Lions Clubs.

Section 5. **MEETINGS:** The Lions Clubs of Iowa Past District Governors Association shall meet at such time and at such places as it shall determine, or upon call of the president, with the advice and consent of the chairperson of the Council.

Section 6. **FUNDS:** The Lions Clubs of Iowa Past District Governors Association shall not collect nor maintain funds from its members. The association may, upon approval of the Council and under all rules established by the Council, conduct projects for the purpose of raising funds to be given to the State administrator for distribution as determined by the Council.

ARTICLE XI

Other Multiple District 9 Lions Organizations

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Section 1. **GENERAL:** Any organization or group of Lions Club members organized for the furtherance of Lions Clubs International's aims and objects, or for participation in by Lions Club members in Multiple District 9 shall be subject to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Lions Clubs of Iowa, Multiple District 9, Iowa. Such group shall coordinate and cooperate their aims, purposes, objectives and activities with the Council.

Section 2. **IOWA LIONS FOUNDATION:** Lions Clubs of Iowa shall be the incorporator and have exclusive control of the separate corporation heretofore organized under the laws of the State of Iowa, under the name of the "Iowa Lions Foundation" which corporation shall have its own Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws.

ARTICLE XII The Iowa Lion Editorial Board

Section 1. **ESTABLISHMENT:** An Editorial Board is established to oversee publication of "The Iowa Lion" magazine that shall constitute the official publication of Lions Clubs of Iowa.

Section 2. **DUTIES AND PURPOSES:** Duties and purposes of The Editorial Board shall include the following:

- (a) Have overall responsibility for "The Iowa Lion".
- (b) Secure, select and appoint an editor, subject to the approval of the Council who shall be an ex-officio member with no vote.
- (c) Subject to the approval of the Council, select a publication company and enter into a contract for the publication of said magazine.
- (d) Determine advertising rates and commissions to be paid for sales of advertising for "The Iowa Lion".
- (e) Establish policies in regard to the overall type of publication, content, format, and make up of "The Iowa Lion".
- (f) Establish policies as to type of advertising, if any is to be accepted and the minimum and maximum amounts of advertising copy.
- (g) Promote "The Iowa Lion" by holding of forums at the Multiple District 9 Convention and such other means as may be in the best interests of the Lions Clubs of Iowa and the magazine.
- (h) Review the costs and income from "The Iowa Lion" with a view of keeping the operation, publication and distribution of the magazine at a cost not greater than the amount of dues allocated for that purpose
- (i) Have such other duties as may be granted or directed by Lions Clubs of Iowa by a majority delegate vote at a Multiple District 9 convention or by the Council of Governors.

Section 3. **MEMBERSHIP AND ELECTION OF THE EDITORIAL BOARD:**

- (a) The editorial board shall consist of three (3) members to be elected by and from the districts of Lions Clubs of Iowa. The elections shall be at the district

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convention, and the elected member shall take office on July 1, following election and shall serve a term of three years. The Council shall appoint the editorial board chairperson from the members of the board. The rotation for election of board members shall be as follows:

<u>YEAR OF CONVENTION</u>	<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>BEGINNING-ENDING</u>
2016-2017	9SE	Three year	July 1, 2017- June 30, 2020
2017-2018	9EC	Three year	July 1, 2018- June 30, 2021
2018-2019	9NW	Three year	July 1, 2019- June 30, 2022
2019-2020	9NE	Three year	July 1, 2020- June 30, 2023
2020-2021	9SW	Three year	July 1, 2021- June 30, 2024
2021-2022	9MC	Three year	July 1, 2022- June 30, 2025
2022-2023	9NC	Three year	July 1, 2023- June 30, 2026
2023-2024	9SE	Three year	July 1, 2024- June 30, 2027
2024-2025	9EC	Three year	July 1, 2025- June 30, 2028
2025-2026	9NW	Three year	July 1, 2026- June 30, 2029
2026-2027	9NE	Three year	July 1, 2027- June 30, 2030

Thereafter the rotation shall be in the same order until changed.

(b)In the event of a vacancy on the Board, the governor of the district from which the vacancy occurred shall fill said vacancy by appointment and the Lion appointed shall serve until the next District Convention at which time the un-expired term shall be filled by election.

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2017-2018	9EC	Three year	July 1, 2018- June 30, 2021
2018-2019	9NW	Three year	July 1, 2019- June 30, 2022
2019-2020	9NE	Three year	July 1, 2020- June 30, 2023
2020-2021	9SW	Three year	July 1, 2021- June 30, 2024
2021-2022	9MC	Three year	July 1, 2022- June 30, 2025
2022-2023	9NC	Three year	July 1, 2023- June 30, 2026
2023-2024	9SE	Three year	July 1, 2024- June 30, 2027
2024-2025	9EC	Three year	July 1, 2025- June 30, 2028
2025-2026	9NW	Three year	July 1, 2026- June 30, 2029
2026-2027	9NE	Three year	July 1, 2027- June 30, 2030

Thereafter the rotation shall be in the same order until changed.

(b)In the event of a vacancy on the Board, the governor of the district from which the vacancy occurred shall fill said vacancy by appointment and the Lion appointed shall serve until the next District Convention at which time the un-expired term shall be filled by election.

Section 4. **MEETINGS AND REPORTS:**

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(a)The Editorial Board shall hold an organizational meeting at the Multiple District 9 Convention each year. At this meeting, those members retiring on July 1 following the convention shall not vote, but the newly elected members who will assume office on July 1 following the Convention shall be entitled to vote.

(b)Meeting times and places shall be fixed by the chairperson of the Editorial Board after conferring with the State administrator and with the council chairperson. Notice of the time and place of such meetings, and editor of The Iowa Lion, the district governors, and the council chairperson.

(c)The Editorial Board shall make a report to the Council at its first meeting, to the ~~Mid Winter Leadership Conference~~ **Iowa Lions Learning Conference**, and to the Multiple District 9 Convention. In addition, the Editorial Board shall make such reports to the Council as the Council may request.

Section 5. **GOVERNANCE:** The editorial board shall be an arm of the Lions Clubs of Iowa and shall be governed by this Constitution and By-Laws.

Section 6. **SUSPENSION OR TERMINATION:** In the event of an indefinite suspension of publication of "The Iowa Lion" the provisions of this Article shall be inoperable, and in the event the delegates at the Multiple District Convention shall direct the termination of the magazine, this Article shall have no further force and effect

Section 7. **SUCCESSORS:** The provisions of this Article shall apply to any magazine that is the successor where there has been no termination by the Multiple District 9 Convention of the Magazine.

ARTICLE XIII Endorsement for International Office

Section 1. **QUALIFICATIONS:** A candidate for the office of international director or vice president shall be an active member in good standing of a Lions Club in good standing and shall be qualified in accordance with the Lions Clubs International Constitution and By-Laws.

Section 2. **DISTRICT:** In the event a person seeks office in the International Association of Lions Clubs as a director, or vice-presidential candidate, the following procedures shall be applicable for endorsement and certification by his/her District:

(a)Such person must announce his/her intention to seek International Office and receive the endorsement of his/her District Convention, either regular or special, according to the procedure set forth in his/her own District and the Constitution and By-Laws of Lions Clubs International.

(b)The cabinet secretary from a District endorsing such a person shall notify the Council through the council chairperson by a letter of certification, signed by the district governor and the cabinet secretary, within ten (10) days of such endorsement.

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Section 3. **MULTIPLE DISTRICT:** In the event a person seeks office in the International Association of Lions Clubs as a director, or vice presidential candidate, the following procedures shall be applicable for endorsement and certification by the Multiple District:

(a) Such person shall announce his/her intention to seek International Office at least ~~one hundred twenty (120)~~ **ninety (90)** days before the ~~Mid-Winter Leadership Conference.~~ **Iowa Lions Learning Conference.** This announcement will be in writing to the Council through the council chairperson and will specify the International Office being sought.

(b) Receipt of such an announcement shall require that a portion of the business meeting of the ~~Mid-Winter Leadership Conference~~ **Iowa Lions Learning Conference** will be convened as an official convention of the Lions Clubs of Iowa. The council chairperson shall immediately inform the Council and instruct the Multiple District 9 Credentials Committee chairperson and the Elections Committee chairperson to prepare for an official convention vote at the next ~~Mid-Winter Leadership Conference.~~ **Iowa Lions Learning Conference.**

(c) The council chairperson shall assure that the following information is reported in The Iowa Lion magazine at least 60 days before the ~~Mid-Winter Leadership Conference.~~ **Iowa Lions Learning Conference.**

- (1) A list of announced candidates.
- (2) The offices they are seeking.
- (3) The delegate certification and the voting procedures to be used.

(d) The Multiple District shall have no more than one (1) endorsement pending for more than one (1) office of the Lions Clubs International Board of Directors in the same election year. In the event that one or more persons have announced their intention to seek the office of international director and one or more persons have announced their intention to seek the office of ~~second~~ **Third** Vice President, then the delegates shall vote by secret written ballot on which office they wish to consider as set forth in Sub-section (e) hereof.

(e) The following procedures shall be used when voting to determine which office to consider for endorsement of a candidate: Voting shall be by secret written ballot. All ballots shall have a place thereon where the voting delegate may note for "International Director", "~~Second~~ **Third** Vice President" or "no endorsement", in lieu of voting for either office. If on any tally of ballots the "no endorsement" shall constitute a majority, all further balloting shall cease and no candidate shall be endorsed for either office. If none of the offices, including "no endorsement", shall receive a majority of the votes, a second ballot shall be taken. If no option then receives a majority, the option, including "no endorsement", receiving the fewest votes on the second ballot shall be deleted and succeeding ballots shall be taken in the same manner until one option shall receive a majority of the votes cast. If one of the offices receives a majority vote then the candidate(s) for that office shall be considered for endorsement as set forth in sub-section (f) hereof:

(f) When a person has met the requirements set forth in Section 1 and Section 3(a) of this Article XI his/her name shall be submitted, for endorsement, to the Lions Clubs of Iowa in convention at the ~~Mid-Winter Leadership Conference~~ **Iowa Lions Learning Conference.** The following procedure shall be used when voting to endorse a candidate for International Office: Voting shall be by secret written ballot. All ballots shall have a place thereon where the voting delegate may vote

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“no endorsement” in lieu of voting for any candidate. If on any tally of ballots the “no endorsement” shall constitute a majority, all further balloting shall cease and no candidate shall be endorsed. If more than one candidate is submitted and none, including “no endorsement” shall receive a majority of the votes cast, a second ballot shall be taken. If no one then receives a majority, the candidate, including “no endorsement” receiving the fewest votes on the second ballot shall be deleted and succeeding ballots shall be taken in the same manner until one candidate or “no endorsement” shall receive a majority of the votes cast.

(g) The State administrator will provide a successful candidate with a letter of certification of endorsement by the Multiple District within ten days of the endorsement.

Section 4. **CERTIFICATION AND ENDORSEMENT:** To be certified by the Lions Clubs International for candidacy for an international office a person must be endorsed and certified first by his/her district and then by the multiple district.

ARTICLE XIV District Nominations and Elections

Section 1. **NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** Each district governor shall appoint, and notify them of their appointment at least ninety (90) days prior to the district convention, a nominating committee of not more than five (5) members who shall each be a member of a different Lions club within the district, and shall not at the time of their appointment hold any district or international office.

Section 2. **NOTIFICATION:** A list of the names of this committee, with their addresses, shall be sent to all clubs in the respective district at least (60) days prior to the District Convention.

Section 3. **CLUB NOMINATIONS:** The nominating committee shall receive the written endorsement for district governor, first vice district governor and second vice district governor, of any member of any club within the district, provided that such members shall be qualified under the Constitution and By-Laws of The International Association of Lions Clubs, and further provided that the nomination is endorsed by a majority of the members in good standing of their club. Each nominating committee shall nominate and report to its respective district convention the names of such nominees as have been qualified. These club nominations must be filed with the nominating committee thirty (30) days prior to the district convention.

Section 4. **FLOOR NOMINATIONS:** Nominations for the office of district governor, first vice-district governor and second vice-district governor may be made from the floor of the district convention in the event there are no prior announced candidates and provided the candidate is qualified as herein before provided.

Section 5. **SPEECHES:** Nominating speeches for every candidate shall be limited to three minutes.

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Section 6. **ELECTION:** The election shall be by secret written ballot and the candidate receiving the majority of the votes cast shall be declared elected. In case of a tie, balloting shall continue until one candidate is elected.

Section 7. **VACANCY:** If a vacancy occurs in the office of district governor, the vacancy shall be filled in accordance with the provisions of Lions Clubs International Constitution and By-Laws.

ARTICLE XV District Organization and Duties

Section 1. **DISTRICT GOVERNOR:** As an international officer of the association and under the general supervision of the International Board of Directors, a district governor shall represent the association in his/her district. He/she shall be the chief administrative officer of the district and shall have direct supervision of the region chairpersons, zone chairpersons, cabinet secretary and cabinet treasurer and such other cabinet members as are provided for in the Multiple District 9 Constitution and By-Laws.

The district governor shall have authority to dismiss any region chairperson, zone chairperson or any other officer appointed by him/her for good and sufficient reason.

The district governor's specific responsibilities shall be to:

- (a) Further the purposes of the Lions Clubs International association;
- (b) Oversee and promote district level membership and leadership activities;
- (c) Support and promote the Lions Clubs International Foundation;
- (d) Preside, when present, over the district convention, cabinet meetings and other district meetings;
- (e) Divide the district into regions of no more than sixteen (16) and no fewer than ten (10) Lions Clubs and each such region into zones of no more than eight (8) and no fewer than four (4) Lions Clubs for the purpose of regional and zone oversight.
- (f) Perform such other functions as may be required by the Lions Clubs International Board of Directors.

Section 2. **FIRST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR:** The vice district governor, subject to the supervision and direction of the district governor, shall be chief administrative assistant to the district governor. Specific responsibilities shall include the following:

- (a) Further the purposes and objects of this association.
- (b) Become familiar with the duties of the district governor, so that in the event of a vacancy in the office of district governor, to be better prepared to assume the duties and responsibilities of said office.
- (c) Perform such administrative duties as may be assigned by the district governor.
- (d) Actively participate in all cabinet and Council meetings and conduct all meetings in the absence of the district governor.
- (e) ~~Serve as the key district governor team liaison to the Global Membership Team and take an active role in membership growth, extension of new clubs, and~~

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~~ensuring existing club success within the district.~~ Collaborate with the Global Action Team (GAT).

(f) Work with the district governor, second vice district governor and the Global Leadership Action Team to develop and implement a district-wide plan for leadership development.

(g) Participate in Council of Governors meetings as appropriate;

(h) Participate in the preparation of the district budget;

(i) Engage actively in all matters to be continued during the next year;

(j) At the request of the district governor, supervise appropriate district committees and participate in the review of strengths and weaknesses of the district.

(k) Perform such other functions and acts as may be required by the International Board of Directors through The International Association of Lions Clubs Constitution and By-Laws, the Vice District Governors Manual and other directives.

Section 3. **SECOND VICE-DISTRICT GOVERNOR:** The second vice-district governor is subject to the supervision and direction of the district governor. Specific responsibilities shall be to:

(a) Further the purposes and objects of this association.

~~(b) Serve as the key district governor team liaison to the Global Leadership Team and actively participate and inspire other district officers to administer and promote effective leadership development.~~ Collaborate with the Global Action Team (GAT).

(c) Actively participate in all cabinet meetings and conduct all meetings in the absence of the district governor and the first vice district governor.

(d) Participate in the preparation of the district budget;

(e) Actively engage in all matters to be continued during the following year;

(f) At the request of the district governor, supervise appropriate district committees and participate in the review of strengths and weaknesses of the district.

(g) Perform such duties as may be required by the International Board of Directors through Lions Clubs International Constitution and By-laws, the vice district governors manual and other directives.

Section 4. **CABINET SECRETARY-TREASURER:** Under supervision and direction of the district governor and district cabinet, the cabinet secretary-treasurer's duties shall include the following:

(a) Keep an accurate record of the proceedings of all meetings of the cabinet, and within five (5) days after each meeting forward copies of the minutes of same to all members of the cabinet, and the office of Lions Clubs International.

(b) Keep an accurate record of the proceedings of any District meeting held during the Multiple District Convention.

(c) Assist the district governor and the cabinet in conducting the business of the District, and shall perform such duties as are specified or implied in the Lions Clubs of Iowa Constitution and By-Laws, or as may be assigned from time to time by the cabinet.

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- (d) Sign all notices and documents issued by the District, keep the accounts, receive all monies paid to the District, and shall make an annual report to the cabinet immediately preceding the Multiple District 9 Convention, and at such other times as the cabinet may require.
- (e) Deposit all monies received in such bank or banks as may be designated by the cabinet and disburse the same by order of the cabinet.
- (f) Keep accounts, books, and records open to the inspection of the cabinet, the district governor, and any financial reviewers named by the cabinet.
- (g) Give bond for the faithful performance of duties in such sum with such sureties as may be required by the cabinet.

Section 5. **REGION CHAIRPERSON:** Each respective district governor shall have the authority to determine whether the position of region chairperson will be utilized. If not so utilized, the position of region chairperson shall remain vacant during said district governor's term and any reference to region chairperson in this Constitution and By-Laws shall not apply. Each district governor may assign or delegate the duties and/or responsibilities at his/her discretion.

The region chairperson's duties, under supervision of the district governor, shall include the following:

- (a) Be a member of the cabinet, and attend regular and special meetings and deliberations of the cabinet.
- (b) Assist the district governor in the promotion of the Lions organization in the Region by performing such other duties as may be delegated from time to time by the district governor and the cabinet.
- (c) Recommend to the district governor qualified Lions in the Region for appointment as zone chairpersons.
- (d) See that every club in the Region is efficiently operating under The International Association of Lions Clubs Standard Constitution and By-Laws.
- (e) Promote Multiple District 9 and International Conventions among clubs in the Region, and encourage their representation at each of these conventions by at least their full quota of delegates.
- (f) Supervise and assist the zone chairpersons of the Region in performance of their official duties and cooperate with them in holding regularly scheduled meetings of the District Governor's Advisory Committees.
- (g) Cooperate with zone chairpersons in arranging Zone meetings to which all Lions in the Zone are invited, and attend same when called upon to do so.
- (h) Cooperate with zone chairpersons in promoting attendance at Charter Nights of newly organized clubs.
- (i) Develop good-fellowship in the Region and cooperate with zone chairpersons in promoting social activities.

In the event the region chairperson for any reason cannot or does not efficiently and in the best interest of the Lions organization perform the duties of office or vacates the office, the district governor may appoint a successor to serve for the unexpired term.

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A club member shall be appointed region chairperson only over the region in which his/her club is located. **If no such club member comes forward the District Governor may appoint a Region Chairperson from the qualified membership within the District.**

Section 6. **ZONE CHAIRPERSON:** The zone chairperson shall be a member and the Chairperson of the District Governor's Advisory Committee composed of club presidents and secretaries of the Zone. The zone chairperson's duties, under supervision of the district governor and region chairperson, shall include the following:

- (a) Hold and chair regularly scheduled Advisory Committee meetings, ~~as provided in Article XIII, Section 9 of the By-Laws.~~
- (b) Make a report of each Advisory Committee Meeting and send within five (5) days thereafter to the region chairperson, district governor, and office of Lions Clubs International.
- (c) See that every club within the Zone is efficiently operating under The International Association of Lions Clubs Standard Form Club Constitution and By-Laws.
- (d) Arrange, with the co-operation of the region chairperson, and chair regular scheduled Zone meetings to which all Lions in the Zone are invited.
- (e) Encourage clubs in the zone to hold meetings and social activities with other Lions Clubs.
- (f) Promote attendance at Charter Nights of new organized clubs.
- (g) Promote Multiple District 9 and International Conventions among clubs in the Zone, and encourage their representation at these conventions by at least their full quota of delegates.

A club member shall be appointed zone chairperson only over the zone in which his/her club is located. **If no such club member comes forward the District Governor may appoint a Zone Chairperson from the qualified membership within the District.**

Section 7. **DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S CABINET:** The District Governor's Cabinet is the deliberative and assisting body to the district governor in the formulation of administrative plans and policies affecting the welfare of the Lions organization within the District. The cabinet's duties shall include the following:

- (a) Serve in an advisory and administrative capacity only.
- (b) Through the vice-district governors and region or zone chairpersons receive reports and recommendations which concern the clubs in their respective areas.
- (c) Recommend to the Council, changes in the maximum permissible amount of District per capita dues tax to be collected to defray District administrative expenses.
- (d) Authorize payment, out of District funds all legitimate District administrative expenses.
- (e) Set the amount of corporate surety bond for the cabinet secretary-treasurer and approve the surety company.

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(f) Demand and receive from the cabinet secretary-treasurer, financial reports semi-annually or more frequently.

(g) Make provisions for a financial review at the end of the fiscal year of the books and accounts of the cabinet secretary-treasurer. A copy of the review shall be mailed to the district governor, first and second vice-district governors, region chairpersons where appointed and zone chairpersons in districts without region chairpersons and the office of Lions Clubs International.

If the district governor, first vice-district governor and second vice-district governor are absent from a cabinet meeting, the district governor's cabinet, by resolution, shall appoint one of its members to perform the duties of the district governor at the meeting.

Section 8. **DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE:** In each zone, the zone chairperson and the presidents and secretaries of the clubs in the zone shall compose a district governor's advisory committee, with the zone chairperson as chairperson. The committee's duties shall include the following:

(a) Receive recommendations affecting the welfare of the Lions organization and the Clubs in the Zone and relay to the district governor and cabinet, through its region chairperson, information and recommendations affecting the welfare of the Lions organization.

(b) Hold at least three and preferably four meetings during the year.

(c) Assist the zone chairperson's endeavor to have every club within the Zone operating efficiently under The International Association of Lions Clubs Standard Form Lions Club Constitution and By-Laws.

(d) Promote clubs attendance at Multiple District 9 and International Conventions. Assist the zone chairperson in promoting inter-club meetings (meetings of Lions Clubs with other Lions Clubs) and other social activities.

ARTICLE XVI Miscellaneous

Section 1. **COMPENSATION:** No officer shall receive any compensation for any service rendered to Multiple District 9 in that officer's official capacity with the exception of the State administrator, whose compensation shall be fixed by the Council of Governors.

Section 2. **FISCAL YEAR:** The fiscal year of this association, Multiple District 9, shall be from July 1 through June 30.

Section 3. **AUDIT OR REVIEW:** The Council of Governors shall provide for an annual or more frequent audit or review of the books and accounts of Multiple District 9.

ARTICLE XVII Amendments to By-Laws

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These By-Laws may be amended at any Multiple District 9 convention. The procedure for amendment shall be the same as set forth for amendments to the Multiple District 9 Constitution except an affirmative vote of a majority of the delegates present and voting on the amendment(s) in question is required for approval.

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